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Week 4 Term 1

Importance Notice

Our telephone system has been upgraded and our telephone number has changed effective immediately. Our new number is 02 6142 1900.

Please amend your records to reflect this.

Diary Dates		
Friday	02 March	<i>DUE TODAY - Athletics Carnival Permission, Medical PLUS Snack Note</i>
Wednesday	07 March	<i>DUE TODAY – Notes & Payment; Year 2 AQUASAFE Program</i>
Wednesday	07 March	<i>DUE TODAY – Notes & Payment; Year 1 Swim & Survive Program</i>
Thursday	08 March	K – 6 Athletics Carnival
Friday	09 March	Kenny Koala
Monday	12 March	Public Holiday – Canberra Day
Friday	16 March	National Day of Action – Bullying, No Way! PLUS Harmony Day – Wear Orange
Tuesday	20 March	Christian Education In School Session
Thursday	05 April	Cross Country Carnival
Notes sent home		
K – 6		National Day of Action – Bullying, No Way! PLUS Harmony Day
Years 2 – 6		Cross Country Carnival

Dear Calwell Families,

Thank you for supporting our Meet & Greet BBQ last week. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and learnt a little more about the school by participating in the scavenger hunt quiz. Congratulations to the Miller and Black families, the winners of our quiz.

Medical & Contact Information

At the start of each year we send home a Medical Information and Consent Form. We ask that you check the information on this document to ensure we have accurate medical information and contact details. This document is our **only reference** when seeking correct information such as allergy alerts and who to contact when your child is unwell or in the case of an emergency. Please be aware the 'Getting to Know my Child' document you completed for your child's class teacher is NOT used for this purpose. Unfortunately we have found that the information

provided by families is not always consistent between documents. Please contact the front office if you wish to confirm or change details. It is important that we always have an un-to-date contact number.

Calwell Chat

It was great to have a good roll up to our first Calwell Chat sessions last week. We mainly talked about the introduction of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and the associated acknowledgement system which our students have embraced with enthusiasm. In Q 7 A a range of other topics were touched including the teaching of languages in the school, our approach to homework and the new electronic roll marking system. We will be holding Calwell Chats throughout the year. Drop me a line if you have a topic of interest you would like covered.

Car park safety

The safety of all Calwell students and family members is our shared responsibility. Please respect the no parking, red curb and drop off signage and drive slowly through the school car park and entrance driveway at all times. Thank you for your support.

Sporting Events

It's that time of the year. Today we are holding the competitors only swimming trials to identify the students who will be representing our school at the Tuggeranong Carnival. Next Thursday is the Athletics Carnival – come along to the Calwell Playing Ovals if you can spare the time and straight after Canberra Day the Year 1 /2 Swim School will begin. Finishing up the term our Cross Country Run will be in week 9.

Teacher Professional Learning

Developing teacher knowledge and capacity is a priority at Calwell. This year we have a focus on the teaching of writing and mathematics, and providing students with feedback that helps to move their learning forward. Throughout the year the staff will be involved in a range of professional learning activities, individually, in small groups or as a whole staff. All class teachers also participate in a program of observations. Class teachers observe each other and the leadership team observe all class teachers providing written feedback to support consistency of practice across the school as well as supporting teacher growth. This is also a great way for us to model to our students that learning never stops and feedback helps us to grow.

School Improvement

2018 is the final year of the school's current Strategic Plan (2015-2018). The plan sets out goals and priorities which each year guide the development of an Annual Action Plan. Both these plans help us to focus on key areas, setting goals and targets for student achievement and building teacher capacity. An external panel will visit the school for three days in the first week of term 3 to work with us in reviewing how the school is going and setting new goals and targets for the next five years. We want the new Strategic Plan 2019-2023 to set the direction for the school to best meet the needs of its community. There will be opportunities for all members of the school community to participate in the process. Watch out for information about how you can be involved.

