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MARCH 2021		
Fri 5 th	Years 12ABCDE excursion to the Botanic Gardens	
Mon 8th	Labour Day Public Holiday – NO students at school	
Tues 9th	CPS Pupil Free Day – NO students at school	
Fri 12 th	Years 5/6 Growing Up Incursion PFC Annual General Meeting	9am
Tues 16 th	Years 12ABCDE Minibeasts incursion	
Weds 17 th	2021 School photos	
Fri 19 th	CPS Year 3 – 6 Cross Country	
Sat 20 th	School Working Bee 1	10am – 12 noon
Fri 26 th	Years 5/6 Soccer Gala	
APRIL 2021		
Thurs 1st	LAST DAY OF TERM 1. 2.30 pick up please	
Mon 19th	CPS Pupil Free Day – NO students at school	
Tues 20th	Students return to School Term 2	

From the Principal

Public Holiday & Pupil Free Day

Don't forget that next Monday 8 March is a Public Holiday for Labor Day while Tuesday 9 March is a



Pupil Free Day. For those not familiar with Pupil Free Days, they are days when the children do not attend school while staff are undertaking professional learning. Schools have 4 Pupil Free Days each year, the first being the day before children commence school at the end of January. Our others for this year are next Tuesday, the first day of Term 2, Monday 19 April and Wednesday 28 July in Term 3. Our Out of School Hours Care program will operate on these days.

School Council Election Results



Following the close of nominations for School Council, the number of nominations matched the number of vacancies meaning there is no need to go to an election. In the parent category, James M and Chris S return for another 2 year term and are joined by Winston L who we welcome to the Council. Margaret Gordon was returned as a DET employee member. At the first meeting of the "new" Council, office bears will be decided as well as the composition of subcommittees

Parent Commitment to CPS

Last Friday we had a fabulous turn out for our Parent Morning Tea. All those present were asked to commit to helping at CPS this year while many who were unable to attend have since completed and returned the commitment sheet. Thank you all!

We have had a good number of commitments



made. Names and contact details will be passed on to the relevant person so expect to be contacted.

Parent Workshops

It was great to see so many of our parents joining our workshop on Supporting Your Child with Reading & Numeracy, and Tuesday afternoon's Parent Japanese lesson. We had over 20 parents at both of those sessions and it's been great to see so many of our new parents getting involved.

Out of Class Activities

The following activities are available to children outside normal class hours:



Tuesday 8.30am: Running Club (Mr Orr)*

Tuesday 11.05am: Junior School Council (Kurokawa

sensei & Ms Aiyelokun)

Tuesday 1.40pm Art Club (Miho sensei & Klein sensei)

Wednesday 1.40pm: Green Team (Miss Parkes, Mrs Newman, Ms Aiyelokun & Mrs Watts)

Wednesday 1.40pm: Yoga, Years 5&6 (Mrs Kain)

Thursday 2.05pm: Choir, Years 3-6 (Okano sensei & Morita sensei)

Friday 1.40pm: Reading Club (Mrs Curlewis)

*Please note that children attending Running Club may arrive at school before 8.50am, entering via the Poplar Street gate near the Office

It is worth noting that on occasions these activities may not take place due to a range of factors so where possible we endeavour to advise children of this.

COVID 19 Restrictions

As you'd appreciate, some aspects of school life are still being affected by the need to comply with Government restrictions, including drop off and pick up arrangements, the need to sanitize hands frequently throughout the day and the need for parents to distance when in the school grounds. Our wonderful community is such that we rarely have these arrangements questioned but that's not to say that we're not conscious of the impact of them, particularly in relation to parents' ability



to interact with other parents. This has always been an important part of

school life.

While the general COVID situation in Melbourne is fortunately quite good, the seriousness of the situation is reflected in our school being audited for our compliance with all the relevant restrictions and practices. We therefore ask that families continue to abide by the various requirements we have in place.

All being well, though, we will be looking at reviewing them prior to next term so fingers crossed we all stay safe and healthy!

District Swimming

Congratulations to our Year 3 to 6 children who represented CPS in the District Swimming carnival last week. Please see Mr Orr's report for all the details.

Use of our School Grounds Out of School Hours

CPS is one of the few local schools where the grounds are available for use after school hours including weekends and holidays. This means our families and other local people are able to enjoy our grounds and facilities which is great.

