

## NEWSLETTER Principal's Report

#### Dear families,

I open our last newsletter for the term with a warm welcome to Carla, Tina, Mitchell and their family, to the Callington Primary School community. They are looking forward to the supportive connections a small community school like ours will provide. We wish them all the very best for their time at Callington.

On Friday, your child/ren will bring home their mid-year report. With a few changes in our staff this year, you may notice some changes in the reports from last year. You will notice for each subject area, your child's effort is acknowledged, not just their performance. Performance is important, but the level of application and the way your child is approaching work needs to be communicated. In discussions with your child about their report, please also focus on how they are reflecting our BREMER values in everyday school life. These are reflective of the learning habits they are developing and how they interact with others. Early next term we will run our second round of interviews. The purpose of these interviews is to discuss the report and set shared goals for the remainder of the year. I encourage everyone to take this opportunity. Information about interview times will be available early next term.

Year 1-7 students are graded in all subject areas using the A-E scale. All receptions are not assessed. Ratings are used by government schools to show how each child is progressing for their year level, or the agreed adjusted goals. They are:

- A is demonstrating **excellent** achievement of what is expected at this year level
- B is demonstrating good achievement of what is expected at this year level.
- C is demonstrating **satisfactory** achievement of what is expected at this year level.
- **D** is demonstrating **partial** achievement of what is expected at this year level.
- **E** is demonstrating **minimal** achievement of what is expected at this year level.

There's a date coming up we all need to put on the calendar. On the <u>**7**</u><sup>th</sup> <u>August at 6:00pm</u> we will be having a ThinkUknow session for our Parents/Carers. ThinkUKnow is a free, evidence-based cyber safety program that provides presentations to Australian parents, carers and teachers. It provides information on the technologies young people use, the challenges they may face, and importantly, how they can be overcome. They aim to provide the tools to create a safer online environment for young people in our care. The presentations cover what young people SAY, SEE and DO online. Communities for Children will be generously providing a free yiros dinner for all from 5:30 that evening. More details to come next term. The following day, our children will be hearing the children's version of ThinkUKnow delivered by the South Australian Police.

A reminder school resumes on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July for Term 2. Our teaching staff will be attending a Performance Development day on the Monday.

As previously reported, our amazing Wellbeing Classroom facilitator Pamela is finishing up at Callington this week. She has worked at Callington for 5 years in a variety of capacities. Her smile, positive attitude and accent will be sorely missed. Pamela, we thank you for all your effort and dedication to Callington Primary School.

The last few weeks of Term 2 can test our resolve. Short days, cold weather and often sickness in the house is certainly a challenge. If your circumstances allow, I encourage families to rest up, recharge, catch some winter sun where possible and get ready for another busy and productive term.

Regards

Paul Jude PRINCIPAL





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A GREAT DAY AT MONARTO ZOO WITH THE R/1/2 & 5/6/7

CLASSES



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The giraffes and the meerkats were my favourite. The rhino was very cool. Sally yr 2.



It was very engaging with a little pop quiz while on the bus so we wouldn't get bored. It was also fun to see the animals in their habitats joyously playing around. Ruby yr 6.



Meerkats, wallabies and the deer's were my favourite. I liked the giraffe too. Hunter yr 1.



#### **Dates to Remember**

Monday 22/7

### Student free day

Thursday 1/8 National Tree Planting Day Wednesday 7/8

Evening police session—ThinkUKnow Yiros dinner from 5.30

Thoughts from Jeanette (Pastoral Care Worker) Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why we call it "the present". (Eleanor Roosevelt)

#### **Community News**



Jane

Amber

Stephanie Aurora

Sophie

## Families are invited to have their say on moving year 7 to high school

Regional communities are invited to have their say on how year 7 will move to high school. The consultation will test the possibility of providing families with the choice to keep their year 7 child in primary school, if their primary school is located more than 20 kilometres from its nearest area or high school.

For details of forums in your area and to register, go to the YourSAy website at <u>www.yoursay.sa.gov.au</u>. You can also share your views directly through this website. Contact the Year 7 to High School Project team at <u>Year7toHS@sa.gov.au</u> if you have questions.





# Young Environmental Leaders Day!







On Tuesday of Week 9, we went to Ngeringa Winery with Mr C. It is near Mt Barker Summit; we went there to take part in our second Young Environmental Leaders Day of 2019.

First, we dug some holes in the dirt and observed the soil to find different patterns. They made us use all of our senses to describe the soil. We walked around the vineyards and they talked about how they look after the winery. Such as using sheep to trim the grass, not machines.

We walked through their Veggie Patch and some of us tasted the Veggies, it was grose! We then tested soil from School and Cortni's farm with little kits. They told us the school was at a good PH level, which really surprised us. Finally, we planted broccoli seeds in the greenhouse.

By Cortni, Jett, Tyson and Ilia.













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