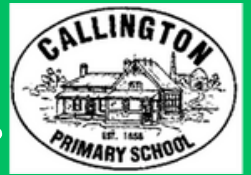


# CALLY NEWS



## Callington Primary School Term 4 Week 6, 2025

### CPS Values Award



Congratulations to Amelia, Rory, Mason, Phoenix, Ethan, Frankie, Lily and Mia (absent)



### Random Acts of Kindness Awards



Congratulations to Evan, Alex, and Essyx

### Upcoming Events

#### Term 4

#### November

- 24<sup>th</sup> - Concert Dress Rehearsal 2
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Kindy Orientation 1
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Concert 6pm (students to arrive at classes by 5:30pm)
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Concert matinee at 1.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Growth & Development (Year 5/6)

### Things to Remember

- Concert full dress rehearsal Monday 24/11. Students are expected to be at the dress rehearsal and both performances - absences cause significant disruption to logistics and the smooth running of the show.
- Place your 2025 CPS magazine order before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November.
- Please return all library books from home ASAP.

Don't forget

2026 Reception  
Orientation Visits

Starting Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
November

# Principal News



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

Welcome to Week 6 everyone, only 3 weeks to go. I'm not sure what has happened to this term but it is going by at a rate of knots and at times it feels we are running along side a moving train trying to jump on board.

Since the last edition of "Cally News" we have been busy rehearsing for the concert, have shared in Remembrance Day with the students, enjoyed a lovely whole school assembly and watched the students show courage, have fun and continue to develop their swimming skills and water safety knowledge during swimming week. Please enjoy reading about these activities and much more.

A big congratulations to Sarah and Elisha for successfully transitioning to our new administration and finance system (EMS) on Tuesday, no doubt you will notice changes around admin and finance across the school.

As we head towards the finish line we look forward to seeing you all at either the matinee or evening performance of Peter Pan next week. Some of you may be joining us for Kindy orientation on Tuesday each week for the remainder of the term or at the final graduation assembly and end of year Fun Day being held at Semaphore Beach.

Please be mindful that this also can be a time of greater anxiety for your children as students are thinking about and experiencing lots of change (as they transition to high school or prepare for a new year level and class teacher). Routines are out of sync due to the many end of year activities. I have reminded the children to try their best to be patient and kind and that friends (parents and teachers) may be feeling a bit wobbly at this time of year.

I hope to see you all soon, until then, take care, Suyin



## Remembrance Day

On the 11th of November, the Year 5/6 class held a small service to commemorate our service men and women, both past and present, in honor of Remembrance Day. Students took part in a discussion about sacrifice, observed a minute's silence, and listened to the poem In Flanders Fields by John McCrae.

Lest We Forget.



CARE

CONNECTION

COURAGE

# Cally NEWS.....

Happy Birthday



## 2026 Class Structure and Staffing

This time of year can be a tricky time for some of our staff as we endeavour to confirm contracts for the following year. At this stage I can confirm the following class structure and staffing to accompany:

### Teachers

Reception - Lorna McLean  
Year ½ - Rachel Beurskens  
Year ¾ - Helen Kupczynski  
Year 5/6 - unsure

### SSOs

Finance/Admin - Sarah Elliott  
Classroom/Admin/Library - Elisha Heym  
Classroom/Student Support - Sandra Ferber  
Classroom - Adam Gabell  
Classroom - Sam Howick

Unfortunately I am unable to confirm the 5/6 teacher for 2026 as I am waiting on confirmation whether Merran Jolley will be returning after her 1 year secondment position in leadership. I will inform families as soon as I am able.

# Curriculum News



## WRITING IMPROVEMENT

In this edition I wanted to make mention of the improvement we have noticed across the school in writing this year. We use a writing improvement tool that allows us to assess 2 pieces of writing; one at the beginning of the year and one towards the end. This shows levels of student improvement during that time, but more importantly provides teachers with guidance around whole class and individual teaching points, designed to develop specific skill areas in writing. We will continue on our writing improvement journey by focusing on instilling and inspiring in our teachers and students a love for writing and an understanding that writing is another way that they can share their passions, their creativity, their opinions and their voice with the world.

## PROBLEM SOLVING

Problem solving is one of those skills that can be very challenging for children, but it is a skill that will serve them well every day throughout their lives. To do it with calmness and thought requires persistence, resilience, resourcefulness and kindness to self and others.

As teachers spend significant time developing their teaching of math throughout the year it became very clear that our students struggle with how to be good problem solvers in math (and across the curriculum both academically and socially/emotionally) and what steps to employ. Therefore, as a team, earlier this term and in conjunction with the Math lead in our portfolio, we workshopped how best to teach problem solving to our students, steps involved in problem solving and ways we could provide many and repeated opportunities for our students to engage in a productive struggle around solving problems.

