

Although we had a slightly delayed start, the beginning of this year has been very smooth. The children have settled in very quickly, and are already involved in high quality learning. The way the children have taken everything in their stride is a real credit to them.

The beginning of 2021 has seen many new families join our community and as of this week Caversham Valley PS has 490 students enrolled. This is 130 more children than in 2020. As the borders to Western Australia continue to open, and as the land in our suburb continues to be developed, our total numbers will grow. At this point in time nearly all our classes are at maximum numbers, with only a few spaces left in our Year 4 class and Pre-primary.

As of Monday 15 February we have the following number of children in each year group:

- Kindy = 119
- Pre-primary = 82
- Year 1 = 77
- Year 2 = 67
- Year 3 = 48
- Year 4 = 51
- Year 5 = 28
- Year 6 = 18

This term is relatively short (only 8 weeks with Week 1 becoming part of the Christmas holiday) and there are many different activities and excursions.

## **PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

This term we have planned a few parent information sessions that will outline teaching and learning approaches that we use within the school. These will be added to our website and Connect calendars. The following sessions will be held this term:

- Numeracy: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March; 5:30 pm in the undercover area (Koorongkoorl Miya)
- PBS (Positive Behaviour): Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March; 5:30 pm in Koorongkoorl Miya
- Literacy: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March; 5:30 pm in Koorongkoorl Miya

## CLASSROOM TEACHER MEETINGS

Your child's teacher will soon send you information via Connect about a 'Welcome' meeting, where you will meet the teacher and receive some more information about the class' processes and expectations.

## RUN CLUB

Miss Cookson has very generously volunteered to start the Caversham Valley PS Run Club for Year 1 – 6 students beginning Wednesday of Week 4 (24 February 2021). This will commence at 7:20 am and finish at 7:50 am. Once the children have finished they are required to assist in packing up equipment and record their completed laps with our Year 6 leaders.

Children will not be able to go into the school until directed by Miss Cookson. Depending on the time they complete all these activities, the children will be required to either wait at a designated area or head straight to their classroom if it is after 8:15 am.

All information about our Run Club has been sent to parents via Connect. Children are required to follow all school behaviour expectations while at Run Club.

## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

A big thank-you to Mrs Butcher and the CVPS P&C who have signed up to the 'Containers for Change' initiative. This initiative will provide our P&C with funds to spend on the children, as well as support the school initiative of minimising waste and recycling as much as possible. There are two ways that families and the wider community can support this initiative.

1. Return eligible containers to a collection centre and provide the school's scheme ID (C10420183). The money will then be electronically transferred to the CVPS bank account.
2. There will be two (2) collection wheelie bins at the school near the Suffolk St carpark. These bins will be in position in the next couple of weeks.

To find collection points, and eligible containers go to

<https://www.containersforchange.com.au/wa/wa/wa/qld/wa/>

The graphic features a green background with a glass bottle cap and a 10-cent coin. Text reads: "HELP US CASH IN BY DONATING YOUR CONTAINERS HERE". Below this, it says "We'll get 10 cents for each. With your help, we can make a change." and provides the website "containersforchange.com.au". Logos for Caversham Valley and Containers for Change are present.

The infographic below is divided into two sections:

- ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS:** Shows various bottles and cartons. Text: "Most glass, plastic, aluminium, steel and paper-based cartons between 150mL and 3L."
- INELIGIBLE CONTAINERS:** Shows larger milk and juice containers. Text: "Containers not commonly found in litter, including all plain milk, flavoured milks 1L and above, pure juice drinks, wine and spirit bottles, cordials."

## **SWIMMING LESSONS (YEAR 3 – 6)**

Parents have been sent all the information for the Year 3 – 6 swimming lessons that will occur during Week 6 and 7 of this term. There may be a small number of Year 2 students from Wornt 3 who will also attend this term.

The remainder of Pre-primary to Year 2 students will participate in swimming lessons in Term 2.

## **PUPIL FREE DAY AND LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND**

The Labour Day long weekend falls on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March. To minimise disruptions to families we will also be having one of our School Development Days on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Both of these days are student free days. OSHClub will be open on the Tuesday.

## **WA STATE ELECTION – P&C SSUAGAE SIZZLE AND CAKE STALL**

Caversham Valley PS will be a polling place in the upcoming WA state election (Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March). Our P&C are planning to hold a sausage sizzle and cake stall on the day and would welcome as much assistance as possible. This will be a great opportunity to raise funds for our P&C, as well as welcoming our whole community to our school. More information will be sent to parents via Connect, or please join their Facebook page.

## **CHILDREN'S CROSSING SURVEY**

The school and P&C are working on an application for a student crossing to be placed on Suffolk St near its intersection with Bodley St. Part of this application involves completing a 2 day counting survey of the number of vehicles travelling through this area for the hour before school and the hour after school. The survey also counts the number of children and adults who enter the school via the Bodley St entrance. Mr Steven Dyer (a P&C member and parent at the school) has kindly offered to assist with the survey.

The days the survey will be conducted are Wed 24 and Thurs 25 February. If you are able to assist with this important safety initiative, please email Steven at: [steven.dyers.mail@gmail.com](mailto:steven.dyers.mail@gmail.com)

It is probably a timely reminder that children should be entering the school via the Bodley St or Summerville Boulevard carparks if they are walking or riding. The Suffolk St carpark does not have pedestrian gates and puts children at risk if they try to enter through the vehicle gates.

## **SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS**

The CVPS Board is looking for two (2) parents to join. If you are interested in nominating for our board please either email [cavershamvalley.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:cavershamvalley.ps@education.wa.edu.au); collect a nomination form at the front office or use the one at the bottom of this newsletter or download a copy from our school website. Nomination forms need to be returned to the CVPS front office no later than 4pm, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and can be placed in the box labelled Board Nominations.



## SCHOOL BOARD 2021

### NOMINATION FOR ELECTION (Nominations close Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021)

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| Name:   |
| Address:  |
| Email Contact:  |
| Contact Number:   |
| My children attend Caversham Valley Primary School.<br>Student's Name/s and Year/s:   |
| Candidate Statement (250 words or less)   |
| Please accept the information in support of my nomination as a Caversham Valley Parent Representative on the Caversham Valley School Board.<br>In the event there are more candidates than positions available, I give permission for my candidate statement to be posted on the Caversham Valley PS website. |
| Signed:<br>Date:  |
| Please return your nomination form to the school office by 3 pm Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2021.   |