

# Caulfield South Primary

## School News

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### KEY DATES

**Friday 2nd Feb**  
Assembly 3pm

**Monday 5th Feb**  
**NO LUNCH ORDERS ON MONDAYS**  
Prep Classes Begin 9-12 noon  
Tears & Cheers 9am Hall Prep Parents

**Tues 6th Feb**  
Lunch Orders Begin (not Preps)  
Pastoral Care Interviews  
8.40-9.10am Secondhand Uniform Shop

**Wed 7th Feb**  
**NO LUNCH ORDERS WEDNESDAYS**  
Pastoral Care Interviews

**Thurs 8th Feb**  
Prep Classes—All Day

**Mon 12th Feb**  
Pupil Free Day—Curriculum Day for Staff

**Tues 13th Feb**  
Information Night—6-7.30pm Whole School

**Thurs 22nd Feb**  
6-8pm Welcome Picnic

### LUNCH ORDER DAYS 2018

In 2018 Lunch orders will be available on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.**

A new lunch order menu will be available on Flexibuzz under 'Notices', on the School Website or you can collect a paper copy from outside the office.

Please Note:  
**LUNCH ORDERS FOR YEARS 1-6 COMMENCE ON TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2018.**



### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**WELCOME TO 2018:** I extend a very warm welcome to students, staff and families as we begin the 2018 school year and hope that it will be a very happy and successful one. I wish all our new students, families and staff good luck for a very smooth start and hope they enjoy their time at CSPS. There has certainly been much enthusiasm as we begin the year and I thank all the staff who have spent so much holiday time preparing. We are all very happy to welcome the following new staff to CSPS: Kelly Szmigielski (Prep), Janine Wright (Year 1), Avril Steier (Year 2), Katie DeLullo & Jarrah Kitchen (Year 3), Tully Henchel (Year 4), Kane MacRae (Year 6) and Kelly Hewitt (First Aid Officer Tues-Fri). Gill will be working four days this year and will not be in on Thursdays. Parents will also become familiar with a new face in our office as we have a new Administration Manager, Heather Taylor. This is the first time since 2015 that we have had a full-time staff member in our school office, so we welcome Heather and thank Linda, who has been helping in a temporary capacity during that time. Linda is now returning her focus to our library and its re organisation in 2018. I am very grateful for the work Linda has done for us in the office and I look forward to the new and innovative structure of our school library, with hubs throughout the school.

Congratulations to our Kate Reynolds who married Lenny in the holidays and is now known as Mrs Boyd.

I wish lots of luck to Jeanene Booth and Laura FitzGerald as they both begin maternity leave this week. Julie Fergie and Terri O'Neill are on long service leave this term and Terri is 'practising for retirement'! Enjoy!

Our new Foundation students are currently attending their timetabled entry assessment sessions and begin a staged entry to school next Monday. I encourage everyone to give a special welcome to our new children and their families. Parents can help children to develop good relationships by getting to know other parents and organising play dates which help towards having a positive experience at school. I know the Year 5 students are looking forward to their Prep buddies beginning their school year. Another way parents can assist setting up a positive start to the year is by popping into their child's new classroom after school and chatting informally to the new teacher or perhaps saying hello when the teachers are in the playground before or after school. Some other important things for parents to remember at this time of year, to support happy healthy children are: getting back into good routines, ensuring adequate sleep and healthy snacks and lunches. Being persistent in setting good habits early in the year, pays off in the long run.

**YEAR 6 LEADERS:** This Friday, I am looking forward to presenting the first of our Year 6 Term Leaders and I encourage parents to attend this special first assembly of the year.

**PREP PARENTS – 'CHEERS & TEARS':** We are excited to welcome our new Prep children and their families to CSPS. We have a welcome gathering, 'Cheers and Tears', for parents of our 2018 Foundation students, in the hall after drop-off, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb when these new children begin their first session together. I look forward to seeing those who are able to stay for a chat and refreshments at that time.

**AUSTRALIA DAY - DRUM CORPS:** "Thank you" to Mr Sandy Hood, who is Master of our Drum Corps. Some of our Drum Corps students had the opportunity to be part of the Australia Day Parade which is one of the many wonderful opportunities Sandy organises for our students. After the march the drummers had a special invitation to Government House where they entertained the visitors and received a guided tour. These children were very lucky to have such an opportunity.

Wishing everyone a great year in 2018!

Warm regards to all,

Gayle

Please note, this year the Newsletter will be published fortnightly, on a Thursday.

