

Year 2/3 & 4/5/6 students  
in the Amazon Waterlily  
Pavilion at the Botanic  
Gardens



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## Newsletter Term 2 Week 3, 2023

### Principal's report

Hello families,

I hope you had a really lovely holiday and a great start to Term 2. As usual, we have had a busy start to the term and it has been great to get into classes and see children engaging with all facets of school life.

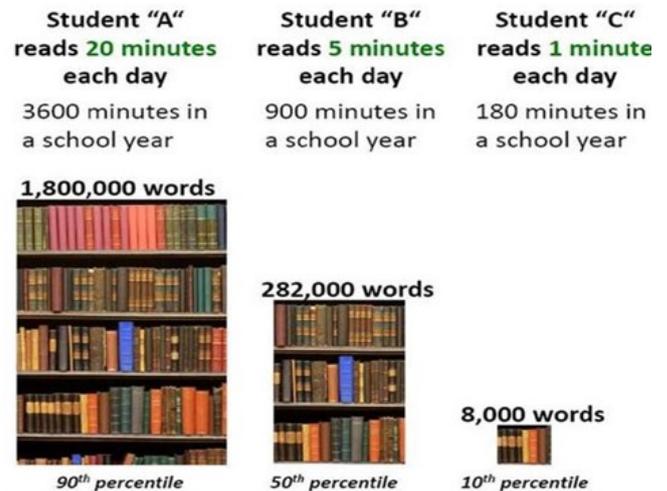
This year, the whole school is engaging in rigorous professional learning around reading, what skills students require to be competent readers and how best to teach it. Learning to read opens up a world of opportunity for children. When children are confident readers, they stand a little taller, they can access all levels of the curriculum and their wellbeing and belief in themselves as learners significantly improves.

Our first step as a community to have a significant and effective impact on the reading progress of our children, is to prioritise reading and help students develop a love of books and reading. We need to explore, have fun and engage in books with our children to active their imagination and extend their worldly knowledge.

To ensure our children are developing into competent readers at all year levels, we require a whole school and whole community approach. This is why I am asking you as the primary caregivers, to **make it a priority to read with your children everyday**, make it a special "unplug" time and help your children develop that love of books and reading from the modelling that you provide. In the early years (R-2) the aim is to have fun with books, spend focused time listening to them sound words out and support them to read with increasing fluency and understanding. As they move into the higher grades, no matter how old they are, it is important to continue that shared reading with enthusiasm and to show them what a good reader looks like and sounds like. Their skill development will be focused on mastering fluency and comprehension, expression, exploring unfamiliar vocabulary and inferring of text.

Together we all need to instil that love of reading in children. **Please find the time to help us on our quest to improve reading at Callington Primary School.**

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?  
(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

**Student free day** – The staff engaged in a very productive day with our curriculum lead, Lee Carter, around our literacy focus area this year "improving reading." There are 6 components of reading ("Big 6 of Reading") that are essential to develop capable and competent readers. These include oral language, phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. On our student free day, we explored what we are currently implementing around reading, what that looks like in the classroom, how are we assessing our students, what our data is telling us about reading across the school and what areas we need to specifically target as areas of improvement. Over the year we will be making changes and improvements to how the components of reading are taught across the school. One of our focuses is to instil a love of reading in our children and to promote the personal benefits of exploring and engaging with books. Our next student free day will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June where we will be continue our "reading journey."

**Reading professional development in junior primary** – Since the last report, Rachel Beurskens and Megan Hoad have participated in professional learning around reading called “Building foundational reading skills.” This learning focussed on how best to support early years learners in their quest to “crack the code” and begin their lifelong reading journey. This training was provided by the Department in an aim to upskill all junior primary teachers to help improve phonics (sound recognition) and decoding.

**School recycling** – this term the year 4/5/6 students are exploring sustainability as part of their learning. They will be involving the whole school in their work and are planning to educate classes about the impact of waste and the importance of being sustainable as a society. Part of this involves the introduction of various waste recycling in our school. It will initially start small and grow organically as we put processes in place. In the first instance, we will be collecting plastic bread bags as part of the “Wonder recycling program,” which was instigated by one of our members of Governing Council, Chris Evans. In this initiative, families and the community can collect their used plastic bread bags (with no crumbs in please) and deposit them in labelled cardboard boxes placed at the school. It will run from Monday 29th May to Friday 7th July. The bags will be then be returned and exchanged for free sports equipment for the school. Please support us in this initiative and send your empty bread bags with your child to school to put in our collection bins. Only bread bags please, not other soft plastics.

