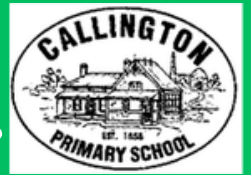


CALLY NEWS.....



Callington Primary School Term 1 Week 3, 2026

Year 6 Jumpers



Upcoming Events

- 18/2 Assembly 9:15am (5/6 hosting)
- Governing Council AGM after assembly followed by first meeting of the year
- 9/3 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
- 10/3 Student Free Day

Happy Birthday



Principal News



Let's welcome 2026 together!!

Hello everyone, welcome to Callington Primary School for 2026 and to our first newsletter. The year has started super well for all of us. Students are settled, teachers are well into planning and programming, and I hope all of our families are enjoying getting back into routine. Thank you for supporting your children in their return to school and prioritising their learning.

Firstly, I would love to welcome all of our new families to Callington PS this year. It is wonderful to see some new faces and to support you as you become part of our school community.

I'd also like to welcome all of our staff back, with a special welcome to our new Reception students for 2026 and of course our new Reception teacher, Lorna McLean. Mrs McLean has really enjoyed her first few weeks at our school and feels very spoilt to have such a lovely and well adjusted group of children. Lorna comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience and is looking forward to supporting our families and children as they embark on their first year (or more) of schooling.

For those that knew Mrs Pathak last year (R/1 class), she is doing well, enjoying what motherhood has to offer and wishes everyone the best.

It is also really great to welcome back Michael and Ashlee White, Phil Richardson and Liz Murphy as some of our regular relief teachers for the year. It is crucial to build strong and trusting relationships with all teachers, but particularly those that will teach when the regular teacher is unavailable. It ensures consistency, routine and high expectations from students even when their day is not what was expected and keeps students feeling safe, regulated and learning.

Last week we also had the pleasure of hosting a visit from the Education Minister, Blair Boyer, who visited all classrooms, met with teachers/SSOs and had lots of conversations with students. Minister Boyer was most impressed with the strengths of our school and commented on the really wonderful atmosphere and warm cultural feel. This was great feedback considering Minister Boyer has visited over 500 schools across the state. It was also an opportunity to highlight our concerns and canvas support for our school moving forward.

It was great to connect with our families on the Acquaintance night on Tuesday. Check out all the fun photos. Don't forget next week is our first assembly for the year run by Mrs Jolley's 5/6 class and why not stay after to join us for our Governing Council AGM and learn a little more about our school and how you can contribute.

I hope you enjoy reading about all the latest news and information. Until next time, take care and I hope to see you during the year.

Kind Regards, Sugin

Welcome Lorna



CONNECTION

CARE

COURAGE



Optimising your child's learning

At the beginning of every year our focus is on giving children a "Quality Start" to their learning for the year which means creating positive classroom/school culture, exploring what it means to be an effective learner and collaboratively constructing class and school expectations. Part of this is about setting up predictable and consistent routines and establishing important Berry Street strategies to ensure a safe, respectful and trusting environment.

Teachers have also started literacy and numeracy testing to guide allocation of targeted support to students, ensuring everyone has what they need to do their absolute best.

As a parent you can support our work by...

- Prioritising education by getting your child to school every day and on time - this consistent routine supports learning, regulation and expectations for the day.
- Providing hats for play & PE every day - no hat = restricted shade play (lunch shed, classroom verandahs).
- Providing healthy food options for break times to strengthen brain function.
- For our younger students - allowing them the independence to engage and practise school routines (including learning to tie shoelaces).
- Class and specialist teachers are your first avenue if you have any concerns, questions or wonderings about your child or their learning.



Cally NEWS.....

Facilities Upgrades

I am pleased to share that during the holidays there have been a number of facility upgrades. All of the classrooms were totally repainted and are looking very fresh and new. A new shade sail has been ordered and will shortly be supplied and installed over the sandpit, after the old one was damaged in the strong winds at the end of 2025.

Also during the holidays, anticipating that work is continuing on a remediation plan for the oval, plans were put in place to provide additional play options for students at break times. You may have noticed some new long lasting giant painted games that the students are having fun exploring and we have also organised for Triskills to come in twice a week to provide PE lessons and various gymnastics and athletics based activities at recess and lunchtimes. Moving into Term 2, we will have a different set of additional play options available.

Collaboration is also continuing with the department to support acquisition of a brand new playground for the school, which I am hoping will commence in the second half of the year.

