

# CALLY NEWS.....



**Callington Primary School**  
Term 4 Week 9, 2025



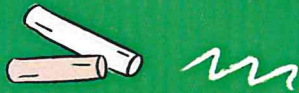
Term 1 2026  
January 27<sup>th</sup> - First day of school for 2026



## Student of the Year



Congratulations to Zac



## Kiwanis of the Year



Congratulations to Phoenix, Zoe, Amelia and Thea

## Kiwanis of the Term



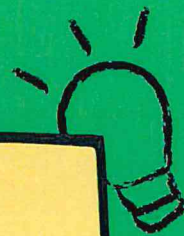
Congratulations to Darci, Taj, Sohie and Alannah

## CPS Values Award



Congratulations to Frieda, Piper, Ada, Ila, Charlize and Aiden (absent)

# Principal News



And just like that it's the end of the year!

It's a wonderful moment to pause, look back and celebrate all we've achieved together. So much goes into creating a successful school year, and I feel genuinely grateful for the strong, positive and connected community we continue to build.

In my third year as principal, my aim has always been to create a thriving culture, bring in excellent educators, and set high expectations for learning, behaviour and accountability. This year has shown that when we work together, we truly make a difference in the lives of our children.

We've had many highlights. Our new nature play space has brought enormous joy and creativity—villages, hammocks, stick shops, cubbies, sand and water construction, and entire little economies! It has been a gift to watch their imaginations take flight.

Our values—Care, Courage and Connection—have been central to everything this year. We rebranded our awards, launched a new website, introduced weekly values lessons and embedded whole-school welcome circles. These values guide our decisions, strengthen our culture, and unite us as a learning community.

Launching our new website was a major milestone. It now reflects who we are with more professionalism, clarity and pride. We will continue refining it into next year.

Camp at El Shaddai and our production of Peter Pan were standout moments. They brought together courage, teamwork, connection and joy—giving our students opportunities to shine outside their comfort zones and celebrate new achievements. The excitement and growth we saw in our students was priceless.

Across the board, students' have grown academically, socially and emotionally. Behaviour has improved, learning behaviours have strengthened, and students are better equipped to manage challenges and step into learning, ready to succeed. We are heading in the right direction, and I am energised by what lies ahead.

In 2026, we will continue prioritising wellbeing for both students and staff, and keep building the skills and dispositions that help children become capable, confident and curious learners. When wellbeing is strong, academic success naturally follows.

I continue to love leading this school, supporting our families, and nurturing our children. I hope you enjoy a restful and joy-filled summer with the people who matter most. We look forward to welcoming you back in January—refreshed and ready for another year where we continue to be...

Together in CARE, Bound by COURAGE and Stronger through CONNECTION.

Take care and stay safe,  
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**CARE**

**CONNECTION**

**COURAGE**

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## Happy Birthday



## Best of luck Year 6 students

To our Year 6 students, Kacee, Jaxon, Jordan, Mason, Ila, Zac, Steph, Audrey, Aurora, Sophie and Carla, you are about to embark on an exciting adventure that will be unexpected and eventful. A new chapter in your story with new friendships, new experiences and new learning.

Always remember to uphold what is right, be your own person and make strong choices that you can be proud of, knowing that they may not always be easy. We send you off with the best of luck and the warmest of wishes. You have been an integral part of Callington Primary School and we will remember you with fondness as you embark on your new journey.

## Governing Council....I thank you!!



This year we have shared in a number of fun events connected to our fundraising efforts. Most of these events would not have been possible without our Governing Council, who have been fantastic to work with this year. They have been very intentional in their work of supporting the running of the school and improving opportunities for all of our children. Their purpose has stayed strong and their work effort, generosity and easy-going dispositions have made it a pleasure to be part of this group. I want to sincerely thank Chloe Trussell (chairperson), Ros Walker (current treasurer) and Olivia Zulian (previous treasurer), Julie Wilks (Secretary) and Sonia O'Malley (Fundraising), this school is richer for your contributions. I look forward to continuing our work together in 2026.



## Thankyou Callington Staff

I want to thank the wonderful team of teachers (Mr Ratcliff, Ms Bruce, Mrs K, Mr White, Ms B, Mrs Pathak) and support staff (Sarah, Elisha, Adam, Sandra, Sam, Jeanette and Finch) we have had this year. You make this school an outstanding place to work and to lead. This year we welcomed Michael White into the 5/6 class, while Merran Jolley took up a leadership position and Liz Pathak in the R/1 class. Both of these teachers have made significant contributions to our school and our children. We will miss their beautiful personalities and what they have brought to our lives this year and hope that their connection with us and Callington Primary School will still remain strong well into the future. I thank them and all of our team, for their dedication and commitment to our school, each other and to our students. We are extremely fortunate to have them all in our "Cally family".

