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Newsletter Term 1 Week 3, 2023

Principal's report

Hello families,

I trust this newsletter finds you well and that you and your children are now well and truly into the routine of being back at school. The staff and I certainly feel that the holidays are long behind us and we are getting stuck into the business of ensuring the best opportunities for rigorous learning with your children.

We have had a really smooth start to the 2023 year and the children seem to have settled into routines and expectations well. As a school, our job is to provide physical, social, emotional and academic opportunities for students to do and demonstrate their best learning, in all areas. As a principal coming into a new site it is important to take many moments to step back, observe, listen and notice the big and small things.

One of the most important things I have noticed, is that there are many students that are regularly arriving at school after the bell and sometimes well into the morning lessons. This concerns me as an educator and a leader of a school because I know the huge value in students arriving on time, walking in with their peers and not in isolation. It is so important that students don't miss the routines at the beginning of the school day and the vital instructions for morning lessons (usually literacy or maths). Missing all of this or coming in half way through, can be unsettling for students, make them feel anxious or nervous and highlight difference compared to their peers. It can put their whole day out, set them up to struggle for the rest of the day and put them in a position where they have to catch up to understand what is required. My wish, is for all students to arrive on time every day, having had a good breakfast, plenty of time to get ready and time to make a calm trip to school. I understand that sometimes life gets in the way, that happens, but with your help, we can prioritise punctuality, be great role models and give children what they deserve.....the best possible start to a school day, with every chance to succeed and feel a strong sense of wellbeing.

School Direction

Staff and I have already had discussions around the work we would like to achieve with students this year and how we might address some of the school direction goals that were identified last year from analysis of school data. There are plans to do a number of professional learning sessions in numeracy with our department Math Leader and also some solid work building teacher capacity, knowledge and skills around best practice in reading and writing with our Curriculum Lead. We have staff participating in a number of Maths workshops throughout the year and Catherine Bruce will be upskilling as our Autism Inclusion Teacher. I am excited about what the year ahead looks like and how we can continue to progress your child's learning in all areas of the curriculum and wellbeing.

Governing Council

A reminder that we have our first Governing Council meeting on Tuesday 21st February after Acquaintance night. At 6:30pm we will hold the AGM where anyone from our parent community is welcome to join us, to review the year that was and accept new nominations for positions amongst the Governing Council. This will be followed by our first, very brief Governing Council meeting for the year. We would love to see any new members and look forward to the valuable contribution you can make to your child's education.

Acquaintance Night

We are all looking forward to meeting the families of our students on Acquaintance night on Tuesday 21st February at 5pm. Please take the time to come and have a chat to all of the staff members and I. There will be a free BBQ put on by Communities for Children and we thank them very much for their willingness to be part of our community event. Classes will be open at various times throughout the night and teachers will share a short presentation, you will have the chance to ask questions and tour the classroom. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible.

OSHC

Over the last few weeks, the school and our families have been rallying hard to try and secure an OSHC service for our school. We understand that this is a need in our community and a lot of hours have gone into getting the OSHC process to where it is. Bookings closed on Monday for the coming term, with minimum numbers required to secure the service. MyOSHC operator Phil, informed us that at this stage unless fees are increased substantially (a cost that is prohibitive to most families), that it is unviable for him to run the OSHC as an external provider at Callington PS. With the support of the department, I am still in negotiations with Phil but at this stage, an OSHC may not be possible. I will communicate any further news if this changes.

Uniform

A reminder that we would like our students to represent our school with pride, which includes wearing the current uniform to promote and encourage that sense of belonging. If you can help us in this area that would be great. Also, to ensure that we provide the appropriate duty of care, if your child does not bring a hat to school they will be required to sit under designated shade spaces at break times and if they are regularly not wearing a hat, Sarah will provide them with a new one and put that on the family invoice. This ensures all children have the chance to have a run outside and play wherever they like in their break times.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will begin in Week 7 (Wednesday 15th March) and be completed by the end of Week 8 this term. All students in Years 3 and 5 will participate and teachers will support students in the lead up to these weeks. Parents of these students will receive an additional note outlining important information. In Week 5, students will have a chance to practice getting onto the NAPLAN system and become familiar with the testing process. Please understand that this is one moment in time for a small number of our students and forms part of whole set of school data that helps to monitor student progress and set school direction. It is nothing to worry about or get anxious about, it is just a chance for students to demonstrate their understanding in numeracy and literacy.

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that Breakfast Club is run on Monday and Wednesday mornings with Jeanette. We welcome all children and it has been quite popular in the last few weeks. If your child would like to attend, please make sure they are at school no later than 8:40am as Jeanette will stop serving breakfast at 8:50am to ensure children have enough time to eat and wash hands before class. Children who attend will be required to eat inside the breakfast room and only play once they have finished their food. Please help Jeanette and encourage your child to return to the breakfast room if they take food out into the yard.

