



**Calista**  
Primary School

# Calista News



## Our Purpose

**"To provide a safe and supportive environment which enables students to strive for personal, social and academic success. We prepare students to become functional citizens who are empowered to contribute to, and succeed in, an ever changing society."**

## Dear Parents and Carers:

We hope that your children are settling well into what has been an unusual and interesting start to the year. We are really happy to be able to welcome you all back onto the site in the mornings. We would also like to thank you all for the care and effort that you are taking to ensure that our site remains safe by dropping your children at their rooms as quickly as possible. This allows your children to settle quickly and teachers to begin their lessons.

## Parent/Classroom Meetings

You will be receiving notes from classroom teachers regarding classroom meetings. These will be occurring at various times throughout the next two weeks. At these meetings teachers will go through their expectations and routines and you will have chance to have any queries that you may have answered. Please keep an eye out for notes from teachers and try to support these meetings. If for some reason you are unable to attend then can you please let the teacher know and information will be sent to you.

## School Uniforms:

The lovely ladies in the Front Office have been busy re-organizing our school uniforms to make sure that we always have sufficient supplies available. Due to large stocks we have had to re-locate these out of the office area. We ask that you please put in your orders as normal. These will then be filled and brought up to the office for collection. You will be notified when they are ready to pick up (usually the same day). We thank you for your patience.

## Use of the Drive and Drop/pick-up:

If you use the drive and drop on Chilcott Street you will notice that we have not been able to block off entirely the bays at the back. The City of Kwinana have received complaints about traffic congestion at the roundabout. However, we are asking that you do not arrive early and use these bays for parking. If we keep these bays free then it makes the drive through much easier at the end of the day. Thank you to all of those parents who have been using this well. Please remember to drive slowly and cautiously around this area and other streets surrounding our school. Thank you.

## Third Party Consent:

It is now a requirement for the school to gain consent from parents before allowing students to access software Applications and Programs. You will have received an email which allows you to log onto our school Third Party Consent forms. It is then a simple process of reading through the explanations and either giving consent or not. We require every student to have returned these before we can allow them access. If you are having trouble with this process electronically then you can come into the school and pick up a hard copy form. It is essential that we get these back ASAP. Thank you.

## PBS Fortnightly Focus:

Our focus for this fortnight is **We move safely around the school by walking**. It is wonderful to see our students trying really hard with this.

## Kindergarten Enrolments:

**We are still taking enrolments for Kindy for this year and have 3 spaces available. Be quick to make sure that you get a place or tell those you know who are yet to enrol.**

## Calista PS

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22nd February 2021

## Special Dates to remember

- ☺ **School Development Day:** Friday 26th February
- ☺ **Public Holiday** Monday 1st March

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## Cakes/Cupcakes and Birthday food:

Due to the restrictions around the sharing of food due to Covid and Departmental Policy around schools serving healthy foods we are requesting that Cakes/Cupcakes/Lolly Bags and other treats are not sent to the school for sharing. I know that it has become an expectation but recent restrictions and student allergies no longer make this possible on the school site. Please save these lovely treats for parties at home. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Swimming Training:

Swimming Training has begun for competent swimmers. You must be able to swim at least one full lap of the pool unaided. The training is held every Wednesday and Friday morning at 7.00am at the RecQuatic Centre. Students are escorted back to school by Mr Wall and Mr Capewell and given a swimmers breakfast on return.

## Mobile Phones:

Just a reminder that Primary School children are not permitted to have a phone in their possession whilst at school. At Calista PS we understand that many students have a phone to ensure that they feel safe as they travel to and from school. We just need to remind students that their phones must be signed in at the office each morning and picked up at the end of the day. It is not a good idea to keep phones in school bags as sometimes they go missing. No responsibility is taken for phones that are left in bags or desks and teachers are not able to collect phones in their classrooms for safe keeping.

## New Canteen Menu:

Over the next few weeks our lovely canteen ladies will be working hard to develop a new healthy menu. This comes as a result of community requests and new policies around healthy eating on school sites. We are all looking forward to seeing the new tasty and healthy treats on offer with a view to this being up and running in Term 2.

## Shade Sails:

You will have noticed our colourful and very practical shade sails around the quad and outside the Art/Music room. These are a wonderful addition to our school providing students with extra shady places to sit and relax at recess and lunchtime. They also help to reduce heat in the classrooms by shading the area. We are very fortunate to have received a grant for these works from the Department of Education.

## Water Bottles:

Just a reminder that we would like all students to bring their own labelled drink bottles to school. On these very hot days students need to drink at least a bottle of water each day. A quick visit to drinking taps does not provide them with the water that they need. Please help us by reminding your child to pack their water bottle each day.

## Faction Points:

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