# CALLY NEWS.....

## To our Callington families

To all of our Callington families, thank you for what you have brought to our school this year. Thank you for your continual support and your kindness, generosity and contributions to all of our fundraisers throughout the year. This has really made a difference and enabled us to raise funds to decrease ongoing costs for all families when we have special learning opportunities for our students.

Thank you for continually riding that treadmill that is the school routine and organisation. The making of lunches, washing uniforms, dealing with showers and tidying of hair to send children to school at their best. Thank you for helping students to complete homework and support revision of important concepts. Thank you for returning all your forms on time and organising and providing what is needed for excursions. Most importantly, thank you for the positive comments that you take the time to share with us, it really makes our day and encourages us to keep giving and doing our best as teachers and support staff.

To all of our Year 6 families that are leaving us at the end of 2025, the Kempe, Pouw-Bray, Lennon and Westrych families, I hope you continue to grow with your children, are able to bend and flex with them as needed, as they continue to learn and navigate what it is to be a young person and how to feel successful in their own way. Thank you for all that you have contributed to Callington Primary School over the years and I wish you all the very best for the future ahead.



## Successful step up

On Tuesday we had our Step Up day where students were able to spend the morning getting to know their new class, their new classmates and their teacher for next year. Unfortunately, Mrs Jolley and Mrs McLean were unable to join us, but all students have had the opportunity to have met these teachers previously.

I am pleased to say that after a few expected wobbly moments with our youngest students, the whole morning was a great introduction to what 2026 will be like and there was great excitement and animated conversation about what next year will bring.

# Cally NEWS..... final bits

## A VERY YOUNG STUDENT

It is great pleasure that we announce the safe arrival of Mrs Pathak's baby...Baby Rishi Kelso Pathak

He arrived at 7.34pm on 1<sup>st</sup> December weighing 3.88kg and 49cm. Liz is now back home learning how to be a mum. We wish her and her husband the very best and hope she is getting a little bit of sleep. She thought you might like a photo of her new gorgeous bundle!



## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If any of our families have spare 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniforms to donate we would certainly appreciate them as our stocks are running low. Thanks!

## Fundraising 2025

Hello from the Fundraising Team! We would like to sincerely thank every one of the school community for contributing to the fundraising efforts this year.

All up we raised \$7608.99 for the year!

This money will go towards the following for next year:

\$2000 towards swimming lessons

\$2000 towards a school excursion

\$1000 towards a school incursion

\$2608.99 towards school playground update

Thank you once again and please continue to get behind the fundraising in 2026!

Kind regards, Sonia O'Malley

## Veggies for all

As you may have noticed we planted some veggies in our new veggie beds earlier this term and they are going great guns. If you would like to come by in the holidays and pick anything you would be more than welcome. We also have produce in the fridge at school if anyone would like to come and grab some.



## Year 6 Graduation Assembly and Celebration Day

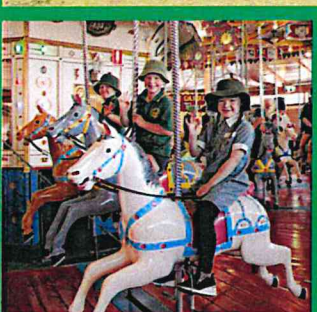
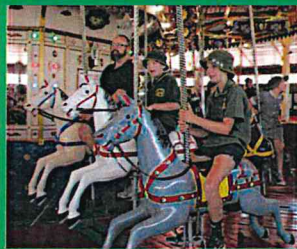
What a great joy to be part of both the Year 6 graduation assembly and the celebration day at the Beachouse. We have some really wonderful and kind Year 6 students and it has been an absolute pleasure to be part of their end of year celebrations. The carefree happiness and connection they enjoyed with each other was lovely and it was a pleasure to celebrate their special time. Check out the photos to see what really happened!!

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## Beach fun at Semaphore

What a wonderful day we had with students and families all together on the foreshore at Semaphore on Thursday. The weather was glorious, the water beautiful and the kids had a ball. After the long trek down on the bus we all enjoyed a variety of activities including riding the carousel (for hours), playing on the epic playground, flying homemade kites, sharing a picnic and playing sports games together.

A huge thank you to the Murray Bridge and Henley Beach Rotary Clubs for generously funding the whole day and providing our students with a great end to the school year including a few extra treats. Special thanks to Lyn and Simon Sickerdick, we couldn't have done this day without you.