Slowly, slowly we are ensuring that our students have more than adequate facilities to support their learning and wellbeing at school. I look forward to what's to come in the future, including a brand new and improved oval space.



CALLY NEWS.....

Acquaintance Night 2026

Thank you to all who were able to make it to our Acquaintance Night on Tuesday. It was lovely to see so many families come together to connect with each other, have a chat with teachers and SSOs and visit their child's classroom to share some learning from the first few weeks. It was also a wonderful opportunity for myself and the wider school community to meet and get to know some of our new families. So many new faces help to strengthen community which is a great thing for any small school. We hope you enjoy your time here at Callington PS.

Lyall from "communities for Children" (Centacare) again did a wonderful job supplying a generous BBQ that was enjoyed by all. On the night we were able to show our gratitude to Lyall with a card and a big cheer. Lyall provides many opportunities within the Murray Bridge and Callington region for families to be involved in various activities that support connection with each other and the community. He is an avid supporter of Callington Primary and our families, so if you would like to know more, please visit the front office for a flyer.

As I said on the night, we look forward to working with all of our families during the year, to reinforce that important home school bond and communication is crucial for supporting every child's learning. If you have any queries or concerns through the year, don't hesitate to contact the front office or your child's class/specialist teacher in the first instance and of course I am always available if needed.



CALLY NEWS..... final bits

A few reminders.....

- School starts, 8:50am (supervision starts at 8:25am) and ends, 3:10pm - sign in and out of the office at other times
- Keep all gates shut from 9-3pm to ensure child safety.
- Access to front office is from the front of the school only.
- Any changes to personal family details (e.g. address, email addresses or mobile phone numbers etc) please contact Sarah in the front office asap.
- Any administration questions can be answered by Sarah and Elisha in the front office.



Early pick up

If for any reason you need to pick your child up early from school, please notify the office earlier in the day so we can have your child ready, as sometimes classes are in different parts of the school including the hall or community oval and without prior knowledge your pick up time may be delayed.



Bus use in 2026

We are currently going through a review of our bus procedures with the department. It is unlikely that there will be any major changes but if your child is not a regular bus user, but on occasions, has requested bus use, please contact the office for further information to comply with new requirements.

Free internet access for students

Families with school aged children who do not have reliable internet at home can apply for free wireless internet to support learning through the Student Home Internet Program (SHIP).

The program provides internet access to support learning and study at home for eligible students. To learn more about eligibility and how to apply, visit the department's website:

www.education.sa.gov.au/students/curriculum-and-learning/student-home-internet

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

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

Hello from Jeanette (PCW)



Hello from Jeanette!

I hope the year has started off well for you and your family!

My role at Callington Primary School is as a Pastoral Care Worker (PCW). I have been working at Callington Primary School since 2019. Prior to this I was involved in care roles and teaching. I am married to Graeme and have 3 adult children and 3 grandchildren. I am at Callington on Mondays until 12 noon and all day on Wednesdays.

During the week Breakfast Club is run on Monday & Wednesday mornings from 8:30am onwards until the bell for the commencement of school. All children are welcome to drop-in in for cereal, toast, milk/milo or fruit. Children from Year 5 & 6 can volunteer to be part of the "Breakfast Crew". Next Monday children are welcome to come to Breakfast Club for mini pancakes (our Pancake Day) - held in other places on (Shrove) Tuesday.

On Mondays at Recess time, games and activities are available for children to use including skipping, bubbles, chalk, playdough, etc. This is called DDIO (Do Drop In Outside). On Wednesday, during playtime at lunch break, children have the opportunity to participate in craft and making activities as well as games. This is called DDI (Do Drop In).

During lesson time, I visit each of the classes for a Well Being lesson. For the first few weeks, we will be focusing on "kindness" and highlighting Random Acts of Kindness Week from the 17th - 23rd February. Kindness awards are also given out at Assembly to encourage kindness throughout the year. I am also available if anyone would like a "listening ear".

If you have any questions about any of the above, please feel free to catch up with me.

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

KINDNESS
matters.

Do Drop in Outside (DDIO)

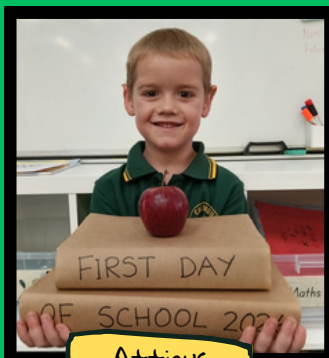


Random Acts of Kindness Week 2026

Let's make random acts of kindness less random, and more common.

