

CALLY NEWS.....

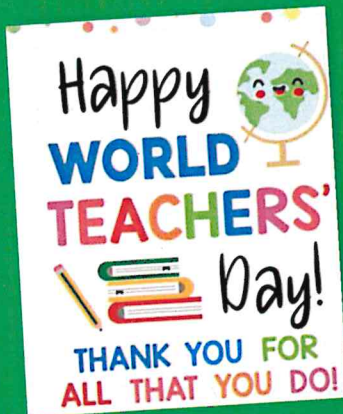


Callington Primary School
Term 4 Week 3, 2025

World Teachers' Day

Friday 31st October

Today, leaders, SSOs and school communities around the world will be celebrating the extraordinary and committed contributions teachers make to education and students everywhere. I would just like to give a shout out to the wonderful teachers we have here at Callington. We have an excellent group of teachers that not only support, motivate and engage students in their learning, but they prioritise our students' social and emotional wellbeing enabling them to be ready to learn and thrive at school. They provide a safe place for our students, a listening and comforting ear and firm expectations and boundaries that support our students to make strong choices and to be their best selves. We are really fortunate to have Liz, Rachel, Helen, Michael, Catherine and Matt and I am really grateful for their contribution to our school and the Callington community.



Catherine was away when this was taken

Upcoming Events

Term 4

November

- 12th - Assembly 9.15am - R/1 hosting (R/1 & 3/4 sharing)
- 13th - Concert Dress Rehearsal 1
- 17th - 21st - Swimming lessons
- 21st - EFS Yr6 Transition Taster Day
- 24th - Concert Dress Rehearsal 2
- 25th - Kindy Orientation 1
- 25th - Concert 6pm (students to arrive at 5.30pm at the school)
- 26th Concert matinee at 1.30pm

Things to Remember

- Concert dates changed from Week 4 to Week 7.
- Note sent home in Week 1 Re costume requirements for the concert.
- Swimming consent forms and payment is due Thursday 6th November



Principal News



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

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone. Things are certainly starting to heat up here at school, to some extent temperature wise but more so with all of the learning and events for this term. As you would be aware from the Term 4 calendar we have a lot going on, including the Callington Show (week 3), Swimming (week 6), Peter Pan Concert (week 7), Kindy orientation for new Receptions (week 7-9), high school transitions for our Year 6 students (week 8) and a range of end of year events (weeks 8 and 9).

So much to read about in this edition of the "Cally News".....read all about our exploits at the Callington Show, how our children are travelling in the wellbeing space from data collected earlier in the year, the school transitioning to a new administration and finance system (EMS) and what that might mean for you, an update on the mineshaft situation, celebrating World Teachers' Day and the new Reception teacher for 2026.

I would also like to take this opportunity to farewell Liz Pathak. Liz has been a wonderful addition to our team this year taking on the Reception/Year 1 teaching position left vacant at the end of last year. Liz has been a breath of fresh air for our little ones with her enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to providing the best start academically and socially/emotionally for our youngest students in the school. She has provided structure, routine, consistency, boundaries and a safe but warm and nurturing classroom for her students. Monday 10th November is her last day with us as she heads off to prepare for the arrival of her new little bundle. We thank her profusely for her hard work and collaborative efforts this year that have continued to strengthen our teaching team and the Cally family. We will certainly miss her and wish her the very best as she welcomes the safe arrival of her baby. I am nearly certain that she will come back and visit us with her new addition. Good luck Mrs Pathak and enjoy motherhood.

I hope you enjoy the read, I am sure I will see lots of you at the assembly in week 5 (Wednesday 12th November 2025), swimming after that and if not then, perhaps at the evening concert (Tuesday 25th November) or matinee concert (Wednesday 26th November).

Until then, take care, Suyin



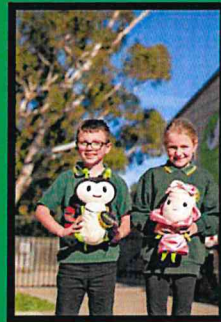
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CALLY NEWS.....

Happy Birthday



Student Wellbeing in 2025

At Callington Primary, we prioritise student wellbeing so every child feels safe, connected and ready to learn. This year our Year 4-6 students took part in the SA Wellbeing and Engagement Collection (WEC), which measures how students feel about life and school. Results showed 86% feel happy, 82% satisfied with life and 89% feel they belong to a group of friends and fit in at school. Pleasingly, 100% feel supported by their teachers, with 78% feeling cared for and respected by teachers and peers. Most students feel confident in their learning, though we'll keep building perseverance and motivation when learning gets tough. While 81% eat breakfast regularly, only 59% report getting enough sleep – an area we'll work on together. These results reflect our strong school values and wellbeing focus, and we'll continue helping students build resilience and a positive mindset in 2026.

