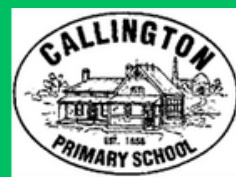


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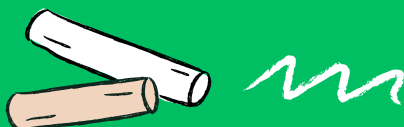
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Ila & Zac attending Kanmantoo Anzac Service



Thankyou to our student leaders and Mr White for representing CPS at the annual Anzac Day service in Kanmantoo. Always a proud moment and highlight for our school to be invited to lay a wreath in remembrance.



Sports Day



Bremer winners of the sports day cup

Upcoming Events

21/5 - Assembly 9.15 am in the hall.
Hosted by 1/2 class

27/5 - Whole school Excursion for performance of Moss Piglet.

5/6 - School Disco

6/6 - Student Free Day

9/6 - Public Holiday

Things to Remember



Permission forms and payment of \$12.00 for the Excursion to Murray Bridge Town Hall due 20th May.



Please ensure all your details are correct and up to date with the office ie phone numbers, emergency contacts and email addresses



If you arrive after 8.50am please ensure all children go through office and are signed in by you.

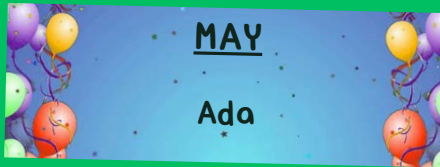


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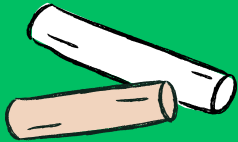
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Happy Birthday

THANKYOU volunteers



Next week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering, *National Volunteer Week* and highlights the important role of volunteers in our community. I would just like to send out a heartfelt thankyou and huge appreciation to all of our volunteers across the school, especially our very active Governing Council - Chloe, Olivia, Sonia and Julie. Without you (and all the contributing school families), we wouldn't have had such wonderful and successful fundraising events so far this year. Thank you also to many families for your generosity and contribution to our school in various ways. The whole school community has benefited and we thank you for your efforts and passion.



SAPSASA



Congratulations to Kacee, Zac, Ila, Ada and Sophie for their achievement at SAPSASA athletics. All athletes put in a fantastic effort coming home with a number of ribbons!



Principal News



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

Hello everyone and welcome back to Term 2. So nice to see all of our students and families back. We are already in Week 3 with lots happening within our school community. The students have had a great start to the term and have been getting down to the business of learning.

Wasn't Sports Day such a wonderful day? I just wanted to thank Sonia..... and her team (P&F), the Governing Council members and all of our families who donated a sweet treat, for contributing to a wonderfully varied and generous bake sale. I know I enjoyed the treats a lot !! 😊 Also a massive thanks again to Matt Ratcliff, staff and parents who helped set up and pack up for the day. It really was a great community spirited event. Matt will have more to say later in the newsletter.

I would also like to acknowledge the fantastic Mother's Day stall also organised by Sonia and her team. It was such a great opportunity for our children to think about the loved ones in their lives and buy a special treat for them. The joy in the children's faces as they explored the stall was priceless and Sonia will be sharing more further in the newsletter.

At the end of last year, our whole school was involved in developing a new set of values that reconnected students, staff and families with our bigger picture purpose as a school, now and in the future. We were pleased to arrive at 3 values: CARE, COURAGE and CONNECTION. Please read further in the newsletter, what this means for your children, their learning and what you will see differently throughout the year around the school.

A heartfelt thankyou to Jaxon and Aiden Walker and their family for the loveliest and very kind gesture of giving Easter kindness packages to every single student and staff in the school. A wonderful example of Care and Connection amongst our school community.

Finally, in this newsletter, I have included a separate communication, that updates families on the status of the collapsed mineshaft and where the department is at with its investigations and remediation. As is usual, I will provide any additional information as it comes to hand.

I look forward to continuing to positively live, learn and be in our school community together.

