

Tuesday 5th February 2019

Week 1 Term 1

Diary Dates		
Wednesday	13 th February	Preschool Meet and Greet 5pm – 6pm
Wednesday	20 th February	Teachers Meet and Greet, K – 6, 4.30pm – 5.15pm
Tuesday	26 th February	Swimming Time Trials - Competitors Only
Notes sent home		
Years K - 6	Preschool	Teachers Meet and Greet
Years 5 – 6	8 Years and over	Preschool Meet and Greet
		Final Year 5/6 Camp Opportunity
		Swimming Time Trials- Competitors Only

Dear Calwell Families,

Welcome to 2019

It's always great to welcome our students to a new school year and share holiday stories. We hope you enjoyed some family time despite the very hot weather. As always Term one is very busy with a Meet & Greet, assemblies, sport carnivals, the Year 5/6 Camp and this year the PBL launch which promises to be a very enjoyable community event. Given that hot days are still predicted please ensure you child/ren come to school with a drink bottle, SunSmart hat and sunscreen applied ready for lunchtime at 11.10am. If the high temperatures do continue we will need to close the top artificial grass oval as regrettably it retains the heat. We will let everyone know what alternative arrangements we put in place.

Our enthusiastic and committed team of teachers and support staff have already been very busy over the past couple of weeks preparing for the year. You will notice some changes to organisation and the way we are approaching a few things. Student management and welfare processes are now all guided by the Positive Behaviours for Learning or PBL principles. This year we are introducing PBL processes into the classrooms. Our release programs for this year will be Science taught by Luke Marsden and the core areas Social Emotional Learning Program (SEL) will be delivered by Ashley Coutts and Jacqui Patrick and then supplemented with lessons delivered by class teachers. I will provide more detail in coming newsletters.

Communication

Staff and the Leadership team look forward to engaging with families on a regular basis. Our school **Facebook** page will keep you up to date with school happenings. We post photos and videos of activities and events regularly as well as providing just in time information to keep you informed. Teachers will be sharing student learning with parents through **SeeSaw**. Please do not use SeeSaw as a communication tool to send messages or ask questions of your child's teacher, the sole purpose of SeeSaw is for sharing student work with families. If you wish **to communicate with your child's class** teacher please **email directly** to the teacher, mindful that they can only read these when they are not teaching or busy with other duties (you will need to add @ed.act.edu.au immediately after the teacher's full name). This usually means before and after school. If you wish to raise anything with Linda or Liz an email directly is also our preferred method linda.neeson@ed.act.edu.au or liz.baker-matterson@ed.act.edu.au. The school contact@calwellps.act.edu.au should only be used for general communication with the school by external sources.

The **Meet & Greet BBQs** we have planned early this term (see the diary dates above) are the first opportunity for you to meet your child's classroom teacher and chat informally with staff and the leadership team. We'd love to see all families.

Staff Team Calwell 2019

A warm welcome to two new staff joining Team Calwell - Chloe Li and Tamara Hope

Class Teachers

Kindergarten - Jamie Drew (KD) and Natalia Nedic (KN) **Scrivener Unit**

Year 1 /2 – Kate Bicket (1 /2B) Ellen Christou (1/2C) and Amanda Wilson (1 /2W R) **Corin Unit**

Year 3 /4 – Rhianna Lockett (3 /4 L) Tamara Player (3 /4TP) and Kristie Pope (3/4KP) **Googong Unit**

Year 5/6 – Miss Cintha (5/6C) Chloe Li (5/6L) and Tamara Hope (5/6H) **Bendora Unit**

Preschool Teams

Anna Dytlewski / Sue Sullivan – Cockatoos & Magpies

Susan Hough / Belinda Scargill – Rosellas

Alison Tammen – Wednesday Teacher

Specialist Teachers & Support Staff

Catherine Gilbert - Library Coordinator / IT Support / Admin Support

Linda Dorsett / Leanne Crampton - Student Support

Lynn McKee - School Psychologist

Admin Team

Tracy Waterson – A/g Business Manager

Bel Haider – School Secretary / First Aid

Nuhad Asioty – Preschool and Admin Support

Anthony Donaldson - Building Service Officer

Leadership Team

Linda Neeson - Principal

Liz Baker-Matterson – Deputy Principal / Preschool Team Leader

Ashley Coutts – Yr K-2 Team Leader

Luke Marsden – Yr 3 /4 Team Leader

Jacqui Patrick – Yr 5/6 Team Leader

We are here to answer your questions and help in any way we can, just give our friendly office staff a call on 61421900, catch a member of the leadership team on the playground before or after school or make an appointment to see us.

