

Caulfield South Primary

School News

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KEY DATES

Wed Dec 13—Fri Dec 15

Year 6 Camp

Friday 15 December

P-2 End of Year Concert 12pm

Sunday 17 December

Drum Corps Carols Service

Oaktree Anglican Church

Cnr GlenEiraRd&Hood Cres—

CSPS whole community invited

Tuesday 19 December

Year 6 Graduation 6-8pm

Friday 22 December

Last Day of Term

Assembly 1.00pm

Early Dismissal 1.30pm

Term Dates 2018

Term 1: 29 January (school teachers start) to 29 March

Note: Students return Tuesday 30 Jan '18

Term 2: 16 April —29 June

Term 3: 16 July—21 September

Term 4: 8 October—21 Dec

2018 Preps Please refer to letters sent recently.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

END-OF-YEAR: TIME TO CELEBRATE

We approach the end of another year, with the myriad of celebrations the end-of-year brings; academic, musical, artistic, sporting, cultural and social. Yesterday, many of our families began the celebration of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. I wish all a happy Hanukkah and thank the lovely gentleman who greeted me last night as I left school with a gift of a hanukia! What a lovely way to end my day, after our Music Soiree which celebrated the marvellous musical talents of our children. Thank you to Laura FitzGerald who leads our orchestra and, along with Julie Hoffman, nurtures the musical talents of our children. Last night gave these children such a lovely opportunity to perform for a most appreciative audience. Thanks and congratulations to all! There are many other end-of-year celebrations happening throughout these last weeks of the year and I hope everyone takes the time to really enjoy these and be proud of all the achievements and successes being acknowledged at this time. May you all enjoy the rituals and festivities that come with the end of our year! For this week, it's time to say...



happy Hanukkah

YEAR 6 – LAST DAYS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL

This is always a very busy and emotional time in Year 6, with end-of-year celebrations, school camp and preparation for a wonderful Graduation, as these students' days at CSPPS draw to a close. For me, this is a special year, as this is the first group of students that I welcomed into CSPPS in their Prep year; my first full year as Principal of our wonderful school. How quickly those 7 years have passed and I know it will be a very emotional farewell as we send these terrific children off to secondary school, well prepared and with our very best wishes. May they experience much success and happiness in the years ahead.

PREP CELEBRATION

Last Thursday, many family members joined our Prep children's celebration of their first milestone in the years of formal education. It was heart-warming to see the children's faces as they walked with the Year 5 buddies to receive their certificates. We have seen wonderful relationships develop between the buddies and our Preps and it was great to see them celebrate this together. Thank you to our Year 5 students for the care and support given to our Preps throughout the year and also the Prep and Year 5 teachers who have been so encouraging of these important relationships.

HELPERS' EARLY MORNING THANK YOU CELEBRATION

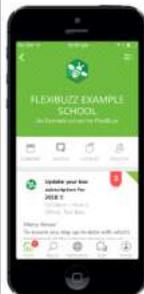
Last Wednesday we held our 'Thank you' morning tea before school for our wonderful volunteer workers who add greatly to our children's school experience, whether it be through classroom helpers programs, School Council, PA and fundraising activities or our many school community events for which these parents, carers and grandparents give their time. We are very grateful to these people who make a difference, not only for their own, but many other CSPPS children! A sincere "Thank you" to you all!

STAFF NEWS

The end of the year usually brings with it news about changes for some of our teachers and this year is no different. Terri O'Neill has announced that she intends to retire after taking some long service leave at the beginning of next year. This means 3A of 2017 will hold the special honour of being Terri's last grade, after a long career in education. I know our CSPPS community will join me in congratulating Terri for her contribution to State education and also wish her the very best of luck in the next part of life that will not be governed by the ring of the school bell! Thank you and farewell, Miss O'Neill.

Congratulations go to Tallulah Griffin and Jessica Beckman who both begin at new schools next year and take with them our appreciation for their contribution to our school and our very best wishes, as they continue their teaching careers at their respective new schools. David MacKay and Sophie Bretman are both heading off on exciting travels over the next 12 months and we wish them wonderful experiences as they develop their 'global perspectives' and 'international mindedness'! We will look forward to hearing some great stories upon their return. Safe, happy travels David and Sophie!

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class * Unsubscribe if you're child is leaving CSPPS.

Children come first at Caulfield South

Our Prep A & B children and parents held a beautiful surprise wedding party for Kate Reynolds who will be married during the holidays. We wish Kate and Lenny many happy years ahead together! Our Jeanene Booth, has our Prep C & D children very excited as she and her husband Mick, get closer to the birth of their first baby and Laura FitzGerald and her husband, Nick are expecting baby number two, who will join big brother Harry, during Term One next year. We may be lucky to see Jeanene briefly at the beginning of next year and Laura will support our children for a couple of weeks, as they settle into the new year. All this, along with two additional grades (due to our decision to have smaller average class sizes next year), means we look forward to quite a few new teachers joining us in 2018. We also have two of our own CSPS teachers returning after family leave. We look forward to Prudence Herron and Catherine Osadnik coming back again after spending time with their growing families. We are hoping to have our staffing finalised along with the class structure and teachers for 2018, in time for publication in a Special Bulletin next week.

