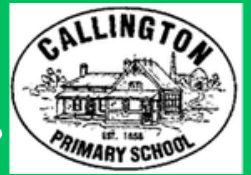


Callly NEWS.....



Callington Primary School

Term 3 Week 9, 2026

Book Week - 1/2 class ready for the parade to begin



More book week photos later in the newsletter



Happy Birthday

Upcoming Events

- 23/9 Assembly (9:15am) - 3/4's hosting
- 24/9 Courage afternoon
- 25/9 Last Day of School
Early Dismissal 2.10PM

Things to Remember

- ☒ Hats from now on and all of Term 4

Term 4- Advanced Notice

- ☒ Week 3 - 26/10 School Closure & 27/10 Student Free Day
- ☒ Whole school excursion to the Art Gallery 29th October (Week 3) no cost. Permission and more information through EDSmart will occur in Week 1.
- ☒ Swimming is Week 6 with cost per student \$51.00. Invoices will be sent home in Week 1.



Principal News



Nearly the end of term, hang in there.....

Hi all, welcome to the last newsletter for the term. I understand that many of our families are struggling with sickness at the moment - not long to go until the end of term. We have had quite a lot of absences across the school in the last 4 weeks, mostly due to sickness. Thankyou for keeping your child at home if they are sick. However, if they are well and have no medical appointments it is important to send them to school everyday. Each day a child is not at school, adds to their anxiety around keeping up with learning and re-establishing social connections, which can affect their self confidence and enthusiasm for school. Today I have sent home a hard copy (and electronic) of our most recently updated and Governing Council approved attendance policy that will help to guide families and reinforce the importance of attendance at school each day. Additionally, Governing Council and I have also formulated a Bus Policy to support safe use of the bus for all. This was also provided as a hard copy to bus families and those that occasionally use the service. We hope both these documents provide clarity around school and department expectations in these areas. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

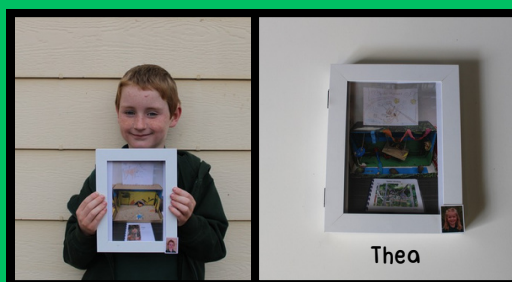
Since the last newsletter we have or will have a number of staff members away leading into the holidays. Lorna is on long service leave (LSL) for 3 weeks (since week 8), (Mrs White is with the Reception students); Helen will be away in week 10, (Liz Murphy will teach in the 3/4 class). Sarah will also be away in week 10 on LSL (Elisha will be in the front office) and Sandra and Sam will be away next Tuesday. Hoping those staff members taking early holidays have a great time.

We hope you enjoy the Book Week spread of photos and recollections of the week from Elisha (librarian). later in the newsletter. It was such a great week to celebrate reading and the gift of books. Students, families and staff partook in a range of different events including the costume parade, shared reading, author visits and talks, writing competition, whole school book read and of course the Book Fair.

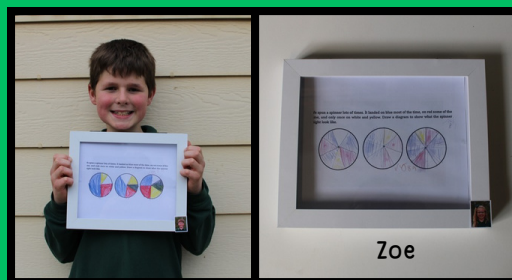
I hope that all of staff, families and students have a lovely spring holiday break and we all come back fit, healthy and ready to tackle the last term of the year. If I don't see you around the school next week, I look forward to seeing you in Term 4!

Stay safe and take care,
Kind Regards, Suyin

Let's celebrate our students who are making some great progress in their learning



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CARE

COURAGE

CONNECTION

CALLY NEWS.....



COURAGE in our learning

Last week we sent out a flyer to all families to invite you to our "Celebrating COURAGE" event on Thursday 24th September from 3:15 - 4:15pm.