Callington Show "Best Bake Sale Ever"



Well, the Callington Show, what a whirlwind literally. The day was insanely windy and we spent most of the day holding onto the gazebo to prevent it flying away.

We had cakes flying off the table, signs blowing over and the gazebo roof tearing. However, we had some amazing and positive helpers on the day who made a very tricky situation enjoyable - a special shout out to those guys for their offers of help. First and foremost, a massive thank you to Sonia (fundraising convenor on Governing Council) and Chloe (Governing Council chairperson) for the hard work they did leading up to the event, Sonia for her dedication to manning the stall all day with me, Chloe for entering student show entries and doing an enormous amount of work organising the whole show and both for supporting the clean up after. Both of them and the Governing Council have continued to go above and beyond for the school and all the children.

We also had such a wonderful response from all of our families in supporting our "Best Bake Sale Ever" stall. We were certainly overwhelmed and full of gratitude for the generosity that our school community showed, whether it was providing a baked good, donating drinks, donating time on the day or providing a contribution to the class prepared treats. It was amazing, and Sonia, our whole Governing Council and myself want to say a huge thank you to each and every one of you who contributed to the event before, during and after. A similar thank you to all staff who helped the kids prepare treats and create entries for the show competitions. Without the combined effort of our whole community we would never have had such a beautiful array of goods to sell.

This is the first time that we tried a bake sale at the show and it was aimed at decreasing the effort and time required by our staff and families before and during the day. I think we achieved that purpose as far fewer volunteers were required on the day, preparation was less and it was a lot less stressful for most.

Sonia has received feedback from a number of families which we are grateful for, and we will certainly be taking this into consideration to improve and make changes as needed for next year. I am very pleased to report that all of our time and effort together, raised just over \$1750 for the school, which will all go straight back into supporting all students.

P.S. Best moment of the show.....Kath Landford getting covered head to toe in chocolate banana cake icing when one of the cakes flew off the table and landed on her, icing-side first, slid down her arm and pants and landed splat! on the ground. I wish I had a photo - was very funny. You're a trooper Kath :)



Cally NEWS.....

Mineshaft update

I totally understand that this ongoing situation may be causing frustration for many. Staff and I join you in this. Despite our ongoing challenges, as a whole school community, I am very grateful and proud of how we have all managed to keep the teaching, learning and safety of our students a priority. This is a very unusual situation for a school and there are multiple complexities, but I am doing as much as I can to get clarity and answers for us and the wider community.

I have recently had an update meeting with the Department for Education (DfE) and the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and they have indicated that they will be doing further testing in mid December (most likely when school has finished for the year). Then, depending on results, in Feb/March, they will extend that testing to more specialised geoseismic work (which will rely on very specialised experts, of which there are only a handful in Australia). From there, decisions will be made around remediation options.

Moving forward, I will continue to have regular update meetings and DfE will continue to support the school with resources to ensure the rigour behind our P.E. Curriculum and that the wellbeing of students is prioritised. I am also in positive talks with the department to explore how they might be able to support the school to upgrade parts of our playground in lieu of reduced oval space, especially with our older students in mind. As always, I will keep you as informed as possible as any more news becomes available.



New Reception teacher 2026

As you know or would have read, Liz Pathak is leaving us in a few weeks time to prepare for the birth of her baby. We have secured Ashleigh Robertson (Miss Ash, regular TRT) to teach the R/I class for the last 4 weeks of term (i.e. from Week 6 onwards). Liz will need to finish a few days earlier than anticipated so Monday of Week 5 (10th November) will be her last day and Ashlee White (another regular TRT) will cover the remainder of Week 5.

Liz's departure makes way for another teacher to join our team and as such, we recently ran a selection panel to interview for a new Reception teacher for 2026. I am very pleased to say that we had some very strong candidates, a reflection that there is significant interest in working at Callington Primary School. The merit selection process is a rigorous process and we were successful in attracting a very accomplished Reception teacher with over 20 years experience. Lorna McLean will come to us after 4 years at Ceduna Area school (junior primary) and previous to that, working across both public and private systems, in big and small schools. Lorna comes with strengths in student wellbeing, literacy, mentoring others and building strong relationships with families and students. She is looking forward to returning to the hills to embed herself in a small school community again. We are very lucky to have secured such an accomplished educator and I am sure that she will fit in well with our current school team and families. I am sure you will welcome her as you have done with Liz. Lorna will join us for Reception transition at the end of the year via TEAMS (and with the support of Ashleigh) as she is still finishing her teaching year at Ceduna.

