

Friday 5th June 2020

Week 6 Term 2

Diary Dates		
Monday	8 th June	Public Holiday – Queen’s Birthday
Tuesday	23 rd June	PJ and Crazy Hair Day Rosellas and Magpies
Friday	26 th June	PJ and Crazy Hair Day Cockatoos
Friday	26 th June	Sausage Sizzle, PJ and Crazy Hair Day K-6
Notes Sent home		
Preschool	Preschool intentions for Kindergarten 2021	

From the Principal

Dear Calwell Families,

The last few months have certainly been different and somewhat challenging. All students are now back, and classrooms are settled. We have noticed however that it is taking a little longer for our students to get back into playground routines, hopefully things will get back to our new normal after this long weekend.

Parent/Carers on Site

We are very grateful for the support and cooperation we have received from the school community in relation to the COVID changes in the school. As of next week, arrangements will be as follows:

- **ONLY parents/carers can enter the school through the office area.** Students should enter via the paths leading up from the car park, enter from behind the hall or come through an entry gate elsewhere on the grounds.
- **ONLY staff and students have access into and around the teaching units and library**
- parent/carers will have identified areas where you can bring your child/ren into the school grounds and wait briefly before and after school. We respectfully ask that you continue to model **social distancing practises EVEN if you are family members**
- **ONLY staff and students will be permitted on the blacktop area where students line up.** Please say goodbye to your child and encourage them to walk to their class line alone. Staff will be available to assist a student if needed at 9am
- students leaving phones at the front office should come into the office via the blacktop entry **ONLY**

Pick-up & Drop-off

Staff will no longer be managing traffic in the car park or at the front of the school. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE TWO DROP-OFF / PICK-UP ZONES at any time** and continue to:

- drop your child/ren as close to the end of the hall as possible
- drive slowly and be courteous at all times
- allow pedestrians to cross at the zebra crossing safely
- BE PATIENT

Mid-Year Reporting

Mid-Year Reports will be sent home in Week 10 and interviews with class teachers will be held via telephone in Week 2 of Term 3. More detailed information will be sent home soon.

Enrolment for 2021

We are accepting enrolments for preschool to Year 6. To ensure an offer of a placement for your child please complete the online enrolment process as soon as possible. Please be aware that if your child is transitioning from year 6 to High School, all families including those moving on to Calwell High need to complete an enrolment application. Families of preschool children who reside outside our priority area of Calwell, also need to complete another enrolment into the school. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the office on 6142 1900.

Camps

Sadly COVID 19 has impacted on camps and excursions. As there is still no information about when, or indeed whether restrictions will be lifted, we have made the difficult decision now, not to have the 3/4 and 5/6 camps this year. There are a number of reasons for making this decision including that there will be very little lead time to organise camps, there will be staffing difficulties and we are also mindful that in the current climate, some families will find it challenging to fund their child/ren to attend a camp. We understand that this will be very disappointing for many students, and we ask that you support your child/ren to understand that life doesn't always go to plan, and sometimes hard decisions need to be made. Thank you for your support.

Survey

Sent with the newsletter today is a survey relating to remote learning and transitioning back to school we would appreciate families taking 5 minutes to complete this survey as soon as possible

Have a lovely long weekend

Linda Neeson

Linda Neeson
Principal

From the Board

School Board News

Last week our School Board met for the first time since the coronavirus restrictions came into place. We welcomed our newly elected parent representative, Rebecca Nudleman. Our two other parent/carer representatives for 2020 are Megan Fox (Chairperson) and Chris Waslin. Our representatives have children in the junior and senior school, which is important for ensuring discussions and feedback cover the school community. Rebecca brings a wealth of experience as a consumer advocate to the Board, along with a fresh set of eyes, having a child in Kindergarten. Chris has a working knowledge of a school environment, as a now retired schoolteacher in the ACT system. Megan has been a member of the school board for 5 years and is an active volunteer within the school. Her advocacy work and volunteering experience in the community sector is a benefit to the Board. We are delighted to have Jennifer Cross also continuing on the Board, this time as our community representative. Jennifer's children have now moved on to high school, however she is willing to continue her connection to Calwell Primary. Jennifer was the force behind Craft Club for many years and is involved in community sport in the local area. The school representatives are Ashley Coutts and Tamara Player.

Our discussions focussed on the impact of COVID, in particular the way the remote schooling period was managed and the transition back to school. The Board is very comfortable with the strategies being applied at Calwell Primary to ensure the safety of our students, teachers, staff and families. We strongly encourage our community to work together, accept and adhere to the restrictions currently in place, and more generally be kind to each other. We thank the teachers and staff for their rapid response to the new world of remote learning. We know the experience of remote schooling was varied across our school community. Going into remote learning, many parents thought they'd manage it OK, but the reality was a huge challenge and we have developed a much greater understanding and appreciation of the amazing work our teachers do with our children. From conversations with parents, we know we are not alone in feeling this way.

The improvements to the school grounds that took place whilst the school was closed are wonderful. The Board will continue to work on plans for further enhancements and will be seeking the support from the Community to put these plans into action in the coming months.

Our next Board meeting is on Wednesday 1 July. We welcome comments, feedback and suggestions from the community. You can send us an email through the school, leave a note or message with the Front Office team, or speak to a Board member in person or by phone.

Calwell CARES Week 6

KP	Ava B	2C	Jozef D	3/4P	Ethan B
	Olivia G		Charlotte F		Dyllan H
KN	Logan A	2H	Talia A	5/6C	Skylar F
	Lily H		Penny P		Nikita-Lee S
1B	Eamon K	3/4L	Isobel A	5/6L	Ciara K
	April N		Jaarvi A		Zac N
1H	Henry L	3/4LI	Charlotte M	5/6P	Isabella M
	Amber B		Logan W		Dominic M

Please note this term all Calwell CARES awards will be presented in unit meetings.

CANBERRA WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

FREE telephone counselling sessions Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Sessions via Zoom or Skype
Limited availability for FREE face-to-face counselling sessions

Sadly our groups and training are temporarily suspended

Contact us for a FREE confidential chat


 **6287 3833**


 parentline@parentlineact.org.au



Dear Families,

Did you know that Calwell Primary School has its very own Facebook page?
Keep up to date with all the exciting things that happen in the preschool and around the school just by liking our page.
Our page is easy to find, simply type 'Calwell Primary School' into the Facebook search bar and click 'like'.
We look forward to seeing you on Facebook!

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