It starts with a light afternoon picnic for children on the nature play grass area, followed by a chance to join your child in their classroom where you can connect with the class/specialist teachers and talk to your child about their learning, their successes and the challenges they may have experienced.

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

P.S. If you prefer to have a more formal conversation with your child's teacher, please don't hesitate to book an appointment with them.

P.P.S The questions to the right might help in conversations with your children when they share their work - copies will be available in each classroom on the day.

Tell me about your learning...

Celebrating Our Courage



What was tricky?

Show me the tricky bit. What helped you work it out?



Who did you work with?

How did you help each other?



Did you get stuck?

What helped you get unstuck?



How did you feel about the progress you made?

How did you feel at the beginning? How do you feel now?



What did you learn about yourself?

What did you discover you can do, or do better, than you thought?



CALLINGTON SHOWcalling all bakers and helpers

It is that time again when we get to look forward to the annual Callington Show. It is always a great day to say hi to families and students and also enjoy that sense of community with helpers on the day.

Once again, the Governing Council will be organising a BAKE SALE to raise funds for all children at Callington P.S. Like last year, we are asking all families and staff, if they would be happy to donate a home baked product for our stall to help entice showgoers to buy some delicious treats. We are also looking for any parents/caregivers that are willing to donate an hour or so to sell cakes at the stall on the day.

If you can do any of those things, please see the details available in the flyer that was sent home with your child today, or contact the office for information.

Taking on feedback from last year, this year we will NOT be asking families to donate something to help create a class item. We understand that this may have been asking a lot, especially if you have 4 children in 4 different classes, so if you are willing to just donate an item(s) from your family that would be super.

This year, Mr White and some of our Year 6 students (especially, our student leaders), have created a display board to be displayed in the agricultural shed, that will showcase our school and give visitors an idea of what Callington Primary School has to offer. The kindy will also be doing a similar board so look out for those.

Cross fingers for great weather and I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE SHOW !!

cally NEWS..... final bits



UPDATE SCHOOL POLICIES - Bus & Attendance

Over the past term, Governing Council and myself have been updating and creating policies that support clarity across the school community and provide guidelines that are in the best interests of all children.

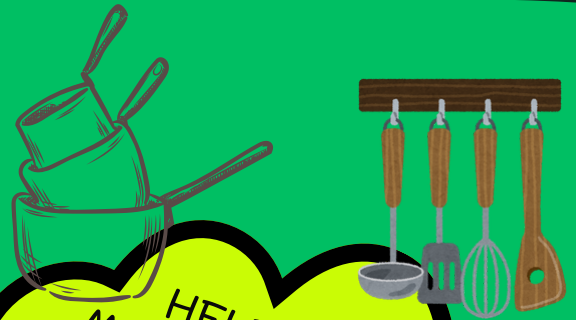
The latest policies that we have been working on include the attendance policy and a bus policy. Both of these policies have been approved by Governing Council and will be provided to all families so there is minimal confusion. They will also go on our website and additional paper copies can be obtained from the front office. The bus policy will only be provided to those families whose children use the bus services regularly or infrequently.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and speak to Suyin. We hope these will help add to your understanding of school expectations in these areas.

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO SPEAK UP

As a school we are trying to create a school where CARE, COURAGE and CONNECTION are priorities, and where kindness and consideration are the norm. We pride ourselves on addressing any concerning issues straight away, but we can only do that if children tell us straightaway if incidents happen to themselves or others.

We would appreciate if you could have a talk to your children about the importance of this, as we need everyone working together to ensure that we create a school that has a culture of safety, kindness and care for others.



HELP needed.... Mud Kitchen Supplies

We recently purchased a brand new mud kitchen to support play options for all students and we would like to enrich their creative play by providing some cooking/baking equipment.

If you have any extra equipment you want to rehome, please drop off to front office (avoid anything that might get bent into sharp edges) and the students can start COOKING UP A STORM!!

