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	APRIL 2021	
Thurs 1 st	LAST DAY OF TERM 1. 2.30 pick up please	
Mon 19 th	CPS Pupil Free Day – NO students at school	
Tues 20 th	Students return to School Term 2	
Sat 24 th	School Open Day Sausage sizzle and Cake Stall	9.30am – 12 pm
Fri 30 th	Years 5/6 Science Incursion	

From the Principal

End of Term 1

As we approach the coming holidays we wish all those celebrating a “Happy Easter”, or “Chag Pesach sameach!” if your family is in the midst of Passover celebrations. Regardless of what you’re celebrating, we hope you all enjoy a happy and safe holiday. Today, being the last day of term, school finishes at 2.30pm. Please ensure children are collected on time or are booked into after school care.



Don’t forget our Rocketeers holiday care program is operating during the holidays. Please book online with Camp Australia.

Lovely Feedback

Last week our Year 5 and 6 children took part in the District Soccer Gala Day during which each of our teams played a number of games against other local schools. We were all extremely proud of their efforts, especially in the way they reflected our



School Values throughout the day, being kind, respectful, encouraging and responsible and doing their best at all times. Well done to our Year 5/6s on representing CPS so well!

Start of Term 2 – Pupil Free Day

School, for students, resumes on **Tuesday 20 April** as we have a Pupil Free Day on the Monday. On that day, staff will be having an in depth look at bilingual education and broader curriculum areas. Under our Sunsmart Policy, hats need to be worn at all times when outside until May, meaning they need to still be worn for the first 2 weeks of Term 2.



Eased Restrictions at CPS

Under our revised morning drop off arrangements commencing next term, children still need to arrive between 8.50 and 9.00am and go straight to class, however parents are now allowed on site before school. We will revert to having one yard duty teacher on before school however children will sanitize their hands on entering the classroom. Children may enter, or leave at the end of the day, from any entrance

Working Bee Thanks

At our recent Working Bee, we had an amazing turn out with about 50 adults and many children attending. We managed to complete every single job on our list, which must be the first time that has ever happened, with jobs including clearing out & tidying the sports shed, assembling shelving in the sports shed, clearing out & tidying the garden shed, weeding the bank along the Olive Street fenceline, cleaning out the drain around the Hall, re-painting the yellow safety line around the Hall, spreading several cubic metres of topsoil on the "orchard" and many, many other jobs in the grounds. A BIG thank you to all those who attended including: Kaye K, Cam S, Nina H, Tomoko N, Kylie F, Lara T, Masayuki Y, Ikuko W, Mik R, Clare M, Maxim S, Kate W, Chris H, Linan H, John M, Warwick L, Miwako L, Juan B, Dumintha R, James C, Dave C, Godfrey A, Meredith P, Lorena B, Anna T, Pui Man H, Nina S, Marcela & Tom D-F, Allan M, Kyoko M-I, Cheryl & Martin E, Kelly H, Danny N, Rachel B, Sandy & Jodie F, Yuno M, Simon K, David L, Mia S, Kumiko T and James M, as well as all the children who helped out. Our next working bee is scheduled for Saturday 22 May.



Soccerwise Starting at CPS

An after-school soccer program, being run by SoccerWize, will commence on Fridays at 3.30pm starting in Week 3. Details of this were sent out via SchoolStream.

Open Day

On the first Saturday of next term, 24 April, we have our first Open Day for the year with another scheduled for Saturday 29 May. At these Open Days, we invite families who might be considering our school for their child's education to come and have a look at our school. There is no need to book and tours are held at 9.30am and 11.00am, commencing in the Hall. If you know of any families who might have children starting school next year, please let them know about our Open Days. Our Parents & Friends Club will also have a cake stall and sausage sizzle happening. Please refer to



the P&FC section of the Newsletter for details of how you can help out.

More Solar panels for CPS

Through the efforts of former parent Julian D, we successfully applied to participate in the Greener Government School Buildings program. As a result we will be having additional solar panels installed on the roof of the Year 56/ building. This will not only reduce our electricity costs but also reduce our consumption, thus doing even more in the area of sustainability.



Fundraising Efforts

We have had a number of recent fundraising efforts to assist both our school as well as community organisations. Every term our Junior School Council organises an activity, such as this week's Autumn Colours Dress-Up Day which raised \$364 for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. This gives our children an opportunity to support those in the wider community who may benefit from our assistance, and reflects our School Value of Kindness. In addition, our Year 6s sold mango icy poles, made by parent Janet B, raising \$534.35 yesterday, on top of last week's \$441.20, on behalf of our Parents & Friends Club, while parent Carl D, organised the hot cross bun drive, which raised over \$760, also for our Parents and Friends Club. Thanks to all these people and others who assisted, as well as all those who supported these activities.



