



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

Newsletter Term 1 Week 3, 2022

## Principal's report

**Welcome again!** – After the 'unique' start to the school year with Zoom meetings and home learning packs, it has been terrific to see most of the children back at school this week. Teachers are now able to settle all students into their own classes and establish class routines, expectations etc. There is a positive feel at our school about the year ahead, despite the ongoing challenges of Covid-19. Our 17 new receptions and 4 other new students are settling in well.

**Front page Courier stars!** – Did you see the front page and page 11 of The Courier recently? We were lucky enough to be chosen for a positive news story in the area. The large number of Receptions this year is great news. This continues the positive enrolment trend seen in recent years and bodes well for the future of our amazing little school.

**Acquaintance Night** – As communicated recently, *Acquaintance Night will be through Zoom this year on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.*

Soon you will receive an invitation via email to a Zoom meeting with your child's teacher. I encourage you all to attend at the allocated time.

*Reception – Ms. Hoad - 5:00pm*

*Year 1/2 – Mrs. Beurskens - 5:15pm*

*Year 2/3 – Ms. Nicole – 5:30pm*

*Year 4/5/6 – Mrs. Jolley – 5:45pm*

*Specialist teachers – Mr. Ratcliff/Ms. Bruce – 6:00pm*

*Governing Council AGM – 7:00pm*

Each teacher will be online for 15 minutes, where you can hear about class routines, expectations and plans for the year.

Unfortunately there will be no barbecue dinner this year. In recent years Acquaintance Night has also been a great opportunity to meet new families and further build our school community around our young people and support their learning. I'm hoping we can have other opportunities soon to do this!

**Governing Council AGM** - Following the Zoom Acquaintance Night on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, our Governing Council's Annual General Meeting will take place on Zoom at 7:00pm.

All Parents/Carers are welcome and encouraged to attend. You will be sent a separate email inviting you to this. At this meeting we will be sharing reports about 2021. The Governing Council for 2022 will also be formed at this meeting. Please consider the information sent out recently regarding nominations for Governing Council.

**BREMER values** - We continue our focus on the BREMER values this year. We talk to the children often about what these mean and how we show them at school. This information may support discussions at home about school.

**Bravery – Respect – Excellence – Mindfulness – Enthusiasm – Responsibility**

**Before School Yard duty teacher** - A reminder that our yard duty teacher commences at 8:25am. Students should not be here before that time. Also, Jeanette runs our Breakfast Club on Mondays and Wednesday mornings before school. If accessing this service, please ensure children are there before 8:40am. This allows children time to finish their breakfast before classes commence.

**Planner**- Included in today's newsletter is a planner for the term. We encourage you to keep this somewhere handy and update as the term progresses. Unfortunately, at this stage we can't schedule assemblies or a Sports Day with any certainty, so we will keep you informed as the term progresses.

**Lunches** – A reminder that if you need to drop lunches to your child during the day, these need to be dropped to the front office. Also, CallyEats (lunch heating service) is available Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

**OSHC** – Families who were here last year will recall we were looking at the feasibility of an OSHC starting here again. The steering committee worked diligently through the Department for Education's processes with this and things were looking positive for a service to be offered this year. However, there have been some unforeseen setbacks with the intended service provision and our steering committee (in partnership with Governing Council) will need to reassess the next steps. Therefore, unfortunately, it is unlikely we'll see an OSHC starting in Term 2 as we were hoping. We will keep you informed as we proceed.

If you would like to discuss any matter regarding your child's education, please send me an email or make an appointment through Sarah/Kate in the school office.

Kind regards,  
Paul Jude  
Paul.jude460@schools.sa.edu.au



## Hello from Jeanette! (Pastoral Care Worker)



Welcome to Term 1 2022!

I am the Pastoral Care Worker at Callington Primary School and have been at Callington for nearly 3 years. You will find me at Callington on Monday mornings (Usually from 8:30am – 12 noon) and all-day Wednesday. Each newsletter you will find a short message from me!

My role includes assisting the teachers in their classrooms - which gives me the opportunity to get to know the students. I also present Well-Being lessons from time to time.

I run Breakfast Club from 8:30am – 8:50am on Monday and Wednesday in the room next to the reception class.

At recess on Monday there is an opportunity for students to participate in games and activities outside under the shelter area (DDIO – Do Drop In Outside) and Wednesday at Lunchtime students can attend DDI (Do Drop In) which gives students the opportunity to play board games, do craft activities, and creatively make things. During the year seminars are held at Easter and Christmas run by Life Matters (a part of the Schools Ministry Group/ SMG)

I welcome parents & students to come and chat to me if they need a listening ear or other support.

