Absentee Notifications - Caversham.PS.Absentees@education.wa.edu.au

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome students, families and staff to the 2016 school year. We start the school year with 286 children of whom 80 are new to the school.

Staff returned to work last Thursday. Professional learning on the Western Australian Curriculum Humanities and Social Sciences, HASS learning area took place at Edith Cowan University with network schools.

Thank you to Carmen and Nicole, our wonderful P&C uniform shop volunteers who opened the shop last Friday. Carmen made a holiday pickup of the long awaited delayed uniform order in the holidays. The line was long and the ladies informed me 40 size 4 shirts sold out. This is indicative of the schools growing numbers.

The new shade structure was installed in the holiday break and is towering over the Year 1/2 playground area. Three new classrooms were also installed with the Kindergarten Green children learning in their new building today.

Class Structures

The classes/teachers are as follows:

- Kindergarten: Mrs Jane Matthis
- Kindergarten: Ms Annika Engstrom
- Pre Primary: Mrs Frieda Allingham
- Pre Primary: Mrs Abha Jain
- Year 1: Ms Robyne Tompsett
- Year 1: Mrs Beth Yagmich and Mrs Nicole Gardner
- Year 2: Mrs Sheena Dell
- Year 2/3: Miss Shenae Chave
- Year 3: Mrs Rhonda Thunder
- Year 4: Ms Jancy Whyte
- Years 5: Mr Luke Eversden (Term 1) Mr Steven Parsons (Terms 2-4)
- Year 6: Mrs Kerry Gillies

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to those families that have paid their voluntary contributions for 2016. The contribution of $50.00 per child, maximum $100 per family can be paid by cash or cheque at the office or by electronic transfer to BSB: 066-109 Account #: 00900114 using the narration ‘fees and your child’s full name’.

I would like to stress the importance of parents making the payment of the voluntary contribution to the school. If every family made this payment the schools budget would attain $10000 that the Department of Education considers as part of the school’s resourcing when allocating school funds.

Class Meetings – Week 3

Class meetings will be held in Week 3 from 3.10 - 4pm. Please take the time to attend your child’s class meeting. This is the time to establish a relationship with the classroom teacher, understand class expectations and find out how you can support your child’s learning. If you are unable to attend classroom teachers will provide an overview of the points covered.

Rooms 9, 10, 2, 3, 13 & 5 - Monday 15th February (Pre Primary, Year 1, Year 2/3, Year 5)

Rooms 12, 7, 8, 4 - Tuesday 16th February (Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 6)

Kindy: Red Group - Monday 15th February and Blue and Green Group - 16th of February

Supervision will be provided for children on the oval/playground whilst parents attend class meetings.
OSHClub

OSHClub continue to provide before-and-after school care for our families on site at Caversham. Visit www.oshclub.com.au for more details or visit the OSHClub staff for more information.

Food Allergies and Anaphylaxis

A reminder to families that we have several children with allergies to eggs and nuts. This calls for us as a community to work together to ensure that these students are kept safe.

We ask that school lunches avoid peanut products such as peanut butter and nutella and egg sandwiches. If students bring these foods to school they will be required to sit apart from the children with allergies. I have always found that children are very helpful in ensuring their peers are kept safe.

School Hours and 2016 School Development Days

Classroom doors open at 8.30am, this is time for students to unpack bags, set up for the day, read quietly and be ready for the official start of the day at 8.45am. It is important that students are not on school grounds before 8.20am as supervision and hence duty of care is not provided.

Please note there has been a change to recess and lunch break times. Times: Recess 10.40 to 11.00am and lunch 12.45-1.25pm. This change was made to maximize literacy and numeracy times at the beginning of the school day and passed by the School Council in 2015 as a trial in 2016.

The end of day siren goes at 3.00pm. Students must be promptly collected.

There will be five School Development Days in 2016. These are student free days. The dates for 2016 are:

- Term 1 - Friday 4th March
- Term 2 - Monday 26th April and Friday 3rd June
- Term 3 - Monday, 18th of July
- Term 4 - Monday, 10th of October

Additional Items Coming Home Today

Included with the newsletter today is the Term 1 Planner. The term planner is subject to change. Changes will be communicated via the school newsletter.

Each individual student will also receive a copy of the Health Care Form 2016 (K-Yr 6). The Acceptable Usage Agreement regarding student use of the Department of Education’s Online Services (Yrs 1-3) and (Yrs 4-6) will also be sent home with students in those year levels today.

Please complete the Health Care Form and discuss the Online Agreement with your child/ren and return the signed agreement to the classroom teacher promptly.

School Skip Bin

Please be aware that the industrial skip bin located in the Early Childhood parking area is not a public bin. The bin is locked by our cleaners when not in use to prevent illegal dumping of rubbish. School funding covers the significant cost of emptying the bin.

School Council Nominations

This year we will have two vacant positions on the School Council. If you are interested in how schools operate and would like to support Public education for all children I encourage you to nominate yourself for a position on the School Council. The Council meets once a term. Please fill in the nomination slip below and return to the school office by Friday 19th February.

School Council Nomination Form

I wish to nominate for a position on the Caversham Primary School Council in 2016.

Name: __________________________________ Contact Number: _____________________________

My child’s name: ___________________________ Room No. ________________
Playgroup WA

Playgroup has commenced for 2016. Families with children aged 0 - 4 years are invited to join the playgroup.

Session times are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-10.30am during school terms in the Integrated Learning Centre. Please call Christy on 0435 491 376 for more information.

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop opening times –
Monday 2.30pm -3.30pm
Thursday 8.30am – 9.30am

Please be patient and respectful of our wonderful volunteers who willingly give their time each and every week to provide this service to our school community.

SUPA Club

Scripture Union Primary Age Club begins for 2016 on Thursday 11th February.

SUPA club:
√ is free and held at Lunch time on Thursdays at the Integrated Learning Centre.
√ includes Games, Bible stories, Drama, Singing and is lots of fun.
√ is open to all primary students.
√ is run by Scripture Union, a non-denominational Christian organization committed to youth ministry worldwide.
√ is supervised by the attendance of Mrs. Coralie Holmes, the school chaplain. Contact her (92502711) for more information.
√ is voluntary and students must have a parent’s/guardian’s permission by returning the signed slip below to the school.

SUPA CLUB PERMISSION SLIP

| I _____________________________ parent / guardian give my permission for _____________________________ to attend SUPAClub on Thursdays at lunch time at Caversham Primary School. |

(Please return this slip to Mrs Holmes or the front office asap as numbers are limited.)