

CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 1

BUS DRIVERS

Warrow
Ben McCracken - 0466 618 786

Mt Hope
Kym Griffiths - 0400 667 472

Karkoo
Susan Hughes - 0477 088 043

Wanilla
George Grave - 0428 831 960

Cockaleechee
Leon Seaman - 0429 703 030

Douglas Well
Vince Diment - 0427 762 428

Koppio/Yallunda Flat
Helen Robinson - 0428 885 017

Brimpton Lake
Barry Boyce - 0418 762 319

Parents must contact the bus driver at least 24 hours prior to travel being required on an alternate bus.

UHF channel 10

CONTACT US

- a. McFarlane St, Cummins
- p. 8676 2388
- e. DL0754_info@schools.sa.edu.au
- w. cumminsas.sa.edu.au



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Department for Education

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to Term 4 – a busy term with a sprint to the end of the 2023 school year and plans to finalise ready for 2024.



Staffing and subject selections continue to be priorities as well as establishing class configurations for the JP and Primary. These, along with class allocations, are crucial elements of ensuring the best educational outcomes for our students and a tremendous amount of time and thought goes into establishing the best overall configurations to best suit all of our students. As such, individual student requests are not always possible due to a range of factors which are taken into consideration to make these decisions. Please be assured that we do not make these decisions lightly. As numbers play a big part in how classes are configured, we ask that if you are aware of any changes in your child's enrolment / plans next year that you let us know at the school as soon as possible so that we can factor this in.

I am pleased to announce that Boyd West has been reappointed as Deputy Principal for the next 5 years. His enthusiasm for leading change and ability to build strong relationships with all members of the school community ensures he is a strong contributor to the Leadership team. It is also exciting to announce that Henry Breen has won the Assistant Principal (Secondary Focus) role for the next three years. Whilst this is Henry's first official leadership position, he has shown leadership within the teaching staff and wellbeing teams and is looking forward to the new opportunities that this role will expose him to. James Pedler has made the decision to return to his passion of classroom teaching after a number of years as Assistant Principal and I know that the students will benefit from having his expertise in their classrooms. We expect to complete the panel for the Preschool Leader role in the next couple of weeks, ensuring our Leadership Team will be full before the end of the year.

A big shoutout and thank you to Modra Earthmoving for their support in delivering dirt to us to assist John in filling in the potholes (craters) that were in the JP Carpark / Bus shed area. This has ensured a much safer area for our parents to wait for students and significantly less wear and tear on our buses each day.

Transition programs for our Preschool – Foundation and Year 6 – 7 students begin soon. These dates are important and form the basis of a much smoother entry into the two key transition points of our school. Keep an eye out for communication from Yr. 6 teachers about when these will take place.

CAS DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

Week 1

Fri - Mixed Tennis, Cummins

Week 3

Wed - Yr 9 touch football, Pt Lincoln

Fri - LEP Swimming, Pt Lincoln

Week 4

Mon-Wed - Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Camp

Tues-Thurs - SAPSASA Girls Cricket, Adelaide

Tues - yr 5/6 T20 Cricket, Cummins

Wed - T20 Cricket, Tumbby Bay

Week 5

Tues - Thurs - SAPSASA Boys Cricket, Adl

Tues - Yr 7,8,9 Super 8's Cricket

Thurs - Magazine Orders Due

Week 6

Wed-Fri - SAPSASA Tennis, Adl

Thurs - Yr 12 Graduation Assembly

We are aware that the next term can be quite challenging for families as we battle the stresses of harvest, the impact of warmer weather and the growing uncertainty that some students face around their next school year. We have a number of strategies in place to support our students through this, but please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers if you have any concerns or questions you would like to follow up. Given the timetable and duty of care we have as classroom teachers, we ask that you contact teachers, or Bonnie in the front office, to arrange face to face meetings or phone conversations at a time that suits everyone involved – it is not always possible to release staff to speak to families and we would prefer that a time be set to ensure the conversation can be held in a meaningful way.

Have a fabulous fortnight.

