

Callly NEWS.....



Callington Primary School Term 1 Week 6, 2026

CPS Values Award



Front - Arthur, Chloe M, Audrey, Maddie, Kaiya
Back - Aiden, Ethan, Patrick, Zoe



School Captains



Congratulations Avalie & Lara

Upcoming Events

- 9/3 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
- 10/3 Student Free Day
- 11/3 NAPLAN starts
- 18/3 Harmony Day
- 20/3 National Ride to School Day
- 24/3 & 25/3 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 1/4 Assembly 9:15 (3/4 hosting)
- 2/4 Sports Day
- 3/4 Good Friday
- 6/4 Easter Monday
- 10/4 Colour Fun Run

Things to Remember

- Schools Fees are due 6/3/25.
- Student Free Day is Tuesday, 10th March. Please note that the office will be closed.
- School photo day has been changed to Term 2, Thursday 30th April.
- Please return the parent teacher interview note with your day/time preferences by Tuesday, 17th March.
- Colour Fun Run is on Friday, 10th April at 1:30pm. Fundraising sheets have been sent home
- Early dismissal is 2.10pm after sports day, except bus students as bus will run normal time.
- Sports Day House Teams are attached to this newsletter.

Cally NEWS.....

Happy Birthday



Sports House
Captains



Congratulations to our
2026 House Captains!

MURRAY - Ethan M
Mia

BREMER - Jesse
Ada

ANGAS - Zoe
Emily

Principal News



Lots to share!!

Hello families, hoping that last weekend you got some sort of decent rain. Personally I was hoping for a lot more but it seemed to bless many suburbs around me and I won't be ungrateful for the 20mm we did receive. It is nice that we all have the long weekend to look forward to this weekend - a bit of a treat to get an extended break in the middle of the term. I hope you and your children have something nice planned.

A few things to update our school community about:

Staffing - Catherine Bruce (Performing Arts/Cultural Studies) has been navigating knee issues for a while now and will be taking leave from the end of Week 7 (13/3/2026) until further notice. She is prioritising looking after herself and will return when her knee has been fixed. Phil Richardson will cover classes in Week 8. From Week 9 onwards, we will welcome Michael White back into the team to cover Catherine's role.

Living Ripples Project - This week, families in the older classes received information about a project we are embarking on in collaboration with Adelaide University to better understand the resilience and mental health and wellbeing of our students. Through surveys completed in health lessons, we will be able to look at the social and emotional needs of our students from different perspectives, and will be supported by the university to put in targeted strategies to strengthen our students' skills in this area.

Year 1 Numeracy Check - This year, the department has brought in a mandatory Year 1 check of fundamental numeracy skills. This is similar to the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1 that is administered in Term 3 each year. Both checks are added measures to support us to ensure every child is on track with basic literacy and numeracy skills as they head into Year 2, and identifies students and areas of support that need to be addressed. Rachel has been implementing the testing this week and the students are loving having some one on one time with Ms B to show her their skills.

NAPLAN - Testing for the Year 3 and 5 students will begin in Week 7 after the long weekend. Students will have the opportunity to show their current understanding of topics in writing, reading, spelling, grammar and numeracy. As I have always emphasised, NAPLAN is one moment in time and forms a small piece of the puzzle to understand the progress of a student. Learning at primary school is so much more than just NAPLAN and encompasses a wide range of strategies for assessing both curricula and social/emotional development. Please remind your child of this and that the most important thing is that they give things a go and try their best. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY IN WEEKS 7, 8 and 9 FOR THE TESTING.**

Kind Regards, Suyin



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Welcoming New Families

"Cuppa, Cake and a Chat"

Today Governing Council and myself had the opportunity to spend a bit more time getting to know and welcoming both new and seasoned families to our school community. Sonia O'Malley and Chloe Trussell provided some wonderful sweet treats and we had a lovely time having a cuppa and creating the space for families to be able to make some new connections.

We hope that families feel comfortable continuing to build on these connections and I want to thank them for making the effort to be part of our school community. A huge thankyou to the Governing Council for organising the morning and especially Sonia and Chloe for providing the cakes and biscuits.



Absences

The consistent and ongoing education of your children is our priority and we have a duty of care to provide this. We understand that children are sick on occasion, but when students are absent regularly, they miss crucial instruction to support their developing learning and it creates anxiety for them.

It is our responsibility as an education department to ensure that children are at school everyday. We are legally obliged to follow up absences and call or meet with families to support regular attendance. We are also required to pass attendance information on to the department and are audited on our processes.

