



Tuesday 4th January 2020

Week 1 Term 1

Diary Dates		
Wednesday	12 th February	Preschool Meet and Greet 5:00pm till 6:00pm at the Preschool
Monday	17 th February	Raiders visit Year 3-6
Wednesday	19 th February	K-6 Meet and Greet 5:15pm till 6:15pm
Notes Sent home Week 1		
Kindergarten – Year 6		Footsteps Dance program
Kindergarten – Year 6		Community Meet and Greet
Preschool		Preschool Meet and Greet
Kindergarten – Year 6		Medical Information and consent forms

From the Principal

Dear Calwell Families,

Welcome to 2020

What a summer break it has been. We hope that despite some of the challenges many of us have faced with the heat, fires and uncertainties that there have still been special times with family and friends. Our students will certainly have some different holiday experiences to share. As always Term One is very busy with a Meet & Greet, assemblies and sport carnivals. Given that hot days are still predicted please ensure your child/ren come to school with a drink bottle, SunSmart hat and sunscreen applied ready for lunchtime at 11.10am. We will be monitoring air quality carefully and making alternative arrangements to keep children inside at break times if required. If you have any concerns regarding your child's health in relation to the current situation, please contact Liz or myself so we can put additional supports in place.

Our great Team Calwell Staff have prepared some exciting new initiatives for 2020. Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) continues with our focus now turning to embedding processes into classroom. Our release programs for this year will be Science taught by Pat Delfs and PE taught by Vlado Susko. We will also be reviving our Indonesian Program for Years 3-6 which Mr Susko will also be delivering. Our Social Emotional Learning Program (SEL) will be included as part of class programs.

Communication

Staff and the Leadership Team look forward to engaging with families regularly. A comprehensive list of communication avenues is listed later in this newsletter. 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** are planned for early this term (see the diary dates above). These provide the first opportunity for you to meet your child's classroom teacher and chat informally with specialist staff and the Leadership Team. We'd love to see all families drop in.

We are here to answer your questions and help in any way we can, just give our friendly office staff a call on 6142 1900, catch a member of the Leadership Team on the playground before or after school or make an appointment to see us.

We are looking forward to a positive and productive year working in partnership with you.

Linda & Liz

Staff Team Calwell 2020

A warm welcome to new staff joining Team Calwell – teachers Elise Paull, Emily Hardy, Lauren Lutton and Vlado Susko; as well as Team Leaders Alyssa Owen and Emma Vince.

Leadership Team

Linda Neeson - Principal

Liz Baker-Matterson – Deputy Principal / Preschool Team Leader

Ashley Coutts – Acting Deputy - Instructional Mentor

Alyssa Owen – K – Year 2 Team Leader

Emma Vince - Yr 3-6 team Leader Teacher

Class Teachers

Kinder Elise Paull (KP) and Natalia Nedic (KN) **Scrivener Unit**

Year 1 Kate Bicket (1B) and Emily Hardy (1H) **Corin Unit**

Year 2 Tamara Hope (2H) and Ellen Christou (2C) **Corin Unit**

Year 3 /4 Rhianna Lockett (3 /4 L) Tamara Player (3 /4P) and Chloe Li (3/4Li) **Googong Unit**

Year 5/6 Miss Cintha (5/6C) Kristie Pope (5/6P) and Lauren Lutton (5/6L) **Bendora Unit**

Preschool Teams

Anna Dytlewski / Sue Sullivan – Cockatoos & Magpies

Natalie Torres / Belinda Scargill – Rosellas

Alison Tammen – Wednesday teacher

Specialist Teachers

Vlado Susko – PE & Indonesian

Pat Delfs - Science

School Psychologist

Nicola Peaker

Support Staff

Catherine Gilbert - Library Coordinator / IT Support / Admin Support

Linda Dorsett / Leanne Crampton/ Bunton Grubb / Jodie Temple-Clarke – *Learning Support Assistants*

Admin Team

Jennifer Hartcher – Business Manager

Bel Haider – School Secretary / First Aid

Anthony Donaldson - Building Service Officer

Home – School Partnership

An effective home-school partnership has been shown to improve student outcomes. Here are some ways you can engage with the school, so that together we can help your child/ren achieve to their potential:

- complete the Getting to Know Your Child form and attend the Meet & Greet this term
- contact your child's teacher if you need information or have concerns – email or phone to request a call back from your child's teacher or to make an appointment
- see your child's work on Seesaw and provide positive feedback and encouragement
- read to and with your child AND listen to them read as often as possible
- come to an assembly - 2.15pm on selected 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

Communication

We want to connect and engage with you! Here are our regular lines of communication with you – however don't hesitate to contact us at any time on 6142 1900.

- **Calwell Connect Newsletter** is emailed each week (Hard copies are available on request)
- **Facebook** – the 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.
- **Seesaw** – is an online 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) 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.
- **Calwell Primary Website** – includes a calendar of events and a wide range of school information including curriculum, programs, policies and parent help information.
- 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.
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2020 School Board Nominations

Nominations for two School Board Parent Representatives will be required this year. One position for two years and a one-year position. Nominations opened 11:00 am Wednesday 5th February and close at 11:00 am Wednesday 19th February 2020. Forms will be available at the front office from the 6th February or can be emailed to you by calling 6142 1900. The new Board commences on 1st April 2020. 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 19th February 2020 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 4th March 2020 for publication in the 11th 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 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, Belinda Haider, on 6142 1900 or by email: belinda.haider@ed.act.edu.au

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**.

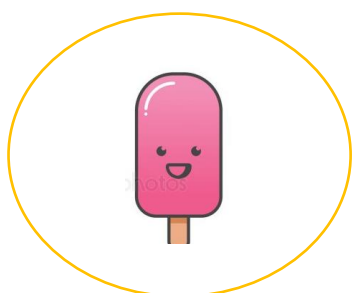


Healthy Kids Association welcomes you to another year of providing your school with healthy lunches.

We are a not for profit organisation and our mission is to promote and influence healthy food choices for children.

Your lunches will be delivered every Wednesday for the 11.00 break, lunch orders will need to be placed by 8.30am.

Order lunches online at [Flexischools.com.au](https://flexischools.com.au). or you can download the new Flexischools App. REMINDER: Please ensure you update your child's new classroom for 2020.



Frozen Fridays

Ice Creams \$1.00
Juice Poppers \$1.50
Berri Juice Stix 0.50C