Mel

2024 PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT

Cummins Child Parent Centre are currently taking Expressions of Interest for preschool in 2024. Please check the eligibility criteria below:

- **Term 1, 2024:** Child turns 4 years of age **before** 1 May of that year.
- **Term 3, 2024:** Child turns 4 years of age **between** 1 May and 31 October of that year
- **Term 1, 2025:** Child turns 4 years of age **after** 31 October of that year
- Aboriginal children, and children who are or have been in care after their 3rd birthday

Children who start *mid year* will complete 6 terms of Foundation when they start school. Children who start at the *beginning of the year* will complete 4 terms of foundation.

Please register your interest now for starting preschool in term 1, 2024. Transition will begin on the 8th of November 2023.

For more information please contact Dinah Lance.
Ph: 8676 2272, Monday - Thursday
Email: dinah.lance631@schools.sa.edu.au

WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD TESTS POSITIVE TO COVID?

If your child tests positive to COVID, they must stay home from school for at least **6 days**. Day Zero being the day they tested positive. Therefore, they must stay home for a **further 5 calendar days**. There is no need to keep testing, the initial test is sufficient. Any questions please phone the school.

CAS CHAPLAINCY TERM 3 REPORT

Our chaplain, Mardi Green, has had a busy and productive term, filled with various exciting activities and events. Her duties included supporting and promoting Reconciliation Week Cook out, bus excursions to Glen Forest with Preschool students, AFL 9-a-side Football for Year 7, 8 and 9 students, and visiting MALA Homegrown with the Year 9's. She also visited Yarnbala at Coffin Bay with Mrs Phelps and her Year 2 class, facilitated outdoor Ed student drop offs into the National Park, and Crop Inspections with the Year 9's at Cummins Nutrien trial sites.

The highlight of the term was SMG visiting and delivering a successful seminar - Reputation Matters - to our Year 7 - 10 secondary students. The seminar focused on the importance of reputation in both the physical and online world, and how wisdom and discernment are crucial in the online world.

Mardi will be taking the Term 4 off on long service leave to concentrate on family and harvest and we will see her back at Cummins Area School in 2024.

CAS BREAKFAST PROGRAMME: CALL FOR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

With the impending CAS Canteen upgrade soon to begin, our Chaplaincy group is seeking volunteers who would be willing to assist with the breakfast program delivery to our students. If you are interested in volunteering for one morning or more, please contact Catherine Haarsma via email: Catherine.Haarsma312@schools.sa.edu.au or John Wood on John.Wood360@schools.sa.edu.au.

YEAR 3/4 RED BALL TENNIS

Thursday 28th September saw 43 very excited students from Year 3 & 4 travel to Tumby Bay to compete in the annual Red Ball Tennis Carnival. Cummins fielded five teams and another five teams from Ungarra and Tumby Bay were involved in the competition. Tennis Australia, Tennis SA and Sapsasa promote tennis within primary schools by hosting these competitions involving modified equipment, numeric scoring and mixed gender teams.

Cummins students had spent a number of their PE lessons in Term 3 familiarising themselves with skills, scoring and rules of the game. Each team played six matches during the carnival, which meant players had lots of time to continue to improve their skills and develop greater knowledge of the game.

This event also attracts many parents keen to help with team management and organisation. Sincere thanks to parent helpers Belinda-Jane Moroney, Katrina Phelps, Tamara Modra and Simone Murnane who each managed a team. Also thanks to other helpers, teacher Lanie Williams, her brother Jackson and Mardi Green who once again competently drove the bus.



DONATIONS OF BOXES / ITEMS FOR CRAFT MAKING IN JUNIOR PRIMARY

The Junior Primary staff would like to thank community members for all of the 'useful items' which have been donated throughout the year. Please note that we now have an abundance and will no longer be accepting any more making items this year.

Thank you,
Junior Primary Staff

YEAR 10 BUSHWALKING

Last term in Year 10 Outdoor Education, students engaged in a bushcraft and navigation unit leading up to our bushwalk camp in the Port Lincoln National Park on 11th and 12th September. Students learnt about different map types and features, vertical cross-sectioning, expedition planning, setting up tents, meal preparation, using a Trangia stove and environmental considerations such as the 'Leave No Trace' principles. Following our camp, students were required to write a reflection about their experience, focusing on personal development, personal skills and qualities and group dynamics.

Mr Charlton



YEAR 10 BUSHWALKING



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL Magazine 2023

ORDER FORM

Magazines \$30.00 each

Please pay and return order form no later than
Thursday, 16th November 2023.

