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Newsletter

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JUNE 2020		
Fri 26 th	Last day of Term 2 - SCHOOL PICKUP UP 2.30pm please	2.30pm
JULY 2020		
Tues 13 th	First day of Term 3	

A Message from our School Council

During the COVID-19 pandemic your School Council has been meeting as usual, albeit, a little frustrating at times as we tried using various on-line platforms. At the two meetings that we have held in the last 8 weeks, the School Council has discussed the gratitude that we have for the staff at CPS, their attitude and the work they have put into changing from the classroom to the online world. On behalf of the School Council, I wish to thank the staff for their amazing efforts, for working with all the CPS children and their families, in what has been an extraordinary time for everyone. We have been so fortunate that whilst there have been challenges and hiccups, the time away from school and the return to school for all children this week, has gone smoothly. As we all adjust to the world we are now in, it is likely that there will be few if any school excursions, incursions and community events. We will be forever grateful that Peter Gray and the team at CPS rose to the challenge, for the wellbeing of all our children. As we get to the end of this crazy term, please continue to be kind to yourselves and each other, reach out to the school community if you need assistance.

KARA LOWE

President, School Council

From the Principal

Welcome Back EVERYONE!

As mentioned in this Wednesday's Parent Update, it has been a fabulous week having all our children back at school. There's been a real positive energy and buzz in the school, especially at recess and lunch breaks when the yard has been full of happy smiling faces, and an excitement that only children can generate.



Thank you to all our parents and families for your ongoing support and co-operation in ensuring that our return to school arrangements have been so effectively implemented. A particular thank you to those parents who are keeping sick children at home. Obviously this is more important than ever. Since our return to school, we have welcomed a new staff member, Marissa Rodriguez, who is providing support in the Year 1/2 Area.



Online Assembly

This week's Online Assembly can be found at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y3amQuuDv3G5LZFHIky4yEYX0F-ZeF_x/view?usp=sharing
 This week, in addition to our usual items, we have

resumed our Raffle ticket draws and we hear from our School Captains as they reflect on their experiences of home learning and their return to school.

CPS Families Supporting CPS Families

During the last few months, a number of our families have been doing it tough financially. Due



to the generosity of our families and staff, about \$2 000 of supermarket vouchers and cash have been distributed to our families in need.

Thank you to all those who have quietly contributed to this very worthy cause, fantastically reflecting our School Value of Kindness.

New Website

We are about to launch our new website. We are very excited about the new look and hope you enjoy it too when it goes live, hopefully next week. Please check it out at www.caulfieldps.vic.edu.au
 Thanks to Merryn Samuelson for her work on this and to parent Simon Mcl for his ongoing efforts in recent years, in keeping our old website operational.

Borrowed Laptops

Over 60 laptops were lent out to CPS families during the period of home leaning. Families who still have school laptops at home are asked to return these straight away. These are needed by our students here at school.

Medications at School

As you'll see below, our CPS Medications Policy has just been reviewed and approved by School



Council, however it's important to remind parents that apart from some children carrying their own asthma inhalers, all medications being sent to

school must be handed in at the Office, along with administration details (dose, times, etc)

Drop Off & Pick Up



A reminder to comply with all parking and traffic regulations around the school, especially at pick up and drop off times. All these are in place to ensure the

safety of our children. Some cars have been noted double parking in Poplar Street, by parking behind

the legally angle-parked cars, meaning children are getting out onto the road! Apart from being illegal, it is very dangerous! Also, if using the Kiss and Go area in Olive Street, if possible, try and move forward to the Cedar Street end of the zone, to allow other cars to come in behind yours.

School Council

At last week's School Council meeting, the following policies were approved. Some of these are new and some are old policies which were reviewed as part of our ongoing cycle of policy review and approval. If interested, please contact the Office for a copy of any of these policies, which will also be available on our website:

- Asthma
- International Travel
- Health Care Needs
- Curriculum
- First Aid
- Medications
- Photographing, Filming & Recording Students

Parent Teacher Meetings

As we have done for the last 3 years, we had Student Led Conferences scheduled for Week 3 of next term on Wednesday 29 July. This was scheduled as a Pupil Free Day. Due to



the absence of students for most of Term 2, we feel it would not be the most effective use of that day to have our SLCs, due to a lack of suitable work samples and our current focus on getting students (and staff) settled back into as normal a routine as we can.

We hope to have details of alternate arrangements determined in the next week or so, at which time details will be communicated to parents. Whatever form they take, these may well be online.

School Holiday Program

Camp Australia have advised that their holiday care program will be operating during the holidays, Bookings for this can be made online at www.campaustralia.com.au

Recording Student Absences

Every time a student does not attend school (for half the day or the whole day) the DET requires CPS to record an absence that reflects the reason

for non-attendance. The Education and Training Reform Act 2006 provides a particular set of codes for noting reasons, which we are required to use. We have now updated the Flexibuzz absence form to request further information in some cases.

Please ensure that you promptly advise the school, via Flexibuzz or call the School Office on 9523 7932 of your child/children's absence and choose the appropriate reason in your notification.

The Department advice is that reasons for School approved absences (apart from illness, medical or dental appointments, cultural or religious reasons, bereavement) do NOT include a child's birthday or shopping trip, visits or visiting relatives or other leisure and social activities. Please also note that a family holiday must be approved by the Principal in advance of the holiday – if you note your request in Flexibuzz it will be forwarded to me for consideration. Such holidays should not be scheduled for school time.

For your information, and in general, Principals would not be expected to excuse absences, where:

- approval had not been sought in advance or in accordance with our school policy
- the student was absent due to participating in leisure or social activities without approval
- the conditions of approval have not been met (e.g. Student Absence Learning Plan for a family holiday not completed and if required)
- the parent has provided no explanation for the absences.

Especially given the prolonged period of home learning, regular and punctual attendance at school is important than ever. Research shows that children with frequent absences suffer in terms of educational learning outcomes. Put simply, unless your child is sick, he / she should be at school.

School Photos

At this stage we have re-scheduled school photos for September 8 2020, and more information will be sent home next term.

PETER GRAY
Principal

From the Staff

Japanese

The online CPS Japanese Library will be temporarily closed for an upgrade. We aim to reopen at the start of Term 3. Thank you very much for your understanding.

JAPANESE TEAM

