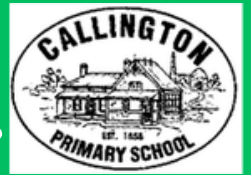


# Callly NEWS.....



## Callington Primary School Term 1 Week 11, 2026

### Kiwanis



Congratulations Charlotte, Madeline, Mia & Kaiya (Absent). Kiwanis Reps Maggie & Rona



### CPS Values Award



Front - Adeline, Nash  
Back - Soren, Darcy, Cameron, Thea, Storm  
Absent - Jake

### Upcoming Events

- 10/4 Colour Fun Run from 1.30pm  
Early dismissal 2.10pm from the Callington Oval

#### Term 2

- 27/4 School returns
- 30/4 School photos
- 1/5 Casual Day & Sausage sizzle (more information below and on 27/4)

### Things to Remember

- Schools Fees were due 6/3/25. Please make payment ASAP if your fees are outstanding or apply to School Card if you are eligible.
- School photo day is Term 2, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Please see letter sent home regarding family photos.
- ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE** (6:00am for a 6:15am start) - Student leaders to represent the school with Mrs Su (meet at the Kanmantoo war memorial)

### Kindness Award



Evan, Emily, Avalie, Alannah, Maddie

# Cally NEWS.....

Happy Birthday



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Welcome back to Term 2  
"Crazy Colours Day"

To celebrate a return to Term 2, school will be hosting a "Crazy Colours Day" where for a gold coin donation, students are invited to dress up in their favourite colours. The brighter and crazier the better - so think bright loud shirts, coloured wigs, coloured socks...everything rainbow.

The Governing Council will also be offering a sausage sizzle on the day - details will come on the Monday back at school.



# Principal News



## Is it the end of Term 1 already?

Welcome to the final newsletter for this term. I hope you all had a great Easter break with just a few (or lots) of chocolates. As I write this newsletter, I reflect on how busy our term has been and hope your child(ren) have had a really successful start to the 2026 school year. This term has flown by with many of our usual events, most recently our Sports Day, Harmony Day and parent/teacher interviews.

*Parent/Teacher interviews* - Thankyou so much if you were able to make it to our interviews in Week 9. It is a great time to be able to connect with class teachers one on one and get a really good insight into how your child has started and is progressing. Please don't hesitate to connect with them any time if you have concerns, or just want to discuss your child's learning.

*NAPLAN* - I would also like to send out a huge thankyou to the families of our Year 3 and 5 students who ensured that their child(ren) were here every day for our NAPLAN testing. This is something that happens every year and it makes a huge difference to your child when they are on time and at school each day of the testing as it promotes calmness and supports the delivery of the testing throughout the period. The testing went well, all students did a super job, trying their best in a formal testing setting. Results are issued during Term 3.

*Sports Day* - what a fun day and a wonderful event to share with the whole school community. It was so fantastic to see all the kids in their house colours and supporting their team with gusto. Well done everyone on such a great day and especially Mr Ratcliff for the time and effort to bring it all together. Please take the time to check out the photos from the day later in the newsletter.

As we come to the close of Term 1, I hope everyone has a really wonderful and restful holiday. Don't forget our welcome back to term fun event (Friday Week 1) - "Crazy Colours Day" and a sausage sizzle organised by the Governing Council (order forms provided early next term).

Take care and I look forward to seeing all of our families and students back for Term 2.

Kind Regards, Suyin



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COURAGE

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# CALLY NEWS.....



## Clarification on Camps at CPS

It was recently brought to my attention that there may be some confusion amongst our school families around the provision of camps in the past, and future camp dates. I wanted to take the opportunity to clarify for all families, the school's position on camps.

From my perspective, camps are a privilege (and not a given) and are not guaranteed at any school. Some schools (and teachers/SSOs), are now refusing to go on camps. Camps are not an expectation of the job and rely on the goodwill of staff to be away overnight from their own families for no extra pay. There is also a huge amount of logistical work and effort required from the whole school to ensure a camp is successful. Having said this, so far, staff at Callington PS have been extremely generous with their time and have supported this initiative every 2 years.

Personally, I feel camps are an important opportunity to support the growth and development of all children in maturity, independence and as social and emotional learners. From this standpoint, I will always be an advocate of camps. However, to ensure the provision and viability of camps in the future, it is important to balance parent expectations, with what is possible from a school perspective, while protecting staff goodwill.

Our last camp in the current cycle was in 2024, meaning that our next camp would have been scheduled for 2026 (this year). However, last year I won a grant to allow us to access a more expensive camp (not normally affordable), so instead of this year, we had the camp last year in 2025 (i.e. a year earlier). Moving forward, I hope we will be able to offer a camp again next year (2027) - Years 2-6 stay for 3 days/2 nights and R/1 students come for a day trip.

If you have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to come and have a chat.

