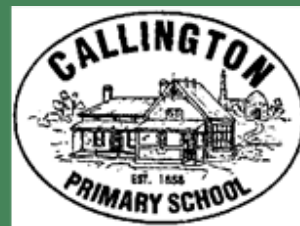


School Newsletter

Callington Primary School
Term 1 Week 3, 2025



Year 6 Jumpers



Upcoming Events

- 18/2 Acquaintance Night (BBQ) 3.30-6pm
- 19/2 Assembly 9.15am (3/4 hosting)
- Governing Council AGM after assembly followed by first meeting of the year
- 24/2 Student Free Day

Things to Remember

Please advise Sarah/Elisha if your contact details have changed recently ie email/phone number



Breakfast Club
Mon & Wed (8:30-8:50am)



Hats for play



School fees are due
30th May



Hot lunches - alfoil container only, no microwaveable containers



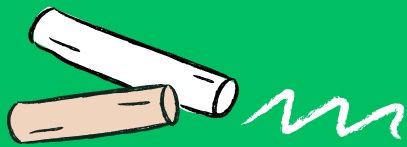
Please talk to children about not going through the staff car park for safety when they arrive/depart each day

Welcome Michael, Liz & Sam



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Happy Birthday



February

Piper
Kacee
Quinn
Alannah
Jaxon W
Evan
Aiden
Shaylee
Lily
Riley

Books for Lesotho Inc



As we have transitioned from the old readers to our new decodable readers, last year we sorted through our extensive collection of "levelled readers" which have accumulated over many years. The bulk of these continue to be used in classes, also providing us with an additional resource for students to borrow for reading practise, or simply to share and discuss at home. A number of the older readers have been culled from our system and we have been exploring ways to "rehome" them.

So we felt very fortunate to have found "Books for Lesotho", a small organisation based at Pasadena Secondary School, that gathers books just like these, sorts them into levels and sends them off to Lesotho (Africa) schools four times a year. We are so pleased that these books will continue to be utilised and send our thanks to David and his team of volunteers at "BfL" for accepting Callington Primary's pre-loved books.

Principal News

Welcome Back for 2025!!

Hello families, welcome to the first newsletter of the year. Hoping your child(ren) have experienced a really positive start to the school year and have settled in nicely. From staff's point of view, we have had an excellent start to 2025. We are noticing that students seem super settled and happy. They are engaging really well in class and with their new teachers and classmates. We have had minimal disruptive behaviour which is wonderful and it is creating such a good atmosphere for everyone at school, allowing the time and space to become comfortable with the year ahead. Congratulations to all students and staff for their fabulous start and especially to all of our parents/caregivers who have contributed to our early success and helped students be ready and organised.

I'd also like to do a special shout out to our new Reception students, our new parents to Callington PS and our new teachers (Liz Pathak R/1, Michael White 5/6) and SSO (Sam Howick) to our Cally family. They have all been a wonderful addition to our teaching and support staff and I look forward to seeing how they are able to contribute to your child's education and personal/social growth. With the start we have had, I am really hopeful and excited about 2025 and what we can achieve together.

During these first few weeks, teachers have been focussing on learning that prioritises creating positive classroom/school culture, introducing and exploring what it means to be an effective learner and collaboratively constructing class and school expectations. They have also been setting up predictable and consistent routines and establishing important Berry Street strategies to ensure an environment where effective learning can take place right from the start. This is one of the most important times of the year and sets the scene for the quality of learning we expect for the whole of 2025.

From this week on, teachers have started getting more rigorously into curriculum learning and settling into normal lesson routines. As always, please use your class and specialist teachers as your first point of contact if you have any concerns, questions or wonderings about your child or their learning. Any administration questions can be answered by Sarah and Elisha in the front office and I am always here to support with anything else that you may want to have a chat about.

There is so much that has happened in the first 2 weeks of school already and lots to come in the next few weeks. Catch up on all the news and information as you read through the newsletter. I look forward to seeing you in the near future at our Acquaintance Night, our first assembly or our Governing Council AGM.

I wish all of our families a wonderful year. Take care, Suyin



Our new school VALUES



At the end of last year, the whole school was part of a process designed to review our school values, with the aim to simplify and align them with our school priorities moving forward. This process involved staff, students, Governing Council and family consultation and was run throughout term 4. Following the analysis of all of our school community's voices it has emerged that the values that most closely align with what we feel are important and will contribute to the big picture of who we want to be, are:

CARE, COURAGE and CONNECTION

Values are the core beliefs or principles that guide a person's life and decisions. They represent what a person considers important or worthwhile and we believe that these 3 strong values are going to stand this school, its staff, families and students in good stead and shape us as we move forward as a learning community.

RESPONSIBILITY and RESILIENCE also polled highly in our voting and we believe that they also need to feature strongly in everything we are, do and be as a school. They can be seen as dispositions (ways people act that reflect a way of thinking, feeling, and behaving in particular situations). We are wanting students to display both responsibility and resilience in their school and personal lives and these will feature heavily as we explore and unpack each of the values with the students.

MOVING FORWARD.....

We now have our 3 core values (+ focussed dispositions). Catherine Bruce and myself will be working together (and with staff) throughout the year, to create a considered roll out of the values to allow staff, students and families the time to explore, understand, practise and demonstrate our new values. This will include focussed lessons for students, time to practise what our values mean, new branding for the school (e.g. awards, website, welcome signs etc) and parent communication to families. The hope is that with gradual immersion in and reference to our new values, that our school will strongly and clearly live, learn and represent CARE, COURAGE and CONNECTION in the best possible way.



