Have you downloaded tiqbiz to enable quick access to Qkr and so you don’t miss out on important information?

Term Dates 2017
Term 1: 30 January (school teachers start) to 31 March
Term 2: 18 April to 30 June
Term 3: 17 July to 22 September
Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
WELCOME TO 2017
I extend a very warm welcome to students, staff and families as we begin the 2017 school year. I wish you all great success in achieving your aspirations for the year and hope that it will be a very happy year.

A special welcome to all our new students and their families and to our returning and new staff. Ms Zoe Whitaker who returns from family leave and Ms Hailey Noden who is new to CSPS will be sharing a Year 2 role this year. I know our community will join me in ensuring our new and returning teachers and students soon feel very much a part of our CSPS community. I was most heartened on Tuesday morning of this week to observe some of our long-time CSPS parents so very warmly welcoming some of our new families. This is a most valued characteristic of our school community and I sincerely thank our parents, staff and students for that.

We have our new children in the Foundation year having their first session for the year next Monday after all their School Entry Assessments will have been completed. So I encourage our whole community to be on the lookout for new faces and extend a special welcome to these children and their families. A happy, warm smile can make a world of difference. I’m sure the Year 5 buddies are keen to see the Preps start their school year also. There are always some children who take a little longer to settle into a new environment, so I encourage everyone to be mindful of being supportive of anyone who needs a little extra help to settle in with a positive attitude. It also helps to set positive attitudes if parents are able to pop into their child’s new classroom after school and chat informally to the new teacher or perhaps say hello when the teachers are in the playground before or after school. We encourage parents to take up this opportunity at this early stage of the year. Some other important things to remember are: getting back into good routines to support happy, healthy children, ensuring adequate sleep, healthy snacks and lunches. Setting such good habits early in the year may save much angst later. Please also remind children of our policy of not sharing food at school due to allergies and of course, remember to try to ensure ‘nude food’ to help our quest to become a more sustainable community.

LUNCH ORDER DAYS
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
LUNCH ORDER LIST CAN BE FOUND ON TIQBIZ UNDER ‘NOTICES’ OR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE
Mini Pizzas only available on Tuesdays
LUNCH ORDERS FOR YEARS 1 - 6 COMMENCE ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 6TH 2017

Remember:
No hat no play, so bring your hat every day! ‘Remember water bottles, especially in extreme heat.’

PSW SCHOOL UNIFORMS 1/596 NORTH RD, ORMOND
Visit www.psw.com.au to shop online or for more information.
PRICE LIST CAN BE FOUND IN THE NEWS & NOTICES SECTION ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 2017
Fridays: 3.00pm
ENTERING AND EXITING THE SCHOOL

You may have noticed the new electric gate at the entry to the teachers’ car park (near the pedestrian crossing) and also the new side gate near the front path to the main office. These have been erected for student safety. Please ensure the side gate is kept closed for the students’ safety. The basketball gate will be open as well as the back double gates for entry and exit from the school each morning and afternoon. Gates will be locked at 9.40am and reopened at 3.20pm. We ask parents to only enter through the main foyer for matters requiring the office to minimise congestion.

STUDENT SAFETY

I’d like to advise parents that duty of care is of paramount importance and the staff at CSPS always learn from experiences 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 to ensure everyone becomes familiar with what needs to happen if a real emergency ever occurred. I would also like to remind everyone that 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. This cost will be the responsibility of the parent. Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of our children.

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.

FIRST AID OFFICER

We are all very happy to have our new first aid officer at CSPS, Paula McVeigh, who commenced her role this week. She met many students during her hours from 10.30am until 3pm.

COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY!

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.

PASTORAL CARE INTERVIEWS – BOOK ONLINE NOW

Please see this newsletter for information about these interviews being held on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th 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.

PREP PARENTS – CHEERS & TEARS

We are excited to welcome our new Prep children and their families to CSPS and will have a welcome gathering for parents of our 2017 Prep children, known in our community as ‘Cheers and Tears’. This will be held in the hall after drop-off on Monday 6th Feb when our Prep children all begin their first session together. I look forward to seeing those who are able to stay for a chat and refreshments at that time.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Another important role that parents play is in communicating information and harnessing support for school events. Each grade therefore requires a class representative. 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 see notice in this newsletter and 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 15th February are in this newsletter and parents are encouraged to attend these. I believe this early investment in time will pay positive dividends.

