

Caddies Creek Chronicle

Term 1 Week 1 – 29th January, 2009

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Dates To Remember



6th February School Swimming Carnival
9th – 12th Feb Meet the Teacher sessions
11th Feb P&C Meeting 7.30pm

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Dear Dads and Mums,



Welcome to the 2009 School Year!

A warm welcome to the 2009 school year at Caddies Creek Public School. A particular welcome to the parents and carers of our 130 kinder students and to any other parents who are new to our school this year. We trust that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and is ready for a challenging and rewarding year.

Our newsletter for Caddies Creek Public School is called the “**Caddies Creek Chronicle**.” It will be sent home to parents via the youngest member of each family **every** Thursday. It will be an important vehicle of communication between school and home and I would encourage all parents to look for it each **Thursday** in order to find out about the happenings at our school. Many of our important notes will also be distributed on this day. Our weekly Chronicle is also placed on the school website along with the most important notes sent home to parents. www.caddiescrk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

We are commencing this year with **thirty one** mainstream classes and **three** special education classes. Over the holiday period we have had a substantial influx of enrolments (*28 in Yrs 1-6*). This was not unexpected as more homes in our area are being completed. This means that our enrolments are likely to continue to grow for the rest of this year. This will also mean that our class composition and structures may also need to change from time to time resulting in some children not completing the year in the same class as they commence. Our staff members are very conscious of this situation and have developed school and class procedures that facilitate transfer from one teacher to another in a manner that is as smooth as possible.

We have added an additional two classrooms to our school this year. Workmen have been busily preparing them during the vacation period, however there is a short delay in one of the rooms being ready for occupation.



School Telephone Issues

Unfortunately we have been experiencing difficulties with our telephones this week, resulting in some calls “ringing out” and not being answered. The issue is logged with Telstra and will hopefully be addressed quickly.

Staff News



Caddies Creek Public School community is indeed fortunate to have a wonderful group of dedicated people who make up the staff members of our school. We would like to welcome five additional staff members for the commencement of this year. Firstly, we welcome Miss Mandy Swanson (2S), Miss Sophie Sarris (1A) Mrs Jenny Henson (2H), Mrs Eilidh Robertson (2R) and Ms Noni Yerbury (ESL). We have one further teaching position that is being filled by merit selection within the next couple of weeks.

A list of all staff and their role in the school is included on the next page for your information.

Caddies Creek Public School 2009 Staff

Mrs	Jill	Solaese	Assistant Principal	KS
Miss	Kellesi	Denzel	Classroom Teacher	KK
Mrs	Jennie	Rourke	Classroom Teacher	KJ
Mrs	Natalie	Devine	Classroom Teacher	KD
Mrs	Evelyn	Silvino	Classroom Teacher	KE
Miss	Alison	Large	Classroom Teacher	KL
Mrs	Therese	Walmsley	Classroom Teacher	1W
Mrs	Kara	Taylor	Classroom Teacher	1T
Miss	Sophie	Sarris	Classroom Teacher	1A
Miss	Catherine	Sophocleous	Classroom Teacher	1S
Mrs	Renaë	Mar	Assistant Principal (Rel)	1M
Mr	Ross	Tudberry	Classroom Teacher	2T
Mrs	Deb	Clift	Assistant Principal (Rel)	2C
Mrs	Jenny	Henson	Classroom Teacher	2H
Mrs	Eilidh	Robertson	Classroom Teacher	2R
Miss	Mandy	Swanson	Classroom Teacher	2S
Miss	Rachel	McSeveny	Classroom Teacher	3R
Miss	Kathryn	McIntyre	Classroom Teacher	3M
Mrs	Lee-Anne	Galea	Classroom Teacher	3G
Mrs	Libby	Collins	Classroom Teacher	3C
Ms	Heather	Nicholls	Assistant Principal	3/4N
Ms	Anne	Shearston	Classroom Teacher	4S
Mrs	Michelle	Raymond	Classroom Teacher	4R
Ms	Anthony	Moyes	Classroom Teacher	4M
Mr	Michael	Roberts	Classroom Teacher	5R
Miss	Christine	O'Connor	Classroom Teacher	5O
Ms	Kylie	Quinn	Classroom Teacher	5Q
Mr	Peter	Lehner	Assistant Principal	5/6L
Mrs	Najwa	Joukhdar	Classroom Teacher	6J
Miss	Carolyn	Steward	Classroom Teacher	6S
Miss	Michelle	Lark	Classroom Teacher	6M
Mrs	Glenda	Alekna	Support Teacher Autism	1/6A
Mrs	Rhonda	Seymour	Assistant Principal -Support	K/6S
Mrs	Mandy	Gosal	Support Teacher	3/5G
Mrs	Sally	Laing	Support Teacher RFF	
Mr	Mark	Wilkes	Teacher	RFF
Mrs	Kim	Dyer	Teacher (1 day)	RFF
Mrs	Marlene	Manning	Teacher (3 days)	RFF
Mrs	Jenny	Scheffers	Teacher Librarian	Lib
Mrs	Debbie	Guillon	Teacher - Learning Assistance (2.5days)	
Mrs	Denice	Moussa	ESL Teacher / Reading Recovery	
Ms	Noni	Yerbury	ESL Teacher	
Mrs	Jodie	Corbett	Teachers Aide	
Mrs	Anne	Trenholme	Teachers Aide	
Mrs	Linda	Campton	Learning Support Officer	1/6A
Mrs	Roneen	Wigham	Learning Support Officer	2/5G
Mrs	Yvonne	Rowling	Learning Support Officer	K/6S
Mrs	Vicki	Kelly	School Administrative Manager	
Mrs	Kerrie	Barfoot	School Administrative Officer	
Mrs	Sandra	Hewitt	School Administrative Officer	
Mrs	Margaret	Renshall	School Administrative Officer	
Mr	Dave	Egan	General Assistant	
Ms	Veronica	Sestic	School Counsellor (1.5days)	
Ms	Anne	Kostyrka	School Counsellor (2 days)	
Mrs	Bev	Wilson	Cleaner	
Mr	David	Beggs	Deputy Principal (ESL 2.5 days)	
Mrs	Narelle	Sarkozi	Deputy Principal (Reading Rec 2.5 days)	
Mr	Phil	Nash	Principal	

