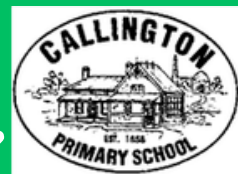


Callly NEWS.....



Callington Primary School

Term 3 Week 3, 2026

Welcome New Receptions



Tullulah, Haylee, Hayley, Renn, Nova & Leyton



Welcome To Our Latest Student Arrivals



Alastair (Back), Sinclair, Hayley, Nathan, Cassie, River, Raven, Jasper

Upcoming Events

- 12/8 Assembly (9:15am) - 1/2 hosting
- 13/8 R-2 Gorge Excursion
- 14/8 Civics Excursion
- 14/8 Pie Drive collection day
- 25/8 Book Week Dress Up Parade

Things to Remember

- ☒ Please check emails regularly as permissions for excursions, newsletters and other communications are all being sent out via the Edsmart portal. If you are not receiving these please advise the office.

- ☒ Please keep your child at home if they are unwell. This helps reduce the spread of illness and ensures everyone has the best opportunity to learn and play in a healthy environment. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Cally NEWS.....

Happy Birthday



Rec Class - being very curious about Koalas

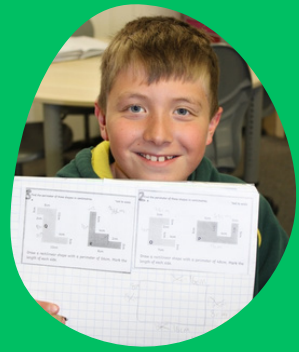
Celebrating some great learning in classes



1/2 Class - Alastair engaging deeply in story writing



3/4 Class - Raven using wonderful creativity and imagination in her story writing



Jake 5/6 Class - Jake persisting to solve perimeter maths problems

Principal News



From Winter to Spring.....

Could there be news on progressing our new playground ?

Hello families, great to have you all back on board for Term 3 and a hearty welcome to all of our new families that we haven't formally welcomed to the Callington school community. We had quite an influx of students in Term 2. We previously welcomed the Cole family and Jock and Ana into the 5/6 class but since then, we have had the Goodman family (Sinclair - 5/6 class and Jasper, River and Raven - 3/4 class), the Pitt family (Hayley - 3/4 class, Cassie - 1/2 class and Nathan - Rec class) and at the beginning of this term, Alastair in the 1/2 class join us. Check out the lovely picture of all of our new (or returning) students including the new mid-term Receptions (Tullulah, Nova, Haylee L, Haylee H, Renn, Leyton), who we welcomed at the beginning of the term and are looking forward to getting to know.

Our numbers are looking very healthy and all of our children are already engaging well with their learning, experiencing that productive struggle when things are hard, knowing that it is ok to feel that, because on the other side is a feeling of success and achievement. This edition of the newsletter includes news on our school NAPLAN results and an update on the school oval situation...it is looking like we are closer to the next step in acquiring our new playground.

We are looking forward to a great term, so make sure you keep an eye on the calendar of events as there are lots of things happening and lots of rich learning experiences for the students. Next week, police officers from Murray bridge will be visiting the school to provide various age appropriate education sessions to the children; we will enjoy our first assembly for the term, hosted by Ms B's Year 1/2 class, and the R-2 students and 5/6 class will be going on excursions.

Thank you to all families who supported us on the student free day by finding alternative arrangements for their children. Staff had a very productive and engaging day with the Curriculum learning and teaching division of the department, exploring and implementing planning around the new dispositions and capabilities within the SA curriculum.

At the beginning of the term, I sent out a letter welcoming feedback around some of the latest changes you might have noticed with our attempt to move with technology. Semester 1 reports were sent out on email and recent excursion information and permission notes were sent through our new "Edsmart" program. Don't be shy to come and let us know your thoughts as it will help guide as we continue to navigate the inherent changes that are required in the education world.

Have a great end to the winter months and enjoy the warmth and joy of what the Spring season will bring.

Take Care and Kind Regards, Sugyn

Check out the new values signs in our native garden on North Terrace....thankyou Finch for installing.



CARE



COURAGE



CONNECTION

CALLY NEWS.....

"CARE" in action at CPS

At the end of last term, every class took part in a fantastic Planting Day in partnership with Landscapes SA. Students worked alongside Rosheen and Candice, who shared their knowledge of local native plants and taught each class about their cultural and environmental significance before everyone got involved in the planting. Together, students planted a variety of native species, including bush tucker plants, sensory plants chosen for their unique scents, and species that can one day be harvested for traditional weaving activities. These new garden spaces will continue to grow over the coming years, creating rich learning opportunities and strengthening our students' connection to nature and Country.

