KEY DATES
Please regularly check the Community Calendar on the CSPS Website or via tiqbiz for all other Key dates.

Some Key dates coming up...

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  - Year 2: 6.45pm – 7.30pm Hall
  - Year 3: 6.45pm – 7.30pm Library
  - Year 4: 6.45pm – 7.30pm SLC4 (Ms Fallon's Room)
  - Year 5: 6.00pm – 6.45pm SLC5
  - Year 6: 6.00pm – 6.45pm SLC6

**Friday February 17**
- AGM Parents' Association Meeting – 9.00am

**Tuesday February 21**
- Secondhand Uniform Shop Open: 8.30-9.10am
- School Photos

**Wednesday February 22**
- School Council Meeting 6.15pm

**Thursday February 23**
- Welcome Picnic 6-8pm (see details in this Newsletter)

**Monday February 27**
- **School Concert**
- **Friday March 3**
- **Labour Day Public Holiday**

**Tuesday March 7**
- Prep Lunch Orders will commence in Term 2

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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
A Smooth Start...

It was terrific to see Prep parents at the Cheers and Tears morning on Monday February 6th. As many of you can remember, it can be with mixed emotions (excitement, stress and some challenges) when you wave your child off for the day. At times, children within other year levels can require emotional support to adjust to being back at school too! Our teachers are very aware of the ‘settling in’ phase, so please let them know if your child requires some additional support. Also, do check the link below for some excellent resources from KidsMatter as to what you can do at home to support your child. https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school

Parent Payments 2017
Thank you to all those families who have already paid their 2017 school contributions. Those people who have used the Qkr application to do this have contributed to a very smooth start to the year as this saves much time for the office staff. It would be appreciated if payments could be made in full by 24th February or if you elected to pay in two instalments and paid the first on 3rd February, the second is due on 24th February. ‘User Pay’ items, such as swimming must be paid in full prior to the event or we are not able to permit children to attend such activities. However, if parents or guardians do have any concerns or difficulties regarding payments, please contact our office staff, Gayle Yardley or me, as we are happy to make alternative arrangements in extenuating circumstances. Please call into the office or phone regarding any general queries about payment details.

School First Aid Officer
Our school year has begun with the usual excitement and ‘busy’ nesse of starting new routines. From Day One our newly appointed first aid officer, Paula McVeigh, has been very busy. Some of you have already had a phone call from Paula or met her whilst collecting your child from school. We have already seen the enormous benefits of Paula's daily presence from 10.30am until 3pm, her expertise, not to mention enabling staff and administration to focus on their own roles.

The school has been appreciative of School Council being agreeable to trial a first aid officer for the year with the assumption that parents will assist in the funding of this. We have received very positive responses from many of our school community and been pleased with...
the number of voluntary School First Aid Officer fees being paid. Thank you to everyone.

Parents’ Association AGM- ALL WELCOME!!

At 9am on Friday February 17th we will be holding our first Parents’ Association meeting for the year. We encourage all new parents to take this great opportunity to come along, meet other parents and learn more about what our school does as fundraisers and social events. Our students thrive on parental input by way of educational and social occasions so please consider yourself invited and we’ll see you in the school hall at 9am.

Welcome Picnic - Thursday February 23rd 6pm-8pm

Please save the date for our ever popular Welcome Picnic. Bring your rugs, chairs and picnic basket to meet up with families and allow the children to play. A sausage sizzle will be available if you prefer to buy dinner at school. Icy poles will also be available for purchase.

2017 House Captains and Vice Captains

Congratulations to our 2017 House and Vice Captains and to all those who participated in the Election speeches. We look forward to your leadership over the coming year.

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Green Machine

Our CSPS Green Machine has included an application in this week’s newsletter for students in Years 4, 5 and 6 who wish to join the Green Machine as student representatives. These are highly sought after positions and I encourage interested children to submit an application.

Extra Curricula Activities - Try Something New!

Has your child been thinking about learning a new skill? All extra curricula activities will be running as from next week. Please read through the newsletter to find out how to register.