Children come first at Caulfield South



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

**EMERGENCY SAFETY DRILLS:** The duty of care of children is of paramount importance and the staff at CSPS are always learning from experiences, reflecting on this and endeavouring to improve the

safety of our environment, as well as school procedures. Most parents will be aware that we have regular evacuation and lockdown drills during the year to ensure everyone becomes familiar with what needs to happen if a real emergency ever occurred.

**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE:** Students should not arrive at school prior to 8.45am (when there is a teacher on duty in the playground), unless they are attending Before School Care with Camp Australia or a supervised school activity. Similarly, all children should be in the care of a parent/carer if they are still at school after 3.45pm, when the teacher goes off duty. If children are unaccompanied by an adult outside the designated school supervision times, they will be taken into the Outside School Hours Care program to ensure their safety. The cost involved will be the responsibility of the parent. Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of our children.

**SUNSMART:** Application of sunscreen should be a routine part of the school day to protect children from harmful UV rays. Please be mindful of providing sunscreen in a practical container such as 'roll-on' to avoid spillage. Children must also wear hats from September to April. We have a 'No hat no play' policy at CSPS. Further information may be obtained on the SunSmart Victoria website: <http://www.sunsmart.com.au/default.asp>

**STUDENT INSURANCE:** Our school does not take out insurance and therefore parents/guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. However, reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers.

**COMMUNICATION:** Please view our Communication Checklist on the school website (under 'About CSPS' /School Policies) to identify to whom you should direct your queries and the expected response timeframe. This will assist in timely and effective communication.

**PASTORAL CARE INTERVIEWS - BOOK ONLINE NOW:** Please see this newsletter for information about these interviews being held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February which will give parents the opportunity to inform teachers of any relevant information that may affect their child's learning and development at school e.g. medical issues, social or family concerns. This will assist in helping teachers to know their students' needs well as they plan for the year ahead, and add to the information already gathered through the handover session between last year's and this year's teachers.

**CLASS REPRESENTATIVES:** Class Representatives for each grade play an important role in communicating information and harnessing support for our school events. At Caulfield South, this is a crucial role that is valued greatly by both teachers and parents, for its contribution to the communication process. The Class Representatives support the teachers and gain the support of other parents for many school activities, as well as connecting parents in the year level. This provides great benefits for our children and adds significantly to the educational environment at CSPS. Please consider nominating for your child's class representative. As always, there will also be a coordinator to oversee and support our Parent Reps.

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS:** There are times when school places heavy demands on parent and teacher personal time and the beginning of the school year is one of those many times. However, we believe the information sessions, provided in the evening by the class teachers, are extremely beneficial and give parents a good knowledge of the expectations of the new year level and how parents can assist children to ensure the best learning and personal outcomes are achieved. I'd like to thank all parents and teachers for the additional hours given to support our students and school programs at this time of year. The times for the Year Level Information Evenings on 13<sup>th</sup> February are in this newsletter and parents are encouraged to attend these. I believe this early investment in time will pay positive dividends.

**WELCOME PICNIC – SAVE THE DATE!:** Our annual Welcome Picnic is being held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, from 6pm- 8pm. We hope to see many of our families coming along to join in the activities and fun. It's a great way to meet new families as well as mingle with those more familiar families and build our Caulfield South community spirit. It's always a special event for our children.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** Being a member of School Council can be very rewarding and all it requires is an interest in helping to make our school the best environment that we can for our children. If you have the energy and enthusiasm to work with us to improve our school, then I encourage you to nominate for School Council membership. School Council meets twice per term on a Wednesday evening at 6.15pm and each member also attends at least one sub-committee meeting twice per term. The following are areas in which parent expertise and/or interest would be appreciated: finance, policy development, facilities development and community engagement. The Notice of Election and Call for Nominations begins the election process on 6<sup>th</sup> February when nomination forms will be available from the general office. School Council parents and the school leaders are very happy to speak to anyone who would like to know more about School Council and the office ladies can put anyone interested in the role in touch with current parents on School Council to chat about what this involves. School Council parents make a significant contribution to our school and at CSPS we are very grateful for their commitment and time. New members are encouraged to nominate.

