Cally NEWS.....

Callington Primary School
Term 4 Week 4, 2026

Kiwanis Awards



Congratulations Ada, Storm, Adeline & Hayley
Kiwanis representatives - Kaye & Dennis

CPS Values Award



Congratulations (back row) Josh, Ethan, Alannah, Emerson & Riley
(front row) Jaxon, Atticus, Frieda & Cassie

Upcoming Events

- *4/11 Assembly (9:15am) - Rec's hosting*
- *6/11 Governing Council Meeting 9AM*
- *11/11 Remembrance Day*
- *Week 6 Swimming Week*

Things to Remember

- ☑ Please check emails regularly as most permissions for excursions, newsletters and other communicatons are all being sent out via the Edsmart portal. If you are not receiving these please advise the office.
- ☑ Hats from now on and all of Term 4
- ☑ Swimming is Week 6 with cost per student $51.00. Please fill in the paper consent (Swimming/Acquatic Consent form) and send back no later than 5th November. Excursion consent is on EDSMART.



The CPS Board that was displayed at the show - thankyou Mr White and our student leaders, Lara and Avalie for doing such a great job.

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Happy Birthday





ART GALLERY Excursion
"New learning and wonderings"

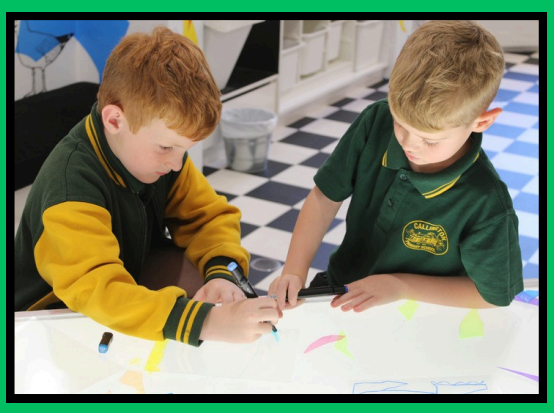
(More to come in the next newsletter)











Principal News

Dear families,

Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 4. It was great to see all the students back after the Spring break. Before I launch into happenings for Term 4, I just wanted to send out a big thankyou to all families who made the effort to join us for our "***COURAGE in learning***" afternoon at the end of Term 3. During our afternoon, parents/caregivers had the opportunity to share in their child's learning and celebrate their progress. It was so lovely to see students excited to talk with their families and share their hard work, demonstrating pride in their efforts. It was lovely to welcome families into school, chat with them about their children and continue to bring a sense of community into the school.

Term 4 always starts with a bang and never lets up until the last day of school. We call it the "fast and furious" term. One of the highlights already has been the Callington Show. This year we were grateful for calmer winds but unfortunately, the rainy weather may have kept some people away. However, it was still a day to celebrate with the community, with our students showing off their writing and artistic skills with a few ribbons to celebrate. Our bake stall looked fantastic and was only possible because of the amazing and generous donations of delicious baked goods. Thankyou to so many of our families and staff members for your contributions. I stocked my pantry well and my family was very happy.

I wanted to extend a A HUGE thankyou to Sonia and Chloe from the Governing Council for all of their hard work and generosity of time and spirit to organize and run the Bake Sale - their organisation before, during and after the event was outstanding. We are very lucky to have you as part of our school community. Thankyou to Rebekah Bishop for donating a magnificent Weber BBQ as a raffle prize, check out the lucky winner below. Also, eternal thanks to Kath Landford, Luci Bayly, Alex Milner-Smyth, Sandra Ferber, Michael White, Matt Ratcliff and my "ringins", for their time and effort on or before the day. Another great bake sale, another great result for the children, with school raising approx. $2000 to support excursions and incursions in 2027. Thanks everyone - see you again next year.

On other news, feel free to read more about our latest excursion to the SA Art Gallery and also about World Teacher's Day that was held on Friday 30th October, but will be celebrated by our school on Friday 6th November. That's about it from me for now. Until next time, stay safe and take care.

Kind Regards, Suyin

"COURAGE in our learning"
a wonderful afternoon of sharing and community








CARE COURAGE CONNECTION

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"World Teacher's Day" - thankyou!!

On Friday 30th October, the world celebrated teachers.

Great teachers do so much more than teach – they inspire, encourage, nurture and make a lasting difference in children's lives. It's often the little things that matter most: a kind word, a listening ear, a moment of encouragement or simply believing in a child when they need it most. Much of this work goes unseen, yet its impact lasts a lifetime

We have some outstanding teachers at our school who go above and beyond to care for, teach, motivate and inspire each child at our school. Each of our teachers have their individual strengths and "nuggets of gold" that make them a great fit for our school and our students.