2021 School Production

Parents have received initial information about our 2021 whole-school production which, this year, is Peter Pan. Our biennial productions provide life long memories for all our children, as well as their families. Our productions are quite unique in that not only are they performed in Japanese (but with English narration!) but all our children are involved and get to speak! As previously advised, due to several factors, one of which being the increased number of children, we will be having two evening performances – Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd



September. Depending on their year levels, children will be required from late afternoon until about 8.30pm. We recognise that this is a big commitment on the part of our children and their families (and staff!), and that tiredness may be an issue, hence performances being at the end of the week.

We realise this requires a big effort from all concerned but it promises to be a fantastic event and it'd be a shame for anyone to miss out on being part of it.

NAPLAN Update for Year 3 & 5 Parents

All parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students should now have received a NAPLAN 2021 'Information for Parents' brochure which was sent home last week. If your child hasn't given you this brochure, please check their school bags before contacting the school via School Stream for a replacement copy.

NAPLAN testing will occur from Tuesday 11 May until Friday 21 May. Early next term, we will provide our Caulfield Primary School NAPLAN intended test schedule to all parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students, along with dates that allow opportunities for catch-up sessions for students who are absent on scheduled test days.

In advance of taking NAPLAN Online, for those interested, a public demonstration site is available to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment. Students will be accessing this site during school time as part of our preparation.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact your classroom teacher via School Stream.

Bilingual Education @ CPS

I'm sure all our families are aware of what bilingual education looks like in our classrooms but there are other aspects of bilingual education in which we are involved. Being one of only 12 bilingual schools in Victoria, we are actively involved in the Bilingual Schools Network. I am on the Executive of the Principals' Network while Morita sensei is



the Executive of the Network Working Party, which organises termly meetings and professional learning for teachers in the

Network schools. When the opportunity arises, we also involve ourselves in other activities which may further enhance our own bilingual education or that at a system level. For example our school is currently engaged in international research being carried out by Dr. Kaoru Kadowaki, Professor in the Faculty of Foreign Studies at Setsunan University in Japan. Our involvement in this research is very exciting for us as it will hopefully impact on our assessment of children's language abilities and support our teachers in maximizing the learning opportunities for our children.

There are 2 aspects to Professor Kadowaki's research:

The first is to research how teachers are trying to bring out the best results in teaching various subjects in Japanese; and the second is to assess how well students have acquired Japanese and establish a method of assessing Japanese proficiency of students at Australian primary schools offering English-Japanese bilingual education.

All our Japanese teachers have had 1:1 online interviews with Professor Kadowaki as the first stage of our involvement.

ANZAC Badges

After the holidays, Junior School Council members will start selling ANZAC badges & other related items. These include badges ranging from \$2.00 to \$20.00, key rings / bag tags for \$4.00 or wrist bands for \$3.00. JSC representatives will be selling these



items in the yard after school or they can be bought from the Office. They will also be on sale after the holidays with our school having an ANZAC ceremony on Friday 23 April at 11.30am, to which parents and friends are invited

No Japan Trip this Year

Sadly, we need to confirm that the annual Year 6 trip to Japan will not be proceeding this year. While disappointing, this is not unexpected given the current worldwide situation including restrictions on international travel.

Assessment of Children's Learning

An interesting situation arose recently in which a parent, having read that children were completing assessment tasks, requested to know the results of the assessment. While an understandable request, it highlights the need for us to, every now and again, explain what goes at school as part of our everyday practice but which, to parents, may seem something special.

In regard to assessment of children's learning, this takes place continually and is very much part of our daily practice so is not something, as a rule, that we'd share with parents, although may do so on some occasions. Amongst other things, assessment, which can be both formal and informal, may be:

To identify what children have learnt and the next stages of their learning

To provide teachers with feedback on their teaching and inform their future teaching

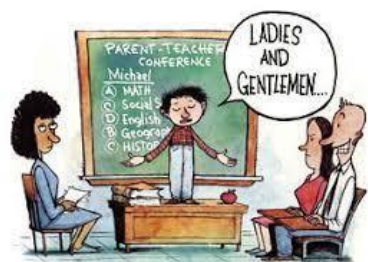
To identify if children need extension or support in their learning

To inform groupings within class programs

For reporting purposes

Reporting to Parents

As mentioned in the above item about Assessment of children's learning, one of the reasons for it is to provide data for the completion of written student reports, which are provided twice a year at the end of Terms 2 and 4. These reports provide parents with information about their child's



academic progress as well as their social and personal development. Like many schools these days, we have

moved away from having traditional Parent Teacher Meetings at particular times throughout the year. Apart from such meetings being fairly superficial owing to them only being 10 minutes long, in our case they take twice as long as most schools due to the need to have both co-teachers present. Sadly, we do not have the time available to do that.

