

2022 Term 2 Up-Date



Diary Dates		
Monday	2 nd May	Mother's Day Stall K-6 including Preschool Magpies & Rosellas
Tuesday	3 rd May	Whole School Photos K-6 including Preschool Magpies & Rosellas
Wednesday	4 th May	Senior Cross Country
Thursday	5 th May	Mother's Day Stall Preschool Cockatoos
Friday	6 th May	School Photos Preschool Cockatoos
Tuesday - Friday	10 th – 13 th May	NAPLAN Testing

Dear Calwell Families,

I hope the Easter and Anzac break provided an opportunity for your family to share some time together before we head into the cooler months of winter. As you are aware COVID arrangements in the school remain in place for the first two weeks of this term, however we are all hoping that soon there will be some relaxation of restrictions that will enable family members to engage more readily with the school. We will be sharing information with you as soon as it becomes available.

This term we are looking forward to holding assemblies (students only at this stage), the Mother's Day Stall and the Cross Country Carnival. Our annual School Photos will be taken next week and NAPLAN testing for years 3 and 5 is scheduled for week 3, starting on 9th May.

Due to some unexpected and unavoidable staffing matters we need to make some changes to our 3/4 and 5/6 class structures which are detailed below. I would like to reassure families that we considered all options available to us and that the difficult decision to make these changes was made with the best interests of our students in mind. As you will be aware there is currently a national teacher shortage and COVID continues to impact on the availability of relief staff.

Year 5/6 Class Restructure

The three-year 5/6 classes will be collapsed into two groups – a year 6 class operating out of the Bendora Unit, team taught by Mark Glover (fulltime) and Lauren Uhr who will be working a 4 days week. All Year 5 students will join into one class and relocate to the Indonesian room opposite the library. This class will be taught by Lisa Jenkins.

This new structure provides us with the opportunity to focus on preparing and transitioning our year 6 students for high school where they will be working with multiple teachers and more flexible learning environment. Mark and Lauren will be planning and working together closely to provide an engaging and challenging program for year 6, supported by Emma Vince the Executive teacher for the senior school.

While the Year 5 group will be a little bigger than previous 5/6 classes, it remains within the Education Directorate's class number requirements. A straight year 5 class will enable Lisa to really target the Year 5 curriculum and help the cohort bond as they prepare to become the next leadership group in the school. The changes to the class structure for years 5/6 will stay in place for the remainder of the year.

Year 3 /4 Class Reorganisation

We were deeply saddened to hear the news that Rhianna Lockett's husband, Richard, passed away last weekend. Our most sincere condolences go to Rhianna and the extended family for this enormous loss. While Rhianna is on a period of extended leave her Year 3 /4 students will be divided into the remaining 3 /4 classes. The decision to split 3 /4L provides the greatest continuity and least disruption to their learning as the 3/4 team of staff regularly plan together and review and discuss the progress and needs of all students in these two cohorts.

Learning Assets Signage

During the break our new Learning Asset logos which were developed as part of the Community Engagement Grant have been placed strategically around the school. Not only do they look fantastic they are a visual reminder to our students and the school community of the importance of developing these assets/attributes. **Communicator, Self-Manager, Collaborator, Thinker** and **Researcher**. This term we will be sharing more information to families about how these assets are being incorporated into teaching and learning at the school.

Well-Being & Positive Mindset Signage

The school environment is also being brightened by well-being & positive mindset signage, another component of the Community Engagement Grant. The coloured signposts placed around the playground areas remind students of the Learning Assets and values we promote and expect at Calwell Primary including **honesty, resilience, integrity** and *responsibility*.

This week **positive quotes** are going up on the doors in the student toilets attached to each unit building. Not only will they brighten up the bathrooms they are designed to uplift and encourage our students. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Ashleigh Dillon who has worked with staff to design and make these decals which I'm sure our students are going to enjoy seeing daily. There are many quotes spread across the units including: **Today is a great day to learn something new, Do what is right not easy, TEAM – together everyone achieves more, It's cool to be kind.**

Linda

Principal

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