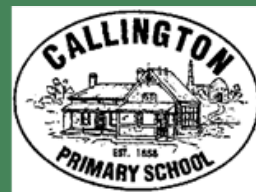


School Newsletter

Callington Primary School
Term 1 Week 6, 2025



BREMER Award Winners



Congratulations Lara, Kadek, Soren, Reginald, Sophie, Cody & Autumn

Upcoming Events

- 10/3 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
- 12/3 Whole School Art Excursion
- 12/3-24/3 NAPLAN
- Week 8 Harmony Week
- 31/3 Tour de Cure visit (plus Wheels Day for a donation - more information to come)
- 3/4 Whole School Photos
- 11/4 Sports Day

2025 School Captains



Congratulations Ila & Zac

Things to Remember

- Please advise Sarah/Elisha if your contact details have changed recently, i.e. email/phone number
- Breakfast Club
Mon & Wed (8:30-8:50am)
- Please notify office well in advance if picking up children early as they may need to come back from the Callington oval if they are with Mr Ratcliff for PE
- School fees are due 30th May

School Newsletter

Happy Birthday

Happy
Birthday!

March

Ila
Zac
Ashley
Ethan
Darci
Chloe
Storm*
Carla
Darcy*

Happy kids



Beautiful playground

Principal News



What's been happening at CPS.....

Schools are such busy places and as usual, I can't believe we are over half way through the term. It has been go, go, go at Callington PS over the last few weeks. Particular highlights include the Acquaintance night, appointing our student leaders for 2025, Zac and Ila and preparing for NAPLAN.

I also wanted to thank all families for supporting our recent student free day where we had time with other schools from the hills to explore, discuss and start implementing the new SA curriculum, specifically in Maths and in our specialist subject areas.

Compared to the Australian curriculum there is a specific focus on prioritising and teaching students specific dispositions and capabilities that will be beneficial in life. Although this is something teachers have always done, our challenge is what will this look like in our current teaching and learning, how do we align it with our new values of CARE, COURAGE and CONNECTION, and how does it fit with our Site Learning Plan. Please read more about this further in the newsletter, and enjoy all the other news coming out of Callington.

Kind regards and take care, Su Yin



Governing Council 2025

Early in the term we held our 2025 Governing Council AGM, followed by the first meeting of the year. During these meetings we farewelled some of our long standing (and shorter term) Governing Council members who are either taking a break or have moved schools. I would like to thank Mel Reiffel, Chris Evans, Sam Pitt, Amber Crawford and Luci Bayly for their hard work and dedication to the school over the years and wish them the best.

It also gives me great pleasure to welcome a new Governing Council of 5 for 2025 - myself as Principal, Chloe Trussell (Chairperson), Olivia Zulian (Treasurer), Julie Wilks (Secretary) and Sonia Harvey (Parents and Friends rep). I look forward to working with our new team over the next few years to focus on providing the best we can for all the students at our school. Thanks again ladies for giving up your time to create a great school.

NAPLAN



Next week from Thursday (Week 7) until the following Friday (Week 8) we will be running the annual NAPLAN testing, which tests students' writing, reading, spelling, grammar and maths capabilities. This is aimed at providing schools with information to support students in areas of challenge and celebrate areas of academic growth.

Students in Years 3 and 5 have had a number of opportunities to become familiar with the testing environment and the types of questions they will encounter. If your child is part of the testing, please ensure that they have good sleep, good food and are calm and reassured if they are worried. It is all about doing their best and having a go.

It is super important that during the testing window, all students are at school everyday and on time so we can start tests at the required time and no catch up tests are necessary.



Donations

Staff have been talking about quite a few initiatives for this year and we were wondering if families had any of the following items they could donate to the school - *red, yellow or orange material or wool (any colour) and any paper towel rolls.*

If you do, please bring to the front office, we would be most grateful.

Site Learning Plan

Each year, every school is required to outline their goals/intentions for the year through a Site Learning Plan. This plan, created in conjunction with staff and with the support of our local education team, details specific areas and steps in teaching and learning that will improve the outcomes for students at our school.

As was shared in 2024, we were focussing primarily on improving the "Wellbeing" of students by ensuring our learners felt safe, included and valued and improved their resilience and persistence in learning and social interactions. We also had a focus on "Equity and Excellence" to ensure we were providing a high quality teaching and learning program that supported our students to experience continual growth and improvement. This year in 2025, we will be continuing our important work in this space but also be focussing on developing "Effective Learners" who know how best to learn and have the skills and dispositions to be proactive and effective in their learning. Please look in your child's bag for a handout that summarises our plan for this year and what that will look like for your child. Feel free to come and have a chat if you would like to know more.

2025 Acquaintance Night

On Tuesday, 18th February, our community shared a generous BBQ provided by Lyall from Centacare to kickstart a night of shared conversation, food, information and meeting classroom teachers/staff. Thank you to all that came along to help build community and learn more about your child's schooling for 2025. We look forward to the next event together.



Nature Play Fun



It is so exciting to be able to write about the successful completion of stage 1 of the Nature Play development. Children and families have been so patient and earlier this week, children had the opportunity to explore and play in our new playground for the first time. They had a wonderful time and were eager to explore what the playground had to offer.