## Holiday oval work

Thank you for everyone's valuable input at last week's community forum for the oval remediation project. As discussed, the next stage of the investigations will start on 8 January 2026 and will continue through to 23rd January. Please allow the contractors to complete their tasks uninterrupted throughout this time.

Should anyone have any further questions, please contact the department:

- 08 8226 1000 or 1800 088 158
- Online - <https://schools-sa.my.site.com/CFU/s/>

# Hello from Jeanette (PCW)



Hello from Jeanette!

Can you believe that we are at the end of Term 4 and the end of the year? What a busy but positive year. I want to wish all families a wonderful Christmas/New Year and hopefully a time to pause from the everyday routines. I hope you get to spend some great family times together in the holidays.

All the best to the Year 6 students moving onto high school. I have been with you at Callington for most of your Primary School journey and I will miss you and those who have come to Callington along the way.

Thanks to the volunteers who came in to help with the Christmas activities for the Christian Options Day. It was enjoyable and great to see the students involved and engaging in the activities. We had a candy cane hunt, made Christmas ornaments, cut Christmas shapes from pikelets and decorated them, and had a Lego video about the first Christmas. (See the photos that were taken during the day.)  
Until next year,

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

PS. If you are around on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, why not check out the Callington Carols at the Callington Oval! 6pm BBQ & Carols at 7pm.

## Christian Options Messy Christmas



## Random Acts of Kindness Awards



Congratulations to Sarah, Lily & Elisha





## Legacy Tree Project and First Nations Art

On the 24<sup>th</sup> November we had the opportunity to connect with each other and with First Nations culture when we invited Aunty Ros, a local indigenous artist, to work with us to paint totem poles, engage in rock art and share cultural and identity stories. At the same time, some of our students participated in a Legacy Tree Project where they planted some shrubs and trees to beautify our nature play and surrounding areas for the future. I want to thank Bunnings Mt Barker and Murray Bridge for their generosity of materials and inviting us to be part of the tree project. We all had a great time together enriching our outdoor space.

We look forward to seeing what the totem poles look like when installed and how beautiful our gardens will start looking as the trees and shrubs grow.





# Peter Pan THE MUSICAL



# Community News

**Blue Light**  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**WED 21 JANUARY 2026**

## Summer SPECTACULAR

**VENUE**  
Murray Bridge South School  
54 Joyce Street, Murray Bridge  
Meet at the undercover basketball court.

**TIME** 10am - 1pm    **AGES** 7-14 years    **COST** \$10

Cost includes: water strategy games and play, water pistol to take home, lunch.

**CONTACT**  
Further details please phone: 8535 6345

**TICKETS**  
Scan QR code for tickets or visit:  
[www.bluelightsa.org/event-details/summer-spectacular-murray-bridge](http://www.bluelightsa.org/event-details/summer-spectacular-murray-bridge)

**INFORMATION**  
Supervision provided with maximum capacity of 60 children (adults are not to remain on site).  
Be quick as ticket sales close 10pm on 19 Jan 2026.

**BRING**  
Hat, drink bottle, sunscreen, towel, footwear, dry clothes.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE SAFETY COMMUNITIES    Government of South Australia

**FREE EVENT**

## POOL DAY

**THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**  
**FREE ENTRY FOR BOOKED PARTICIPANTS BETWEEN 9:30AM AND 11AM**  
**MURRAY BRIDGE SWIMMING CENTRE**  
**58 ADELAIDE RD MURRAY BRIDGE**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - LIMITED TICKETS**

SCAN QR CODE OR GO TO:  
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DGCWE](https://www.trybooking.com/DGCWE)

**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Committee for Children, Teen, Talent Based Community Centre  
140 Railway Tce, Talbot Road  
Tel: 8572 5953 Fax: 8540100 Email: [info@ccc.org.au](mailto:info@ccc.org.au) [www.ccc.org.au](http://www.ccc.org.au)  
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## school holiday fun activities **FREE!**

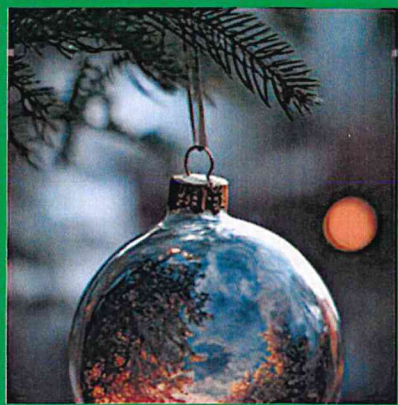
- Kayaking Avoca Dell**  
Monday December 15<sup>th</sup>  
9am
- Bush walking- Geocache Monarto**  
Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>  
9am & 2pm
- Kayaking Swanport Reserve**  
Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup>  
10am, 12pm & 2.30pm
- Bike Cypress Hill Trail- Kinchina**  
Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>  
9am and 12pm, 2pm
- Kayaking & Fishing Hume Reserve**  
Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
10am, 1pm & 3pm