Occasionally, though, we have instances of inappropriate behaviour in our grounds which spoils the experience for others.

If you're ever around the school and become aware of any type of illegal or other inappropriate behaviour, please just call the Police on 000.

School Photos & School Uniform

We will all be having our school photos taken on Wednesday 17 March so it is important that all parents check that their children are wearing correct school uniform, not just that day but every day. We have a number of children consistently wearing incorrect clothing especially socks and tights. Only black, white or navy ankle socks, or

purple or navy tights are allowed. Leggings are not permitted nor are long socks. Shoes must be either all or mainly black or white runners or black school shoes. Ribbons and head bands must be plain, flat and in the school colors. All hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.

Working Bee Dates

Our Buildings & Grounds Committee has set the dates for our first 2 Working Bees for the year. The first is in 2 weeks on Saturday 20 March from 10.00am to 12.00pm. Many families opted to attend Working Bees rather than making the Grounds Payment so we look forward to seeing you at school on those dates. Apart from making our grounds safer and more attractive for our children, Working Bees are also a great way to get to know other families. Morning Tea is provided so it's a very social occasion! Please note the dates.



Raffle Tickets

There are many aspects of school life with which parents may not be familiar. Another of these which was brought to my attention was the issuing of raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are given out to children in the yard who are seen doing the right things, usually reflecting our School values – Excellence, Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Kindness and Diversity. After receiving a raffle ticket, they are placed in the box in the Office and at each Assembly we draw out a ticket from the Prep to Year 2 and Year 3 to 6 boxes. Those lucky people visit me in my office to choose a prize from the prize box.

Open Days & School Tours

If you have neighbours or friends with children starting school next year, do let them know that we are resuming school tours. These take place every couple of weeks and may be



booked through the Office. We also have two Open Days scheduled for the mornings of Saturdays 24 April and 29 May. During the Open Days we run two school tours – one starting at 9.30am and one at 11.00am. There is no need to book in for these.

PETER GRAY
Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Education and Policy Sub-committee

Our sub-committee has the important role of ensuring all our CPS policies, as mandated by the Department of Education, are reviewed on a regular basis. As part of the policy review process every term, we will inform our community of policies that are up for review, as well as inviting written, emailed feedback from you.

During Term 1 and Term 2 of this school year, we would welcome your feedback on the following policies:

- Asthma Policy No. 1.1
- Anaphylaxis Policy No. 1.25
- Curriculum Framework Policy No.2.9
- Child Safe Standards Policy No.1.3
- Critical Incident Plan Policy No.1.7
- Mobile Phones – Student Use Policy 1.20

These policies are available on the school website. Please email your feedback to Margaret Gordon, AP Margaret.gordon@education.vic.gov.au no later than 3.30pm on Friday 28 May.

Year 6 Japan Trip

Given the Australian Government has imposed an extension to our current International Travel by a further 3 months until June, CPS remains dependent on the Victorian Government and the Department of Education guidelines in terms of if/when Victorian students will be able to travel overseas. At this stage, CPS is not able to commit to providing a Japan Trip for our current Year 6 students, however, we will inform parents of any changes to current restrictions if/when they occur.

MARGARET GORDON
Assistant Principal

From the Teachers

Southport District Swimming Carnival

Well done to all of the competitors in the 2021 Southport District Swimming Carnival, which was held on Wednesday 24th February. All of our students participated with enthusiasm in the events for which they qualified, and displayed fantastic team spirit by cheering on their peers. A special congratulations should be given to Charlie S (Year 6), who finished in 1st place in his heat for Boys 12/13 50 Meter Freestyle, but was beaten in the second heat by less than a second, resulting in his 3rd placing within his age group. If any competitors are interested in knowing their individual times for training purposes, please do not hesitate to ask me.

Tuesday Morning Running Club

The CPS Cross Country Carnival for Years 3 to 6 is just around the corner, fast approaching in Week 8 (*Friday 19th March*). Anyone who is interested in training for this event (or even if you just feel like coming along for a jog!) can join me on *Tuesday mornings from 8.35am, at school*, for Running Club.

As an extra incentive, all who participate can earn points for their house.

Every lap of the in-school running track that you complete will *award 1 point to your house*.

Who can participate in Running Club? ANYONE!

There is no expectation of experience or fitness...

All we need is that you come along with a smile on your face, runners on your feet, and want to try your best, that is all! Come along and have a go.