STUDENT:

FAMILY NAME:

QUANTITY:

TOTAL:

Payment can be made via cash or eftpos at the school finance office, or by EFT with ref: Student name Magazine, BSB: 633 000, ACC: 112 105 770.

Magazines are due for delivery in Week 9



CUMMINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY



✉ cummins.library@libraries.sa.gov.au
 🌐 www.libraries.sa.gov.au/cummins
 ☎ 86762476
 📺 Follow us on Facebook or Instagram

What's on in your local library for term 4:



Board Games: Monday afternoons from 2.00-4.00.
 All types of board games for all ages...all welcome!



Craft-er-noons: Tuesday afternoons from 2.00-4.00.
 Come along to work on your current craft projects, with like minded people in the comfort of the library.



Digital Assist: Thursday afternoons from 2.00-4.00 by appointment.
 Contact us for assistance with your digital devices, and we will endeavour to help you to the best of our ability.



Baby Bounce: Friday mornings from 9.30.
 We offer a fun filled, 25 minute session of songs and nursery rhymes, with dancing encouraged! Suitable for ages 0-5 and their caregivers. No bookings required and all welcome!



Nature Play: Friday mornings following Baby Bounce.
 Enjoy activities and free play in our developing Nature Play garden. From making mud pies, to enjoying scavenger hunts or planting seeds, there is something for everyone in this relaxed, outdoor environment.



Specialised Inclusive Resources:
 We have an excellent range of resources, games and activities available for families to borrow, with thanks to SIES (formerly Seru). They are a great additional, educational support for various ages to assist your child's development. Pop in to peruse the selection.

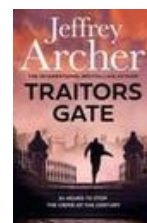
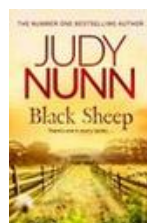
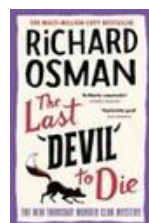
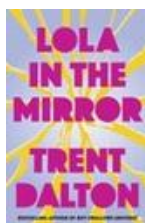
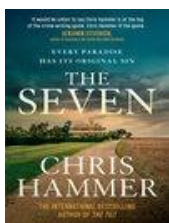
SAVE THE DATE!



Scholastic Book Fair:
 It's about books. It's about your children. It's about fun! It's our Scholastic Book Fair — a special time for our entire school community, in the library during Week 6, Nov. 20-25
 It's a perfect time to explore the affordable books and products with your children. Plus, a portion of the sales benefits our library directly, allowing us to purchase books from Scholastic for no cost!



Cover to Cover Book Club: First Thursday of each month @2.30.
New release books for all ages and interests, arriving weekly!



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	16/10/2023 Paula Pritza	17/10/2023	18/10/2023	19/10/2023	20/10/2023 Bernie Crettenden *Ali Coventry
WEEK 2	23/10/2023 Tammy Dunbar	24/10/2023	25/10/2023	26/10/2023	27/10/2023 Katrina Phelps *Sara Doudle
WEEK 3	30/10/2023 Marika Giddings	31/10/2023	01/11/2023	02/11/2023	03/11/2023 Alisha Elliot *Brooke Pugsley

Thank you for volunteering to work at the Canteen. Please note shift times have changed.

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Our CAS Canteen now has a great range of various Gluten Free Options available to purchase for lunch. We have Gluten free hot savoury Pies, Pasty's n Sausage Rolls along with Wraps and some of our Weekly Specials are also Gluten free. Check them out on our QKR APP or on our 2023 Price List.

Cummins Area School Canteen

Stickybeaks Lunch Bags


Paper lunch bag alternatives



\$10.50 each

Our Canteen has available the Stickybeaks Reusable Lunch Wallets/Bags which are great alternative to using the Paper Bags and good for our environment too.

They are available in Pink, Green, Grey, Blue, Red, and Purple and can be easily ordered and paid via our Canteen QKR page under the heading of Lunch Bag, or you can collect and pay at the Finance Office.



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL merchandise

We have plenty of stock available from the Finance Office for any new 2024 students and replacements for any current students.

Please see either Anna Richardson or Cathy Haarsma to purchase any of the school stock.