THANK YOU SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PARENTS' ASSOCIATION!

Finally, I thank our School Council members for their commitment to our school. We are certainly lucky to have the parents and teachers who so willingly give so much volunteer time towards improving our school environment for the students of CSPS. This is largely unseen work but crucial to the effective governance of our school. To them all, I say thank you: Gill Bartholomeusz, Chrissy Cananzi, Bronwyn Fensham, Melanie Gordon, David MacKay, Andy McKibbin, Yoel Mittelberg, Nicky Postan, Rosy Renwick, Olivia Sack, Sarah Tinkler and Peter Wilkins. Olivia has led School Council this year and steps down to take on another important parent role in our school in 2018, which will support community wellbeing. Chrissy, Eli and Rosy are also finishing their time on School Council and this is sadly Chrissy's last year at our school. So a special "Thank you" to all! Our PA at CSPS is made up of many volunteers, who all work together in groups to support the fundraising and community-building of our school. Thank you to all those volunteers who make such a difference to our school. They were led by two very dedicated parents in Nikki Gelfand and Talia Solomon, so "Thank you ladies" and "Thank you" to every single supporter of PA events! You not only ensured great events for our school in so many ways, but also that it was fun for the committee members who had the opportunity to extend their network of friends in our school and some of these friendships will, I'm sure, be long-lasting and treasured in the years ahead.

Next week, we'll have a final 'Special Bulletin' to complete our year.

Warm regards to all,
Gayle



Miss Reynolds (Prep A) Wedding Party

The Wesley Mission Boxes are back at CSPS!

The Wesley Mission raises money and donates food to families experiencing violence, illness, homelessness and family breakdown. At CSPS we are collecting food that doesn't perish. Eg: 2 minute noodles, baby food, soups and curries, canned meals with ring-pull lids, biscuits and canned fruit and veggies. There are purple boxes in each class room and in the office where you can donate the food. The year level that brings in the most food will win a prize!!!!

The boxes will be collected on Friday 15th December.

Junior School Council

Goldstein Award for Baile M-C

CSPS was delighted to welcome Tim Wilson, Federal Member for Goldstein to present the Goldstein Award to our Baile M-C (Yr 5).

The purpose of the Goldstein award is to encourage young leaders to consider the contribution they can make to our community. Goldstein is named after suffragette Vida Goldstein. Vida had courage and vision to fight for the rights of women to vote, buy property and to enter into marriage on the same terms as men.

Baile was nominated by our school because "she has been very active and civic-minded in our school community. She is known for her idea of the 'Friendship Circle', which is a beautifully designed space in our school for children to gather to play with new friends. She has also been involved in many other programs run at school and demonstrates many admirable leadership qualities".



Congratulations Noel Cooper!

Some community members and certainly several teachers, will remember our former Business Manager, Noel Cooper who, this year, was presented with an award for 55 years of service to State Education as a teacher, School Principal and, at our school, the Business Manager, in his final years of service. This is an extraordinary achievement in anyone's career and I feel very privileged to have had the honour, along with Gill Bartholomeusz, of being part of that ceremony. The positive impact that Noel Cooper has had on students in Victoria, during those years and beyond, is immeasurable. Noel was indeed my 'go-to' source of knowledge and advice in my early years as a Principal of another school and again I valued his sage counsel in my early days with him at CSPS. Noel was also a mentor for Gill as her school Principal in her early years of teaching. With this experience, we both hold Noel in great esteem and thank him for his dedication and service to State education and also for the positive impact he had on our careers. Gayle and Gill



Parent's Association Update

Dear Caulfield South Primary School Community,

Our school PA is looking to make improvements, based on your feedback! Many of you have generously donated your valuable time to assist in our fundraising efforts over the years. We know that many more people want to be involved in different ways.

We want to know your thoughts and opinions regarding different events, and are very keen to hear your feedback and suggestions. Most of all we encourage you all to get involved in any capacity that you want.

Please click on the link below. The survey will only take a few minutes and will provide us with very valuable information.

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Many thanks,

Talia and Nikki

Twilight Community Picnic—Wednesday 6th December '17

The picnic organised by our PA came together beautifully, the sun came out, weather was warm and everyone brought their cheerful faces for a wonderful end of year community celebration.

Many thanks to Julie Hoffman for providing yet another opportunity for our children to sing items from the end of year P-2 concert.

Our huge thanks go to Steve Feder and Daniel Rees for once again being masters of the BBQ and for cooking for the full duration of the picnic and to the parents who helped with selling the ever popular icy poles on the night. Also great thanks to Gary Peer for providing the coffee van which helped greatly towards a terrific fundraising total for CSPS. Details will be in the Special Bulletin next week.
Gayle & Gill



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Caulfield South P.S. uses the OfficeMax 'Back to School' process to order, pay and deliver your child's books by post to your home.

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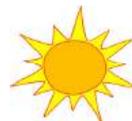
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The Italian word-of-the-week

The Italian word-of-the-week is

il sole

It means the sun



Grazie,
Sophie Bilonis
Italian Teacher



Yr 6 Camp Angelsea



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