Dear Calwell Families,

We have had a very smooth and settled start to the year. As I visit classes and walk around the school I’ve noticed that the children are actively engaged in their learning and happily playing on the playground, catching up with friends and making new ones.

At this time of the year there is quite a bit of information being sent home. Please take the time to get up to date and be informed about what’s happening in the school and how we can work together to support each child to reach their potential.

**Arriving at School**

Just a friendly reminder that **children should not be arriving at school before 8.30am** as staff are not required to be on site until then and formal supervision starts at 8.45am.

**Car Park Courtesy**

Please also be aware that parking in the car park on the curbs painted red (faded but will be repainted soon) is **NOT** permitted. Cars parked on the curbed end of the car park near the preschool gate make it very difficult for other cars to move through the car park and are placing pedestrians at risk. In the interests of keeping our children safe...
and as a common courtesy please follow all signage in the car park. This may mean having to circle through the car park and Downard Street while waiting for your child to arrive for pick-up.

**Meet and Greet - Preschool**
We are looking forward to meeting all our preschool parents and carers at our Meet and Greet BBQ tomorrow between 5 – 6pm. Come along and enjoy a sausage sandwich and chat with your child’s teacher and assistant.

**Meet & Greet BBQ K – 6**
We are looking forward to meeting parents/carers at the Meet & Greet BBQ’s. Come along between 5 - 6pm and bring your ‘Know My Child’ information sheet. Meet your child/ren’s teacher/s in their classrooms, hand in your sheet and then enjoy a sausage sandwich. The leadership team are also looking forward to meeting with you informally. This is a great opportunity to have a casual meeting with any member of staff and have any questions you may have answered.

**Notes Home / Communication**
This year hard copy notes will be sent home with the youngest child at the school. Please check your child’s bag on Tuesday evening. We are also putting reminder messages on Face book as well as photos and videos to help you to keep up with what’s happening in the school. Like us and follow us!

**2017 School Board Nominations**
Being a parent member of the School Board is a great way not only to learn about the operation of the school, but a chance to make a significant contribution to the school. The Board oversees the implementation of the school’s five year Strategic Plan and each Annual Action Plan.

Nominations for one School Board Parent Representative for a two year period will be required this year. Nominations opened 11:00 am Monday 30th January 2017 and close at 11:00 am Monday 13th February 2017.

Forms are available at the front office or can be emailed to you by calling 62056911. The position commences on 1st April 2017. 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 Monday 13th February 2017 by 11:00am.

If more than two nominations are received for this position 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 20th February 2017 for publication in the 21st February newsletter.

*Linda*
Linda Neeson
Principal
Monday Lunch Time Craft Club

This very popular club will be running again this year. We have small kits for the children to buy (20c - 50c) and lots of free activities. We always need more pairs of hands on Mondays in the hall 10.45am - 12.15pm.

If you are not able to come but would like to help, we have small packs of simple cutting out that you could do at home, available from the front office.

We love donations of all sorts of craft supplies that you no longer need (NO paint please), these can be left at the front office.

Showtime in the City brings the best of the ActewAGL Royal Canberra Show to the city centre, with snow cones, popcorn, show bags and a petting zoo all on offer between 10 and 11 February, in Petrie Plaza.

This free event showcases the family-fun atmosphere away from the showground in one of Canberra’s most accessible spaces, as part of the Government’s commitment to bring our city to life through the City Action Plan.

Tickets to the ActewAGL Royal Canberra Show will be available for sale at a ticket booth both days. Showtime in the City will take place in Petrie Plaza 10 (4pm-9.30pm) and 11 February (10am-4pm).

Showtime in the City is an initiative supported by the ACT Government and the City Action Plan, the Royal National Capital Agricultural Society and ActewAGL. To find out more information or to have your say on the future of Canberra’s city centre visit YourSay.act.gov.au/activatecivic.

Second Hand School Uniform Shop

Did you know that the Calwell P&C run a second hand School Uniform shop?

All items are in excellent condition and are available at a fraction of the cost compared to brand new items.

Please email calwellPC@y7mail.com stating the items you are interested in and what size (ie: size 6 logo jumper) and someone will get back to you with further details.

Items will also be available to purchase at the Meet and Greet BBQ on Monday, February 13.

Breakfast Club

Good Start Breakfast Club is proudly supported by Red Cross. Providing a free healthy breakfast within a school breakfast program helps children to achieve their best in the classroom and in the playground.

Where: In the Hall
When: Wednesday from 8.30am – 8.55am (Starting Week 3)
Who: All Calwell Primary School students are welcome

PLEASE NOTE: Monday and Tuesday breakfast club can only run if we have parent helpers. Please register your availability at the front office.

We occasionally ask for donations of non-perishable goods to assist with delivering a healthy breakfast.

Currently we require donations of Honey, Jam and long life milk. These items can be left at the front office.

Many thanks.
Lifeline Canberra

Bookfair

Lose yourself at the biggest ever Lifeline Canberra Bookfair featuring more books than ever before plus DVDs, comics, games, kids activities and more!

Friday 10 to Sunday 12 February at Exhibition Park in Canberra

Entry by gold coin donation

Find out more at www.act.lifeline.org.au

Sculpture Garden

Sunday

A free family day full of activities. Bring a picnic to share under the trees and enjoy art, live music and lots of fun.

Sunday 26 Feb 10.30am - 1.30pm

Landscaped with the support of the Family Business Association of Australia

Ronald McDonald House

Tennis Carnivale

SAT 11TH FEB 2017 - 1.30-4.30pm

The Pines Tennis Club

Cnr of Milkford Cres & Northside Street, Chifley

FREE ADULT AND JUNIOR COACHING CLINICS

TRY THE LATEST TENNIS AUSTRALIA PROGRAMS INCLUDING
ANZ HOTSHOTS, FITBIT CARDIO TENNIS,
Pee Wee Mini Tennis, Speedo Serving Competition,

BBQ, DJ & MC, Jumping Castle, Special Guests
24 Hour Rally for Kids - Ronald McDonald and Friends

ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO RMH CANBERRA

Ronald McDonald House

JRLFC

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Registrations are now open for the 2017 Canberra Rugby League Season.

Valley Dragons teams include

Under 6 to Under 16's
13-17yrs Girls

Puffers Program for children aged 3-5 years introducing football
FUNdamentals

And introducing our first Open Woman's League team

Come on down, grab a snack, toss a ball and have fun!

February 19th & 26th | 10AM - 2PM
Gowrie Playing Fields

FAMILY - COMMUNITY - SAFETY