Voluntary Contributions & Library Fund Donations

We very much appreciate the contributions families make to the school. Voluntary contributions are a very important source of funding for the school as not all school resources are fully funded by the Directorate of Education. Voluntary contributions to the school Library Fund are tax deductible and it would be greatly appreciated if you are able to make a contribution to the school.

A Voluntary Contribution form is attached to this newsletter.

Water Safety & Awareness Program

The school has the opportunity to nominate a small number of students aged 4yrs and up to participate in a 9 day free Water Safety & Awareness Program running at Lakeside Leisure Centre Greenway during the next school holidays. This Swim 4 Life program aims to develop confidence and water safety skills for all participants and is based on the well-known Royal Life Saving Swim and Survive Program. Parents are required to remain at the pool during the lesson time to supervise their child. If you would like your child to participate in this program (30min lessons in the afternoons of 16th - 27th April between 12.30pm-3.30pm) please contact the front office as soon as possible.



Linda Neeson
Principal

2018 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Students in **Years 3-6** are eligible to enter the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) in Science, Mathematics, Spelling, Writing, English and Digital Technologies. **This year students in year 2 can also participate in the English, Mathematics, Spelling and Science competitions.** These competitions are prepared and marked by the competition organisers. The school provides the time and venue for the tests and a teacher to supervise the students participating in the test. Each participating student receives a certificate indicating their level of achievement in comparison to other students participating. All competitions will be held during class time at school on the following dates:

Term 2

- **Digital Technologies** *Tuesday 8th May (Year 3-6)*
- **Science** *Thursday 24th May (Year 2-Year 6)*
- **Spelling** *Tuesday 12th June (Year 2 – Year 6)*
- **Writing** *Thursday 14th June (Year 3-6)*

Term 3

- **The English** *Tuesday 31st July (Year 2-Year 6)*
- **The Mathematics** *Tuesday 14th August (Year 2 –Year 6)*

If you would like your child to participate in the Digital Technologies competition please fill in the following form and return it to the school along with payment by this **Friday 16th March 2018**. If you would like your child to participate in any or all of the other competitions please return this form and payment by **Friday 27th April 2017**. Any entries received after these dates cannot be accepted by the competition organisers. If you have any questions, please contact the school.



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We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

Ice blocks will be on sale on Friday from the canteen.

- Paddle Pops (\$1)
- Frozen mini-yoghurts (50c)
- Berri juice sticks (50c)

Library Bags available from the front office for just \$8.50



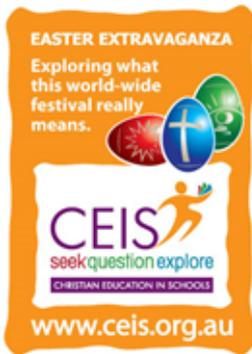
Help Needed

Craft Club is run in the Hall every Monday lunch time, between 11 and 1150.

Yesterday we had over 60 students come in to enjoy lots of different craft activities; however we only had 1 parent helper.

We rely on parent / carer support to run these clubs and welcome new volunteers at any time. Don't feel you have to commit to every week, just pop in to the front office and sign in whenever you can. We (and the children) really appreciate it! Look forward to seeing you soon.

Not available on a Monday? Knitting and Crochet club are on Fridays and we would love some help there as well – can't knit or crochet... no worries, we can teach you too!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Term 1 - Easter Extravaganza

This term, as detectives students will be asked to piece together an unusual rescue plan and discover why Christians celebrate Easter.

Only students with permission will attend.

Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) occurs because parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by the CEIS project, using approved resources and volunteers. If you would like to add your child to the existing attendance list print off the section below and return it to the school or go to www.ceis.org.au/yes

PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL TO ADD YOUR CHILD TO THE EXISTING LIST

YES, I request that my child/ren listed below participate in the CEIS sessions offered at school.

Child: _____

Parent name: _____

Child: _____

Parent signature: _____

Child: _____

Date: _____