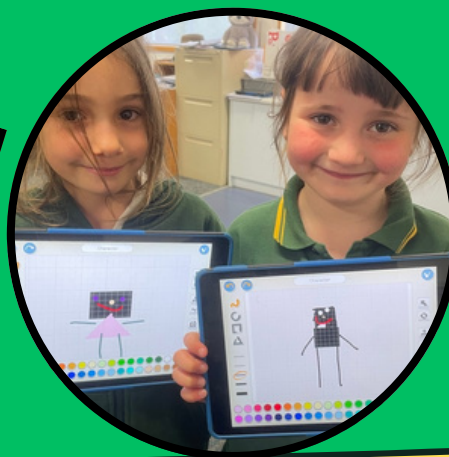
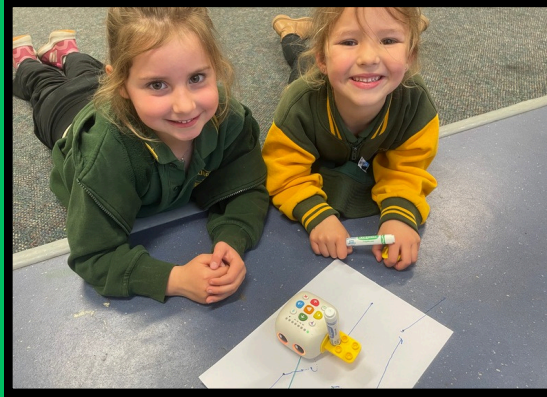
STAGE 3B OVAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Education Department are continuing to keep processes moving forward regarding the oval collapse. Next week, we will have Stage 3B investigations commencing. If you remember, we received information from the January investigations (Stage 2B) which identified further exploration required on the grass area just outside the boundary area and near the playground. Stage 3A occurred in Term 2 holidays and revealed that the playground redevelopment, could now proceed with certainty. We have begun this process.

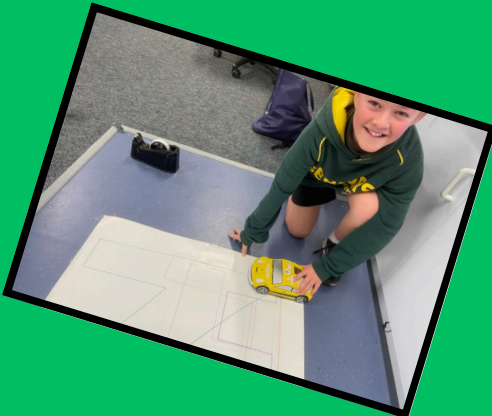
Initial stage 3B investigations are now planned for 2 days next week (Wed 23rd and Thurs 24th September). This work will not be invasive to student learning, but will provide an opportunity for students to observe some of the investigations "live". Follow up work to complete Stage 3B will then be organised, which will investigate the area closer to the original collapse in more detail.

We are hoping this will give additional insight and allow next step conversations around remediation options. Thanks again for your patience and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and see Suyin.

TECHNOLOGY



During our lessons, students have been developing their ability to use technology to solve problems, explore ideas and create solutions. They have strengthened their coding and computational thinking skills through simple algorithms and explored how data can be represented, organised and shared. Students have also developed design and construction skills by planning, modelling and creating solutions using a range of materials and technologies. They have been encouraged to test and improve their ideas, work collaboratively, and use technology safely and responsibly. Through these experiences, students have built confidence as creative and capable problem-solvers.



3-6 LENSWOOD PICK YOUR OWN EXCURSION



The Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 classes recently enjoyed a fantastic excursion to @Lenswood Pick Your Own Apple Orchard. Students had the opportunity to see a working apple orchard in action and learn about how apples are grown, the resources needed to produce them, and some of the challenges that can affect apple production.

Of course, a visit to an apple orchard wouldn't be complete without tasting some apples! Students enjoyed sampling delicious apples grown right there at the orchard.

We were particularly proud to receive wonderful feedback from Emily, who showed us around on the day. She commented on how focused and engaged our students were as they gathered information and asked thoughtful and intelligent questions.

Both classes will now use the information and notes they collected during the excursion to write their own information reports. It was a valuable hands-on learning experience and a great way to bring our classroom learning to life.



BOOK WEEK

Wow! What an absolutely jam packed book week we've had!

This year we had a strong focus on writing, and so it was only fitting to include in our celebrations a visit from author Katrina Germein.



We were also treated to interactive online sessions with authors Andy Lee, Matt Stanton and Jason Pamment. The students found each session to be interesting and valuable and we're sure we have some budding authors amongst us!