**STAFFING:** Our 2018 staffing is as follows:

**Principal:** Gayle Yardley

**Assistant Principal:** Gill Bartholomeusz

**Business Manager:** Margaret Salvatore

**Administration Manager:** Heather Taylor

**Administration Support:** Joanne Twomey

## TEACHERS

Leading Teachers/PYP Coordinators: Andy McKibbin and Andy Stefaniak

Learning Specialists: Lainie Nestor, Stephanie Sim

Prep: Kate Boyd, Kelly Szmigielski, Prudence Herron/Catherine Osadnik, Lainie Nestor

Year 1: Emily Ryde, Janine Wright, John Rice, Maria Amitrano

Year 2: Jan Minett, Michaela Patel, Avril Steier

Year 3: Stacey Fallon, Zoe Whitaker/Stephanie Sim, Katie DeLullo, Jarrah Kitchen

Year 4: Ashleigh Browne, Tully Henchel

Year 5: Kate Tarrant, Fiona Freeman, Danielle Wakeling

Year 6: Bronwyn Fensham, Jacqueline Yokome, Kane MacRae

Sophie Bilionis (Italian), John Wink (PE & Sport), Julie Hoffman (Performing Arts), Labreni Pappas (Visual Arts & Literacy support), Lorraine Schnall (Visual Arts support), Laura FitzGerald, Sara Wyse (Literacy Intervention)

## EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF

Linda Singleton (Library Technician), Vicki Gayner, Elizabeth Sadler, Christine Scherer, Joanne Twomey (Integration Aides), Kelly Hewitt (First Aid Officer) Joe Salvatore (Maintenance)

Photographing/Filming of Children at CSPS

Parents and carers should note they may only photograph or film their own children at school events as we have signed permission for specific purpose school photographing and/or filming of children for school use only which does not include all children. This must therefore be managed in a controlled way by the school. Parents should not photograph or film children other than their own without the permission of the parent. I thank parents for respecting the privacy of others.

**CURRICULUM DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY****Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

After much investigation the school is adopting a research-based whole-school approach to spelling that will ensure consistency between grades and year levels.

It is the Smart Spelling Approach developed by Michelle Hutchison. The staff are all very excited to have the opportunity to attend this one day workshop presented by the author and thrilled to have secured this day so early in the year to complement our literacy program.

This approach will reinforce the Grade 1 and 2 Sound Waves program as well as build on vocabulary instruction.

The Literacy Team

**Term Dates 2018****Term 1: 29 Jan (school teachers start) to 29 March****Term 2: 16 April to 29 June****Term 3: 16 July to 21 September****Term 4: 8 October to 21 December****School Times 2018**

Office Opens	8.15am
Playground Supervised	8.45am
School Starts	8.55am
First Teaching Block	9-10.40am
Recess	10.40-11.10am
Second Teaching Block	11.10-1.00pm
	<i>(lunch eaten from 12.50pm)</i>
Lunch Break	1-1.50pm
Third Teaching Block	1.25-3.30pm
Dismissal	3.30pm
Playground Supervision Finishes	3.45pm
Office Closed	4.30pm

**The Italian word-of-the-week**

The Italian word-of-the-week is

**Benvenuti**

It means welcome!



Grazie,

**Sophie Bilonis Italian Teacher**

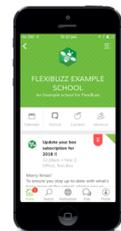
**Drum Corps Practice (Yr 6)****'NEXT WEEK' Friday 9th February '18****At 7.50am****PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT****Tuesday 13th February 2017**

Prep:	6.45 –7.30pm
Year 1:	6.45—7.30pm
Year 2:	6.00—6.45pm
Year 3:	6.00—6.45pm
Year 4:	6.00—6.45pm
Year 5:	6.45—7.30pm
Year 6:	6.45—7.30pm

More details will be advised via FlexiBuzz next week!

**Get ready for '18**

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**Keep it nude!**

Nude Food isn't just about eliminating food packaging on Wednesdays. It's about reducing packaging everyday.

Here are some easy measures for litter-free lunches:

**(1) Plastic containers (2) Reusable sandwich wraps (3) Silicon muffin cups**

**THE RUBBISH AGREEMENT****Bring it in – take it home**

- Food wrappings **must not** be taken out into the yard.
- Food **may be** eaten outside but wrappings **must be** removed first.
- Food wrappings **must be** taken home.
- Students eat 5 minutes before recess and 10 minutes before lunch break.

**Your action makes a difference.**

Contact Stacey Fallon via the school office today. **Email** [caulfield.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:caulfield.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) **Phone** 9578 3718

**GREEN MACHINE**

## Australia Day Drum Corps

On Australia Day, a small group of the Drum Corps participated in the Australia Day Parade in the city. We marched down Swanston Street and performed on the Western Lawn and at various spots around Government House. Before starting the parade, Mr Hood took us for a walk through all the different religious groups that were gathered, telling us how all religions were celebrating the significance of Australia Day and how happy everyone was. I was surprised to learn that Jedi is a religion!