In a world where you can be anything
BE KIND

Mrs McLean's Receptions



Atticus



Frieda



Arthur



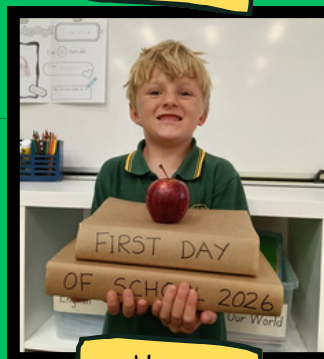
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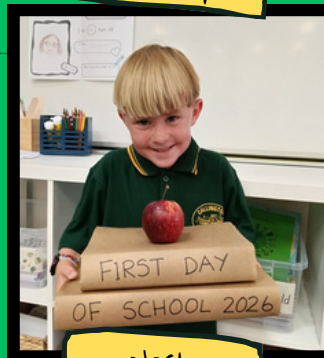
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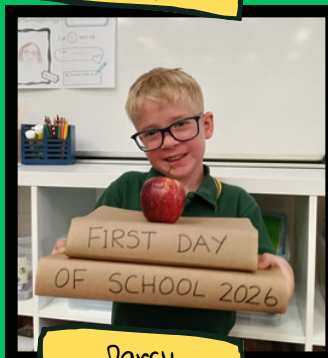
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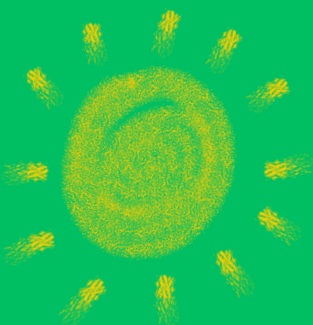
Georgia



Darcy



Adeline



Our youngest students have made a fantastic start to their first full year of primary school. Students have already mastered unpacking and packing their own bags, lining up, listening to instructions, putting up their hands, sharing, and taking turns.

Mrs McLean is extremely impressed with how "school ready" they all are. This term our learning is linked to the topic "All About Me". Students will be learning about their bodies and their five senses in Science and Health. They will talk about their families and compare similarities and differences between their own families and others in HASS. Students will also explore their personal history and how they have grown and changed from birth to starting school, as well as thinking about how they may change in the future.

It is set to be a busy and exciting term!

Community News

Communities for Children School Holiday Activity opportunities

These activities below are regular holiday activities. Also provide other activities like kites, waterfall walks, craft, outdoor games, wetlands science exploring.

Fishing on the Murray River



Bike trails and community rides

Kayaking activities at various places along the river.



Geocaching and walking trail adventures

centacare

Contact Lyall- 0437389997
or use QR to find activities



Discover the Magic of Science! Ages 5-10



Free Program

Feb-Mar 2026

Mondays 4-5pm
at Mount Barker
Community Library
Dumas Street
Mount Barker

- 9 Feb – Magnetic Force
- 16 Feb– Exploring Crystals
- 23 Feb – Fab Physics
- 2 Mar– Bubble and Planes
- 16 Mar – Marble Runs
- 23 Mar– Revisit our Favourites
- 30 Mar – Chemistry – going out with a BANG!

Bookings Essential at mbcl.eventbrite.com.au

Stronger Safer Connected Dads

Supporting men to navigate the stresses of family life



Starts March 5

A six-week course introducing circle work and a self-reflective practice.

Develop new skills and strengthen existing ones for your emotional and parenting toolkit. Learn together in a safe space, free of judgement.

This free group is a six-week commitment with weekly group sessions from 11-1pm at Alchemy: 88 Adelaide road Murray bridge (transport within MB can be negotiated). Contact Dimitri by email at dimitri.pinney@accare.org.au or call 0438571554 for more information or to register. Spots are limited.



human services

The Murray Bridge United Football Club, (Soccer),
Pre Nominations are very welcome via the following link;
<https://form.jotform.com/252897188497077>

Please direct all enquiries to our Registrar Kate; registrar.mbufc@mail.tidyhq.com

If you require any further details/information, please don't hesitate to contact Kate.



Our playing season is expected to start Saturday 6th April.

ACTIVATING Curiosity INSPIRING Growth

OAKBANK SCHOOL

OPEN NIGHT

6pm-8pm Wed 4 March

8398 7200
oakbank.sa.edu.au



Find out more!



Bookings not required



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