The dress up day was super fun as usual, with our parade, family/caregiver reading session and a very entertaining performance by the company 'Bring Me Magic'.



During the week students also participated in class writing and 'guess the pages in a book' competitions. Winners were presented with book vouchers which they could spend on the book fair. Winners of the writing competition were Atticus, Kaiya, Alex, Charlize, Lily, Hayley, Lauren & Jake. Winners of the guessing competition were Adeline & Taj. Congratulations to all.



The festivities were wrapped up on Friday with our signature performance from the staff. This year we performed 'The Pied Piper Played The Wrong Tune' which required the very funny Mr Ratcliff to learn how to play the flute!

Thank you to all who supported our book fair. The commission from the sales enabled us to purchase \$474 worth of books for our school!

....more BOOK WEEK



Community News

FREE

School holiday fun activities

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED UNDER 13.

TUESDAY 29 SEP KAYAKING: 10AM & 12PM FISH N' CHATS: 2PM • AVOCA DELL	WEDNESDAY 30 SEP 10AM & 12PM HIKE THE FALLS • MANNUM WATERFALLS
THURSDAY 01 OCT 10AM BIKE ADVENTURE • MYPOLOGA LEVEE	TUESDAY 06 OCT KAYAKING: 10AM & 12PM FISHING: 2PM • HUME RESERVE
FRIDAY 02 OCT 10AM & 12PM GEOCACHE • ROCKY GULLY KINCHINA	

THE APPROXIMATE DURATION OF EACH SESSION IS 1.5 HOURS

Register now!

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Blue Light
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MANNUM Roller Disco

TUES 29 SEPTEMBER 2026

11 AM TO 1 PM

7-17 YEARS

TICKETS TO BE PRE-PURCHASED ONLINE. CANTEN AVAILABLE.

COST - \$5
BOOKINGS VIA BLUE LIGHT WEBSITE
WWW.BLUELIGHTSA.ORG/EVENTS
ENQUIRIES: 8535 6345

SKATE HIRE INCLUDED IN ENTRY FEE IF YOU DON'T OWN ROLLER SKATES

VENUE - MANNUM LEISURE CENTRE
BASKETBALL STADIUM
51 ADELAIDE ROAD, MANNUM

SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
SAFER COMMUNITIES

Government of South Australia

Mannum Leisure Centre

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OAKBANK Community Fun Day

FREE ENTRY

SUNDAY 20TH SEPT 10AM-3PM

See Lexus Melbourne Cup Trophy 11am-1pm

LIVE MUSIC
LINE DANCING
MARKET STALLS
WORKSHOPS
POP UP BARS
FOOD TRUCKS
JUMPING CASTLE
KIDS ACTIVITIES

Wren - Vine markets

Five Green Distillers

Oakbank Race Club, 46 Oakwood Road Oakbank



SCAN ME

Arbury Park Outdoor School Open Day 7 November

There will a public open day on Saturday 7 November to celebrate 50 formative years of outdoor learning at this pioneering campsite near Bridgewater.

50 1976 - 2026

ARBURY PARK OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Inspiring connections & lifelong memories in nature's classroom

MURRAY BRIDGE LIBRARY

ANIMALS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday, 29 September

SESSION 1 2PM

SESSION 2 3:30PM

GET UP CLOSE WITH SOME AMAZING AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE!

Animals Anonymous is visiting the Murray Bridge Library bringing 8-10 friendly native animals to the library for a fun and interactive experience. Animals that might visit include a baby crocodile, pythons, lizards, marsupials and native birds. You'll have the chance to meet these fascinating creatures up close, with opportunities to pat or hold many of them and snap some memorable photos along the way.

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

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

Register here



Murray Bridge Library

LANDSCAPE SOUTH AUSTRALIA

FREE EVENT

COME & TRY MURRAY BRIDGE LITTLE ATHLETICS

Ages 3 years & over

SUNDAYS 20 & 27 SEPTEMBER

8:30am Registrations & Coaching

9:15am Welcome, Warm-up & Events

Come along and give Little Athletics a try!

MORE INFO & REGISTRATION

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Website: murray-bridge.littleathletics.com.au

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