**National Volunteers week** – this week around the country we celebrate volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the many parents and caregivers that have and continue to donate their time and effort to support our school and our students. We are very lucky to have the enthusiasm and generosity you bring to our community. Thank you very much.

**OSHC developments at CPS** – late last term myOSHC officially withdrew their interest in opening a service at Callington as they believed it was unviable with our numbers. This was very disappointing, however, work is continuing on exploring future options. As a small school, there are added complexities to the viability of a service and if an external provider is willing to start an OSHC, it would only be in 2024.

**Staffing** – I just wanted to take this opportunity to wish Matt Ratcliff all the best with his upcoming paternity leave. Matt will be looking forward to a new addition to his family and will be taking a break from school from week 5/6 onwards (depending on when baby arrives). While he is away Olga Strizhak will be teaching his Health & P.E. and Design & Tech lessons on Tuesday – Thursday. Megan and Rachel will increase their days to fulltime in their respective classrooms. We wish Matt, his wife and family the very best and look forward to seeing some happy snaps. Matt will return to us in Term 3.

The process for filling the principal position at Callington PS is drawing to its final stages and the outcome will be announced as soon as is practical.

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### School Events

**Sports Day** – I have been part of many sports days in the past, but I really enjoyed being part of the Callington PS sports day. There was a great sense of community, fun, competition and participation. Thank you so much to all staff and families that helped on the day. Congratulations to Bremer on winning the Sports Day Champion Cup and Murray for taking out the BREMER Award. A great day was had by all, finished off with a great shared pizza lunch.

**Anzac Day** – during the holidays I was fortunate enough to attend the Anzac Day service at Kanmantoo with student leader Jasmine Salter. What a privilege to represent our school and be part of the service. Jasmine represented our school with pride and laid a beautiful wreath in remembrance of those soldiers who have sacrificed their lives in battle. It was a wonderfully moving service on a beautiful morning. Just another opportunity for us to contribute to our local community.

**Pie fundraiser and Mother's Day stall** – thank you to Sam Pitt (and friends) and school admin staff for all of their hard work and effort organising and helping in these two fundraising events. They brought a buzz of excitement to the school and the students were particularly excited to spend their money at the Mother's Day stall. I also think that lots of us are still eating pies going into Term 2. These events are highlights to look forward to and a great opportunity for our students, families and staff. I really appreciate the effort by Sam and her team to support and run these events for our community, which bring joy and connection.

**Whole school art excursion** – what a great day we all had at the Art Gallery and Botanic Gardens/Museum. It was such a wonderful opportunity to do some valuable hands-on learning in Adelaide and learn more about Andy Warhol, the renowned artist. Additionally, the middle and upper primary students had the opportunity to explore parts of the Botanic Gardens that aligned with their work about South America in Cultural Studies and equally the junior primary students explored the myriad of treasures at the museum to spark curiosity, conversation and learning in science. Thank you so much to Catherine Bruce who organised the whole event and in particular, we would like to thank Mary Choate for her amazing donation to enable us to hire a bus to take us to Adelaide and give us all this wonderful opportunity. The students did a super job demonstrating their best behaviour.

Have an excellent weekend and stay happy and well until next time.

Take Care,

**Suyin McDonald – Principal (acting)**

## Dates to Remember

26/5 Assembly to be held by the 1/2 class

Week 5 National Reconciliation Week

5/6 World Environment Day

12/6 Public holiday

13/6 Student Free day

# MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE & STALL



The Mother's Day stall and raffle happened in week 2. This went extremely well, and the kids were very cute choosing their gifts! We are so grateful for all the families that also sold raffle tickets to family and friends for the Mother's Day Raffle. The raffle winners are Sue (Zoe and Riley's Grandma), Luci (Evan's mum) and Tamara (Piper's Mum). A big congratulations to them all and we hope they enjoy their prizes. A big thankyou to Kmart Mt Barker and Murray Bridge, Priceline Mt Barker and Murray Bridge, Neds Mt Barker, Australia Post Strathalbyn, Fengate Nursery, Hair@5, Nicole, Amie Hill (past student) and Little Cookie Nook who have all generously donated things to the stall and/or raffles. We would like to thank the helpers Amber Crawford, Alicia McMurtrie, Mel Pitt and Sarah and Kate who helped over the 2 days. Profit was approx. \$930.00. WELL DONE!! All proceeds will go towards the students and their learning at school.

