



CAULFIELD PRIMARY
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Newsletter

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FEBRUARY 2022		
Tues 22 nd	Parent information Night Preps Year 3/4	6.15pm 7.30pm
Thurs 24 th	Parent information Night Year 1/2 Year 5/6	6.15pm 7.30pm
Fri 25 th	PFC AGM	9am
Fri 25 th	PFC Secondhand Uniform sale	3.25pm
MARCH 2021		
Tues 1 st	Years 5/6 Scienceworks Excursion Years 1/2 Wicked Weather Incursion	
Fri 4 th	Prep Fitnessworx Excursion	
Mon 7 th - Weds 9 th	Year 3/4 Camp @ Oasis	
Mon 14th	LABOUR DAY	
Weds 16 th	School Photo Day	
Fri 25 th	Years 3/6 School House Cross Country	

From the Principal

Our Partnership

At the heart of the close home-school partnership that is in place here at Caulfield, lies effective communication processes and a core belief that everyone needs to know what's going on here at school and how one can get involved in their child/ren's education.

As those of you reading today's newsletter know, this is a key part of this communication chain and is made available to support with this timely communication. Thank you for reading this and scrolling through the various additional pages. There's much to take in from what is a very busy school and significant student activities and achievements to celebrate.

Of course, newsletters and School Stream updates do not replace face to face communication and interaction, with this taking on extra significance at the beginning of a new school year with class transitions occurring and new teachers and staff in the school. I am well aware that in our current context and Covid environment we have lost some of the wonderful opportunities to welcome our families into the new school year.

I apologise for this and am extremely hopeful that we can provide these moments to interact together more as we move ahead.

We are looking forward to delivering our Parent Information Sessions next week and welcome your attendance as a means of finding out more about our programs and importantly, our staff. All staff are trying to make ourselves visible and available at the end of each school day and I am making every effort to meet our families before and afterschool, please come and say hi, I have really enjoyed these introductions over the last few weeks – thank you!

School Council Notice of Election and call for Nominations

Our outgoing school council members, whose tenures finish this March, contributed enormously to the school and community these past two difficult Covid years. Through their professionalism, knowledge, and life skills they supported the vision of our school, supported families and maintained and built on the school's facilities, continuing to make our school a fantastic place for all our students to learn. A special thankyou to:

Kara Lowe
Vicki Conroy
Candice Clynk
Merryn Samuelson (DET Member)

Operating in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280, we are now calling for nominations for 3 parent electorate vacant positions for Caulfield's 2022 School Council.

Further information can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

Swimming Carnival

On a perfect Thursday afternoon, our students participated in our Grade 3-6 House Swimming Carnival in conjunction with Windsor Primary School. Attending my first swimming carnival, I left the pool deck feeling very proud of the manner in which our students participated and supported one another throughout the day, thank you to Mr. Orr and our

teaching staff for providing a wonderful event for our students.



Sincere thanks to our parents, *Penny P, Candice C, Jenny W, Christine C* and *Carolyn N* for their support on the day. Events like these cannot

go ahead without volunteer support. On behalf of our students and staff, thank you for this support and congratulations to all our students for a wonderful day.

Information Sessions

A reminder that our Parent Information Sessions are to be held next week. This establishes an important step in building upon a strong partnership between home and school, we welcome and encourage your attendance on:



Tuesday 22nd February

- 6:15pm – Prep
- 7:30pm – Year 3/4

Thursday 24th February

- 6:15pm – Year 1/2
- 7:30pm – Year 5/6

These sessions will be delivered online and provide an important opportunity for us to demonstrate how we deliver our teaching and learning programs and some of the logistical information for specific year levels. Details how to access these sessions will be provided next week via Schoolstream.

Covid-Safe Measures Extension at CPS

I want to thank parents and students for the great job they have done in keeping our school as safe as possible by following important COVIDSafe measures such as mask wearing, physical distancing, ventilation, getting vaccinated and rapid antigen testing.

This has meant that our school has remained open and our students in class. This is a fantastic outcome and a testament to the hard work of parents, carers, students and school staff.