Home – School Partnership

Research evidence confirms that parent/career engagement with their child/ren's school leads to improved student outcomes. To help your child/ren achieve to their potential here are some ways we can work together:

- complete the Getting to Know Your Child form and attend the Meet & Greet and PLB Launch this term
- contact your child's teacher if you need information or have concerns
- engage in your child's learning through See Saw
- read to and with your child AND listen to them read as often as possible
- come to an assembly - 2.15pm on Friday afternoons
- chat with members of the leadership team when they are on the playground before/after school or make an appointment to meet with them to seek/clarify information, discuss concerns or ask for advice or assistance
- contribute by helping with class reading/book exchange, assisting in the library, lunch clubs, fundraising or responding to calls for help or contributions throughout the year
- get involved in school activities even just once
- nominate for the School Board

Communication

Don't hesitate to contact us at any time. Here's a list of ways we communicate with you:

- Calwell Connect – notice the new name? We want to connect and engage with you! The newsletter is emailed in even weeks of term. Hard copies are available on request
- Community News – contains information from the parent groups, about fundraising, School Board, School Parliament and local community groups and is sent home in weeks 3 and 9.
- Facebook – posts provide information about activities and events and just in time messages
- See Saw – is an on-line learning portfolio which enables the class teacher to share examples of your child's work with you. (QR access codes and instructions will be sent home soon)
- Calwell Primary Website – includes a calendar of events and a wide range of school information including curriculum, programs, policies and parent help information.

We are looking forward to a great year and a productive term one working in partnership with you.

Linda & Liz

IMPORTANT MESSAGE - notifying your child's absence

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.



Student Injury

Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Department of Education and Training does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

2019 School Board Nominations

Nominations for one School Board Parent Representative for a two year period will be required this year. Nominations opened 11:00 am Wednesday 6th February and close at 11:00 am Wednesday 20th February 2019.

Forms will be available at the front office from the 6th February or can be emailed to you by calling 61421900. The new Board commences on 1st April 2019. Nominations must be:

- In writing and signed
- Endorsed with the consent of the person nominated
- Delivered to the Front Office, marked to the attention of the Returning Officer for the School Board by **Wednesday 20th February 2019 by 11:00am.**

If more than two nominations are received for these positions the Returning Officer will conduct a ballot. Should an election be required details will be advertised in the school newsletter. Candidates will be required to provide a brief statement detailing where their particular interests lie in the school, what skills or experience they bring to the Board and how they will represent the parent body. Statements will be required to be submitted by 10am 5th March 2018 for publication in the 6th March newsletter.

A copy of the Nomination form is attached. Nominations must be received before the closing date by either:

- ❖ Hand delivery to the front office, or
- ❖ Email to contact@calwellps.act.edu.au with "CPS Board" in the subject space.

The names of all nominees will be announced on 22nd February 2019.

If an election is required, the voting period will be from **11 am 25th February 2019 to 11 am 4th March 2019**. Further information: contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Tracy Waterson, on 6142 1900 or by email: tracy.waterson@ed.act.edu.au

Last Chance! PBL Team Calwell Shirts Notes & Money Due Friday 8th February





Fun Games

Meet the Coaches

Match Play

**Registration and
Uniform
Information**

TNA NETBALL COURTS
Were St Calwell

TUES 12TH FEB 2019
5:30PM TO 7:00PM
JUNIOR YR 2 – 6
FUN COME & TRY DAY

Rebels Netball Club is one of the largest clubs in the Tuggeranong Netball Association competition. On Tuesday, 12th February, we are holding a Fun Come and Try Day for all interested players in Years 2 – 6. Play some games, meet the coaches and get information on registrations and uniforms.

For more Rebels information, please see our website:
www.rebelsnetballclub.wordpress.com



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!