Until next time,  
Warmly Jeanette



Tina  
Rivah  
Ethan  
Austin  
Alison  
Jake  
Ellissa  
Piper  
Kacee

Blair  
Alannah  
Jaxon  
Evan  
Aiden  
William  
Lily  
Riley

# The new Receptions



*Reggie*



*Alice*



*Aiden*



*Riley*



*Cameron*



*Dustin*



*Rivah*

“Today is the first day of the rest of your life.” - Charles Dederich



*Charlotte*

# Their first day at school



*Declan*



*Lily*



*Amia*



*Piper*



*Alannah*



*Hayley*



*Oaklan*



*Alex*



*Luvinah*

**YOU CARE.**  
**We support.**



CARER SUPPORT SERVICES FROM SKYLIGHT MENTAL HEALTH

Call us on **8378 4100** to learn more.

Do you provide support to a friend or relative who lives with mental health challenges? Don't underestimate the care you're providing. Skylight Mental Health is inviting you and your community to learn more about what support is available to you as a carer.

Come along to a free information session to meet other carers and discover how Skylight Mental Health can support you in your caring role.

We support South Australian carers through:

- Carer Peer Groups
- Carer Counselling
- Carer Coaching

These services are supported by Carers SA and Carer Gateway. All services are free for eligible carers.

Information session held:  
10:00am Wednesday 23rd February, 2022  
at Murray Bridge Uniting Church, 1  
Narooma Blvd, Murray Bridge



(08) 8378 4100 | skylight@skylight.org.au | skylight.org.au

For more information on Carers SA & the Carer Gateway contact 1800 422 737.

**COUNTRY WELLNESS CONNECTIONS**



**MURRAYLANDS SERVICES**

For more information, please contact Kay on 0488 102 095



- Would you benefit from a service to support you with your wellbeing and mental health?
- Are you ineligible for the NDIS, or have you been too busy or confused to apply?

If you answered yes to these questions, welcome to Skylight's Country Wellness Connections!

The program offers both **group and individual support services**. Join a group of others to play music, cook, do art, play games, go walking...

We can also offer a Skylight staff member to sit down with you individually to plan what you would like to achieve and help you get there.

Please call Kay for more information.



Registered NDIS provider 4J50001735

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**Communities for Children Murraylands**

Family Kayaking Weekly during Term 1. Wednesdays starting February 9th @4pm

**FREE**  
for families with children aged 3 to 12 years



Come and try fun kayaking with your child with easy to use SIT ON TOP double kayaks. All equipment is supplied. Just bring hat, water, sunscreen and solid soled shoes - not thongs. Sit on top kayaks are wide and stable for beginners and provide great fun for children.

Please book your session for kayaking as seats are limited.

Call Lyall at Centacare. **Ph. 82156347**

**COVID REQUIREMENTS:**

- Maintain physical distancing of 1.5m and maintain good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Stay at home if you have cold or flu like symptoms and get tested and download the COVID safe App



**Centacare**



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## Communities for Children Murraylands

### TUNING IN TO KIDS

#### EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING

A free five session parenting program for parents of children in the primary school years

#### Would you like to learn how to:

- Be better at talking with your child?
- Be better at understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behavior problems in your child?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop *emotional intelligence*. Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Have better concentration at school
- Are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- Tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

#### Program details

The program will run weekly with each session approximately 1.5 hours.

**Where:** Centacare  
**Time:** 9.30pm to 11am  
**Commencing:** Monday 21st February 2022

Please register with Lyall at Centacare 82156347  
Book early as numbers are limited.

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## CountryLifeCompassion

### Pantry Club

## Callington & Surrounding Communities

A community service program to help people who are struggling financially and need assistance with Food.

**Tuesdays from 9.00 am – 10.30 am fortnightly  
At Callington Memorial Hall**

**Yearly Joining fee \$5.00.**  
**Fortnightly Fees – Family \$10.00 = 16 items, Couple \$8.00 = 10 items,  
Single \$6.00 = 8 items from the pantry plus free bread, fruit and vegetables**

#### 2022 dates

**8<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Mar**  
**5<sup>th</sup> April**  
**19<sup>th</sup> April**

***We are here to help and support people***

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Country Life Compassion is a registered not-for-profit tax deductible recipient and the Community Support Service of Emmanuel Christian Outreach



Honey Pot Disability Services can support individuals with an NDIS plan through a variety of services including:

- Developmental Education Services
  - o Developing Life Skills & Independence
  - o Developing Social Skills
  - o Developing Emotional Skills
  - o Supporting Transition Periods
  - o Student Assistance and Integration at School
- Mentoring/Peer Support
- Community Engagement

Honey Pot Disability Services is located in the Adelaide Hills, Mount Barker and Strathalbyn District.

For any questions or enquiries please contact Megan

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