Rapid antigen tests

To keep schools as safe as possible, the Victorian Government has extended the COVID Safe measures introduced for Term 1. This includes extending the availability of free rapid antigen tests (RAT) for screening until the end of term. It is anticipated an

additional 24 million RATs will be provided to schools and early childhood settings to continue to support early detection and prevent infection, for use at home.

The need for this program will continue to be monitored, and may end earlier based on health advice. This is great news and will mean we're able to continue identifying COVID-19 cases as early as possible, reducing the impact on our school and individuals.

Department of Health modelling indicates that in the first two weeks of school returning, the program has already prevented more than 21,000 cases in schools alone. Their modelling indicates, assuming a 75 per cent compliance rate with screening of students, that by continuing RAT screening in schools for the full 10 weeks of Term 1, we will prevent:
61,000 COVID-19 infections in children aged 5 to 17
more than 150,000 COVID-19 infections in the overall community (on average 15,000 per week over 10 weeks, or more than 2,100 per day)
around 400 hospital admissions.

The Department will continue to supply RATs to our school for your use and we will provide further information shortly about the next distribution date. Twice-a-week testing continues to be strongly recommended for both students and staff.

Vaccination

Vaccination is another key component to protect students and staff in school settings.

Vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 are open and third dose vaccinations for 16 to 17 year olds are now available.

There are lots of convenient options to access vaccinations. These include state-wide vaccination hubs, your local GP or pharmacy.

You can book your appointment in a few different ways, including:

online: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine

by phone: 1800 675 398 (Coronavirus Hotline)

In person: talk to your local pharmacy, doctor, or attend a state-wide vaccination hub.

using the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder - [COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder | Australian Government Department of Health](#)

Ventilation

Improving ventilation is one of the most effective measures to keep education settings safe. 51,000 air purifiers were delivered to schools by Term 1, 2022 to support COVIDSafe settings in schools.

Up to an additional 60,000 air purifiers will be rolled out to schools ahead of winter to supplement natural and mechanical ventilation during the cooler months.

The winter allocation will provide enough purifiers to cover all classrooms, in government schools and low-fee non-government schools based on current enrolments. This includes general purpose classrooms and other specialist classrooms such as art and science rooms.

Mask rules will remain the same, with students in Grade 3 and above required to wear masks – although they will not be required outdoors.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you again for your continued support in helping your child to complete the rapid antigen tests and other COVID Safe measures. As a result of these efforts our school can continue providing a safe environment for students and staff, which is something we all want to achieve.

Congratulations

To Leon M for obtaining a Silver medal in the Junior Boys & Girls age group at the 2022 Judo Victoria Tournament.

EDWARD STRAIN
Principal

From the PFC

Annual General Meeting of the Parents' and Friends' Club - Friday, 25th Feb 9am

The PFC will kick off the year with its AGM to elect this year's President(s), Treasurer and Secretary.

All are welcome to attend to find out more about the PFC and discuss and share ideas as to how we can contribute to our great school community.

Please join us in the school hall after drop-off on Friday. If you can't attend but would like to know more, just email us and we'll keep you updated.

Seeking class representatives

We're seeking volunteers for each class to act as the Class Representative for the 2022 school year. The Class Rep helps the school and the PFC by sharing information with parents in the class, and helping parents get to know each other and contribute to the school community.

If you'd like to volunteer to be a class representative or would like to find out more about what it involves, please email Jenni: jenni.l.welch@gmail.com

We're looking forward to a great year at CPS and welcome everyone's contributions and ideas for how we can keep our school community thriving.

Best wishes from your current PFC co-presidents:
Kylie F (maedor50@gmail.com) and Jenni W (jenni.l.welch@gmail.com)

Secondhand Uniform Sale

The PFC will be holding a secondhand uniform sale outside the library on Friday, 25 February starting from 3.25pm. We have jackets, shirts, dresses, shorts etc in a range of sizes so come in and have a look. Everything is \$5!