CAS MAROON HATS	\$13.00
CAS MAROON SCHOOL BAG	SML \$50.00 LGE \$75.00
ART SMOCK, MAROON	\$18.70
PENCIL CASE, MAROON	\$6.50
CAS LIBRARY BAG	\$10.00
CASIO FX-82AU PLUS II <small>(REQUIRED FOR YR 7 - 10 STUDENTS)</small>	\$39.50
HEADPHONE MOPO M831HP	\$20.50

COMMUNITY NEWS



Week 3, 3rd Oct

Week 6, 24th Nov

Week 8, 8th Dec

All welcome. Christian Kids Club for reception to year 7's. Pick up from School for 3.30pm start. Pickup at Uniting Church Hall at 5.30pm.

Parents please text Amy Maddern 0429 090 276 if your children are being picked up at school



21st Oct – 'Free Eyre' @ Lock

27th Oct – Live Life Loud @ Cummins

17th Nov- No Drama Llama @ Cummins

10th Dec- Family Beach Day

Youth Group for year 7-12 All welcome !

Contact: Jordy Wilksch 0428865055

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community Group advertising in the newsletter is available at a minimum cost of \$6.00 (inc. GST) for up to 5 lines. Larger items of 1/4 page size cost \$22 (inc. GST) which is the maximum size for an article or notice.

Payment needs to be made to the finance Office prior to inclusion by Cash or Bank Transfer to our School account. No invoices will be issued for payment – a tax invoice / receipt can be issued upon request.

BSB – 633 000, ACC – 112105770
REF – Newsletter & Entity Name.

Only Advertisements or notices of community interest or non-commercial value will be published.

The Conversation Convoy is coming

Free Events

The R U OK? Conversation Convoy on the road again travelling across the country to help more Australians understand the important role they play in looking out for their friends, family and colleagues. You can join them in Coffin Bay and Cummins on these dates:

Community Workshops with RUOK? ambassador

Coffin Bay	Wednesday, October 18 from 4-5pm Coffin Bay Yacht Club
Cummins	Thursday, October 19 from 9.30-10.30am Our Town Cummins

To RSVP to the workshops please text Emma on 0415 490 060

Community Breakfast

Thursday October 19, Cummins Railway Triangle, 8-9.30am
Drop in for a quick coffee and free egg and bacon muffin

In Partnership with:



In partnership with:
Cummins Community Garden | Cummins
Community Op Shop | Cummins IGA
Cummins Community Library



Join us to celebrate International Youth Day

SUSTAINABLE LIVING FAIR

FREE EVENT!

Saturday
21st
October
11am to 3pm

The Cummins Community
Garden & CWA, Bruce Terrace

Come along and learn some tips for sustainable living.

Activities and Information include:

- Smoothie Bikes
 - Op Shop Fashion Parade
 - Learn about growing your own veggies & Composting
 - Sustainable food options
 - Secondhand Book stall
 - Home Energy Toolkit demo
 - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – Op Shop Tours
 - A goody bag for all young people/youth that come along
- Plus Lots More.....



For more Info: liz@ourtowncummins.com.au

BYOD LAPTOP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS YR 7-12

All students from Year 7 to Year 12 are required to supply their own laptop for use at school.

We ask that ALL purchases of new laptops for school use, for all year levels, be made via the School Ordering Portal. This alleviates the current issue of the many varied devices being purchased which do not meet the required minimum specifications for use at school.

The online Order Portal provides families with a variety of suitable devices which meet the required specifications, including some accessories, insurance and finance options. The devices found on the portal have been chosen for their battery performance, durability of cases, network compatibility and based on recommendations from industry experts. Please visit: <https://cummins.orderportal.com.au>

Other considerations when purchasing a device for your student:

- Insurance: check your home contents insurance to see if the device will be covered
- Transport between home and school: device should be carried in a sturdy protective bag away from food & water bottles
- Charging: Students must charge their device at home and bring it to school every day fully charged. (Personal power adapters are not to be used at school unless Tag Tested).
- Students have access to Microsoft Office 365 via their School email account at no cost, providing access to Word, Excel, Powerpoint, One Drive etc. There is no need to purchase this software separately.
- Whilst enrolled at school, students are connected to the school provided internet and are protected by a significant Departmental filtering system that prevents access to many harmful or malicious sites. According to Cummins Area School ICT Acceptable Use Policy, students may use the internet only for learning related activities that are approved by a teacher.
- It is the responsibility of the student / parent / caregiver to setup the Home-Internet connection on the device.
- Students must perform 'Software Updates' on the device as they become available in order to install the latest virus definitions and security patches.
- Students will use OneDrive provided through Office 365 which safeguards work from being lost on a USB etc. Students are also strongly encouraged to backup necessary files in numerous locations, including via email where appropriate. Technology failure is not an approved circumstance for extensions at Cummins Area School.