Parent Perspectives on the importance of public education

Please note the chance to provide your perspective of education in schools. The Chief Executive of the Education Department is looking to gain the perspective of a wide range of stakeholders about the importance of public education. If you would like to have your say, please feel free to complete the survey (information and link provided in the attached letter) to be part of a new way forward for education in South Australia.

Sickness and COVID

Please be aware that there is a bit of sickness going around in some of the classes at the moment and COVID is still quite prevalent. Please ensure that you keep your children at home if they are sick and inform the front office if your child has COVID as it is still a departmental requirement that we record and notify about cases in our community.

Assembly

A friendly reminder that our first assembly for the year will be held on Friday the 24/2 (next week) we would like to welcome all families to this event. The 4/5/6 class will be hosting and we look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great next few weeks and don't forget to come and say hi and have a chat when you see me out in the yard.

Kind regards,

Suyin McDonald – Principal (acting)



Hello from Jeanette! (Pastoral Care Worker)



My name is Jeanette Mann and I have worked at Callington Primary School for almost 4 years as the Pastoral Care Worker (PCW). As part of this role I am in the classrooms leading wellbeing sessions. At other times I am in the classrooms supporting students or assisting with other tasks. On Monday and Wednesday mornings before school I run Breakfast Club in the middle room between the Reception classroom and the Year 1/2 classroom. Breakfast Club commences at 8:30am and goes until 8:50am. Students are encouraged to come early so they have time to eat their toast!! I am seeking some assistance with Breakfast Club so if there are any parents who could help out on either a Monday or Wednesday (weekly or occasionally) please come & see me or let Sarah know!

*This coming **Monday (20th Feb.) mini pancakes will be served at Breakfast Club to commemorate Pancake Day usually held on Tuesday and called Shrove Tuesday.***

On Wednesday at Lunchtime (in the Breakfast Club room), I run a Craft/games time called DDI (Do Drop In) where children can come and make things, play games and chat with friends. Monday recess time is Outside DDI time, where children can participate in outdoor games and activities. I am also happy to chat with children about their feelings – especially if they are feeling a bit overwhelmed due to something that has happened. (E.g. death of a loved one; changes that have happened or are happening; death of a pet, etc.). Looking forward to catching up with many of you during the term.

Until next time,
Warmly Jeanette



Happy Birthday

Rivah
Ethan
Austin
Jake
Ellissa
Piper
Kacee
Quin
Alannah

Jaxon
Evan
Aiden
Lily
Riley
Hank

Dates to Remember

Term 1

21/2 5pm Acquaintance night (BBQ)
6:30pm Governing Council

24/2 Assembly 4/5/6 class to host

31/3 Assembly 2/3 class to host

3/4 & 4/4 Parent teacher interviews

6/4 School Photos

7/4 & 10/4 Public Holiday

14/4 Sports Day

Community News



What's On Term 1, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
My Time Mondays 20 Feb - 3 April 12:15-2:15pm Contact Tanya 0429 831 281 for more information For families with children with disability, chronic illness or developmental delay 	Bush Hoppers Playgroup Feed our senses in nature! 9:30am to 11am Tuesdays (term time) See flyer for location details	Tineri Playgroup Wednesdays (term time) 9:30am to 11am Loads of fun and learning through exploring our senses in messy and movement based play!	Baby Group Thursdays fortnightly 10am-11:30am 16 Feb; 2 March; 16 March; 30 March; 13 April Suitable for infants from birth to 12 months Contact Alice to register interest or for further info Ph: 0429 837 765 	Important Dates Thursday 9th March Learner Free Day No Kindy
Parenting Resources Families Growing Together free webinars www.fgta.org.au/families -growing-together Adults Supporting Kids (ASK) website Internet: ask.supportingkids.com.au	Spa & Bath PLEASE DONATE FOR MARKET DAY! (IN READINESS FOR ITS RETURN) 	Coffee & Yarn Time Merleipi Ningkamar Wanyil Nambarr Park A group for Aboriginal mums & mums with Aboriginal children to strengthen & celebrate culture Wednesdays 12:30pm to 2:30pm Call Aunty Lyn on 8531 1515 for more information	Young Mums Taking a Break (25 years of age & under) Nambarr Park 1pm-2:45pm 16 Feb; 2 March; 16 March; 30 March; 13 April Contact Tineri 8531 1515 or headspace 8531 2122 FREE CRIBBE AVAILABLE BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Children 100% washable Towel dry	
Social media Check out Facebook or Insta Hey signed great tips on anxiety Institute of child psychology how to help children lead emotionally healthy lives Headspace Child Psychology 	Occasional Care 6 weeks - 6 years Sessions available Tuesday morning; Thursday morning + Thursday afternoon 9am to 11:45am or 12:30pm to 3:15pm Book with reception staff on 8531 1515 Centre fees apply	CaFHS Child and Family Health Clinic Wednesdays 9:30am - 3:00pm 1 February, 15 February, 1 March, 15 March, 29 March, 12 April Call CaFHS on 1300 733 806 to make an appointment. Let them know if you'd like your Health Check at Tineri.	Joining Governing Council can be a great way to support your child's Tineri experience. Our AGM is on Friday 31 March @ 1:00pm. We would love you to be involved. See Min for more details.	
Connect with us 65 Jarvis Avenue Murray Bridge SA Phone: 8531 1515 Visit us on Facebook Instagram 	Market Day (on hold) Food bank vouchers available for families Please ask staff if you would like one For fresh produce by The Hub at Darling Fridays 9-12 pm 63 Darling Avenue 	Twilight Playgroup 1 March (venue to be confirmed) 5:00pm to 6:30pm Free BBQ and activities For catering, please register at Learning Together or Tineri BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Learning together	Book swap + community library Our Community Library has a great variety of books for your family to borrow Also our Book Swap is available for you to swap some new books to keep at home 	