As it is a legal requirement for parents to send their children to school every day, please feel free to speak to me if you are having trouble getting your child to school for any reason. Help us to help your children in their learning. We would love to aim for 95% student attendance across the school this term.

CALLY NEWS.....

Celebrating the WINS!

A New Playground

Over recent months I have been in conversation and planning with the Education Department to establish a brand new playground in the current playground area, to support play options for our students while the oval situation is continuing to be managed. It is with great pleasure that I can confirm that we have received ministerial approval for funding to support this project. Last year, I started the process with staff and students to harness ideas and collate wishes around what a new playground could and should include. We have a clear vision of what design would cater for all of our students with a particular emphasis on supporting the physical needs of all students. So watch this space as there will be some exciting times ahead.



A new shade sail

Another cause for celebration is the installation of the new shade sail over the sandpit area. With the wild winds at the end of last year, our old, mouldy sunshade ripped beyond repair. I am pleased to say that this has now been replaced and looks lovely. It is a very popular play area that provides additional shade for the children.

CALLY NEWS..... final bits

Reception - Mid Year intake

We are currently taking applications for mid year enrolments. Children are eligible if they turn 5 between 1st May and 31st October 2026. Please share within the wider community if you know anyone interested and visit the office before 31st March to complete an enrolment form.

Morning Duty

Please remember that teachers only begin student supervision in the yard at 8:25am, so students should only enter the school grounds at this time, unless supervised by their parent. This allows us to provide the duty of care that is required.



SPORTS DAY EARLY DISMISSAL

Sports Day this year will be held on Thursday 2nd of April. It is usual for many families take their children home early after the day's events. This may also be helpful for families if they are heading off early for the Easter weekend. Please note, however, that if your child catches the bus and you intend them to catch the bus on that day, it will leave at the normal time of 3:10pm due to connection with the high school students.



STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday 10th March 2026
Office will be closed all day



School Uniform

This week I sent home a reminder of why school uniforms are important to us at Callington Primary School. Thank you to those families that are supporting our purpose and the kind of culture we want to create in our school. I appreciate that this can cause upset for students and complexities for parents, but I appreciate everything you can do to support the school.

Celebrating Learning Success

Students are regularly doing some wonderful work and making great progress with their learning. During the year CHECK OUT the work of different students who have shown great progress in learning across the school in different curriculum areas.



Hello from Jeanette (PCW)



Hello from Jeanette!

.Hope you enjoyed the rain over the weekend!

This week the focus in Well-being lessons (following on from our "kindness" focus) has been "Kindness to our Environment". This also coincided with the Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday March 1st. We have followed this theme in each class with the children being invited to participate in a "Clean Up our School Yard" on Wednesday at Recess time. Some of the children were very excited to participate and were amazed at some of the rubbish that was found.

In the lessons we watched some videos that emphasized - **REDUCE** **REUSE** **RECYCLE** as a way to take care of our environment and look after our waterways and oceans so the rubbish doesn't end up there and harm animals and sea creatures. One of the key messages was to put rubbish in the bin or recycle bin.

This is a great topic to discuss with your children and find ways that your family can care for the environment.

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



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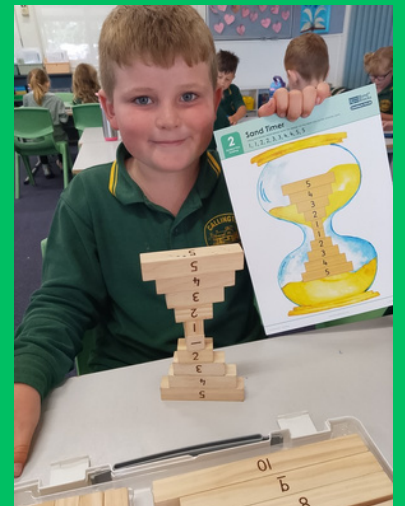
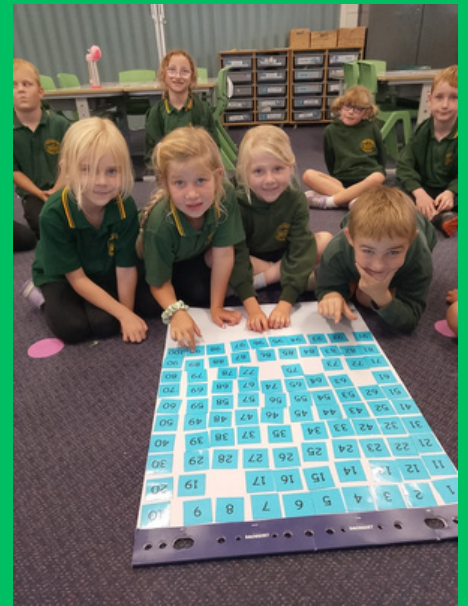
1/2 Class

A Fantastic Start to Our School Year!