Take care, Suyin



Our NEW school VALUES



What does this mean for our school?

From the beginning of this year Catherine Bruce and I have been developing a strategic plan with a series of lessons, resources and activities that demonstrates the meaning and purpose behind our new values. We will gradually roll these out and explore them with students. Our aim is to ensure that all staff and students have a real understanding of and connection to the values so they can be reflected in the culture of our school in the way we live, learn and conduct ourselves in and outside of our school community.

This term signals the start of rolling out these lessons, weekly in classes, connecting them to our Berry Street strategies that support optimal learning for children, and aligning them to our Site Learning Plan and the learning dispositions within the new SA curriculum. By the end of this year, our values will be reflected in all of our branding across the school. This will include new signs as part of the school landscape. We will be working with web designers to create an updated modern website, a video and photo collage rolling on a big screen to greet visitors and families as they enter the front office. We will also create a reimagined version of our school logo and motto that still honours the history of Callington PS. We will be collaborating with students to create visual representations of our new values for assembly awards and a values cup for Sports Day.

We are proud of our vision for the future and hope you will help us reinforce these new values with your children and embrace them with us as we look to the future together as a positive and thriving school community.

COURAGE

CARE

CONNECTION

Cultural Immersion Day



At the end of last term, I was able to take Mason to a Cultural Immersion Day for many of our First Nations students in the region. It was a great day to gather with other First Nations primary and high school students in surrounding schools, engage in some aboriginal artwork, cook around a fire and extend knowledge about culture. I am hoping to extend this learning, later in the term, to all of our students by inviting Aunty Ros, who is a local artist and contributed to the day, to share her culture through painting and storytelling. I hope through our work on the day, we will all have the opportunity to learn more and create a whole school art piece that will enrich our Nature Play space.



Commissioner for Children's Awards

At the end of last term, our school was lucky enough to be invited to a very special awards ceremony hosted by the Commissioner for Children, Helen Connolly, to celebrate our ongoing commitment to share student voice through the "Dear Helen" postcards project. This project highlights the thoughts, ideas and perspectives of children around the state and what they want the Commissioner and adults to know about their world, their worries, hopes and dreams. This work over 7 years by the Commissioner, has been used to inform policy and advocate for young people everywhere and is the centrepiece of a display as part of the "Dream Big" children's art festival. Zac and Ila, our student leaders, joined me to represent the school and it was humbling to be part of. Only 71 schools from across the state were recognised and a small speech about our school, a glass plaque (which is in the front office) and a shared morning tea signified the achievement.



Staff Professional Learning

The continued development of teacher/SSO skills and knowledge is something I have always advocated for and prioritised, as they are the ones who will have the most impact on your children. So far this year (and moving forward), we have increased our learning around: use of iPad technology in class, improve writing for students, teach and engage children in Math, best strategies to teach music, and the benefits of music for transition, and continued learning around the Berry Street Education Model.

Our most recent student free day saw staff engage with an expert, Ange Rogers to develop their understanding and skill in Maths. This learning will continue through Term 2 & 3 as our classroom teachers participate in some deep learning around the new SA Curriculum with our Math lead, Sarah Centofanti.

Last week, Mrs Pathak and I (in partnership with Elise and Jannelle from the Kindy), were also fortunate to attend the final day of a 2 day course, learning how best to use music to transition our Kindy children into the school space. There is significant research around the benefits of music for literacy and numeracy success and making it a priority in our early years and across the school is beneficial for all. Transitioning into school is such an important step for the youngest members of our school community and we want to ensure this is as successful and seamless as possible. At the end of Term 2 we will be welcoming 5 new Receptions into our Transition program with Mrs Pathak in our R/1 class. We all look forward to meeting them.

I am confident the continual investment in our teachers and SSOs will improve the quality of our teaching and learning for all students and set them up for a positive future.



Hello from Jeanette (PCW)



Hello from Jeanette,

Here we are in Week 3 of the term already! I hope you had an enjoyable holiday time.