Day   | Activity       | Time       | Venue     
-------|----------------|------------|-----------|
Monday | Techno Tennis  | 8am        | Oval      |
| Bricks 4 Kids | 1.30-2.30pm | Library   |
| Junior Rockers | 30 minute session during the day | Maths Resource Room |
| Creative Music |            | Upstairs Music Rm |
Tuesday | Choir       | 1.30-2.30pm | Hall |
| Junior Rockers |            | Maths Resource Room |
Wednesday | UJEB      | 8.15-8.45am | Library |
| Creative Music |            | Upstairs Music Rm |
| Junior Rockers | 30 minute session during the day | Maths Resource Room |
| Chess Ideas | 1.30-2.30pm | Library |
| Soccer Wise |            | Oval      |
Thursday | Junior Rockers | 30 minute session during the day | Maths Resource Room |
| Orchestra | 1.30-2.30pm | Hall     |
Friday | Junior Rockers | 30 minute session during the day | Maths Resource Room |
| Italian Video | 1.30-2.30pm | Italian Rm |

Gill Bartholomeusz
Assistant Principal

PEACEMAKERS

On Monday 13th of February the Peacemakers had training with Donna Gabriel to get ready to be able to go into the playground to help other students with their problems.

We learnt about the different emotions we experience when we are having a bad day by looking at the emotions of characters in Winnie The Pooh.

We also learnt about the infinity symbol to remind us to talk about what happened (past), how it’s affecting us now (present) and how we can move forward (future).

Overall we had a great time.

Sophie D.
Year 5

The 2017 Peacemakers are passionate about helping others and committed to helping our playground remain a safe and friendly place for everyone. Students can look out for the orange vests at lunch time if they would like any help or advice.

Danielle Wakeling (Yr 5A)

IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING

As an educator I am very conscious of purposeful and life-long learning being a very important component of a successful life. I’ve actually taken great pride in practising this during my career and life generally and we aim to lay the groundwork for this learning attitude from the first steps in the Foundation year at CSPS. With recent experiences resulting from my husband’s cancer diagnosis, I have had another significant reminder of the worth of purposeful and life-long learning. My learning in this has been of an academic nature generally and we aim to lay the groundwork for this learning attitude as is inevitable when faced with such situations. I hope, of course, to be able to share and celebrate the results of this learning and the actions that have made a positive difference, sometime in the future. My CSPS community will most definitely be a place where I’ll wish to share the celebration because a crucial part of my learning has been around gaining a deeper understanding of community and the vital part it plays in our lives. I now have a much deeper conceptual understanding and realise the worth of our efforts at CSPS to ensure the development of concepts as part of our children’s learning.

Gayle Yardley
Principal

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. We thank parents for respecting the privacy of others.
WELCOME PICNIC

Thursday 23rd February
6.00pm to 8.00pm
on the school oval

The CSPS Parents’ Association invites all families (all siblings included) to join together in welcoming in the new school year by attending our annual Welcome Picnic. The evening provides a great opportunity to get to know new families who have joined the school this year as well as reconnecting with old friends at this relaxed fun event.

A sausage sizzle and icy poles will be available for purchase on the night (see details below)

Please note the following important information:
- Bring along your own picnic (including food, drinks, picnic blankets, cups, plates etc.), or support our Sausage Sizzle fundraiser
- Parents must be present at all times to supervise their children
- No bikes, skateboards, scooters, water pistols or the like
- No high heels
- Please take all rubbish home with you (our bins are only emptied once a week so please consider our children’s environment)
- Sausage sizzle and Icy poles on sale

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THERE!!!

No need to organise dinner

CSPS Welcome Picnic
Fundraising Sausage Sizzle and Icy Poles

Thursday 23 February 2017
6 - 7:30pm (Weather permitting)

ALL SAUSAGES ARE PURE BEEF
(served with bread and sauce)

SAUSAGES $2.50 EACH
ICY POLES $1 EACH

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR THE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND ICY POLE STANDS:

If you can assist on the night please follow the instructions below:

BOOK ONLINE
WELCOME PICNIC VOLUNTEERS
THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2017

Event Code rztq Go into www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Simply enter the code and press “Go”

1. Enter your email address, volunteer name and mobile phone no.

2. Press Go

3. Select your preferred timeslot

When you click FINISH, your volunteer time will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately - Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelt your email address correctly.