## SAPSASSA District Day

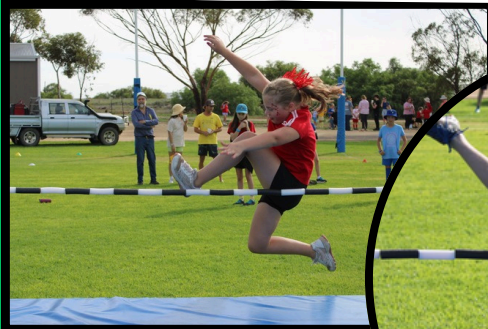
Ada and Jesse represented the school with pride at the recent SAPSASSA athletics event, demonstrating both determination and sportsmanship. They approached each event with enthusiasm, supporting one another and striving to achieve their personal bests. It was wonderful to see their hard work and training pay off, with strong performances and impressive results across a range of events. We are incredibly proud of their efforts, positive attitudes, and the way they conducted themselves as outstanding ambassadors for our school. Congratulations to Ada for achieving the Under 12 Age Group Champion title. She will now represent Callington PS at the state level.



# Cally NEWS.....

## Sports Day 2026 at CPS

It was wonderful to see so many families and friends supporting our students at Sports Day! A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave their time to help everything run so smoothly; your support made a real difference. We are very grateful for the opportunity to once again use the community oval and benefit from its excellent facilities. Congratulations as well to our Sports Day captains for their exceptional leadership and for embodying our school values. Congratulations to **Murray** for winning the CALLY Values Award this year and to **Angas** for winning the Sports Day cup!



# ...more Sports Day



# CALLY NEWS.....

## Student Free Day

Our recent student free day focussed on "engaging and inspiring" our young writers. To get inspired ourselves I decided to organise the day at Arbury Park Outdoor School. The school has just introduced a nature journaling wall and matching lessons with students. We had a chance to learn from their areas of expertise and also look after our own wellbeing by taking the time to connect back into nature, with each other and with writing. The day was beneficial in so many ways and staff came away with many positives. We are excited about how we can enhance and motivate students in their writing and they are loving the ideas teachers are presenting.



"INTEGRITY - doing what is right and true, even when expectations challenge you"

"Most people choose what is easy but leaders choose what is necessary"

## GRIP leadership conference

On Tuesday 31st March Mrs Su took Avalie and Lara to join other student leaders from schools around the state to learn how to be the best leader for their school. We have shared some of the lessons learnt. Both girls represented our school with pride and enthusiasm and we look forward to how they plan to make our school a place that everyone wants to be part of.



"Be at your best to serve the needs of others"



# CALLY NEWS..... final bits

## SCHOOL PHOTOS - Term 2 (Thursday of Week 1)

Just a reminder that school photos will take place on Thursday 30th April - please ensure all children are in attendance on that day, otherwise if you wish to have a photo of your child for 2026, you will need to organise alternative arrangements by visiting the MSP office separately. Order forms have already been sent home.



## Oval Update - holiday works

Just a quick reminder that Stage 2A oval investigation works have been completed, and planned Stage 2B works commence in the school holidays, which includes initial quieter drilling to obtain core soil samples. This will increase in intensity and if you live in Callington you may notice the noise. Please stay away from the area during the holidays to allow the experts to do their job in safety and to protect yourself from the noise.



## NUT ALLERGY

"preparations to support"

Later in the year we will be welcoming a student that has a severe nut allergy, so to get us all in the routine of being mindful of what we pack for lunch and recess, from Term 2 onwards we will be having a strict no nut policy. Please do not send any nuts, nut products including peanut butter, Nutella and muesli bars with nuts, to school. This is very serious for this child and we want to support them as much as possible. If by accident, nuts are brought to school we will ring you and let you know we have provided an alternative, or you may choose to bring something into school instead.



# Hello from Jeanette (PCW)



Hello from Jeanette!

Here we are at the end of Term 1. I hope you had a happy Easter and I hope you also have some special time with your children during the school holidays.

The children enjoyed participating in the Christian options day. We watched an Easter video and this was followed by various activities including scratching an Easter bookmark, making a windsock, decorating a biscuit shaped like an Easter egg (This was enjoyed very much!), an Easter bingo game and a Nature Hunt outside with the added challenge of finding a mini duck many of which were placed around the yard and playground.

The final activity was the Easter egg toss into a hat held by one of the team members. (The teams were divided up into their house teams and each student took it in turns to see how many of the four plastic eggs they could throw into the hat. Thank you to the staff who helped out and the children who joined in so well on the day.

Enjoy the photos taken of some of the activities!

Until next term,

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

## Christians Options



# HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day was a wonderful celebration across our school, filled with colour, connection, and plenty of smiles. Students took part in a range of activities including cultural dance, shared art activities, whole school collaborations and classroom discussions about inclusion and respect. It was fantastic to see everyone embracing the idea that our diversity makes us stronger. Harmony Day helps our students understand the importance of kindness, belonging, and celebrating what makes each of us unique, while recognising that we all have a place where we feel valued and respected.



# HARMONY DAY cont...



# Community News



**the BRIDGE FESTIVAL**  
YOUTH WEEK 2026

**11AM-3PM FREE ENTRY**  
**APRIL 11**

Live Music    Rock Climbing  
Aerosol Art    Laser Tag    Skate Park Coaching  
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\*Please note this is a non-accredited course and not suitable for workplace competency requirements.

**SATURDAY - 11<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL**  
10.00AM - 1.00PM

**TINYERI CHILDREN'S CENTRE -**  
65 JARVIS AVENUE, MURRAY BRIDGE



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BOOK FOR 1 SESSION PER PERSON.  
2 X TIME SLOTS: 10AM - 11.30AM OR 11.30 AM - 1PM.  
BOOK A TEAM OF 5 OR BE ALLOCATED TO A TEAM ON THE DAY.



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