Last term, was Random Acts of Kindness Week. As a follow-on from the focus of that week, I have decided to give Kindness Awards to the students. One award will be nominated each week (either by myself or the staff) and these awards will be presented at each Assembly. The first group of students to receive a certificate at the end of Term 1 Assembly were Aurora, Sophie, Lara, Kadek and Amelia (not pictured in the photo).



Movie Night

If you are looking for something to do on Sunday afternoon (Sunday 18th May) between 4-6 pm, you are invited by Callington Messy Church to come and enjoy a free movie and dinner at the Callington Memorial Hall (There will be popcorn too!) You are welcome to bring a beanbag, comfy chair/blanket and your friends.

Until next time,

Warmly Jeanette Mann (Pastoral Care Worker - Callington Primary School)



Easter Christian Options

Here are some photos taken during the Easter Christian Options. The children enjoyed a video, craft activities, biscuit decorating, Egg and Easter Egg Spoon Race, plus other craft activities.





SPORTS DAY 2025



It was amazing to see so many families and friends cheering on our students during Sports Day - what an incredible event! We are truly thankful for the chance to use the community oval again this year and for all the resources it offers. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to ensure everything went smoothly; your help was greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to our Sports Day captains for their outstanding leadership and for promoting our BREMER Values.

A special shout-out to Angas for winning the BREMER Values trophy this year and to Bremer for winning the Sports Day cup!



Sports Day 2025



Fundraising Committee Update

Hello from the Fundraising Committee!

We have had a great start to the 2025 school year in regards to fundraising for our school. We would like to thank each and every one of you who have supported the events and joined in. So far we have raised approximately \$2,500 to go towards subsidising transport for excursions and school improvements.

The school Sports Day was an exciting, fun filled day and we are so proud of the community for getting behind the bake sale and sausage sizzle. Thank you to all parents who donated baked goods, we had rave reviews!

Last week we had the privilege of running the Mother's Day stall on Thursday and Friday. We would like to commend all the students for the way they conducted themselves at the Mother's Day stall. Every student was polite, courteous and used their manners. We were all very impressed.

The Mother's Day raffle was drawn on Thursday. Winning first prize; Cathy Trussell, Second Prize; Rachelle Pitt, Third Prize; Monica Sprigg - Congratulations to everyone and enjoy your prizes!

Without our sponsors and kind donations, events like these just would not happen. So we would like to thank the following for their support. If you can get behind them in anyway, please do:

Sports Day: Murray Bridge Meats, Monteith Meats, Maidments Meat Service, Woolworths Strathalbyn and Murray Bridge, Coles Murray Bridge and Mt Barker and Callington General Store.

Mothers Day: Big W Murray Bridge, Jurlique, Swanport Hotel Murray Bridge, Murray Bridge Post shop, Hair at 5, NS Timeless Beauty, Brenton Tucker Native Plants, Chloe Trussell, Wohlers, Callington General Store, Fengate Nursery, Kmart Murray Bridge, Something New from Something Used - Kristy Shillabeer, Zulian's Fudge, Little Cookie Nook, Ell Bee Jewellery, Sam Pitt, Julie Wilks and Sarah Elliott.

Please keep getting behind all the fun events we are organising and watch out for details on the circus themed Disco on Thursday 5th June. From the Fundraising committee



Community News



Inclusive Teaching & Learning
SIES

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Department for Education

CARE PLANS AND NDIS PROVIDERS IN SCHOOLS INFORMATION SESSION

The Department's Statewide Inclusive Education Services (SIES) will be hosting an information session about care plans and NDIS providers in schools presented by Nicolee Rich, Manager, Disability, Policy & Legislation via Microsoft Teams (scan the code below).


If you're a parent or carer of a student with disability at a Department School, you are invited to the session where SIES staff will also be available to discuss resources and supports.

THURSDAY
22nd MAY 2025

1pm - 2:30pm


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The South Australian Government's Sports Voucher program helps offset the cost of sports and recreation activities for children in Reception to Year 9. Eligible children can receive up to \$200 off their sports membership or registration fees. Visit www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au for more information.

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