We thank the Muslim friendship group for providing us with water before the parade as it was a hot 29 degrees in our Ceremonial Blues. (I guess we were lucky that it wasn't 36 degrees though as was first forecast!). Before we started marching we had a short practice play. There were only 14 of us but we made a big impact.

After the Swanton St part of the march, we went through the back gates of Government House and had a lunch break. We then continued to play on in various places around the Western Lawn and Government House and it was so good to get lots of positive comments and feedback from people watching us.

At the end of the day we got a tour of Government House. We all admired the amazing paintings on the roof and walls, and how detailed the dining room was with all the cutlery lined up. I learnt you always start from the outside and work your way in! We went into the ballroom and learned about where the Governor and the Queen sits. After finishing our tour, we performed again in the Fountain Court then did one last performance right outside Government House.

It was a long day, but it was so enjoyable. I especially loved being involved and seeing so much diversity. Thanks again to Mr Hood for teaching us so much and sharing this important day with us.

By Tom R



### KEY SCHOOL DATES

#### February

Monday 19 - Extra-curricular activities begin  
 Thursday 22nd 6pm - Welcome Picnic  
 Friday 23rd Feb - Parent Payments due in full today  
 Monday 26th - 3/4 Swimming begins

#### March

Friday 2nd 9am-12pm - District Swimming  
 Tuesday 6th - 5/6 Swimming  
 - Whole school photos

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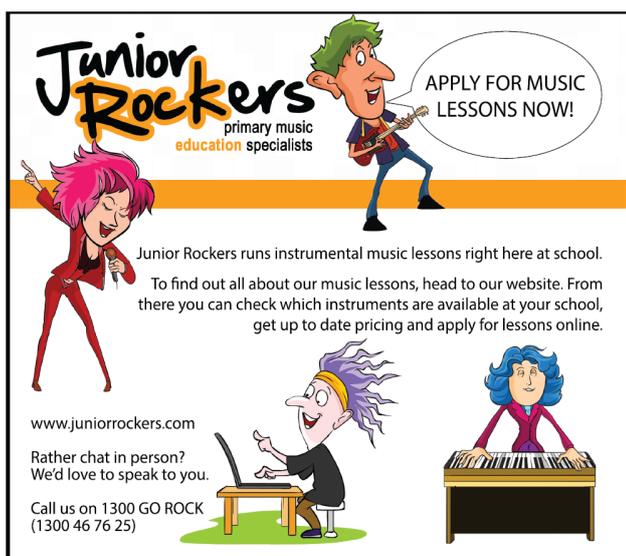
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TODAY!**

## SOCCER



**BOOKINGS  
ESSENTIAL**

**WEDNESDAYS**  
3.30pm to 4.30pm

**FOR BOOKINGS:**

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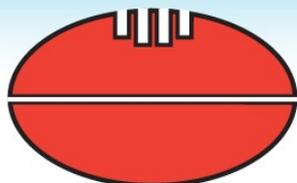
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**WEDNESDAYS**  
3.30pm to 4.30pm

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**WEDNESDAYS**  
3.30pm to 4.30pm

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Fit For Kids Co. provide tennis lessons using the ANZ Tennis Hotshots program. Its the official junior program of Tennis Australia and uses modified equipment, soft balls & junior racquets.



## Caulfield South PS Term 1, 2018

### Dates

Monday 5th February - Monday 26th March (8 Weeks)

### Times

Monday Morning 8:00am - 8:45am on the Synthetic Grass Oval

### Cost

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## BOOK ONLINE PASTORAL CARE INTERVIEWS YEARS 1 – 6, 2018

Dear Parents

Pastoral Care interviews will be held on **Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** for Years 1 - 6 which will commence from 3.30pm – 5.10pm.

You will be able to view available times and select the time that best suits you.

Parents should go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow the instructions. For parents that do not have a computer, please send a note to school with the approximate times you require, or phone the school on 9578 3718. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited.

**BOOKINGS OPEN THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> Feb at 4.00pm**

**BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> Feb at 4.00pm**

Event Code **sxdsq**

Go

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Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best

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Parents are asked to complete the Pastoral Care Interviews online where possible to streamline this process. Those who don't have access to the internet may send a note to school with the approximate times required.

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9578 3718.

Gayle Yardley  
Principal