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Tuesday 11th February 2020

Week 2 Term 1

Diary Dates		
Wednesday	12 th February	Preschool Meet and Greet 5:00pm till 6:00pm at the Preschool
Friday	14 th February	Assembly - Learning Assets Launch 2.15 in Hall
Monday	17 th February	Raiders visit Year 3-6
Tuesday	18 th February	Swimming time trials
Wednesday	19 th February	K-6 Meet and Greet 5:15pm till 6:15pm
Tuesday	25 th February	Nude Food Day
Wednesday	26 th February	Footsteps K-6
Friday	28 th February	3/4P Assembly in the Hall 2.15pm
Notes Sent home Week 1		
Preschool – Year 6	Term overviews	

From the Principal

Dear Calwell Families,

What a joy it has been to finally have some rain. We have also had some cooler days and the air quality has improved! We are keeping a close watch on air quality and its impact on students, particularly those who have a medical condition such as asthma, and students will remain indoors if needed. Despite the unsettled holiday break, we have had a very smooth start to the year. Classes are already working productively with our students in years 1-6 have thoroughly enjoying learning about the brain last week. This has been leading into the implementation of working with *Learning Assets* across the school.

Learning Assets

Our young people not only need to be literate and numerate to be successful workers and citizens when they leave school, they also need to acquire certain *Learning Assets* or *competencies* to live well in our global world. Each day this week classes are investigating and unpacking one of the five Learning Assets: Being a **communicator, collaborator, thinker, researcher** and **self-manager**. At Friday's assembly we will be launching our focus and Learning Assets with each unit sharing some of their learning. These assets align brilliantly with our PBL expectations and Calwell CARES Culture and will support our students to look at their daily learning through these important lenses. Teachers will be encouraging students to recognise when they are engaging with one of these skills or assets. For example, when they are working with a group of peers, they are being collaborators, or when they are making behaviour choices, they are being a self-manager. These are vital skills or assets that will transfer into adulthood and the workplace.

Book Packs

Book Pack resources are being distributed by teachers this week. Thank you for your support in purchasing these for your child/ren as they are a core resource which support your child/ren's learning.

Meet & Greet BBQs

The Leadership team, Preschool team and class teachers are looking forward to the opportunity to meet with family members at the Meet & Greet evenings planned for this Wednesday 12th (Preschool 5- 6pm) and next Wednesday 19th (5.15 – 6.15pm for years K-6). We hope you can make it along.

Term Overviews

Term overviews are accompanying this newsletter. We hope that they provide you with an insight into the learning your child/ren will be doing this term. We would also love to see you at one of the sporting events - Athletics and X-Country Carnivals being held this term. See diary dates

Lunchtime Clubs

We are delighted to let our students and families know that we will have additional clubs running at lunchtime this year. There will be three clubs each week. In addition to our Monday Craft Club which will be coordinated by Megan Fox with support from parent/carer helpers, this term we are adding a Technology Club run by Mrs Li and Sport Club by Mr Susko. the library will of course also remain open at lunchtime giving our students greater choice of activities during lunch.

Calwell Connect – Newsletter

Communicating news and information to our school community is a high priority. This year the Calwell Connect Newsletter will be emailed home fortnightly in even weeks - this being the first fortnightly edition. We also connect with families through Facebook posts, School Website, emails and phone calls, as well as Seesaw which is aimed solely at sharing your child's learning with you. We hope that you will continue to use the various avenues to engage with the school. I am also always happy to receive emails from parents/carers about anything of interest or concern: linda.neeson@ed.act.edu.au

2019 School Board Nominations

A friendly reminder that we are seeking nominations for two School Board Parent Representatives. A nomination form is attached. Nominations must be received before the closing date of 10am 4th March 2020 for publication in the 11th March newsletter by either:

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

Nomination forms are available at the front office. The new Board commences on 1st April 2020.

The names of all nominees will be announced on 21st February 2020.

If an election is required, the voting period will be from **11 am 24th February 2020 to 11 am 9th March 2020**. Further information: contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Jennifer Hartcher, on 6142 1900 or by email: Jennifer.hartcher@ed.act.edu.au

We are looking forward to a great year and a productive term one.

Linda Neeson

Principal

Calwell Cares Week 2

KP	Lucas F	2C	Harper M	3/4P	Billy M
	Layla M		Alexander F		Jack N
KN	Estelle F	2H	Alistaire M	5/6C	Neven R
	Elijah M		Eloise M		Paulo R
1B	Aliyah O	3/4L	Joshua W	5/6L	Lucy M
	Max G		Emma P		Jake S
1H	Hussain T	3/4LI	Arjun N	5/6P	Ainsley S
	Calida E		Sara L		Evie B



Swimming Time trials

Competitors only
18th February

Notes and Payment due
Thursday, 14th February 2020



Frozen Fridays are Back!

\$1.00 Paddle Pops

50c Berri Juice Stick



**Medical
Information and
consent forms due
Friday 14th February**



Craft Club



For the families who have been at Calwell in previous years, you may have become accustomed to your child arriving home on a Monday with their own unique piece of craft that they made at our lunchtime Craft Club. By the end of each Monday lunch time, we have a range of super heroes, animals and royalty incognito behind their carefully coloured and decorated face masks, budding aviation engineers competing in paper plane races and a range of collage art pieces (most very well endowed with glue) for display on the fridge at home.

Our craft club has been running for many years, with activities prepared and led by a small team of parents and carers each Monday lunchtime between 11am and 12noon. In 2020 we hope that you may be willing to assist us continue this much-loved activity for our students.

So, what's involved?

During craft club a range of activities are set out for the students, including:

- colouring in face masks, birthday cards – very popular with our younger students
- paper aeroplane construction – easy to follow instructions provided
- collage/freehand art – lots of glue!
- Seasonal themed craft activities (e.g. Easter, Mothers/Father's Day, Christmas etc)

Parent/carer helpers provide assistance to students as needed, such as tying elastic on facemasks and guidance with paper aeroplane folding – no craft skills required! Students are actively encouraged to contribute to cleaning up before leaving Craft Club, so there is only a small amount of tidying up to be done.

If you are unable to support Craft Club in person on a Monday, we'd love your help with preparing activities (which can be done at home anytime) such as cutting out facemasks, folding birthday cards and others. Kits are available from the Front Office or can be sent home with your child.

To find out more and to join the Craft Club team, please let the staff at the Front Office know.

Our first Craft Club will be on Monday 17 February.



Helping kids thrive online

Free webinar

This webinar from the **eSafety Commissioner** is a great opportunity to start 2020 with the latest information to keep your child safe online and gather some tips to help manage technology at home.

Cost	Free
Audience	Parents and carers of primary school children
Date/Time/Registration	12 February 2020 – 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM AEDT
	14 February 2020 – 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM AEDT
Register here - esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars	

The session will cover:

- ideas to 'Start the chat' about harmful content, contact with strangers and online bullying
- strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- skills that young people need to protect themselves online
- how to get help if things go wrong