To our wonderful teachers, Matt, Michael, Lorna, Rachel, Helen, Merran, Catherine, Ashlee and our regular relief teachers, Liz and Leonie – thank you for all that you do. You truly make a difference, and we are so grateful for you!

As a school, we will be celebrating our teachers on Friday 6th November as a few things prevented us from doing this on the day. Feel free to show your thanks, I am sure it would be gratefully received.













CALLINGTON SHOW

Thank you to everyone that kindly donated baked goods and/or time. The fundraising committee had a great day despite the weather and we couldn't have done it without you all. Thankyou to the families who visited the stall on the day and purchased lots of goodies. It was good to see everyone's smiling faces on a gloomy day. CPS were lucky to have been donated a Weber Baby Q1200N valued at $399 which we raffled on the day. Thank you to our sponsor Weber Stephen Products Co Aust Pty Ltd and Rebekah Bishop for organising. Congratulations to the lucky winner Euan Bragg (Tullulah's Dad).

From the Fundraising Team







If anyone missed out on a showbag over the weekend and would like one, you are in luck! We have plenty leftover:

- Wicked Fizz Zombie Chews $15
- Tricks and Jokes $10
- Just for Fun $25
- The Greatest Showbag on Earth $15
- Freddo & Friends Cadbury dairy milk $15
- Cadbury Dairy Milk $8
- Pink, Purple and White Cowboy Hats $12

Please reach out to Chloe Trussell, Olivia Zulian or Sonia O'Malley for details.

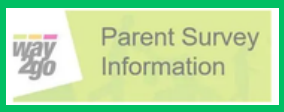
Cally NEWS..... final bits

WAY2GO "Improving roads" - Have your say!

The Way2Go program is a government funded program that promotes safer, greener and more active travel for primary school students and their communities. The program establishes partnerships between local Councils, the Department, and School communities to create safer school precincts, whilst encouraging children and families to safely walk, cycle, scoot, or skate to school. Please refer to the webpage for more detail (https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/way2go/home)

By filling out the quick survey below, the school may be eligible to access a range of State Government funded initiatives including infrastructure improvement (which is currently been planned for around our school), a Wheels Hub program, access to a Bike Ed program, supply of school crossing equipment and provision of curriculum support.

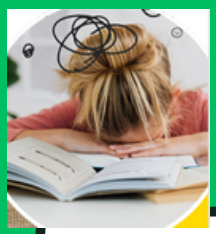
Staff and students have already completed the 5 question and we would be very appreciative if you could help us by taking the time to access the QRcode and provide your perspective. Thankyou in advance.





GOVERNING COUNCIL VACANCIES 2027

At the end of 2026, two of our GC members will come to the end of their terms. We would love to welcome some new members to the team to continue the wonderful work that is already happening. If you are interested in supporting the school and all the children, please come and chat to Suyin. GC is responsible for working with the school, to support and provide parent perspectives on school initiatives including fundraising events. We meet twice a term, usually on a Friday at 9-10:30am, but can be negotiated.



IS YOUR CHILD A PERFECTIONIST?



Flinders University are currently embarking on a study to evaluate interventions for perfectionism for young people (aged 7-12 years). Their work so far with young people (aged 10-25 years), has shown that cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) not only decreases perfectionism, but also depression, anxiety, body image problems, disordered eating, and stress.

The intervention involves 5 online sessions with parents/carers who identify that their child:

- sets extremely high standards for themselves
- chases these standards even if it leads to negative outcomes
- often feels disappointed after completing a task because they feel they could have done a better job

They are evaluating this treatment not only for its impact on perfectionism, and other co-factors, but also on happiness at school and academic self-efficacy. The research has been approved by the Department.

If you are interested in being involved and supporting your child in this space, please see the flyer on pg 10 or pop into the office for more details.

This sounds like a fantastic opportunity for families who feel their child's perfectionism tendencies may be impacting adversely on everyday functioning and happiness.

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End of Year FUN DAY

We have intentionally created space to put our values into practice as a whole school this year. On Thursday 10th December we would like to invite all of our families to a "CONNECTION Event" to celebrate a year of learning and school for our students and families. Families are welcome to join staff and students at the Murray Bridge Swimming Pool for a day of swimming and exclusive use of the giant slides for a few hours. Specific details and timing will be provided closer to the time.

To help us in our planning, particularly with bus bookings, can you please return the "reply back" form that was sent home at the end of Week 2. If you have misplaced that form, please pop into the front office to get another one and return ASAP.