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the day, 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. Bookings will open Wednesday 15th February at 4:00pm and close Tuesday 21st at 4:00pm.
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WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, 2017

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

SWIMMING PROGRAM 2017
(Please note amended dates/times)
Monday February 27 – Monday March 6
(No Swimming Friday March 3)
Years 5 & 6 Swimming Program (GESAC)
Tuesday March 7 – Tuesday March 14
(No Swimming Monday March 13)
Years 3 - 4 Swimming Program (GESAC)
Monday October 16 – Friday October 20
Prep – Year 1 Swimming Program (STARFISH)
Monday October 23 – Friday October 27
Year 2 Swimming Program (STARFISH)

ATTENTION … PARENT READING HELPERS’

Laura Fitzgerald (Teaching and Learning Support teacher), Sara Wyse (Literacy Intervention teacher) and Labreni Pappas (Teaching and Learning Support teacher) will be running an information session outlining effective reading strategies and procedures to promote successful readers at Caulfield South Primary.

The session is aimed at helping our volunteer reading helpers/parents to better understand some basic principles of reading mechanics and providing further information about what they can do to help in this process at school and at home. We encourage all parents and those parents who wish to help in the classroom to attend.

Please sign your name on the list outside your child’s classroom if you are available to join us for this session.

When: Tuesday 7th March
Time: 9.00-9.45am
Where: CSPS Library

We look forward to seeing you there.
Laura, Sara and Labreni

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

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th February 2017
As part of Year 4’s inquiry into “How We Express Ourselves”, students spent Tuesday the 7th finding out about Safer Internet Day. They used their brand new Chromebooks to research and presented their findings to their classmates and other year levels.

The Year 4 students are quickly becoming experts on how to be safe online and are setting a wonderful example for other students across the school!
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.
Our New Nature Play Space is Officially Open

Last Friday, the Waste Busters from Year 1 to Year 6 joined our landscapers Richard and Tim, to help finish our new Nature Play Space. Busy hands learnt how to plant, fertilise and water the garden, as well as lay the new grass.

The area consists of an amphitheatre, a water pump and wet bog area, an open sand pit, natural building materials, wooden ramps and bridges and a grassy area to relax and play.

We are very proud to announce that the area will be open for use from Tuesday 14th February onwards. As the grass needs time to root, this area will be off limits for the next couple of weeks.

Thank you to everyone for helping to fundraise for such a wonderful space for our students.
Application for the student Green Machine 2017

Do you care for the environment?
Are you a responsible team member?
Would you like to play a leading role in developing and maintaining our environment policies and programs!

Caulfield South Primary School is looking for enthusiastic students to become a part of our student Green Machine! To become a member of the Green Machine you must be in Grade 4, 5 or 6.

Duties include:

- Monitoring and improving our waste management processes:
  - Recycling
  - Composting
  - Reducing paper waste
- Creating greater awareness for caring and respect for the environment
- Write reports and news articles for our school newsletter and school website
- Speaking at school assemblies
- Taking responsibility for planting and watering the gardens

In your application, tell us why you would make a great member of the Green Machine and what you can do to help. One A4 page maximum.

If you have been a member of Green Machine before you do not need to write an application. Just email Miss Fallon to say you want to be a ‘Greenie’ again.

We look forward to seeing some wonderful applications!

Applications must be handed to Miss Fallon (4A) or emailed to Miss Fallon at msfallon@caulfieldsouthps.com, on or before Wednesday, 22 February 2017.

From the teachers’ Green Machine.
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

School Events/Fundraising
Events 2017

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I have enjoyed a long and dedicated career in Victorian schools and have also taught in the USA as an exchange teacher (International Fellowship) and in England on contract.

My personal resume is available on request.

Barbara Game
9523 8029
0422 104 332
bjgame@optusnet.com.au
Exciting News at Ormond Junior Footy Club! We aim to have Girls only teams in every age group, (U10, U12, U14, U16 and girls youth U17 1/2) in season 2017. No previous football skills or experience is necessary to be part of this exciting chapter in the evolution of the sport and our club.

We are holding a girls only fun training and registration day on the 6th of March between 5.30 pm & 6.30 pm so come along and have ago. For more information go to our web page www.ormondjfc.com.au or contact Allan Evans, the girls football co-ordinator on 0400 993 597.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT CSPS

Information / Registration forms are available either outside the school office or on the CSPS website www.caulfieldshps.vic.edu.au under the News & Notices link.