Apart from Student Led Conferences which this year will be happening on Wednesday 28 July (our final Pupil Free Day for the year), we prefer both parents and teachers to have the opportunity to meet at any time throughout the year, to discuss children's progress. As a rule, though, this generally only takes place if either parents or teachers feel there is a particular issue that needs discussing. Parents may request such meetings by sending a message via SchoolStream.

SchoolStream Translations

Being an English-Japanese Bilingual School, naturally much of our communication is in both languages. It is timely, though, to remind parents that the bulk of our communications which go out

on SchoolStream are done only in English as the Translate function allows all content to be translated into many different languages; not just Japanese.

Support from CIS Glen Eira

Community Information & Support (CIS) Glen Eira is a local agency which has provided support to some of our families going through difficult times. If you feel they may be of assistance to you check out their website at www.cisgleneira.org.au

2021 Lapathon is Coming!

This year should have been a Fete year but given it takes 12 months of planning, the lack of certainty due to COVID 19 resulted in the decision not to



proceed with a Fete this year. As a result we will be having a Lapathon tentatively scheduled for May. This is a considerable fundraiser for our school and given the absence of any fundraising last year and the decision not to have a Fete this year, we need everyone to get behind this when it takes place.

More details will provided as they are confirmed.

PETER GRAY

Principal

From the Teachers

READ, READ, READ!

I can't believe that it is already the end of Term 1, it has certainly flown by. Holidays are the perfect time to get stuck into a new book or series. I know I am looking forward to diving into the pile of books that have accumulated on my shelf over the term.

Going away? Don't forget to pack some books for your journey. Audio books are great for car trips – and even better that the whole family can enjoy the book together.

Staying home? Have your child create a special reading nook/fort to read in over the holidays. Make it super comfy and stack some holiday reads inside. Torches are fun to read with too!

I would love to see some happy snaps of your child/family reading over the holidays. Let's see all the different places where CPS can read.

Please submit photos to caulfield.ps@education.vic.gov.au or get your child to bring in their photo at the start of Term 2. I will display the photos near the library by the end of Week 1.

Happy reading!

KRYSTAL RYAN

Acting Learning Specialist & Literacy-English Leader

Year 5 & 6 Soccer Gala Day Friday 26th March

Well done to all of the Year 5s and 6s who participated in the Soccer Gala Day on Friday 26th March. All of the teachers and parents who attended the Gala were impressed by our outstanding sportsmanship and team spirit on the day. It was also pleasing that each of our teams, which included an all-boys team, all-girls team, a Year 6 mixed team, and two Year 5 mixed teams, came home with a win on the day.

A special congratulations should be given to Elsa in Year 5, and Isshin in Year 7, who were awarded sportsmanship awards on the Gala day, for their exceptional participation in cheering and building team spirit, both on and off the field. Well done Elsa and Isshin!

Our next Year 5 & 6 Gala day will be an Australian Rules Football day, held on the 11th June at Faulkner Park.

JORDAN ORR

Physical Education Teacher

From the PFC

Parents and Friends Club news


The PFC has gotten off to a fantastic start to the year with a really successful Easter Bun Drive raising more than \$760! A huge thank you to Carl D and his band of merry helpers for all the hard work that they put in to make it all happen!

Just a reminder that we are holding a sausage sizzle and cake stall on the first Open Day of the year on 24 April 2021 (the Saturday after Term 2 starts). We would really appreciate any and all help so if you are a dab hand at the BBQ, can help us with manning the cake stall or can whip up some yummy treats to sell we would love to hear from you. Please let us know via this link: <https://forms.gle/gh8ogkHZNCfgQNBU8>.


Packaging for the cake stall items will be provided during the first week of Term 2 so stay tuned!

Thanks, and we hope you all have a fantastic break.

Kylie F, Jenni W and Carissa M
PFC



is coming to
Caulfield Primary School



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