Hello from Jeanette (PCW)



Hello from Jeanette!

Today I am focusing on the word "encouragement". This word means "the action of giving someone support, confidence, or hope". Other words we could use for "encourage" include inspire, support, uplift, boost, and back. Notice that the word encourage has the word "courage" in it so as we encourage others we really are helping to boost their courage.

Encouragement also offers motivation, creates a sense of security, and reinforces a person's worth and capabilities.

- KRISTIN WILSON, MA,

Scientific studies show that receiving encouragement causes our brain to send signals of pleasure and rewards.

Some words of encouragement for this week ..

"Be kind to yourself"

"Never let yesterday use up too much of today."

"You are braver than you think"

"Asking for help makes me stronger"

"Great things take time. Keep going"

"No one is you, and that is your superpower"

"Courage, dear heart." - C.S. Lewis

"Be good to yourself. And let others be good to you, too."

"Take everything one day at a time."



Hope you find some encouragement in these words!

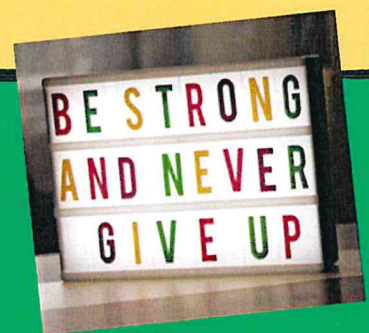
Until next time,

Warmly Jeanette Mann

(Pastoral Care Worker - Callington Primary School)

Transitioning to EMS

This term is going to be a very busy term for Sarah and myself (and Elisha to some extent). The school is required to transition our whole finance and administration system to a new system (from EDSAS to EMS). There are multiple trainings, preparation, implementation and aftercare needs that will be keeping us busy and may impact on how admin and finance processes are conducted within school and for families. Sarah will send out any information about the impact on families regarding payments or student information and we will endeavor to keep it as smooth as possible. Some of the main changes that will be coming in the future (but mainly in 2026) include changes to report formats, and moving from paper to electronic communication (e.g. paperless newsletters, student reports and permission forms). We are hoping this early information will support families as changes arise.



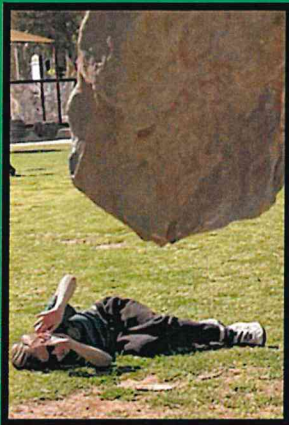
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3/4 Class

Perspective Photography

In the 3 / 4 class we had a go at using perspective photography to create the illusion of something being bigger than what it really is. It was a lot of fun!!



I've got you now....



Oh no, it's a bucket of slime....



Would you like my stamp of approval...



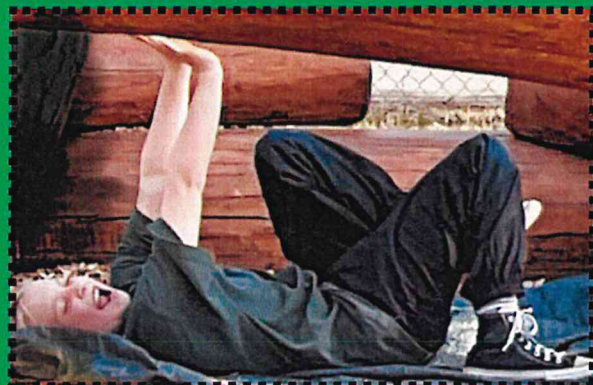
Don't even think about it....



Slam dunk.....



Hop on, let me help you...



I've got this.....

Perspective Photography

3/4 Class



Up, up and away...



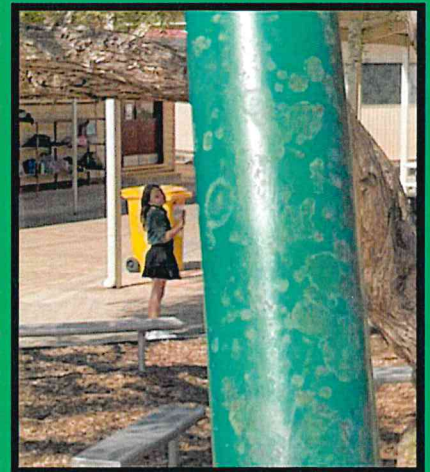
You can't get away from me.....



