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Newsletter Term 1 Week 6, 2023

Principal's report

Hi Families,

Well we are well and truly into the term now with children deep into their learning. As a school we have a big focus on helping students to develop the skills, attributes and dispositions that enable them to be responsible learners who are interested, engaged and take an active role in constructing their learning rather than passively having it done to them. However, students can only engage at this level of learning if they have a strong sense of identity and wellbeing. For some of our students, this is a struggle and a lot of our everyday work aims to develop student's social, emotional and behavioural wellbeing so they feel strong, confident and ready to engage in that deep learning.

As parents and carers you can help us in that quest by ensuring that your child has solid sleep, a good breakfast, arrives at school on time in a calm frame of mind and has the chance to have some quiet downtime to rest their brain and body each night. If you feel you need support with strategies to strengthen and support your child's wellbeing, please don't hesitate to come and talk to us.

Governing Council

Thank you to all those people who attended the AGM and the first Governing Council meeting of the year. Congratulations to Luci Bayly who was voted in as our new Governing Council chairperson and to all current members, Simon Van den Ende, Chris Evans, Melanie Reiffel, Sam Pitt and Tara Narroway, who continue to be so generous of their time to our school community. Nicole Bajszki is our new staff rep. Luci and all Governing Council members have a responsibility to positively represent the ideals of the school and to provide a parent and community perspective on different aspects of school life. You can often find Luci and some of our other members dropping and picking up their children from school if you would like to chat to them.

Acquaintance Night

Thankyou to all of those families who joined us for our acquaintance night. It was a lovely night and such a generous spread of food for our BBQ dinner provided by Communities for Children. We thank them very much. I hope that you were able to connect with staff, get a better understanding about what learning looks like for your child this year and what you can do as parents/carers to support that learning.

Student Free Days

At the first Governing Council meeting, the 4 proposed student free days for the year were approved and are listed below. On those days, staff will engage in a mixture of curriculum and wellbeing professional development to support our work as a school and with children. All training will align with our Site Improvement Plan and will include curriculum experts with a range of expertise in literacy, numeracy, wellbeing and student support.

Student Free Days:

Term 1: Week 10 – Thursday 6th April

Term 2: Week 7 – Tuesday 13th June

Term 3: Week 6 – Monday 4th September

Term 4: Week 5 – Friday 17th November

There will also be a school closure day following the Callington Show in Term 4 on Monday 30th October. This date is to be confirmed once approved by Governing Council.

Congratulations

Yr 6's receiving their specially designed jumpers.



Bremer Values recipients:
Reception Class: Amelia & Taj
1/2 Class: Alannah & Aiden
2/3 Class: Ellissa & Lachlan
4/5/6 Class: Pearl & Ila



Student Leaders

It was lovely to be part of the first assembly in Week 4 run by the 4/5/6 class. The introduction of the new Reception children was a highlight. It was also fantastic to announce the Callington Primary School captains for 2023 as Ryder Lennon and Jasmine Salter. Both Merran Jolley and myself are looking forward to working with the leaders to help them develop their capacity and skills to lead our school with positivity, creativity and strength.

We are also looking forward to seeing the outcome of the process to elect our Sports Captains for 2023, which is currently underway. These captains will take a pivotal role in leading their sport houses on Sports Day in Week 11, 14th April, the last day of this term.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and 5 students begins next week on Wednesday 15th March. All students will participate in a test for writing, reading, conventions of language and maths. The testing will be completed by Monday 27th March. Students have been part of a number of practice tests to help familiarise them with the online platform, types of questions and testing conditions. It is very important that all Year 3 and 5 students attend everyday over this period unless they are sick and please encourage students to have a good breakfast and go in with a positive mindset to do their best.

Upcoming Events

Public holiday—Week 7, 13th March.

Pie Drive Orders Due—week 8, Thursday 23rd March.

Assembly run by 2/3 class – Week 9, Friday 31st March.

Student Free Day—Week 10, Thursday 6th April.

