







#### Week 6 Term 1 2019

#### **NEWSLETTER**

## Principal's Report

After 6 weeks I am now feeling 'at home', part of the school community and have been made to feel welcome by all at Callington Primary School. The children are settling in well to the new school year and there is a positive vibe in the school. I enjoyed hearing from some Parents/Carers at our coffee and chat group on Monday about the positive start and some of the priorities for the community as we move forward.

Last week I attended the Education Leaders' Day with over 1000 Principals and Preschool leaders from across South Australia. The theme of the day was the 10 year Department for Education ambition to be a world class system. To achieve this, the aim is for every child, in every class, in every school to achieve growth at a greater rate than before. Speakers throughout the day highlighted how they have achieved positive outcomes in South Australian Schools and Kindergartens towards the World Class ambition. The good news for us at Callington is that many of the successes and strategies shared at the conference are included in our new School Improvement Plan for the next 3 years, or already in place. Importantly, our staff are passionate, committed and open minded to new ways of doing things and learning from each other and other schools. Just this week our teaching staff met with teachers from Macclesfield and Echunga to moderate some student's narrative writing. We plan to continue these connections through **Professional Learning Communities and** Professional Development where possible.

Our students attended house meetings this week ahead of the upcoming Sports Day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Aspiring leaders from our Upper Primary Class had prepared speeches to share with their house, before a vote was conducted. Our six School Captains (two from each house) will be announced at our assembly on Friday. These leaders will also run our weekly Student Representative Council meetings on Tuesday afternoons, in the roles of chairperson, secretary and observer.

Our Governing Council has secured some Parents in Education grants in recent years. We will be offering a number of opportunities this year for our school community that I encourage everyone to access. We are developing plans to deliver the *Tuning into Kids* program next term in partnership with Centacare and AC Care. The sessions will be after hours with a crèche offered. More details to come.

If you would like to discuss any matter regarding your child's education, please send me an email to <a href="mailto:Paul.Jude460@schools.sa.edu.au">Paul.Jude460@schools.sa.edu.au</a> or make an appointment through Sarah / Simone at the office.

Kind regards,

Paul Jude

Principal



BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE Wednesday 20 March, 19

# Year 5/6/7's

To begin the term, we have been looking at growth mindset and the what it means to be in the Learning Pit. We were fortunate to have Mrs Duggan's sister, Isabelle (who is studying to become a coroner) come in and teach us parts of the brain. Don't worry, it was a lamb brain.

This was an exciting opportunity to see how each part of the brain operates and the areas responsible for our learning.

























#### **Chemical Science**

This term our focus has been on states of matter. The inquiry question posed was, Will honey, dish soap, water and vegetable oil mix together or stay stacked on top of each other?

All groups successfully managed to stack each liquid on top of each other. This experiment assisted in developing their understanding of density.

#### Civics & Citizenship

Last week, students learnt about different political parties and how the voting system works. Each group had to come up with their own party and what it is they plan to do for Australia. The teams delivered fantastic speeches and as a class students underwent a mock voting process.









#### Clean Up Day

On Monday 4th March our school did their part to help clean up Australia and our Callington community. Armed with rubbish bags and gloves students and teachers picked up rubbish around the grounds and at the Sporting complex.



**Community News** 

# PRINCIPAL'S TOUR

Monday 8th April 2:00pm

You are invited to visit Callington Primary School and have a tour with our Principal, Paul Jude.

Our school is a nurturing environment with dedicated staff and a supportive Parent/Carer community. We are committed to providing the best learning environment possible for all students and delivering quality learning outcomes.



North Terrace, Callington





Bravery Mindfulness Respect Enthusiasm Excellence Responsibility

To register your interest in the tour, please contact the office on 8538 5046

#### **Dates to Remember**

#### Monday 11 March ADELAIDE CUP

#### **Tuesday 19 March**

Pancake Day - Recess Governing Council

**Thursday 21 March** Harmony Day

**Friday 29 March**Assembly Run by the 5/6/7

Friday 12 April Sports Day

### **Birthdays**



## **Pancake Day**

On Tuesday, 19th March we will be having pancakes at recess time. The team at AC Care are donating the ingredients. For \$2.00 students can enjoy a yummy morning tea, with proceeds going to charity.

## mainly music

When: Mondays Where: Callington Church Time: 9.30 am to 11 am Cost: \$3 per family

For: 0—5 years



Each mainly music has been designed for enjoyment. Weekly sessions, during the school year, are full of fun, educational music and musical activity to grow and develop your child, followed by something to eat and something to play with, plus time for you to eat and chat!

# **Community News**

# You're invited!

The construction of the new Recreation Community Centre will begin later this year.

Thank you for your community comments about our original plans. It has helped us shape a <u>new design</u> which we look forward to presenting.

# Community Information Night Friday 15th March 7.30pm Callington Hall

Displays. Architects' presentation.
Opportunities for questions.
Light supper.



For further information phone 0457 091 668





