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**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Week 10 Term 4**

## Diary Dates

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|-----------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Friday    | 28 <sup>th</sup> September | End of Term 3       |
| Monday    | 15 <sup>th</sup> October   | First day of Term 4 |
| Friday    | 19 <sup>th</sup> October   | Colour Run          |
| Wednesday | 24 <sup>th</sup> October   | School Disco        |

Dear Calwell Families,

Three terms have just flown by! It has been a productive time during which we have held a variety of successful events and completed or progressed number of projects. As always, our focus is on improving student outcomes and school improvement.

### Staffing News

It is with very mixed emotions that I inform you that our wonderful Business Manager, Sonia Jamieson, will be leaving us at the end of this week to take up a promotion position at Caroline Chisholm P-10 School. We are all very sad to see Sonia moving on, however, delighted that she is progressing her career in a new and more challenging role. Sonia has been an outstanding Business Manager who has made a very significant impact at Calwell. Over the five years she has been at Calwell she has initiated and managed many improvement projects such as playground up grades, preschool playground and kitchen remodelling, installation of solar panels as well as successfully seeking additional funding from the Directorate to enable significant infrastructure improvements such as the blacktop. Sonia has been a very active staff member who has always participated in school events such as dress-up days and fund raisers such as the Bunning BBQ. While Sonia is an enormous loss to the school we wish her every success in her new position.

There is always a silver lining when unexpected changes occur, and on this occasion, it is that Tracy Waterson will be returning to Calwell sooner than expected, in order to take up the Business Manager (BM) position next term. Tracy obviously knows the school well and has acted in the BM role previously, so we are fortunate that the office will continue to run smoothly as we head into the always busy, Term 4.

A reminder again that I will be on Long Service Leave for the first five weeks of term, returning to school on 19 November. Liz Baker-Matterson will be acting as principal during my absence.

### NAPLAN Yrs. 3 & 5

The NAPLAN Reports for our year 3 & 5 students will be sent home with students tomorrow. If you would like any further information about your child's report please contact one of the leadership team (Liz Baker-Matterson, Ashley Coutts, Jacqui Patrick or myself) we are very happy to answer any questions.

### Calwell has Talent

Yes, we do! Each year it is a delight to see the enthusiasm of so many students with talent putting themselves forward. Today we had the pleasure of seeing the finalists battle it out. The judges had a tough time selecting winners. Congratulations to everyone who performed in the heats and today's final. Well done to Theodore W, Isabella M and Lilly B who won the junior and senior awards respectively.

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Please let us know as soon as possible if your child/ren will not be returning to Calwell next year. Planning is well underway. Next term we will be asking parent/carers to contact us regarding information which will assist us when forming classes.

I hope everyone enjoys the break and returns rested ready for what will be another busy and exciting term 4.

### Learning Journey

It was great to see so many family members at Learning Journey last week. Thank you to everyone who came along and to those of you who took the time to complete the survey. Your feedback is appreciated and valued. Accompanying the newsletter email today is a document that shows the percentage of positive scores of 4 or 5 that we received for each item. We are pleased that such a large percentage of our community are very happy with most aspects of the school. This feedback helps us to focus our attention towards areas we can do even better.

### IMPOTANT MESSAGE - notifying your child's absence

Next term the Calwell Primary School app will be discontinued and replaced with SMS notifications for student absences. If your child is absent from school, we will send an SMS notification to the mobile number we have recorded on file for your child. Please reply to the SMS giving a reason for your child's absence. It is important that we have your current mobile number.

Contact the front office if you need to up-date your contact information or have any questions regarding the new process. This new process enables us to check in with a family if a student does not present at school each day.

Principal

*Linda*

Linda Neeson  
Principal



**SAVE THE DATE!!**



Term 4 Week 1 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

We're three weeks out from our *School Fun-Run!* We hope students are working hard towards their fundraising goals!