Nature Play progress



No doubt everyone has seen the exciting works near the basketball court, which signals the commencement of our new Nature Play space. We are all really excited that it is finally happening and each day we notice changes, progress and excitement around what the final product is going to look like. 'Betterland', who are doing the build, have been fantastic to work with so far and are very considerate of our school and students. They have ensured that only the minimum amount of space is bounded off to do their work ensuring maximum space for our students to still play in. We are all looking forward to continuing to see the changes in this space and thank everyone for their patience as the work continues. Below demonstrates some of the work so far.



Governing Council AGM



All families are welcome and encouraged to attend our annual AGM to hear about the year that was in 2024 at Callington PS. Wednesday 19/2 at 10 am (hall) after our 1st assembly. At the AGM you also have the opportunity to nominate to join our Governing Council for 2025. This year sees a smaller council with 5 members in total with the hope that this new structure will support a more focussed approach to priorities in the school. If you are interested in joining the council or would like to know more, please see Suyin or Luci (current chairperson) or collect a nomination form from the front office or at Acquaintance Night next Tuesday and pass completed form to Suyin or Luci.



GOVERNING COUNCIL MORNING TEA

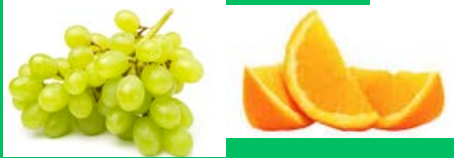
Once again, we had a lovely morning tea on the first day of school which was organised by Luci Bayly our GC chairperson to celebrate the end of school holidays and the start of a new school year. It was a great opportunity to connect with parents/caregivers and look forward to the year ahead. A big thank you to Laura Warbout who made the coffees, Tracey Rothwell and her Coffee Club who donated the coffee beans, Rose Ashton, CRPI Committee for the free use of the Centre and all the families that baked delicious goodies to share. What a great way to start the year with our school community. Thank you !!



Peanut Aware school



You will remember that last year we needed to ensure our school became a "Peanut Aware" school due to a student enrolment and asked all families not to send any peanut products (other nuts were ok) to school. To provide clarity to families this year, this student is currently not attending our school, however they may re-enrol later in the year, therefore, to prevent confusion I have decided to keep this rule in place to prevent us having to chop and change what we do. Everyone has done such a great job already and other students may enrol in the future who have nut allergies, so for now let's just keep doing what we have been doing. Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter.



Litter free wholesome lunch boxes

As the school year begins, families are getting back into the groove of packing delicious lunches for their children. Throughout years of teaching, staff have seen some amazingly colourful, wholesome and healthy lunch boxes that are a joy to see children eat and certainly support brain function and learning throughout the day. However, they have also seen the opposite. Therefore, to support your child's learning and keep them at their optimum, we are asking if you would consider keeping high sugar and salt snacks to a minimum as we notice significant changes in behaviour and ability to learn when these foods make up the majority of a school lunch box.

We are also implementing a push towards our school being a litter free lunch school. This is a popular decision in many schools and has multiple benefits such as encouraging healthy lunch and recess choices, decreasing the litter at schools to keep our grounds and classrooms looking great and inviting discussions with children around the environmental benefits of decreasing rubbish in the world and how we can play a small part in our community. We want to keep trying to be good role models and your help in promoting this would be fantastic thank you.

Hello from Jeanette (PCW)



Hello from Jeanette!

I hope you and your child/ren have had a good start to the year.

As most of you know I am the Pastoral Care Worker at Callington Primary School for 11 hours per week (Monday mornings until 12 noon and all-day Wednesday.) I am married to Graeme and we have 3 adult children and 2 grandchildren. We live at Gifford Hill near Murray Bridge.

I run Breakfast Club on Monday & Wednesday before school starting at 8:30am - all students are welcome to drop in if they haven't had breakfast or if they are looking for a top-up!

I also run some student drop-in times during the breaks. On Monday there is DDIO (Do Drop- In Outside) with activities including Bubble blowing; play dough; skipping; water play; chalk; grip mitts, etc.. On Wednesday there is DDI (Do Drop In) at Lunchtime and children are welcome to do craft activities, games, drawing, colouring, making with boxes or other creative activities.

From time to time I will organize special activities to tie in with a particular focus for the week. Next week Random Acts of Kindness Day is on the 17th February and a variety of activities will be provided and Well being lessons will be held in each class on this theme. Encourage kindness as it also has health benefits as well.

Have a great term and look out for those opportunities to show kindness to one another!

Until next time,

Warmly Jeanette (Pastoral Care Worker - Callington Primary School)



1/2 Class



The first two weeks have been a wonderful start, and we are delighted to see the enthusiasm and energy that the students have brought to the classroom. We have spent time learning about each other through fun activities and games. It's been great to see new friendships forming!



Community News

ADELAIDE HILLS TIGERS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB



CALLINGTON 5254

PLAYERS WANTED

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

JUNIOR BOYS & GIRLS
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Create memories together

Delight in singing with your little one.

Have fun learning together.

Make new friends.

Your child will enjoy the play time.

Relax with a drink and snack.

Come along.

Monday mornings during term time
St Peter's Lutheran Church
22 Murray St, Callington

For more information, contact Judy on 0415 701 493 or scan the QR code
and search: Callington, SA

Find our
group here



delight, accept, grow

mainlymusic.org



At mainly music, the weekly sessions are full of songs, rhymes, actions and movement, designed to engage you and your pre-school child. The 30-minute music session is followed by refreshment and snacks and a time of unstructured play. You'll be able to connect with other parents and create memories with your little one.

St Peter's Lutheran Church have mainly music sessions on Monday mornings during term time. Contact the Team Leader, Judy on 0415 701 493 for more information.

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