Thank you, Samantha Pitt, Fundraising Convenor

## CONGRATULATIONS



1/2-Alannah, 4/5/6-Steph, 2/3-Phoenix & Rec-Essyx

## Bremer Award recipients



Term 1  
Week 9  
Assembly

1/2-Piper, Rec-Annabelle & Ethan,  
4/5/6-Katie, 2/3 Lara & Ada 4/5/6-Ryder  
1/2 - Cameron (Absent)

## Happy Birthday



## Hello from Jeanette! (Pastoral Care Worker)

Hope Term 2 has started off well for you and your family!!

In Wellbeing this term the Reception class will be focusing on the Kimochi characters and their different traits and personalities and will look at different ways they handle situations in their lives. The children can identify with some of these characteristics and learn strategies for coping with different situations they may face. So far, the children have heard about Lovey Dove (and Turtle Dove) and Cloud. Ask your children about them. See what they can tell you. All the characters are depicted on the outside wall of the Year 4, 5, & 6 classroom in a path call "The Kimochi Way".

Year 1/2 and Year 2/3 have had opportunities in their Wellbeing lessons to share their "Highs" and "Lows" and discuss Resilience skills and ways they can "bounce back" when something difficult happens.

Breakfast Club is on again this term on Monday & Wednesday mornings (from 8:30am – 8:50am). Please be at school at this time if you would like your child to have some breakfast.

Also, if any parents / grandparents would be available to help with Breakfast Club (even if only occasionally), please have a chat with Sarah or myself as some mornings it's very busy!

Until next time,  
Warmly Jeanette Mann (Pastoral Care Worker – Callington Primary School)



## Community News



# ART EXPLORER

EXPRESS YOURSELF THROUGH ART



Brought to you by the Haven

A fun informal class with planned art activities designed to get you in touch with your creative side.

Wednesday  
10.30-11.30am  
\$3 per session

18 Beatty Terrace, Murray Bridge  
reception@mbcci.org.au  
www.murraybridgecommunitycentre.org.au

Contact Us  
**8531 1799**

## Tuning In To Kids

EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING

This program is for parents and carers looking to increase their confidence in parenting skills.

This parenting program helps children to learn and understand their emotions and practice regulating their emotion. Children with good emotional intelligence often have better social, emotional and physical functioning as well as fewer behavioural difficulties. Children are more able to manage conflict with their peers and have greater success with friendships.

'Tuning in to Kids' comprises five two hour sessions delivered once a week

Commencing Thursday May 25th  
@ Centacare Office.  
1A/2 Sturt Reserve Rd. Murray Bridge

To Book in and register please contact  
Lyll at Centacare on 82156347



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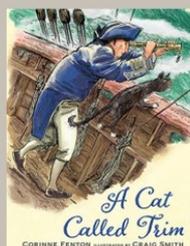
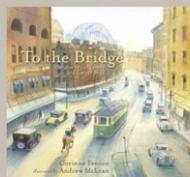
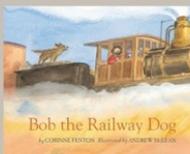
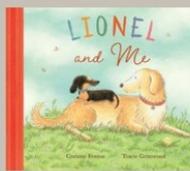


## Author Talk with Corinne Fenton

Monday 22 May  
10.30 am

Join Corinne as she shares her passion for picture books and celebrates History Month.

To book:  
Contact Murray Bridge Library  
8539 1175



Wednesday 24 May 2023  
10.45am - 12noon

Mount Barker Community Library  
5 Dumas Street Mount Barker

AND

Callington Recreation  
Community Centre  
20 Callington Road Callington

FREE EVENT - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Book online [mbcl.eventbrite.com.au](http://mbcl.eventbrite.com.au)  
or phone the library on 8393 6400

As part of the National Simultaneous Storytime 2023, the library will be holding a very special Story Time session.