All classrooms now have a whole school agreement on the problem solving approach (and accompanying posters) to support consistency as students move to different classes and we are hoping this model will support our students to take accountability for solving problems across the school day whether it is in classroom learning or yard play learning.

## MATH NEWS

Next year, the department will bring in a "Numeracy Check" which will be administered to Year 1 students and is a similar assessment to the Phonics Screening Check (which assesses if children have the basic phonics knowledge to support successful reading and spelling). This will check that all Year 1 students have the basic numeracy skills to support optimal learning moving forward and supports provision of intervention if needed.



# Cally NEWS.....

## Beautifying our school

Over the year we have been gradually trying to beautify different parts of our school grounds. We started with the vacant area near the staff carpark with the help of Monica and Heather (Rivah and Storm's mum and grandma) with the kind donation of their time and plants from their nursery "Fengate Nursery". The garden is now flowering beautifully, and I have had many comments about the magnificent Sturt Desert Pea that has been blooming there.

Michael and some of the students have also been planting and watering some new veggies with the wonderful help and manpower of Digby, a kind neighbour who brought his digger in to level and construct some new garden beds outside of the performing arts room. Please feel free to come along and pick a few leaves to have for dinner with the family, but just make sure you leave the plant ready to thrive again.

We have now been invited to be part of a "Legacy Tree Project" with Bunnings Mt Barker/Murray Bridge where they will be kindly donating their time and a range of trees to plant around our nature play space. On the same day we will be partnering with Aunty Ros, a local indigenous artist, who will be running an aboriginal cultural workshop with the students. This will include rock and totem pole painting to add to our nature play space.

We have been so lucky to have the help of some local friends and businesses and thank them very much. We are looking forward to continuing to do little things to make our school feel loved, beautiful and pleasing to all.



## End of year Fun Day

As I mentioned at the recent assembly, we will be celebrating the end of the year, with a fun day for all the students and any families that would like to join us. With the generous donation and support of the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge and Henley Beach we will be able to enjoy a day by the beach with a picnic, kite flying, playground fun and 2hrs unlimited rides on the carousel at Semaphore Beach. If it is safe we will also have a chance to check out the Semaphore Jetty and the Rotary club might even have a few surprise snacks to share.

I will provide more specific details as we get closer to the day (Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December) and of course ensure the safety of all students and adults by keeping a close eye on the impacts of the algal bloom and consulting the current department advice around beachside activities. If you are concerned about if the algal bloom will affect your child (i.e. if they have asthma), you are welcome to check out the following website <https://www.algalbloom.sa.gov.au/> and make individual decisions on whether you are comfortable for your child to come. We won't be swimming on the day and if you prefer them to not walk on the jetty then that is fine too. We would love our whole school and their families to join in this special event.

# CALLY NEWS..... Reminders

## Reception Orientation Visits

If your child is going into Reception in 2026, don't forget to join us for our Reception Orientation Days:

Tuesday 25/11: 8:50 - 10am  
Tuesday 2/12: 8:50 - 11am  
Tuesday 9/12: 8:50 - 12pm

Meet outside of the Reception/1 class

What to bring: water bottle, hat and fruit, and recess snack (for visit 2 and 3)

Pick up: Callington Kindy children will be taken back to Kindy, other students to be picked up from classroom

For more details see the "Orientation letter" recently sent to families

Children will have the chance to familiarise themselves with the school environment, meet their teacher for 2026 and get to know other children in their class.

We look forward to welcoming your family and your child to Callington Primary School.

## Callington School Community Meeting

The department have organised a Callington School community meeting (at the school) on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 5-6:30pm to provide further information about the mineshaft oval situation. A presentation will be provided and if you're interested please feel free to join us.

## COMMUNITY MEETING



## Volunteer Morning Tea

We have so many wonderful people within our school and wider community who volunteer to come and support our small school in so many ways, making it a richer place to be.

We would love the opportunity to thank these people by putting on a special "Volunteers Morning Tea" in appreciation and gratitude for the work they do for us and our school.

So if you have volunteered in any way this year (e.g. in school, at or for the Callington show, as part of Kiwanis or Rotary Clubs, Governing Council, or beautifying our school), please join us for a cuppa and some treats:

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December in the library**

We would love to host you and take care of you!!

## Safety at Pick Up

Lately, staff have noticed that there have been some moments where the optimal safety of students at pick up time has been compromised and we are extremely worried for the safety of some of our students.