Did you know that you can WIN a \$30,000 Ultimate Family Experience by setting up your student profile online and raising \$1 online? Just head over to [schoolfundraising.com.au](http://schoolfundraising.com.au). Once you've created your page there are some great things you can do. You can sign up for online fundraising, pick your target prize, become a fundraising superstar and even nominate your favourite teacher, student and volunteer for a School Spirit Award. I hope you'll help us recognise the people that make our school what it is!

If you're having any trouble setting up your student profile or fundraising online, please get in touch with the Fun-Run team on 1800 FUN RUN.

One other great thing to do while you're in the profile is to look through the *CUA Health Hub*, which is designed to benefit your whole family.

Thanks for supporting us with your fundraising efforts, we're looking forward to **air conditioning in the school hall!**

**Emergency Services Open Day on Sunday 28 October 2018 from 10am to 3pm.**

The Open Day provides an opportunity for the ACT community to learn how emergency services works. It is a day of family fun with the opportunity for people of all ages to sit in trucks, try out fire hoses, ride in a helicopter, tour the incident management facilities and learn about Emergency Services Agency operations. A family event filled with entertainment, food, skills demonstrations, and hands on activities! This is an exciting day out for all ages where you can meet the people who keep our community safe and learn how you can take care of what matters most during an emergency. It's up to all of us to work together for a strong and resilient Canberra.

FREE entry and parking.

ACT Emergency Services Agency

9 Amberley Av Fairbairn Business Park Majura ACT

**Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve Open Day on Sunday 7 October 2018 from 10am to 3pm.**

The annual Tidbinbilla Open Day is on again this year. Mark this date in your diary for a fun-filled day of nature-based experiences, kid's activities, live music, displays, demonstrations and more - held in the greatest venue of all, the great outdoors! The theme this year is 'Rediscover Tidbinbilla' where we encourage you to explore the Reserve with renewed curiosity and a fresh perspective.

Rediscover the rich Indigenous culture of Tidbinbilla through a guided experience on Ngunnawal Country. Rediscover adventure and take the chance to explore our natural environment through immersive Nature Play activities. Rediscover science with a hands-on experience to learn about our Threatened Species Breeding Programs. Rediscover heritage and take a step back in time to explore the stories of the Tidbinbilla Valley and how they have shaped the reserve to what it is today.

A relaxed family friendly atmosphere with free entry to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve all day.  
<https://www.tidbinbilla.act.gov.au/whats-happening>



★★★★ *Certificate of Merit* ★★★★★

Dakota N 3/4D



Gold Awards - Be Safe

**Dakota N 3/4D**

Gold Awards – Being Respectful

**Aziza E 5/6M**

**Ryan H 5/6M**

**Sumah L 5/6M**

**Edward L 5/6M**

**William M 5/6M**

**Jay S 5/6M**

**Kate S 5/6M**

**Jayden W 5/6M**

**Jake S 3/4D**

**Zoe D 5/6S**

**Keira J 5/6S**

Gold Awards – Be a Learner

**Aziza E 5/6M**

**William M 5/6M**

**Jay S 5/6M**

**Clare W 5/6M**

**Kaide W 5/6M**

**Jayden H 5/6M**

**Ethan G 1/2L**

**Aurora H 3/4D**

**Shaylee J 5/6C**

**Alex G 5/6C**

**Lochlan B KD**

**Nathan B KD**

**Addison G KD**

**Jayden S KD**

**Charlie S KD**

**Zachary H 5/6S**

**Suraya E 5/6S**

**Ethan B 1/2B**

**Joey G 1/2B**

**Karla N 1/2B**

**Kaedan R 1/2B**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Term 4 Week 2

Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup>

**Start practicing those dance  
moves!!!**



**Term 3 is nearly over!  
Have a fabulous holiday break  
and see you all in Term 4!**

**Craft club**

Crochet group is working on a colourful floral wreath for Remembrance Day, if you are able to knit or crochet any flowers over the holidays for this project please donate them to the front office before 11th November. Thank you.