**centacare**  
For Families with a child under 13yrs.

To Book and register please contact  
Lyll at Centacare on  
**0437389997**

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services

Christmas carols at callington recreation park.  
Friday the 19th of December at 6pm onwards. Carols start at 7.  
Looking for Angels, shepherds and of course wise men etc if you could dress your child that be great if not we have limited costumes available  
Bring your rug and Christmas singing voices. BYO drinks  
Always looking for volunteers to help set up and pack up as well. Set up starts at 4.30  
Bring some change for the raffle and lucky dip. All funds go back into next years carols for the free dinner provided.

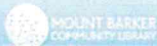


January 2026

Mount Barker Community Library

# School Holiday Program

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day Public Holiday	2 Library Re-opens Board Games, Puzzles, Colour-in (no bookings required)	3 Board Games, Puzzles, Colour-in (no bookings required)
5 Summer Reads Begins	6 Board Games, Puzzles, Colour-in (no bookings required)	7 Board Games, Puzzles, Colour-in (no bookings required)	8 Board Games, Puzzles, Colour-in (no bookings required)	9 Board Games, Puzzles, Colour-in (no bookings required)	10 Board Games, Puzzles, Colour-in (no bookings required)
12 Fiesta with Miss Val Children's Show 2pm	13 All Things Hair Ages 6+, \$5 11am, 1pm	14 Percussion Instruments 10am, 11am, 12pm	15 Water Play Ages 1-4 1pm, 2, 3pm	16 Board Games, Puzzles, Colour-in (no bookings required)	17 Board Games, Puzzles, Colour-in (no bookings required)
19 Healthy Holiday Snacks Ages 5+, \$5 2pm, 3, 3:30pm	20 Nature Play Ages 5+, \$5 10am, 11, 3:30am	21 Animals Anonymous Ages 5+, \$5 10:30am, 12pm	22 Japanese Workshops Ages 5+, \$5 11:30am, 2pm Aikido Demo 5pm	23 Tour Down Under in Name 9am-4pm	24 Board Games, Puzzles, Colour-in (no bookings required)



Bookings Essential at [mbcl.eventbrite.com.au](http://mbcl.eventbrite.com.au)

## GET MESSY

With Nature Play SA

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2026

2 SESSIONS

10AM | 11AM

Get creative with Nature Play SA in this hands-on clay-themed session designed for children and families to connect with nature through art and sensory play.

**Sunflower Seed Bombs** Roll up your sleeves and make your own sunflower seed bombs using clay, soil, and seeds - perfect for planting in a garden bed or pot at home. Sunflowers add a burst of golden colour, attract bees and butterflies, and provide food for birds as they bloom.

**Clay Creatures** Let your imagination run wild as you create native animal-inspired clay decorations using natural materials like gumnuts, twigs, and textured elements. Each piece is unique and can be taken home as a special keepsake.

A creative, nature-inspired experience the whole family will enjoy!

Murray Bridge Library | 2/51 South Terrace Murray Bridge, SA 5253

Book Now Call 8539 1175

## Dance Workshop

At the Murray Bridge Library

21<sup>st</sup> of January

1pm Children aged 5-8  
2pm Children aged 8+

Get ready to move, groove, and have a blast at our FREE Dance Workshops!

Join us for high-energy sessions featuring a mix of upbeat dance styles including jazz, street and breakdance moves to fun, feel-good music that will get everyone smiling and sweating.

Whether you're a complete beginner or a seasoned dancer, these workshops are all about having fun, learning new moves, and meeting new people. Come and experience *The Power of Dance* at the Murray Bridge Library.

Workshops will include a warm up, movement games, learning some dance moves and a short, fun routine. Make sure to wear stretch clothing, and bring a bottle of water.

To book contact the Murray Bridge Library on 8539 1175  
RSVP BY 16/1/26

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY MOVIE - A MINECRAFT MOVIE

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> of January

Session 1- 10am  
Session 2- 2pm

A MYSTERIOUS PORTAL PULLS FOUR MISFITS INTO THE OVERWORLD, A BIZARRE, CUBIC WONDERLAND THAT THRIVES ON IMAGINATION. TO GET BACK HOME, THEY'LL HAVE TO MASTER THE TERRAIN WHILE EMBARKING ON A MAGICAL QUEST WITH AN UNEXPECTED CRAFTER NAMED STEVE.

POPCORN PROVIDED

Please note that all children must be supervised by a parent or guardian during the event.

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BOOKINGS: 8539 1175