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2022

Nomination forms asking parent members for an expression of interest in becoming a School Councillor in 2022-2024 period will be available from the school office, from Friday 18th February. Nominations close Friday 25th February at 4pm and must be lodged at the office by this time.

School Council meets 8 times per year (Tuesdays from 6.30pm) as a means of working on a variety of school governance matters relevant to school life. These discussions include finance, policies and facilities, community partnerships, and promotion of the school. The school's AGM and the first School Council meeting for the newly elected Council will be on Tuesday 22nd March.

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a School Council can directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected parent category - more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional community member category - members are co-opted by a decision of the Council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The Principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual timeline has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

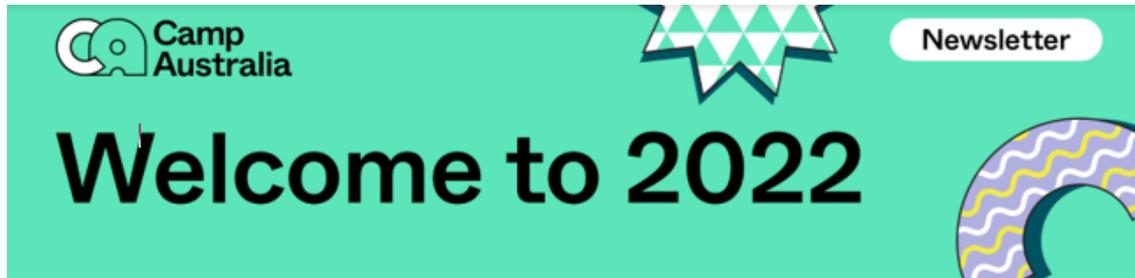
DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the School Council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the school office within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on Council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE 2022 CAULFIELD PS	
EVENT	DATE
Notice of election and call for nominations	Friday 18 th February 2022
Closing date for nominations	Friday 25 th February 2022 4:00pm
Date by which list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Monday 28 th February 2022
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed (if required)	On or before Friday, 4 th March 2022
Close of ballot	Friday 11 th March 2022 4:00pm

Vote count	Monday 14 th March 2022
Declaration of ballot	Tuesday 15 th March 2022
Special council meeting to co-opt Community Members (the Principal will preside)	Tuesday 22 nd March 2022 6:30pm
First council meeting to elect office bearers (the Principal will preside)	Tuesday 22 nd March 2022 7:00pm



Welcome back to a new school year! Our Outside School Hours Care, Your OSHC provides tailored experiences that aim to inspire your child and help them grow.

We have been busy designing the perfect program and environment to kick off the new year. We can't wait for your children to experience it.

Our term 1 program will focus on forging new friendships, strengthening existing ones, being secure, and feeling included and confident. We have set up an engaging and inspiring Your OSHC space so every session your child will be able to choose from different experience in our many zones.

We have had new children from prep and Montessori School and the OSHC children have been very welcoming and helpful by including them in our OSHC activities.

Here is a sample of the fun activities we have had at oshc so far:

- All about me week
- Craft trying different material
- Worlds longest paper slinky (and it is still going)

Next weeks sneak peek activities are:

- Daily lego challenges
- Strongest tower with straws
- Weightlifting paper

If you would like to pop in and say hello, we are always happy to see new faces and meet new people. We are in the big red building opposite the playground. Hope to see you soon.
Jade



COVID safe activities

All activities are COVID safe, adhere to all health guidelines and follow COVID-19 cleaning practices.



Positive Transitions program

Whether it's your child's first day of school, they're joining us at OSHC for the first time or they just need a little encouragement after the summer holidays, our Transitions program will help your child feel safe, valued and included.



Virtual information sessions

Join us for a free virtual information session to find out how Outside School Hours Care can help your family, and how our team can guide your child's growth. These virtual, informative, and interactive sessions will provide insight into how Your OSHC by Camp Australia operates.