We look forward to a fun day to celebrate 2026 with our families and students. Hope to see you there!!



Extra Water bottles

As the weather is getting hotter, please consider sending an extra water bottle to school if your child doesn't want to refill their water bottle from the school taps. It is important that they stay hydrated during the hotter days.



Bus Users - duty of care required

All families with children that use the bus service, please remmber that it is your responsibility to organise an adult to meet the bus when your child returns home. This ensures that there is always an adult that has duty of care of the child from school to home. If you need any support please contact the office.

OSHC FEEDBACK

If you are interested in exploring possibilities for an Out of School Hours Care option, please return the survey form sent out to all families at the end of Week 2.

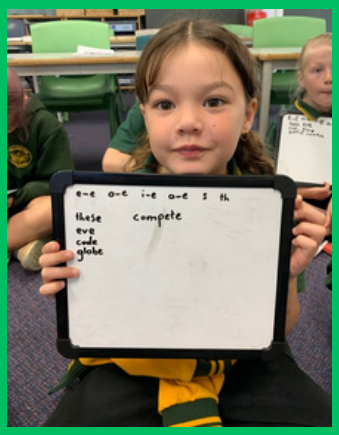


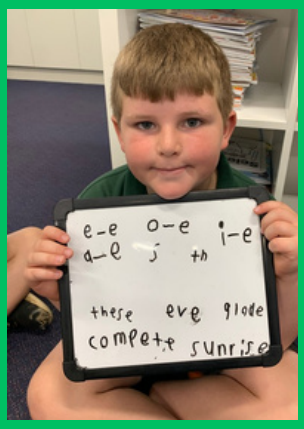
KINDY TRANSITION for 2027 start

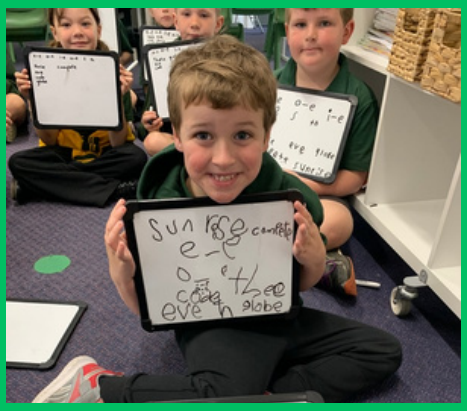
Students joining our school for Reception in 2027 will engage in 3 formal transition visits beginning on Tuesday Week 7, 24th Nov - An information letter will be sent to families involved.

LITERACY AND MATHEMATICS IN 1/2 CLASS





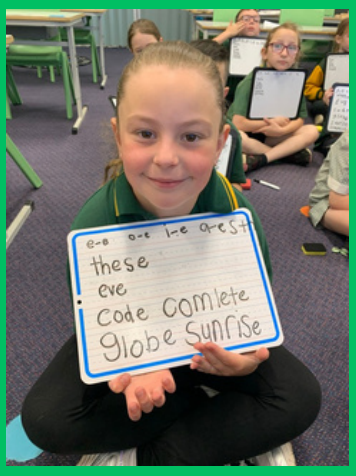




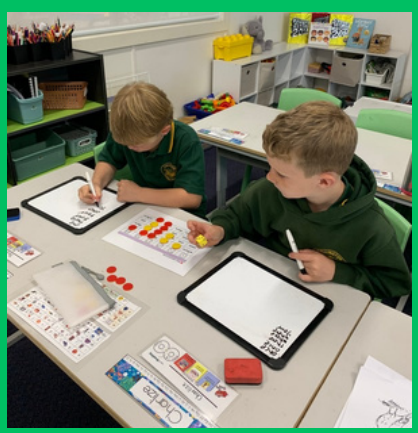
Literacy

In Literacy, students have been developing their reading and spelling skills through daily phonics lessons, partner reading and Roll and Read activities. We are learning to recognise letter patterns, connect sounds to letters, blend sounds to read words and use our phonics knowledge to spell words. Partner reading and Roll and Read provide fun opportunities to practise these skills, build fluency and grown confidence as readers!



