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JUNE 2020		
Mon 8 th	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY No school	
Tues 9 th	Year 3 – Year 6 students re-commence at school	
Fri 26 th	Last day of Term 2 - SCHOOL PICKUP UP 2.30pm please	2.30pm
JULY 2020		
Tues 13 th	First day of Term 3	

From the Principal

Welcome Back to Learning at CPS!

It was lovely to welcome back our Prep to Year 2 children this week and to see their happy smiling faces as they re-engaged with the friends teachers and learning, here at CPS. I know our teachers



were just as excited and I suspect that some of our parents were feeling that the return came just in time! Having been through experiences such as home learning there are hopefully many positive

“take aways”. Teachers have experienced a new approach to teaching and developed many new skills especially in the use of IT, while children have had the opportunity to develop a lot more independence and responsibility for their learning. This has been evident in their return to school where, much as we love our CPS parents, with them not being allowed on site before school, the children have got themselves into school and class much more independently then settled down to work more quickly. Maybe something for us to all bear in mind!

From recent media reports, many parents have an increased appreciation for the work teachers do as

well as having gained a greater awareness of their own children’s capabilities and learning styles.

As we said way back at the start of home learning, it was going to be important to remain positive and not to get caught up in the gloom and doom that was so evident especially early on. Now here we are heading back to some sense of normality plus we have the many positives to take away from what we’ve all experienced.

I’d like to acknowledge the great effort of all our staff for whom I’ve developed a new sense of admiration. As CPS families, you are truly blessed to have such a great team working to support your child/ren and, as Principal, I could not be prouder! Thank you, also, to our parents who supported our efforts with home learning and made such a huge contribution to maintaining your child/ren’s education during that period. It’s been a great team effort!

Facilities Works

If you haven’t been in the school grounds for a while, when you do return you’ll be pleased to see our new building, about which I’ve heard nothing



but positive comments. Once our Year 5/6 children return to school and their new “home” I’m sure we’ll hear even more such thoughts as both children and staff enjoy this fantastic new learning space.

As a result of having moved into the “10 mod” we’ve also been able to say goodbye to the 40’ shipping container that we’ve had on the asphalt for nearly 6 months, which has been more good news!

Your Fundraising at Work

Our CPS community does a great job supporting our school through various fundraising efforts so we are pleased to announce that we have just purchased 38 new Ipads, 4 new PC Locs which



house and charge our digital devices as well as 3 new 62” TVs for the Year 5/6 rooms. All of this was made possible through school fundraising so thank you to everyone who supports our efforts

and, especially, the Parents and Friends Club. The new Ipads and PC Locs mean that we will better be able to distribute both tablets and laptops throughout the school with children not only having better access, but teachers won’t have to borrow and transport them around the school.

2021 Enrolments & Online Q & As



Given we haven’t been able to have any school

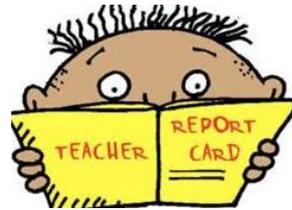
tours or Open Days due to the pandemic, we have recently introduced online Question and Answer sessions for prospective CPS parents. These have been very positively received and our School Captains who have participated in the Q & A’s have been fabulous ambassadors for our school. Please make this opportunity known to any families you may know who have children starting school next year.

Speaking of next year, if any of our own families have children starting next year, please ensure that you complete an enrolment form and lodge it at the Office by the end of this term.

Semester 1 Reports

Teachers are currently working on Semester 1 reports which will reflect the interruptions to teaching & learning caused by home learning. DET

has changed its requirements meaning there will be no awarding of achievement levels and comments will be much simpler & more generic. Many of the assessment tasks we would have usually completed in Term 2 have not been done and students have been away from school longer than they have been here this year. It is, indeed, an unusual year and this will be reflected in the reports which will not go home until early Term 3.



We are also looking at rescheduling our Student Led Conferences until later in the year. These were planned for Week 3 of next

term but, again, their worth may be severely impacted upon by the extended absence from school. Changes to dates will be announced once they are confirmed.

Thankyou Watanuki Sensei

I received a letter from the President of the Japanese Language Teachers Association of Victoria commending the contributions of our Year 1/2 teacher Watanuki sensei who serves on the JLTAV’s committee and suggesting that her efforts be acknowledged in the school



community. In a similar vein, in terms of contributing beyond our own school, Ms Gordon is on the Executive of our Stonnington & Glen Eira (SaGE) Network, Morita sensei is on the Executive of the Bilingual Schools Network Working Party while I am on the Executive of the Bilingual Schools Principals Network.

Building Fund

Earlier I referred to our school’s fundraising efforts. Given we are approaching the end of the financial year (30 June) we know that there will be families keen to make donations to our tax-



deductible building fund, despite the fact that some of our families have been hit hard financially by the current situation.

In the next week or so, families will receive details of how they can support the fund while benefiting from a tax-deductible donation. All funds are used entirely on building works with examples so far this year

including the creation of a meeting room in the “tower” and a more private office / work space in the Library and significant improvements to the ventilation and plumbing in the children’s toilets. In recent years this fund has allowed the Office and First Aid Room upgrade, air conditioning in the Hall, the refurbishment of the Art Room and children’s toilets and much more. As you can see, all these benefit our children so if you are in a position to contribute to the fund, I’d encourage you to do so.

Patterson Award for General Excellence is named, who turns 99 in November

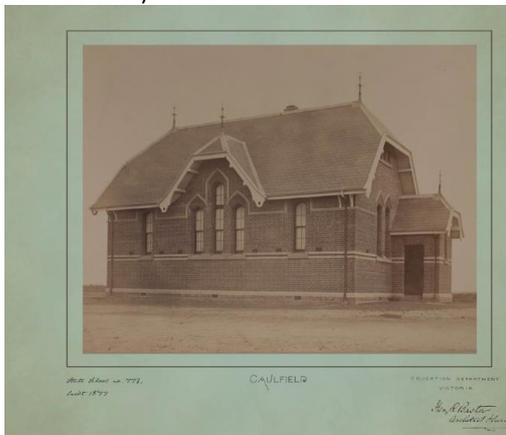
Important Dates for the Rest of Term

- Monday 8 June: Queen’s Birthday public holiday
- Tuesday 9 June: Return of Years 3 to 6
- Friday 26 June: Last day of term with a 2.30pm dismissal



CPS Trivia – Did you know that.....

- Caulfield State School, as it was then known, opened on our current site in 1877 with the original school building being our eastern kinder room (nearest Cedar Street)



- Next year, 2021, is 100 years since the main building of CPS was built (Have a look over the Olive Street entrance!)
- On 1 January 1999 Caulfield Primary School merged with Caulfield North PS to become the two campus Caulfield Junior College
- On 1 January 2002, after 3 years, Caulfield Junior College reverted to being two separate schools with our school reverting to being Caulfield Primary School (but with a new, and our current, school number – 5489) while the former Caulfield North kept the name Caulfield Junior College
- Our oldest known surviving past student is Ron Patterson, after whom the Year 6

Composting at CPS

Last year our school received a Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant of \$4,089.80 through the efforts of P&FC Co-President Julian D. The first stage of this is now in place with new compost bins and bilingual signage, with other elements of this project still to come. Thanks Julian!



PETER GRAY
Principal