[Book now](#)



Save on OSHC fees with the CCS

Did you know you can reduce the cost of care with a Government subsidy? We strongly recommend you apply for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) to determine what you're eligible for. For more info, visit Mygov.com.au

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



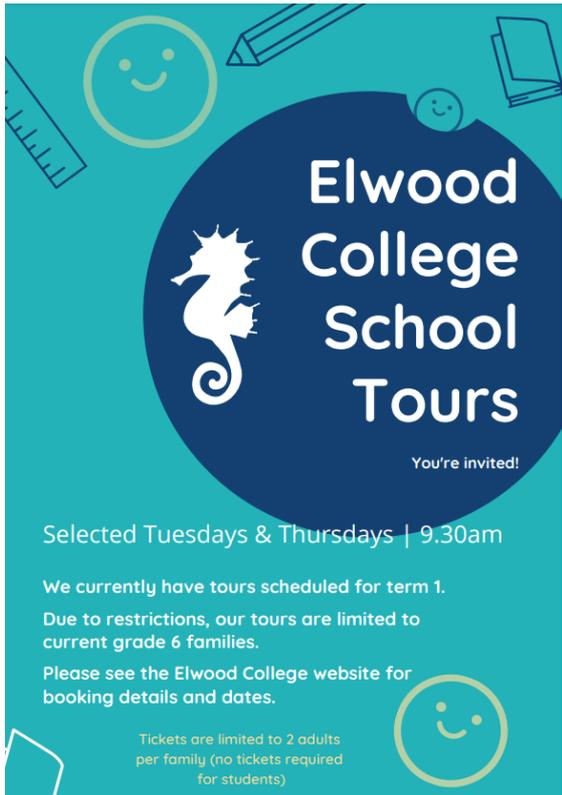





Boost your child's sense of belonging

When children feel that all-important sense of belonging, they can thrive. Read our full blog on helping to boost your child's sense of belonging in primary school.

[Visit our blog](#)



**Elwood
College
School
Tours**

You're invited!

Selected Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9.30am

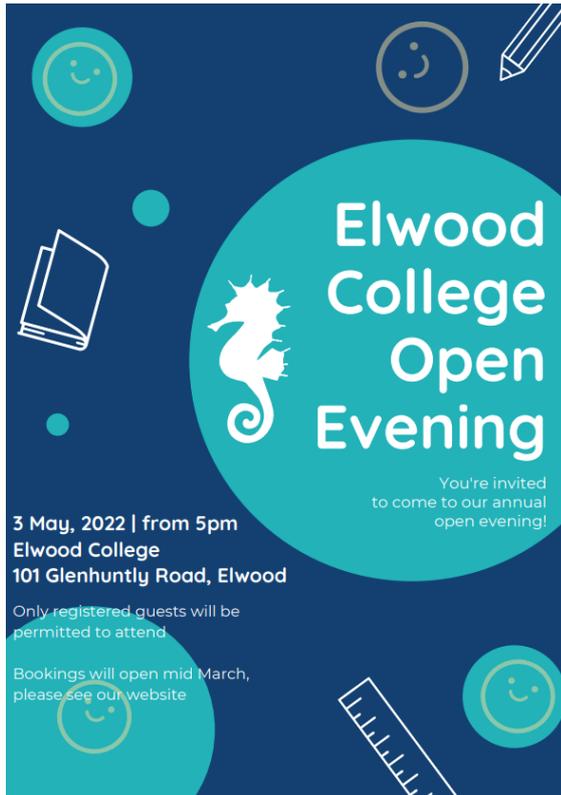
We currently have tours scheduled for term 1.

Due to restrictions, our tours are limited to current grade 6 families.

Please see the Elwood College website for booking details and dates.

Tickets are limited to 2 adults per family (no tickets required for students)

The poster features a teal background with a dark blue circle containing a white seahorse silhouette and the text 'Elwood College School Tours'. It is decorated with various school-related icons like a ruler, pencil, and smiley face.



**Elwood
College
Open
Evening**

You're invited to come to our annual open evening!

3 May, 2022 | from 5pm
Elwood College
101 Glenhuntly Road, Elwood

Only registered guests will be permitted to attend.

Bookings will open mid March, please see our website

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