The second stage will commence in a week's time where the sandpit and surrounds will be completed to further add to the creative play that is possible. I want to thank previous Governing Council members for the saved funds with additional school funds that has funded this part of the build.

At this stage, the playground is only open at recess and lunchtimes, but once the whole space is complete and building work has finished there will be a formal opening and the whole space will be opened up for all to use.



Help from our school family - DONATIONS PLEASE

We are still trying to develop the space to its full extent and are asking for any donations of "loose parts" that could be used for creative play by the children. We are looking for anything "nature focussed" that could be used creatively to create cubbies, forts, mixing potions, sorting or weaving through the steel huts. We are not looking for anything plastic, but more natural materials and in good condition (e.g. foliage, sticks, branches no more than 10cm in diameter, cane baskets, natural seeds, pine cones or offcuts of shade cloth etc).

“Clean up Callington”

On the suggestion from one of our school families, and in line with our values of Care and Connection, our Callington kids participated in our own “Clean up Callington” day as part of the Clean up Australia Day initiative. In classes students learnt the benefits of coming together as a community to contribute to their local community and the damage that excess litter can do to our aquatic environment. Taking action in our community is important, so the junior primary classes spent time cleaning up our school yard and classes and the middle and upper primary classes put gloves on and cleaned up rubbish around the Callington Recreation Park and surrounds. The students enjoyed being part of the experience and hope their efforts contributed positively to our local area.



Litter Free Lunches

Thank you to all of those families that are making a real effort to provide healthy, litter free lunches. We have been noticing a fantastic array of healthy colourful food in children's lunch boxes that not only help to keep our yard clean and free from litter, but most importantly support optimal brain function to support the students to learn at their best. See below some pictures of children's lunches at our school which may give you ideas for your child's next lunch box.



Hello from Jeanette (PCW)



Hello from Jeanette,

Today I was involved in an E-Safety webinar. It raised some good points about safe online practices and what to do if someone is using unsafe behaviour.

There are some useful resources available to schools and parents/carers. One useful resource mentioned was "eSafety Kids Conversation Starters".

The conversation starters are designed to be used in a family or education setting to start everyday conversations about online safety. The topics include identifying online risks, using technology safely and reporting unsafe behaviour. Parents could use them together with information and resources on eSafety websites, and empower kids to make good decisions in their online experiences.

Some of the conversation starters are:

- How do you know when it's time to stop an online activity?
- Who would you go to if something negative happened online?
- What would you do if someone online was contacting you, but you didn't want them to?
- How would you know if something online was fake?
- Have you ever seen something online that made you feel worried?

There are lots of other downloadable resources and webinars for parents/carers.

See <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources> and <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids>

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

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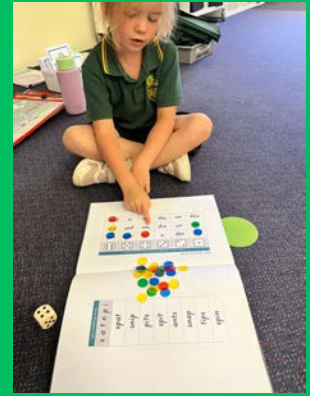
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CALLINGTON MEMORIAL HALL

Callington Messy Church

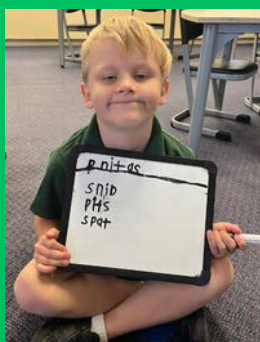
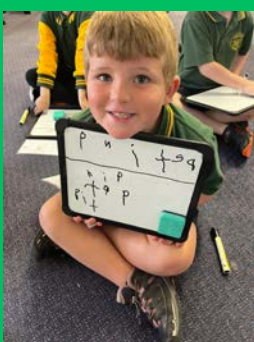
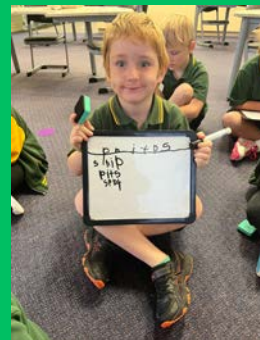
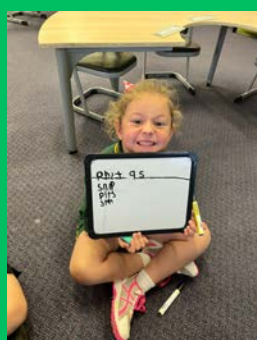


R/1 Class

In Room 3 the Reception and Year 1 students have been spending lots of time practising reading skills. One activity we use to practise decoding is called "Roll, Read & Write."



Students have also been enjoying practising dictation everyday during our Phonics lessons. Students say the word they need to spell and then use their fingers to count out the sounds they need to spell the word.



R/1 Class

News Sharing

During Week 4, Room 3 students started News Sharing for the year. Each week students are given a topic to speak about, and occasionally this includes bringing in an item from home. The first topic they spoke about was their favourite book. Students loved sharing their books with one another. This week we are going to find out about the different career aspirations from the students in our class.



Community News

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