General Contribution

With today's Chronicle is a note detailing the **General School Contribution** for this year. Your support of our school by contributing in this way is very much appreciated.



Canteen

Our canteen commenced operation for 2009 yesterday. As communicated last year, our canteen is leased (Cafos Pty Ltd) and is open five days a week, all year round. The canteen menu will be sent home with students in the near future and will outline the wide variety of choices that are available everyday and items specified for a particular day. This menu is also available on our website. Our school enjoys a most successful and productive partnership with the leasee, including the canteen manager and other employees.

Return of Notes and Money

Our school has continued to grow over the last few years and we are now a very large school. We have endeavoured to provide a careful and proactive approach with school administration, particularly with the level of support offered by our dedicated office staff. Whilst we will continue to provide a very high standard of "customer care" we will be asking you, members of our school community, for a more specific level of support with the return of notes and money for activities and excursions. In the past, as a smaller school, we have been able to accommodate students and parents who have, for one reason or another, asked to submit notes and payment after the due date. This has, at times, resulted in serious compromises to efficient organisation, resulting in office resources being over taxed by having to contact parents at the last minute and/or by buses having to be delayed while payments are being made, etc.

We seek your assistance in this matter. Please ensure notes and money are **always** returned by the due date. Except for exceptional circumstances (*which can only be approved by the Principal or a Deputy*) students will need to return the note and money by the due date, in order to participate in an activity or excursion.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. *If issues of financial hardship present, please contact the Principal/Deputy, so that we can negotiate, in a confidential manner, a satisfactory resolution.*



Work Books

A note for all Kinder to Yr 6 students will be sent home next Monday providing details of the commercial **workbooks** that will be used by the classes this year. Please send the appropriate amount to your child's teacher or the office. Workbooks will be sent to your child's classroom, once payment has been received.

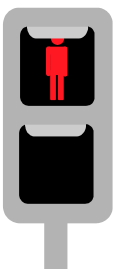


Class Newsletters

A newsletter from each class teacher is being sent home next week, outlining general information relevant to each class.

Pedestrian Congestion – Demountable Classroom Area

We have a significant issue with pedestrian congestion in the demountable classroom area of our school around home time. We have eighteen classes of children all endeavouring to exit this area at the same time through quite a narrow path area. To assist with easing this congestion, it is requested that parents waiting to collect their children designate a meeting spot "down the hill" somewhere. There is plenty of space under our cola or on the silver seats etc. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this matter.



Meet the Teacher

Meet the teacher sessions will be held the week after next. This will give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to find out what will be happening in their class/stage for the year in areas such as Science, Reading, Maths, homework, excursions etc. There will also be some opportunity to ask general questions concerning the activities planned for your child.

Stage 3-Year 5&6	Monday Afternoon	9 th February
Stage 2-Year 3&4	Tuesday Afternoon	10 th February
Stage 1-Years 1&2	Wednesday Afternoon	11 th February
Early Stage 1-Kinder	Thursday Afternoon	12 th February



Full details including specific **times** and **locations**, will be included in next week's Chronicle.

An Exciting Year Ahead

Our school is regarded as a school that provides excellent opportunities for students. Last year we achieved many wonderful successes for our school, our students and the community. Thanks to those who helped make a difference in 2008. We certainly look forward to working with you again this year and establishing strong relationships with the many new members of our school community.

We are very excited about this year. From the outset, classroom teachers are planning to provide outstanding learning opportunities for your children. We have high expectations at Caddies Creek Public School..... thanks for helping us to realise them.

Have a great year! Become involved in your child's education.

Phil Nash - Principal



“Thought To Ponder”

“Always be a little kinder than necessary!”



Sports News



Swimming Carnival

The 2009 Caddies Creek PS Swimming Carnival, for Yr 3 – 6, will take place next **Friday, 6th February** at UWS Pool, Nirimba Campus, Quakers Hill. A permission note containing information about the carnival is being sent home tomorrow. Please keep the information and return the permission slip with payment, by **Thursday, 5th February**.

Tomorrow, our Sports Houses will be **electing house leaders** for 2009 in preparation for the swimming carnival. A boy and girl Captain and a boy and girl Vice-captain will be chosen from our Year 6 students. The elected leaders will be published in this spot next Thursday.

2009 Australasian Schools Competitions



Children will once again have the opportunity to enter the Australasian School competitions in English, Mathematics, Computers, Science, Writing and Spelling in 2009. Each competition involves an entry fee to cover the costs of conducting the program. Shortly we will be calling for applications from families for you to nominate which competitions you would like your child to enter in 2009. Unfortunately, late entries will not be possible.