Some students (especially younger ones) have been asked by parents to meet them at their car. Students have been seen wandering around outside the school gate without an adult, up and down that busy Callington Rd, amongst other cars and even crossing the road.

Please please, come into the school grounds and pick up your children from the classroom so that we can ensure that every child gets safely to their parents and home.



# Hello from Jeanette (PCW)



Hello from Jeanette!

How are you and your family travelling at the moment? It is certainly a busy time of the year. With 3 weeks of the 2025 school year remaining after this week, it will soon be holidays and the Christmas season.

As a celebration of Christmas and its meaning, a Christian options presentation with lots of Christmas activities will be held at school. This will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, between recess and lunch. Families may opt out if they wish.

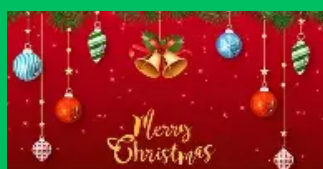
Some additional Christmas activities in the community include Messy Church Christmas at the Callington Memorial Hall on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 4-6pm, which includes Christmas crafts, activities & Christmas "Minute to Win it" games and a free meal for all the family and open to people of any age. On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December the Callington Christmas Carols will be held with a free BBQ at 6pm and Carols at 7pm at the Callington Oval.

These opportunities are a great way to celebrate with family and friends.

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

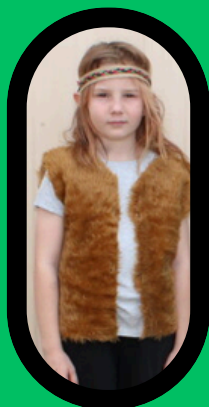


## Do Drop In (DDI)





# A sneak peek at Peter Pan: The Musical



Fly with us to Neverland!

Parents get ready - oh boy, oh boy!  
A whirlwind of wonder, adventure & joy!  
Wendy, John & Michael soar  
Right out the window, & back for more.



Tinkerbell sparkles like fizzy gold,  
The Lost Boys cheer - & never grow old!  
Captain Hook plots with a piratey scowl -  
As a hungry croc creeps with a tick-tock growl.



Wild Warriors stomp, mermaids shine,  
Fairies flutter in a flowery line.  
It's giggles, magic, songs & cheers -  
A show we'll remember for many years!

So flap your wings, come join the fun -  
Neverland's calling to everyone!





# Swimming 2025

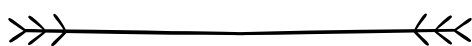




Callington Primary School

VOLUNTEER  
**MORNING TEA**

**Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> of December**



Callington Primary School would like to thank you for supporting the school throughout the year.



**11:15am in the Library**

We would love you to come and join us so we can look after you for morning tea, with some delicious treats.




**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



# Community News

**EMPOWERED: Self-Defence**  
GROUP CLASS




**centacare**  
Catholic Community Services

A supportive and trauma-informed class for domestic violence survivors who are rebuilding their strength and personal safety.

**Monday 24 November**  
4pm to 5.30pm

Free session.  
Bookings essential via: [mmdvs@centacare.org.au](mailto:mmdvs@centacare.org.au)  
Murray Mallee and Adelaide Hills area.  
The exact location will be shared upon registration.

[centacare.org.au](http://centacare.org.au)



## ADELAIDE 36ERS

### School Holiday Clinics

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2026  
ST FRANCIS DE SALES COLLEGE MOUNT BARKER  
5-15 YEARS, \$80 REGISTRATION



**9:00am - 12:00pm**      **1:00pm - 4:00pm**

**REGISTER NOW**      **REGISTER NOW**




## MURRAY BRIDGE MAKERS MARKET

Sunday 7 December  
10am - 2pm  
Sixth Street



**Australian Red Cross Lifeblood**

## We're coming to town

Give life. Give blood in Mount Barker  
25 November to 28 November



We're Popping up in Mount Barker  
Mount Barker Pop-up Donor Centre  
St Mark's Lutheran Church,  
35 Hampden Rd,  
Mount Barker SA 5251

Book your donation now



☎ 13 14 95  
📍 give blood



First Sunday of month

## MANNUM MARKET

SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS  
NEW STALLHOLDERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

**SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER**  
ARNOLD PARK, MANNUM



## ONE STEP ONE COMMUNITY WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

### WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER



**Meet at The Haven at 6pm**  
Mount Barker Community Centre  
3 Dumas Street  
**Walk to the pop-up park**  
Morphett Street, Mount Barker

**WEAR ORANGE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT**

**AT THE POP-UP PARK**

- GUEST SPEAKERS
- FREE BBQ
- COFFEE VAN
- FAMILY & DOG FRIENDLY