Arrival at school and where to go?

Given children are not able to enter school grounds before 8.50am, children wishing to take part may come into school via the Poplar Street gate from 8.30am and meet me outside the Sports Notice Board (next to the library)

See you there!

JORDAN ORR

PE Teacher

READ, READ, READ!

This week, I had the great pleasure of talking with some of our new Prep parents about the importance of reading with and to our children for as long as possible, even when we know our children are confident readers. As children start reading more complex texts, they still need us! If your child is a confident and fluent reader, you can support your child in developing their comprehension. Ask your child about what they are reading. You could ask them to describe the main character or setting, or if it is a non-fiction book, you could ask them to recall facts that they have learnt. You can also spend time exploring interesting words.

Reading to and with your child for as long as possible can go a long way in helping them develop into life-long readers.

Looking for a new read? The staff at *Avenue Bookstore* on Glen Huntly Road, are very helpful in suggesting age appropriate books and pointing your child in the right direction based on their interests. If you are purchasing a book at *Avenue Bookstore*, please mention Caulfield Primary School. For every book purchased, we earn points! Once our points have built up, we can redeem them for some beautiful new books for our library.

Happy reading!

KRYSTAL RYAN

Acting Learning Specialist & Literacy-English Leader

From the Office

Schoolstream via Desktop (web based)

A number of parents have requested the code for accessing Schoolstream via the web based application to allow for access on their computer.

The code can be made available to parents, but please be aware that Schoolstream have advised that the web app is not account based, so specific year level notices will not be available – only the school news and updates.

We would therefore ask you to use your mobile device (iPad, iPhone etc) when accessing year level information.

Schoolstream has been developed primarily as a mobile app, however there is a way around which can be implemented on a case by case basis by the Office, on request. We kindly ask that requests for this are restricted to those with medical needs, as this implementation is not straight forward.

From the PFC

Parents and Friends Club news

It was lovely to catch up and chat with many of our CPS parents at the Parents' Morning Tea last Friday. I look forward to having many more opportunities this year to get together.

A big thank you to all those who volunteered to support the school in various ways over the course of the year. For those of you who have volunteered to be class parent representatives, please be advised that I will contact you shortly with further details on what that role entails.

Just a reminder that the P&FC Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 9am Friday 12th March. All are welcome. We are looking to appoint new committee members to replace outgoing representatives. Please come along - particularly if you are interested in nominating yourself as a committee member. No particular skills are needed, just people who are interested in supporting CPS social activities and willing to roll up their sleeves. If you want further information on the role of P&FC and its committee members, please come and talk to me at school pick-up or email me at lara.mortoncox@gmail.com.

LARA T

P&FC President

News from Visual Arts

During Visual Arts this term, our Years one to six students have designed dream cars for the Toyota Dream Car Contest as their first project. Below are some of the wonderful artworks they have created. We wish them luck in winning the big prize of \$2,500 and are very proud of their efforts!

56A Adam



56C Noah L



56B Reeti



34A Isabelle



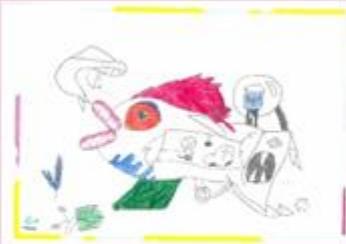
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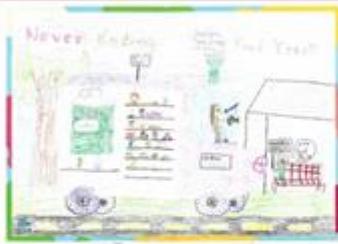
34A Aya



34B Plax



34C Felicity



34D Alex P



12A Callum



12B Hazel



12B Declan



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EXTRAORDINARY HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

Join us for our very first mission.

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Every child that attends receives a FREE merchandise pack including T-shirt, Badge and Booklet!

A message from your Coordinator

Next week at OSHC:

- Wednesday:** Decorate an Australian and Aboriginal Flag to wave with pride.
- Thursday:** Cook some damper and have it warm from the oven with a little jam or honey.
- Friday:** Join in the music games. Statues, bobs and chairs are our favourites.

Tuesday 9th March is a pupil free day. Please contact the OSHC service to find out if there is a program running for this day in case you need it.

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.



22nd - 26th March



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