Catch me if you can....



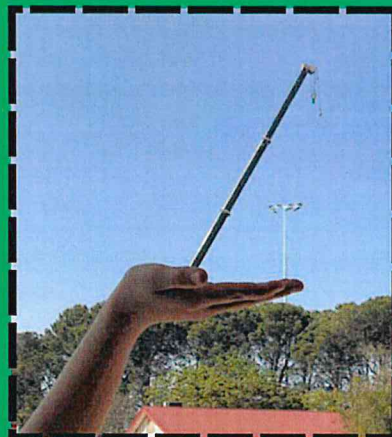
Taking a leap of faith.....



This is a push over....



Declan to the rescue....



Would you like a lift?.....



There, there, don't be scared.....

Community News



MURRAYLANDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHEER 2025

Donations of **TOYS** (new only) or **FOOD** (non-perishable) are now being gratefully accepted. Your donations will be included in Christmas hampers for local families and people in need.

Donations can be made at **ac.care Murraylands Centre**
29 Bridge Street, Murray Bridge
before December 3



Contact Thanuja on (08) 8531 4900 for more information



COME JOIN THE TERM 4 PARENT/CARER REGIONAL CONNECT!

The Statewide Inclusive Education Services (SIES) is hosting our termly regional information session.

Join us via Microsoft Teams (scan the link below to register) to hear Siobhan (Speech Therapist) from our Autism Inclusion Teacher Initiative share her knowledge and expertise of neuro affirming practices in relation to expressive and receptive communication.

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

Tuesday 4th November 2025 1pm - 2pm Register [here](#)

0235 2871 | sies.admin@schools.sa.edu.au | www.SIES.sa.edu.au

WHAT'S ON! at your Community Centre

November 2025

	Date	Time
Yarn and Yarn for women <i>Craft, connection and relaxation</i>	4 week program starts Tues 4 Nov	10am-12pm
"Brush and Bloom" Art Exhibition <i>Mount Barker Community Library</i>	28 Oct to 22 Nov	9am-5pm
Arts Workshops for Girls aged 10+ <i>Thanks to the Zonta Club of Mt Barker</i>		
Cooking Workshop for Girls	Sat 1 Nov	10am-12.30pm
Art Workshop for Girls		10am-12.30pm
Dance Workshop for Girls		10am-12.30pm
Drama workshop for Girls		2-4pm
Mt Barker Photography Interest Group first meeting	Tues 4 Nov	3pm
Tech Help Drop in Sessions	Wed 8 and 22 Nov	2-4pm
Celebrating Pride of the Hills <i>Celebrate LGBTQIA+ pride, inclusion, and visibility in the Adelaide Hills! Live music, food trucks and market stalls</i> <i>Pop up Park</i>	Fri 14 Nov	3-9pm
Finding a way forward, together <i>Mental Health Information Sessions</i>	Thurs 20 Nov	Session 1: 2pm Session 2: 6pm
One Step One Community <i>Walk Against Domestic Violence, Free BBQ, Guest Speakers</i> <i>Walk from The Haven to the Pop Up Park</i>	Wed 26 Nov	6pm-8pm
The Internet of Things <i>Living Smarter with Connected devices</i>	Fri 28 Nov	1-2.30pm

Bookings essential for all events. Most events can be booked online.

<https://events.humanity.org.au/visit/mtbccc>



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Learning Together Communities Term 4 2025

Monday
Learning Together Playgroup (Hub) 10:00-11:45am
Nature Play @ Tallinn Bend Playground 1:30-2:45pm

Tuesday
Time for Toddler Playgroup (Hub) 10:00 - 11:30am
Sensory Baby Group (Hub) 10:30-11:30am
The group is for children babies to just walking
Companions in Sensory Play (Hub) 1:30-2:30pm
(Bookings only)

Wednesday
Learning Together Playgroup (Hub) 10:00-11:45am

Thursday
Reulken Playgroup, Reulken Primary School 10:00-11:30 am

Friday
Nature Play @ North Kindy 10:00-11:30am
At the Murray Bridge North Kindy
Mannum Playgroup-Learning Together
At the Mannum Kindy
For all abilities and Mile-Books 9:30-11:30am
Pulverri Playgroup
At the Fraser Park Kindergarten, Borden St. 1:30-3:00pm

All Programs follow the Department for Education school 'Term Calendar' and 'Regulations'.

The Learning Together Communities Hub is located on the Fraser Park Primary School Grounds
Enter from 10th Street Ave Murray Bridge SA 5252

New families are always welcome!

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A fun place for families with children aged 0 to 5