Public Holiday—Week 10, Friday 7th April.

Public Holiday—Week 11, Monday 10th April.

Sports Day – Week 11, last day of term Friday 14th April.

School photos - Term 2, Week 1 on Tuesday 2nd May.

Have a great next few weeks and I look forward to seeing you around.

Kind regards,

Suyin McDonald – Principal (acting)

And to Ada.....Ada competed at the first All Girls South Australian Motocross event here at south coast mx club.

Ada placed first in the 50cc class and 3rd in the 65cc class ages 7-12.

This was Adas first race for the 2023 season after a successful season last year and 2023 will be her last year on the 50cc while transitioning to the bigger 65cc bike.

Congratulations Ada for your hard work and determination.





Hello from Jeanette! (Pastoral Care Worker)



Here we are at the end of Week 6. Hope you and your family are travelling well through the term.

Life usually brings some challenges both for families and for students. Challenges can be good because they can help us learn and grow. Learning new things helps our brains build more connections.

When we stop trying to learn and give up, we display a fixed or set mindset. When we keep learning through the different challenges we face, we build a growth mindset. When things are hard to learn we can persevere and try different strategies telling ourselves we haven't learned it ... YET! (This acknowledges that there is the hope for the future as we keep trying different strategies). As we exercise and use our brains, things that once were difficult become easier! Keep encouraging your children to challenge themselves and learn new things.

Are you collecting the Woolworths bricks? I have started a collection and wondered if anyone would like to contribute to it for the children to use on Wednesdays at DDI (Do Drop In) time. If you are not collecting them for your family, please feel free to drop them off at the front office.

I hope that you all have a safe & enjoyable long weekend!

Until next time,

Warmly Jeanette (Pastoral Care Worker – Callington Primary School)



Happy Birthday



Dates to Remember

Term 1

13/3 Public holiday

23/3 Pie Drive Orders Due

31/3 Assembly 2/3 class to host

3/4 & 4/4 Parent teacher interviews

6/4 School Photos –**Cancelled**
(now Term 2)
Student free day

7/4 & 10/4 Public Holiday

14/4 Sports Day

Community News

The Callington Recreation Community Centre Presents

Family Fun Day

Callington Oval 20 Callington Rd, Callington

Mickster The Trickster – Magic Show
Kaileb Rothwell – Special Kids Music Set
Face Painting / BBQ / Callington CFS
Jumping Castles / Water Slides

Sunday March 19th
11am – 3pm

FREE

CountryLifeCompassion

The Pantry Club

Callington & Surrounding Communities

At Callington Memorial Hall

Requires a small fee but the return is great!

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For tomorrow's students



Mount Barker High School warmly invites you to our **OPEN NIGHT**.

Meet and chat with staff and current students, tour the school's facilities, discuss subject options, experience the school's 115-year heritage, and discover how we're leading the way in Positive Education to build positive futures.

Wednesday 22 March 2023 | 4.00pm - 8.00pm (Principal's Address 6pm)

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How to stay safe in and around the RIVER

- Always wear a lifejacket.
- Always swim with an adult and never swim alone.
- Always check for hazards before swimming (e.g. submerged objects, rocks, sharp objects).
- Always check the weather forecast.
- Always check current alerts and warnings for the area.
- Always tell someone when you are going out on the water.
- River banks can collapse due to changes in water flow and other environmental factors. Be extra cautious!
- Remember to stay safe and look out for others!



Use your phone to check the weather forecast in Murray Bridge

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HARMONY WEEK
MONDAY 20 - SUNDAY 26
MARCH 2023



HARMONY WEEK

Let's come together to celebrate our cultural diversity.

Upper Primary Art

Sidney Nolan, one of Australia's most renowned artists, is our art focus this term. Sidney Nolan created a series of iconic paintings featuring Ned Kelly and we have been creating our own series of Ned Kelly artworks to support our HASS unit on bushrangers. We used watercolours for our artwork of Ned on his horse and paint slicks for our up close portrait of Ned.



