



CAULFIELD PRIMARY
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Newsletter

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NOVEMBER 2020		
Thurs 19 th	School photo day	
Thurs 26 th	Year 6 students Virtual Japan Trip	11-30am – 1.30pm
DECEMBER 2020		
Fri 18 th	LAST DAY OF TERM 4 Pickup at 1.30pm SHARP please	

From the Principal

Slowly Heading Back to “Normal”

As in the wider community, we are gradually heading back to some degree of normality here at CPS. Well, as far as the restrictions allow! The return to our fortnightly whole school Newsletter is a simple example of this. Hopefully, with case numbers stabilizing at a very low level, restrictions may be further eased and we can resume even more of our activities.



Another example of the easing of restrictions is what is allowed with the taking of school photos (see below) and the fact that Area Assemblies (but not whole-school ones) may take place.

All these are good news and steps in the right direction. Of course we still have some restrictions in place. These include:

- All children requiring water bottles as drinking taps may not be used
- Apart from at pick up time or if visiting the Office on essential business, parents are not allowed on site
- All adults on site are required to wear masks unless teaching
- Strict hygiene practices including frequent washing & / or sanitizing of hands

Fortunately all our students, staff and parents have been most cooperative in complying with these requirements which help us to provide a safe school environment.

Why Schools Are Safe!

Attached with this Newsletter is a letter from the Chief Health Officer which we've been asked to share with all our families. It explains why the risk to children's health, from COVID-19, is minimal.

World Teachers Day

Last Friday was World Teachers Day and while we



acknowledged it then, the major recognition of our wonderful teachers was this Wednesday. Members of the Friendship Group made and presented cards to each of our teachers, with several making speeches on behalf of all the children. Like all such presentations at this time, this was

done outdoors at lunchtime so we had a huge crowd to thank all our teachers for the great work that they do.

Most teachers in most schools do a great job but here at CPS we are truly blessed to have the fantastic team that we do, and this has been most evident in the difficult year we've all faced in 2020.

Some people may not realise how fortunate we are but this week, I've had 3 different people who are fairly new to our school community, comment on what a great school we have, and much of this comes down to the hard work done by our teachers. We thank each and every one of them.

Parent Survey Closing



Thank you to the many parents who have completed DET's online Parent Survey. So far only 65 out of our 238 families have completed it so if you're able to do so before next Friday's deadline, it'd be very

much appreciated. Details of the log in details were sent out via School Stream.

School Photos

After having had to reschedule our school photos several times since the original date in Term 1, we are scheduled to have these done on Thursday 19 November. Given the year we've had, this is a good example of "better late than never"! Please ensure that your child is wearing correct school uniform on that day, as it should be worn every day.

Your Generosity at Work



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Next week our School Hall will be having a makeover, with it being repainted inside. This will be taking place from Wednesday or Thursday and will be completed by the weekend. This was one of our priorities for the money donated to our Building

Fund so thank you to all the families who contributed and made this work possible.

2021 Structure

With the continued growth in our school enrolments, we will have another additional grade in 2021. This will be in the Year 5/6 Area meaning we will have three Prep grades, five Year 1/2 grades, four Year 3/4 grades and 4 Year 5/6 grades so next year we'll have 16 grades in total. That is a far cry from the six grades that we had when I first started here as Principal! Our expected whole school enrolment should be around 330 students.

2021 Prep Transition



Like all schools, our Prep team are having to make significant changes to the Transition program offered to our 2021 Prep children, & their families. Normally we would have 4 sessions attended by all those

children, with sessions run for their parents. Unfortunately we are unable to offer either of these programs under the current restrictions.

Instead, our Prep teachers will be visiting the children in the kindergartens and having individual and group online sessions with them and their parents. We are able to host small groups of new Prep children but are hoping the number allowed will be increased so that such visits are more feasible and less difficult to plan and implement.

Families who have children joining us in Prep next year will provide all the necessary information about the modified Transition program which starts next Wednesday evening with an online Parent Information Session.

Lost Property

Please ensure that all items of clothing and other belongings that your child brings to school are clearly labelled. We suggest first name and first letter of surname. First names only



or initials only are not very helpful in getting lost property back to their owners. Please encourage your child to visit Lost Property which is kept outside the Art Room, as parents are currently not able to do so.

Staffing Changes

In recent weeks, we have had several staff changes of which some parents may not be aware. One of our Japanese Assistants, Chiaki Hashimoto, commenced maternity leave several weeks ago while last week, one of our other non-teaching staff, Marissa Rodriguez, who has been working in the Year 1/2 Area, left us to continue further studies. We've been able to replace both these staff members with existing staff members who have been able to take on additional hours.

Sadly, Mrs Kain who has been sharing Year 5/6C this year will not be returning to us this year due to family circumstances requiring her to remain in Queensland where she's been since the end of Term 2. Fortunately, we have been able to cover her absence with one of our regular CRTs, Sile O'Dowd, who is doing a great job. Mrs Kain will be returning to CPS next year. As is always the case we will have some other staff not with us, and some new staff joining us, as well as other staff who will be changing roles next year. Details of this will be announced in due course.

National Landcare Grant

As mentioned in one of last week's Parent Updates, we have



been fortunate to have had some significant plantings recently courtesy of a National Landcare Grant that was received last year. There are still elements of this project to be completed under the watchful eye of P&FC Co-President Julian D.

Unfortunately we were unable to include the children in the mass planting, as was intended, but our gardeners were still able to get the job done.

Medication still to be returned to CPS

Thank you to those parents that have returned their child's medication to the Office for use at school, if required. A number of Asthma puffers and Epipens have, however, not been returned, and it is critical that they are provided to the office staff as soon as possible. Please note that providing medication to the Office is a parent responsibility, and required for your child's health and safety.

Is Your Child Leaving CPS?

Please let us know immediately if you know, or even suspect, that your child won't be at CPS next year. As we are already working on grades for next year, we really need to know who will and won't be with us in 2021.

PETER GRAY
Principal

From the Parents and Friends Club

Next Meeting Wednesday 11th November at 7.30 pm **Online**

P&FC will hold our Term 4 P&FC Meeting online next Wednesday night, to discuss what we can do before the end of year with restrictions easing, and planning for a brighter 2021. All are welcome and the link will be provided via School Stream early next week.

Garage Sale Trail, Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 November

While we can't host a community garage sale at CPS this year, you can hold your own virtual or Covid-safe garage sale to make some pre-Christmas money and de-clutter. Take part in

the national Garage Sale Trail online by live streaming your garage sale on Facebook or Instagram or host a local Covid-safe garage sale. All the tips and resources you need to do it are at <https://www.garagesaletrail.com.au/get-involved/virtual-garage-sale>

Julian D & Lara T
PFC Co-Presidents

From the School Community

Assistance please