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION MEETING

Annual General Meeting: Friday February 17th 9am after drop off - all welcome!!

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 6th February when nomination forms will be available from the general office. I am very happy to speak to anyone who would like to know more about School Council or I 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 I am very grateful for their commitment and time. I encourage new members to nominate.

WELCOME PICNIC – SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual Welcome Picnic is being held on Thursday 23rd 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.

SUNSMART

Application of sunscreen should also be a routine part of the school day, even though we have had a rather mild beginning as far as the weather goes; UV rays are still there and they are harmful at this time of year. Children can still get plenty of vitamin D outside peak UV times. Children must also wear hats this term; ‘No hat no play’. Please be mindful of providing sunscreen in a practical container such as ‘roll-on’ to avoid spillage. Further information may be obtained on the SunSmart Victoria website: http://www.sunsmart.com.au/default.asp

AUSTRALIA DAY - DRUM CORPS

Another big “Thank you” to Mr Sandy Hood, who is the Master of our Drum Corps. Sandy once again organised our drummers (current and ex-students) to be part of the Australia Day Parade, one of the many wonderful opportunities he facilitates for our students. This year, the drummers had a special invitation to Government House where they received a guided tour. Special indeed!

STAFFING

Our 2017 staffing is as follows:

PRINCIPAL: Gayle Yardley
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Gill Bartholomeusz
BUSINESS MANAGER: Margaret Salvatore
ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANTS:
Linda Singleton, Julie Fergie, Joanne Twomey
Gayle

Warm regards to all,

productive and successful year in 2017!

McVeigh (First Aid Officer)
Christine Scherer, Joanne Twomey (Integration Aides), Paula Library Assistant and Communications support), Elizabeth Sadler, Prep:

PYP Coordinators:

Linda Singleton (Library Technician), Vicki Gayner (Integration Aide, Performing Arts), Labreni Pappas (Visual Arts & Literacy support), Sophie Bilionis (Italian), Julie Hoffman (Performing Arts), Labreni Pappas (Visual Arts & Literacy support), Lorraine Schnall (Visual Arts), Laura FitzGerald (Teaching and Learning Support), Sara Wyse (Literacy Intervention)

EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF

Along with the staff at CSPS, I wish everyone a very happy, Year

Year 3:

Year 2:

Year 1:

Year 6:

Year 5:

Year 4:

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION - AGM
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17: 9.00am
ALL WELCOME

DRUM CORPS Practice (Yr 6)
Friday 3rd February 7.50am

OFFICE MAX SUPPLIES
Missing any items?
Please contact Office Max to inform them
www.officemaxschools.com.au

School Council Elections 2017
What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students. Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider
- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember
- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.
The school will be using the app to send out the school newsletter, general updates, reminders, events and much, much more!

**CURRENT USERS:** PLEASE UPDATE YOUR STUDENTS’ SCHOOL BOXES (YEAR LEVELS) FOR 2017

The app is called tiqbiz and is available on iPhone, iPad, iPod, Android Phone, Android Tablet and Windows phone devices. If you don’t have a mobile device, there is also an app available for computer, both Mac and PC.

We kindly ask that you download tiqbiz to one of these devices, register a free account then find and tick the school. When you are ticking the school boxes, please make sure you tick on “Whole School” and the specific grades/years that apply to your family.

You’ll receive all the information with a push notification – much like a text message directly to your device. Any last minute changes or reminders, we’ll be able to reach you to keep you completely informed and up-to-date.

The app has some great features that will allow us to get information through easily and quickly, you’ll be reminded about important calendar dates 24 hours before, and everything we post can be translated into one of 91 languages!

You will also be able to submit student absence via the app now, authorised by your signature, electronically signed straight onto the screen with your finger.

We hope you will enjoy using this great communication tool.

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**SECON DhAND UNIFORM SHOP 2017**

Enter via the stairs outside school office  **Cash only, please**

The Secondhand Uniform shop will be open **fortnightly**

First Opening time for 2017: **Tuesday February 7th**: 8.30am – 9.10am

Jacqueline and Elaine will be happy to serve you. Correct money/small notes and change would be appreciated

Grab a bargain from $2 a piece.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

(Details located beside the double glass doors–near Prep A)

**WEP Australia – HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT IN 2017**

Find out more! Request a free information pack for your family!