**Device chosen must take into consideration the types of subjects the student is studying eg; Design related subjects may require an i7 (Senior High School students)*

***Please note; Apple devices are not recommended for use in our school environment as they are not compatible with our school network and will impact your child's ability to access school services such as printing. Apple devices will not be supported by the School IT Department.*

If you have any questions or concerns, including concerns about financial hardship please do not hesitate to contact the school on 8676 2388.



Easy Graphical Comparison

To help parents choose the right device we use easy to understand graphic icons to help parents compare units using a side by side comparison of key specifications to help their choice.



\$100 Deposit to Secure a Device

We offer parents a \$100 deposit option to secure a device and let them pay much closer to the delivery date.



Quick Delivery

Many education devices are considered to be a special build and often have lengthy lead times. LWT work with our suppliers and bring in thousands of devices upfront so students can have them in a week rather than months.



Dedicated BYOD Hotline

To ensure parents calling us get to the right person, we have a dedicated hotline just for BYOD related calls. Parents can call us with ordering, payment and delivery enquiries on 1300 839 605.



Hassle Free Quick Onsite Servicing

The student environment often leads to a higher number of repairs. Onsite support at the school greatly reduces frustrations for parents. Getting a retail device repaired usually takes weeks and quite often requires the parent to take time out of their day.



12 Month Interest Free or 36 Month Payment Plans

We recommend 36-month payment plans that are approved online via Latitude. These plans not only help spread the cost for parents but are designed so the device is fully paid for at the end of the 36 month period.



Pick up close to home or work

Our site lets parents pick their Auspost Collection Point so they can choose to pick the device up near home or near their work which ever is easier for them (must be decided by the school).



Wide range of payment options

We provide a wide range of online payment methods. Please note Credit Card and PAYPAL payments incur a 1% surcharge.





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4	06/11/2023 Danielle Meaney	07/11/2023	08/11/2023 Emma Gale	09/11/2023 Ashley Lawrie	10/11/2023 Lucy Pedler *Claire Mickan
5	13/11/2023 Alicia Laube	14/11/2023	15/11/2023 Rachel Dennis	16/11/2023 Hayley Ness	17/11/2023 Hannah Mickan *BJ Moroney
6	20/11/2023 Simone Murnane	21/11/2023	22/11/2023	23/11/2023 Tamara Modra	24/11/2023 Cathy Haarsma *Tegan Modra
7	27/11/2023 Amy Fuss	28/11/2023 Bri Modra	29/11/2023	30/11/2023	01/12/2023 Leanne Vigar *Coral Wagner
8	04/12/2023 Gemma Crettenden	05/12/2023 Tegan Stephens	06/12/2023	07/12/2023 Jodie Klemm	08/12/2023 Sophie Blacker *Paige Minhard
9	11/12/2023 Jess Wedd	13/12/2023 Ali Ward	14/12/2023 Bec Habner	15/12/2023 Kathy Modra	16/12/2023 Kirsty Koch *Ali Coventry

Thank you for volunteering to work at the Canteen. We would like to bring to your attention some time changes to volunteer rosters. Please take note of the following:

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If you are able to work more than one shift per term, please let us know. In the event that you are unable to work on your rostered day, please arrange a replacement or swap on your own. We are grateful for your assistance.

Please be aware that all volunteers are required to have a current Working with Children Check, which is free of charge. Please visit www.sa.gov.au/.../screening-checks/screening-wwcc. Additionally, it is recommended that all volunteers complete the **Do Food Safety Assessment course** and forward their certificate to Catherine.Haarsma312@schools.sa.edu.au.

Contact numbers: Carrie Speed 0427 765 029 or Sandra Eldridge 0400800346