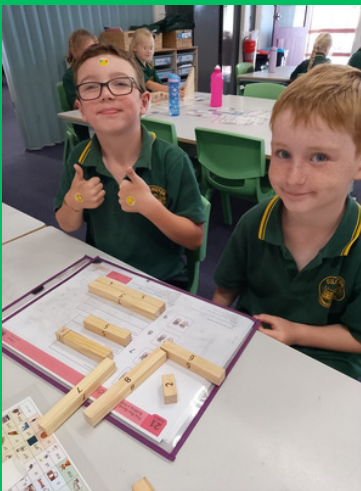
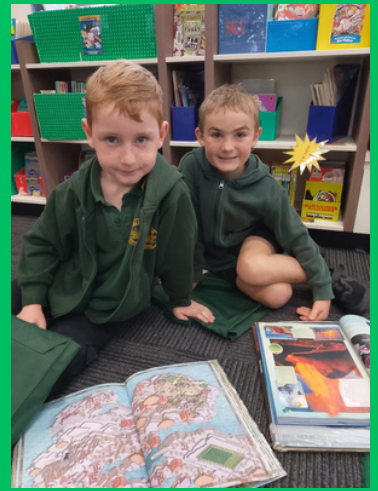
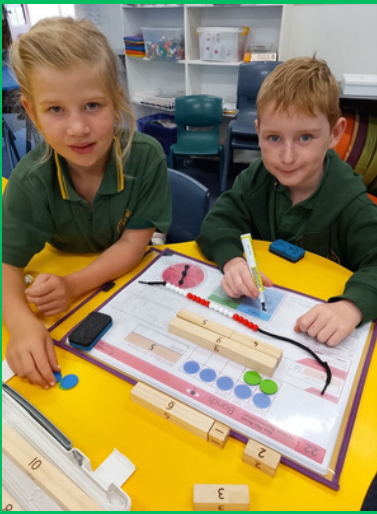
We have had such a wonderful start to the school year! It has been a joy getting to know one another, building new friendships and creating a positive classroom community where everyone feels welcome and valued.

We have already jumped into our learning with great enthusiasm:

- Practising our reading and writing skills
- Exploring new maths concepts
- Working together on fun group activities
- Developing our problem-solving and thinking skills



1/2 Class



Community News

Mount Barker High School warmly invites the parents at Callington Primary School to our

open night

Wednesday 18 March 2026
4:30pm to 7:30pm

Meet our Principal, tour our spaces, chat with staff and students, and discover the opportunities we offer students from academics, sports, the arts, STEM, outdoor education and more.

Bookings essential <http://www.trybooking.com/DJIXY>




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Session	Date & Time	Host Club	Location
1	Saturday 21 st February @ 9am until 12pm	Mid.teen Districts Soccer Club	Location: 41-47 Main Rd, McLaren Flat (McLaren Flat Rac Ground)
2	Sunday 1 st March @ 2pm until 4pm	Rangely Junior Soccer Club	Location: Ashton Oval, Jennings Drive, Ashton
3	Sunday 8 th March @ 9:30am until 10:30am	FC Summit	Location: Ansonia Park, Mount Barker
4	Tuesday 10 th March @ 5pm until 6:15pm	Strathalbyn Strikers FC	Location: 24 Fitzpatrick Rd, Strathalbyn
5	Saturday 14 th March @ 9:30am until 10:30am	Murray Bridge United Soccer Club	Location: 20 Beatty Terrace, Murray Bridge
6	Saturday 14 th March @ 9am until 10am	Wahndorf Soccer Club	Location: Rob Kilpatrick Park, Pink Ave, Wahndorf

Find a club

Blackwood Forest Soccer Club	Nairne Knights Soccer Club
Bridgewater Soccer Club	Rangers Junior Soccer Club
FC Summit	Stirling Districts Soccer Club
Wahndorf Soccer Club	Strathalbyn Strikers FC Inc
McLaren Districts Soccer Club	Torrens Valley Soccer Club
Murray Bridge United Soccer Club	Woodside Warriors Soccer Club

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or Contact one of the above Clubs Directly

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