This storytime will replace the regular session at the library for that day.

## Community News Cont'd

### Callington



### mainly music

A fun 30 minute music session with songs, rhymes, props, actions.

For pre-school aged children to participate with their caregiver/ parents/grandparents.

Followed by a fruit snack (supplied) and then free play while the adults enjoy a lovely morning tea.

\$5 per family per session (1<sup>st</sup> session free)

Mondays of school terms  
9.30am -11.00am  
at Callington Memorial Hall, Callington

Enquiries to Judy 0415 701 493 or Kylie 0417 896 354



The doors are now open from 9:00am allowing families to come directly after school drop off - especially helpful on wet, cold mornings. The Music program continues to commence at 9:30am.

### ADELAIDE HILLS TIGERS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB



MOUNT BARKER 5251

Do YOU want to play Rugby League?

EVERYONE IS WELCOME JUNIOR TEAMS AVAILABLE

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Club Contact  
Nicole Black  
0407 759 904  
ahtigerapres@gmail.com



### ADELAIDE HILLS TIGERS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB



#### TRAINING NIGHTS

JUNIORS BOYS & GIRLS  
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
FROM 5:30PM TO 6:30PM

CALLINGTON OVAL  
22-30 CALLINGTON ROAD,  
CALLINGTON SA 5254



### MASCOT LAUNCH

All families with children 0-5 years are invited to come and celebrate the Paint the Bridge REaD mascot launch!

Join us for an exciting day featuring a roving magician, face painting and BBQ with a special guest appearance by Australia's beloved children's singer/songwriter, Peter Combe.

LOCATION: Murray Bridge Performing Arts and Centre (Town Hall)

DATE: Saturday 3 June

TIME: 10.30am - 1pm



Scan the QR code to book your spot

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## KIDS TAEKWONDO

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- Experienced WWCC Instructors
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## Dad's Space

a place for Dad's to chat, relax and promote healthy wellbeing

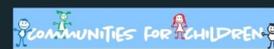
TUESDAY  
23RD  
MAY

5.30pm to 6.30pm

Finger Food

Centacare office 1a/2 Sturt  
Reserve RD  
Murray Bridge

to register call Lyall. 8215 6347



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# Callington Primary School Calendar

## Term 2 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	1/5	2/5 School Photo Day	3/5 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	4/5	5/5
Week 2	8/5 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	9/5 Whole school excursion - Art Gallery	10/5 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	11/5 Mothers Day stall	12/5 Mothers Day stall (Raffle to be drawn)
Week 3	15/5 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	16/5 Governing council meeting 6 pm	17/5 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	18/5	19/5 Walk Safely To School Day <b>Newsletter</b>
Week 4	22/5 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	23/5	24/5 <b>Breakfast Club</b> National Simultaneous Story time	25/5	26/5 <b>Assembly</b> 1 -2 class to host
Week 5 National Reconciliation Week	29/5 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	30/5	31/5 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	1/6	2/6
Week 6	5/6 World Environment Day <b>Breakfast Club</b>	6/6	7/6 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	8/6	9/6 <b>Newsletter</b>
Week 7	12/6 Public Holiday	13/6 Student Free Day	14/6 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	15/6	16/6
Week 8	19/6 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	20/6 Governing council meeting 6pm	21/6 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	22/6	23/6
Week 9	26/6 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	27/6	28/6 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	29/6	30/6
Week 10 NAIDOC Week	3/7 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	4/7 Special Food Day & PJ Day	5/7 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	6/7	7/7 Assembly 1:40 - Kiwanis Awards Reception Class to host Early Dismissal 2.20pm <b>Newsletter</b>



# SPORTS DAY 2023

It was fantastic to see so many families and friends supporting our students during Sports Day. What a fantastic day! We were extremely grateful for the opportunity to use the community oval again this year and all the resources it provides. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help make the day run smoothly. It was greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to our sports day captains on their leadership and encouragement of our BREMER Values.

Well done to Murray for winning the BREMER Values trophy this year and to Bremer who were victorious on the day!