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WHAT'S ON! at your Community Centre

February 2023

Date Time

Boomerang Bags Sewing Bee	Wednesday 1 st February	9.30am - 1.30pm
Ageing Well Social Group	Wednesday 8 th February	10am - 12pm
Digital Skills - 4 week course	Starts Friday 10 th February	9.30am - 2.30pm
Come and Try Table Tennis	Sunday 19 th February	2pm - 4pm
Volunteer Opportunities - ReVamp Shop - Community Centre Reception Team - Duck Flat Community Garden	Contact us! 8391 747	
Chair Based Yoga	Thursdays	12.30pm - 1.30pm
Free Community Lunch	Monday 27 th February	12pm - 1pm
Information Session: - Arthritis SA - Community Visitors Scheme, Lutheran Care - Mount Barker Community Centre Programs and Services	Monday 6 th March	10am - 1pm
4-week Art Workshop Series for Teens	Starts Wednesday 8 th March	4pm - 5.30pm
Awesome Ukuleles	Fridays	12pm - 1.30pm
Mount Barker Mens Group	Thursdays	10am - 1pm
The Haven Mount Barker - an Information Service for Women	Monday - Friday	10am - 2pm

Bookings essential for all events - Most events can be booked online: mtbcc.eventbrite.com



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LEARN TO PLAY FOOTBALL

The introductory program
for kids aged 4-11

Club/Organisation: FC SUMMIT - MT BARKER

Venue: ST FRANCIS COLLEGE, MOUNT BARKER

Start date: 14th FEBRUARY - 5:15pm

Price: \$ 100.00 COVERS 8 SESSIONS (WEEKS) SPORTS VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED

Contact: Neil Fuller - juniors.fcsummit@gmail.com



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CountryLifeCompassion

The Pantry Club

Callington & Surrounding Communities

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

*We are here to help and
support people*

Tuesdays from 8:45am - 10:30 am fortnightly

At Callington Memorial Hall

Requires a small fee but the return is great!

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Next day is 28/2/23
(held fortnightly)

The Murray Bridge United Football Club will be holding their
2023 Registration / Information / Player Nomination Night on
Friday 24th February, from 4.00pm to 6.30pm, (Week 4),
at the Beatty Terrace Clubrooms, Murray Bridge.

All Enquiries and/or Player Nominations to Grant please;
klenkegc@internode.on.net or 0411 057 039

If you require any further details, please don't hesitate to contact me.

We will continue to welcome any additional enquiries as well after this date.

Our playing season is expected to start 1st April.

Students House Teams for Sports Day
2023

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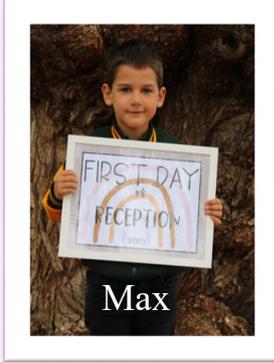
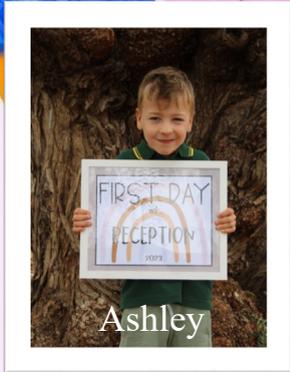
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Jake
Zoe
Audrey
Aurora
Stephanie
Ryder
Jet
Jasmine
Grace
Lara
Emily-Rose
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Luvinah
Reginald
Alex B
Rivah
Lily
Riley
Phoebe
Nate
Hank
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Max

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Lewis
Lauren
Ada
Avalie
Zac
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Pearl
Hayden
Patrick
Austin
Keevah
Joshua
Dustin
Hayley
Alice
Piper
Aiden
Sophie
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Mia
Carla
Brock
Katie
Phoenix
Mason
Cameron
Declan
Oaklan
Alannah
Evan
Lachlan
Jack
Amelia
Essyx
Quinn
Annabelle
Lexi
Scarlett



Our New Receptions on their First Day