A big thank you to Rosheen and Candice from Landscapes SA, as well as the parents and family members who came along to lend a hand. We look forward to watching these gardens flourish and become an important part of learning at Callington Primary School.



CALLY NEWS..... final bits

2026 NAPLAN results

As most school families would be aware, NAPLAN testing is held every year in Term 1 for Year 3 and 5 students, then in Years 7 and 9 at high school. Four skills areas are tested - Writing, reading, spelling, grammar & punctuation and numeracy). On the whole, our school continues to perform solidly in many areas, however, we are mindful of the need to continue focussed work in spelling and grammar across the school.

Year 3 students performed strongly in 3 out of 4 areas (reading, writing and numeracy). Year 5 students performed strongly in 3 out of 4 tested areas (reading, grammar/punctuation and numeracy). Year 5 writing was tested, but due to a nationwide technical issue with the online platform, mean writing scores for the school were not reported. Individual student results were reported to families with the majority of students achieving in the developing to strong band.

In line with our philosophy around supporting and developing the whole child, NAPLAN results provide an indication of academic achievement for one moment in time. We use this data in conjunction with multiple other measures to assess student learning progress and support teacher planning.

AFTER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND USE

If you are a family that stays after school to connect with other families please make sure you consider the playground information (hardcopy) provided in Week 1 of Term 3 to ensure your child stays safe and appropriate duty of care is provided.

PARENT FORUM AT SIES

The Statewide Inclusive Education Services (SIES) team are offering a Parent forum for families of students with additional needs. If you are interested it is on...

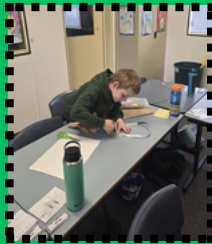
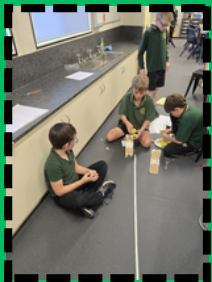
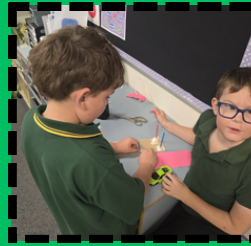
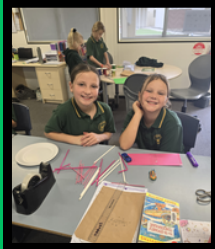
Wednesday 12th August (10-1pm)
LIVE - 72a Marlborough St, Henley Beach
ONLINE - live streamed (see office for details) or email
education.ParentForum@sa.gov.au

OVAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Results from Stage 2B investigations (i.e. borehole drilling - January school holidays) indicated that further testing was recommended in two smaller areas of the oval. The first (Stage 3A) occurred in the winter holiday break and included an area just outside the oval and adjacent to the playground. These results indicated that there are no unusual findings so engineers will be providing recommendations to support playground redevelopment planning. This is a really positive step forward with regard to the playground, as very shortly, the department will be in a position to confidently commence the tender process for the new playground project. In the meantime, students have returned to Term 3 and are continuing to enjoy access to the community oval, the introduction of some giant games and a new mud kitchen is due to arrive any day, which I am sure is going to be very popular. The remaining testing (Stage 3B) will occur within the currently bounded area, closer to the current collapse and is being planned and organized to commence as soon as logistically possible. As usual, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and have a chat.

MRS. K'S YEAR 3 / 4 CLASS

All about Science!!



In Science last term we were learning about **Fantastic Forces**. When doing our experiments we had to work **collaboratively, creatively** and with **perseverance** as we tried and tested each experiment. We used a lot of our maths skills to measure and prove the success of each experiment.

We also were lucky enough to have John and Sue run a **Science Club** where we got to enjoy and learn more about the wonders of Science in our world.





BOOK
FAIR

PSST...BOOKWEEK IS NEARLY HERE!

This year's book week celebrations are so jam packed that we've decided to kick it off in **week 5!** This year's theme is 'Symphony of Stories'. The list of events are as follows;

MONDAY 17th August - This year we are highlighting the joy that is found in writing by giving our students the opportunity to meet some wonderful authors. We are fortunate enough to have author Katrina Germein visit us, providing us with valuable writing workshops.

MONDAY 24th August - students will visit the book fair (not to purchase) and create a wish list of books they might like to buy.
Whole school reading - staff will provide a special performance of 'The Pied Piper'.

