

Tuesday 26th March 2019

Week 8 Term 1

Diary Dates		
Thursday	28 th March	NAPLAN Prac Test Years 3 and 5
Friday	29 th March	3/4KP Assembly in the Hall 2.15pm
Wednesday	3 rd April	Sushi Treat Day
Thursday	4th April	Athletics Carnival (Date Change)
Tuesday	9 th April	Cross Country
Thursday	11 th April	Easter Raffle Drawn
Friday	12 th April	1/2W Assembly in the Hall 2.15pm
Friday	12 th April	Sports Dress-Up day Gold coin donation
Friday	12 th April	Last Day of Term 1
Notes sent home		
Preschool – Year6		Mother's Day Stall
Preschool – Year6		Easter Raffle
Kindergarten – Year 6		School disco
Year3 & Year 5		NAPLAN Information

Dear Calwell Families,

Class Profile Meetings

This week Liz and I are holding a Class Profile meeting with each class teacher. At this meeting the teacher brings a range of data (assessment results, work samples, anecdotal records) to support a discussion with us and their team leader (Ashley Coutts, Luke Marsden or Jackie Patrick), about how each student in their class is progressing both academically and socially. At the meeting we talk about the progress each student is making and next steps in their individual and teaching strategies which could be used. These meetings ensure that all members of the leadership team develop a sound understanding of the needs of our students and class teachers and how best we can distribute the resources available to us.

Maths Professional learning

Last Thursday and Friday our three team leaders, Ashley Coutts, Luke Marsden and Jacquie Patrick participated in a very hands-on and valuable two-day training program for learning about how to support children to develop their mathematical skills and thinking. This program of workshops has also included principals. Over the past twelve months we have been using the ideas and resources we have learnt about to enhance our teaching and resourcing of maths in the school. The leadership team has run workshops for class teachers based on the sessions we attended. We are already seeing pleasing results from this new learning with our students really enjoying very practical learning activities.

Leadership Conference

This Thursday and Friday Liz and I will be attending the Directorate's Leadership Conference. This is an opportunity for us to engage with the principal's and deputies from other ACT schools. Our very capable Executive teachers will be holding the fort during our absence.

Student Welfare & Management

Our focus is always on ensuring we have a safe and productive learning environment. On a daily basis we reinforce with our students that we are safe, respectful learners and highlight how we show this everyday through our words and actions. Children learn at different rates and in different ways. Sometimes they make poor choices and need reminders and support to learn from their mistakes. All behaviour incidents in the school both in the classroom and on the playground are tracked. We identify incidents as major or minor. This allows us to see if there is a pattern of triggers that results in a certain behaviour and where incidents are occurring. We are then able to intervene and respond more effectively. As part of our process in responding to major behaviours a member of the leadership team will call a parent/carer to provide information about what has occurred and how the matter will be managed. Working in partnership with parents/carers is a key aspect of helping our students to learn and develop.

Carpark

A friendly reminder- **please do not park on red curbs**, especially the curb in front of the preschool gate. This is to ensure the safety of our students. Thank you for your support.

Linda & Liz

Tax Deductible Library Fund Donations and Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary Contributions & Library Fund Donations –Your chance to MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION before the end of the financial year.

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 before the end of the financial year.

A Voluntary Contribution form is attached to this newsletter.

Notes Due

Medical information and consent (Blue)	ASAP
Sushi Treat Day (Orange)	Wednesday 27 th March
Athletics Carnival (Blue)	Friday 29 th March
Athletics carnival snack (Red)	Friday 29 th March
5/6 – Camp Cooba Medical Form Permission Note (Green)	Friday 29 th March
Easter Raffle (Pink)	Wednesday 11 th April
5/6 = Camp Cooba Final Payment (Green)	Friday 12 th April
Mother's Day stall (Purple)	Tuesday 7 th May



Easter Raffles



One of our most popular fundraising events of the year is our Easter Raffles. With Easter falling during the school holidays this year, we will be drawing the raffles on Thursday in Week 10.

If you'd like to donate Easter themed items for our raffle hampers, that would be fantastic. Items can be left in the box at the Front Office. Extra raffle tickets will be available at the front office.

The future of Breakfast Club...

As part of our agreement with Red Cross to hold a Good Start Breakfast Club program at our school, we are required to have community engagement and volunteers to help run the program.

This program is not only about giving our children the best start to the day, but to have our community engage with us through these types of programs.

Whether your child attends or not, if you are around on a Monday or Tuesday morning we would strongly encourage you to register at the front office to volunteer for the following week.

Unfortunately, the sad fact is that this program will stop if we are unable to have committed community support.

Thank you in advance for considering being involved.

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Awards

KD	Mia H
	Azaylia A
KN	Ethan F
	Jonathan W
1/2B	Alexander F
	Billy M
1/2C	Hussein E
	Harper M
1/2W	Isobel A
	Andrija P
3/4KP	Joshua W
	Sophie F
3/4TP	Nate R
	Isabella M
3/4L	Skylar F
	Sara L
5/6C	Kayla C
	Owen G
5/6H	Sumah L
	Natasha K
5/6L	Jonah H
	Sara L