Email: info@wep.org.au  Website: www.wep.org.au

See noticeboard for details

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**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.

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**CAULFIELD SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL’S**

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**Step 1 Download Qkr!**

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

**Step 2 Register**

Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register

**Step 3 Find our school**

Scan the QR code or type in the text label provided. Our school will also appear in “Locations Nearby” if you are within 4kms of the school

**Step 4 Register your children**

When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

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**This week’s word of the week is**

BENVENUTI

It means WELCOME

Grazie,
Sophie Bilionis
Italian Teacher
Dear Parents

Pastoral Care interviews will be held on Tuesday, February 7th and Wednesday, February 8th. Year Levels 1, 2, 4 and 5 will commence from 3.30pm and Year Levels 3 and 6 will commence from 2.30pm.

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

Parents should go to 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 WEDNESDAY February 1st at 4pm

BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY February 6th at 4pm

Event Code a3ej7 Go

Go into www.schoolinterviews.com.au Simply enter the code and press "Go"

1. Enter your details

2. Select the teachers you wish to see

3. Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click Finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – Check your junk mail folder AND make sure your email address is correct.

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 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
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS – CSEF PAYMENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

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School Events/Fundraising Events 2017

Please regularly check the Community Calendar on the CSPS Website or via tiqibiz for all other Key dates

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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 Phone 9578 3718
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED!
Each year our school has a network of Class Representatives whose role in each class is to liaise between teachers and parents. Class Representatives organise class social activities, and support the school’s communication between the home room teacher and the parents. This role can be shared by up to two parents per class, with one being the main contact for the teacher. The Class Rep role may be taken on by a mum, dad or a guardian.

As a Class Rep, your primary responsibilities may include (but are not limited to):

• Organising, distributing and obtaining consent for a class list with parent contact details and providing this list to parents in the class whose name is on the list, the office and to the teacher.
• Liaising between the teacher and the class parent body for assistance with class activities, excursions, reading program, concert costumes etc
• Liaising with the Class Rep co-ordinator to provide additional information to parents about upcoming events.
• Organising a morning tea/evening get together in Term 1 so that parents have the opportunity to get to know each other. Other functions throughout the year may be organised such as class picnics, parent dinners etc.
• Assisting parents who are new to the school to feel welcome, perhaps organising another parent as a buddy to ensure that new parents are provided with support when starting at the school (outside of the initial intake for prep)

NB: If a parent signs on to be a Class Rep, they will need to provide their email address and mobile phone number to the Class Rep Co-ordinator.

Nomination Process
• If you are interested in taking on a Class Rep role please complete the ‘Expression of Interest’ form below. This form should be returned to your child’s class teacher by Monday 13th February.
• The class teacher will then advise the parents who will be the Class Rep for the grade. Teachers will endeavour to ensure that we have a cross-section of parents involved in our school community.

Express Yourself!

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

2017 Nomination for Class Representative position for Grade: ________

Parent Name:__________________________________________

Child’s name in this grade: ______________________________

Names and grades of other children in the family:
____________________________________________________

Contact number: ___________________________

Email address: _______________________________________

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Thinking about selling? Contact Licensed Estate Agent, Glenn Bricker on 0419 359 047.
Information / Registration forms are available either outside the school office or on the CSPS website www.caulfieldsgps.vic.edu.au under the News & Notices link.

CAULFIELD SOUTH CHESS CLUB – CHESS IDEAS

Registration Forms for Term 1 2017

are available from the office or the CSPS Website

CLASSES COMMENCE WEDNESDAY 22 FEB, 2017

More information / Payments can be made online www.chessideas.com.au

Bully Zero

BUDDLE SOCCER WORLD CUP

The all day event will include:

- Free access to our bubble soccer, human foosball and soapy soccer activities
- Live party music
- Water fights and activities
- Competitions and give-aways
- Fundraising money for the Bully Zero Australia Foundation

For more information, please visit:

- www.bubblesoccerworldcup.com.au
- www.facebook.com/bubblesoccerworldcup
- Instagram: bubblesoccerworldcup
- www.corporatebubblesoccer.com.au

SATURDAY

4 FEB 2017

10am - 7pm

Birrarung Marr, Melbourne

Junior Rockers

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WEDNESDAYS
Prep to Grade 6
3.30pm to 4.30pm

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