TUESDAY 25TH August - **DRESS UP DAY!!** Students can come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. At 8:50am parents are invited to watch their children parade around the basketball court, followed by a short 15 minute read with their family/caregiver. Student's writing competition entries will be pinned on black display boards, so keep an eye out for these also.

Then, at 1:50pm, at no cost to families, our students will be treated to a live performance in the hall called 'The Secret Note' by local Adelaide company Bring Me Magic! The book fair will be open for sales beginning today. Please see below for operating times. **Please note: today book sales will ONLY be open to parents/caregivers between 8:30 and 8:50am.**

WEDNESDAY 26TH August - At 9:00am Reception and Yr 1/2 students will combine to participate in an interactive online session with author Andy Lee.

THURSDAY 27TH August - At 9:30am Yr 5/6 will participate in an interactive online session with author Matt Stanton.
During the week, students will have the opportunity to enter a competition where they are to guess the amount of pages in a book. There will be a prize for the winner of the guessing competition and two prizes per class for the writing competition. Winners from both competitions will be announced today.

FRIDAY 28TH August - At 9:30am Yr 3/4 will participate in an interactive online session with author Jason Pamment.
Book week will now come to a close.

We hope you enjoy the Book Fair and Book Week. All Book Fair sales benefit our school library and we thank you for your support.

Author
Visits



BOOK FAIR OPENING TIMES

Monday 24th

Closed for purchases - student viewing only

Tuesday 25th

Morning 8:30 - 8:50am
Lunch 12:50 - 1:20pm

Wednesday 26th

Morning 8:30 - 8:50am
Lunch 12:50 - 1:20pm
Afternoon 3:15 - 3:45pm

Thursday 27th

Morning 8:30 - 8:50am
Lunch 12:50 - 1:20pm
Afternoon 3:15 - 3:45pm

Friday 28th

Morning 8:30 - 8:50am

*Parents welcome morning and afternoon from
Tuesday to Friday.

PERFORMANCES



prizes



COMPETITIONS

Hello from Jeanette (PCW)



Hello from Jeanette!

Winter is really and truly here - with some very cold mornings lately. Children are welcome to come into the DDI Room on Breakfast Club mornings (Monday & Wednesday) to find a warm place, even if they aren't eating breakfast.

This term the Reception children will be introduced to the Kimochi Keys to Communication. The keys provide vocabulary and actions that young children can understand and use to build relationships, resolve conflicts and negotiate with others.

The Keys include the following:

1. Getting someone's attention by using their name, waiting for eye contact, before speaking
2. Using a talking tone of voice instead of a "fighting" tone of voice.
3. Using a "talking" face and relaxed body language instead of a "fighting" face and tense body language.
4. Choose words that help instead of hurt.
5. Be brave and redo hurtful moments.
6. Be kind and let people try again.
7. Assume the best.

Hope you have a great week!

Until next time,

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

*** The next Messy Church at the Callington Memorial Hall is on Sunday 30th August (4pm - 6pm) including dinner.

DDI (Do Drop In)



Community News



SCIENCE WEEK EVENT
SEEDS OF SCIENCE

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of discovery as we celebrate National Science Week's theme 'Seeds of Science'.

Learn, explore and grow your curiosity:

- Native animal encounters
- Become a Bug Detective
- Family friendly nature talks
- Interactive display tables
- Hands-on craft activities

Everyone is welcome.
Bookings not required but are appreciated.

This project is supported by the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board through funding from the Landscape levies.

Sunday, 16th of August 2026
1pm- 3pm

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



[Register Here](#)

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Murray Bridge Library · Sat Aug 8 · 10am-11am

A **FREE** storytelling workshop for dads, uncles, grandpas, big brothers and father figures!

Come along with your little one to discover what makes a great picture book, and learn simple ways to bring stories to life!

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Don't miss the free parent session about kids and smartphones

Sessions held at:

Littlehampton Primary School	Mon 31 Aug	6:00pm
Hahndorf Primary School	Tues 1 Sept	6:30pm
Mt Barker Sth Primary School	Wed 2 Sept	7:00pm

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BUZZ ABOUT SAFETY

FIRST AID

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- HEAD INJURIES
- CHOKING
- BURNS
- ANAPHYLAXIS
- CONVULSIONS

A free First Aid & CPR awareness workshop for parents and caregivers specifically focused on babies & children delivered by a qualified trainer.

*Please note this is a non-accredited course and not suitable for workplace competency requirements.

SATURDAY - 12TH OF SEPTEMBER
10.00AM - 1.00PM

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



REGISTER NOW



VIA QR code or contact Kelly on 0467 407 910