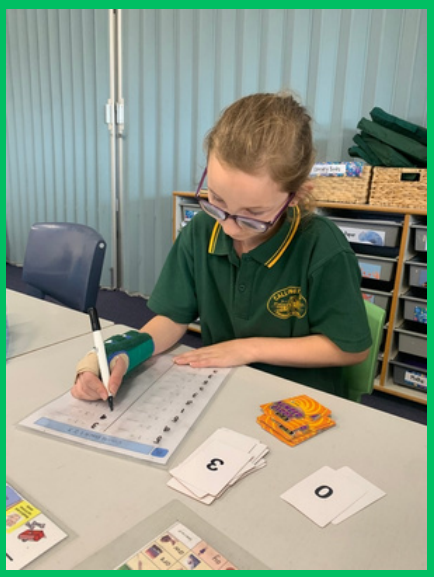


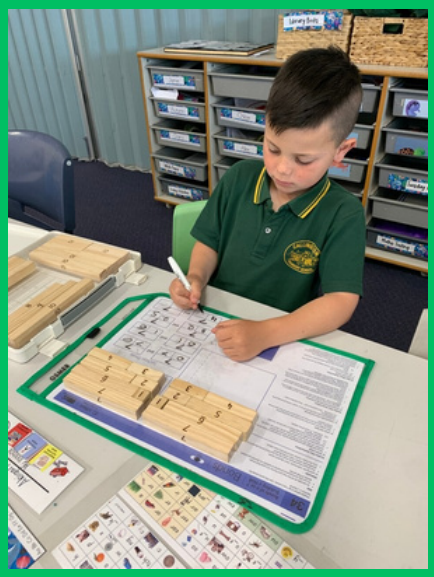


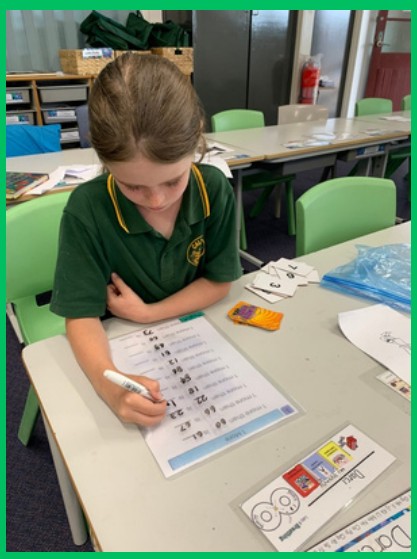




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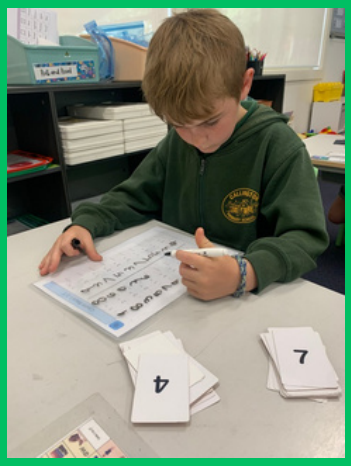




Mathematics

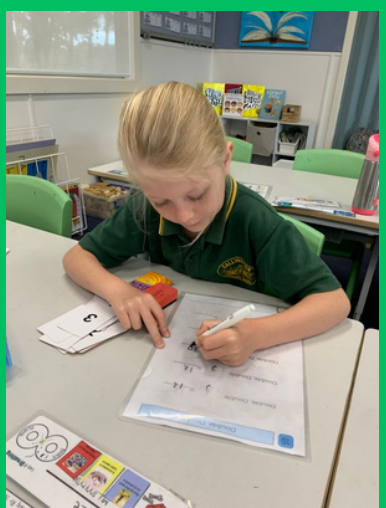
In Mathematics, students have been strengthening their number knowledge through Bond Blocks and our Maths Fluency Program. Bond Blocks helps students explore number bonds and understand how numbers work together. Our Maths Fluency Program provides regular opportunities to practise number facts, develop efficient strategies and build confidence when solving mathematical problems. We are working hard to become confident, flexible mathematicians!











Hello from Jeanette (PCW)



Hello from Jeanette!

We often hear the word "bullying" used a lot. But what is it? And what isn't bullying?

Bullying is different from conflict or unkindness; fighting or arguing that might happen once in a while.

Bullying is:

- Harmful - leaving the person feeling hurt, harmed, unsafe, threatened or unable to make it stop
- Targeted - meaning that a person says or does things on purpose to hurt, embarrass, scare, harass or put someone down
- Repeated - meaning they act this way towards someone over and over again even if the person tells them to stop
- Unbalanced power – where it is done by someone who is older, bigger, stronger, smarter, and has more influence or control

So, questions to ask to check if it is bullying or not:

- Was it done on purpose to hurt someone?
- Is it a pattern – does it keep happening over & over again?
- Is it by someone who is older, stronger or have more influence?

Bullying is not OK. Encourage children to tell a couple of trusted adults that it is happening & keep telling them until it's fixed.

Until next term,

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



ALWAYS CHOOSE KINDNESS

Have COURAGE – tell an adult



Community News





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.

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