



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 9

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

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Department for Education

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

Well, here we are at Week 9 already – with the significant task of NAPLAN testing behind us for another year and a busy run through to the end of term! NAPLAN testing is now complete for 2026, and thanks to the flexibility of both staff and students, we were able to finish almost all tests for our Year 3, 5, 7, and 9 students. The extended testing window was a real help, allowing us to run a number of catch-up sessions for students who were absent due to illness. We'll use the results as one piece of the broader data picture we use to track and monitor growth across our student cohort.

Students across all year levels thoroughly enjoyed being part of the SANFL Roadshow, which came to us as part of the Gather Round Tour featuring the AFL and AFLW Premiership Cups. Presenters Bree and Jackson shared some wonderful history of both leagues, and students got an up-close look at the Cups themselves – I'm sure more than a few of our students are dreaming of one day being part of a team lifting those trophies for their fans!

We are excited to extend a warm g'day to Iris Erickson. Iris is on a 6 month exchange from Vermont in the USA, and is staying with the Koch family. During her time here, Iris will be engaging in school life as a year 11 student, experiencing our amazing coastline through the Outdoor Ed program, and participating in school sporting events such as interschool. Please make her feel welcome.

This week, our Year 10 Outdoor Education students head off for a kayaking adventure in Coffin Bay National Park – how exciting! Over two days, students will develop their kayaking skills and experience an overnight camp as part of the program. A big thank you to Miss Cooper, Mr Rowe, and Mr Clutterbuck for giving up their time to take our students out into these incredible environments and experiences.

For the second year running, we are proud to have a student selected to participate in the Rural Youth Ambassadors Program – a fantastic initiative aimed at building the leadership capacity and confidence of regional and remote students to positively influence their communities in



CAS WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

TERM 1, 2026

WEEK 9

25/3 - 27/3

- SAPSASA Softball, Adl

Thurs 26/3

- SAPSASA Lower Eyre Athletics Carnival, Pt Lincoln

WEEK 10

Thurs 2/4

- 2:15pm dismissal for Easter

WEEK 11

Fri 10/4

- End of Term 1 early dismissal, 2:15pm

TERM 2

WEEK 1

Tues 28/4

- DUX Assembly, 11am

WEEK 2

Mon 4/5 - Fri 8/5

- yr 4,5,6 Arbury Park camp

WEEK 3

Mon 11/5 - Wed 13/5

- yr 12 Outdoor Ed camp

Wed 13/5 - Thurs 14/5

- School Photos

2026 TERM DATES

Term 1

- Tuesday, January 27 - Friday, April 10

Term 2

- Monday, April 27 - Friday, July 3

Term 3

- Monday, July 20 - Friday, September 25

Term 4

- Monday, October 12 - Friday, December 11

the years ahead. This year, April Wagner was selected as one of just nineteen students from nineteen schools across the state, and has recently returned from her first forum. Information from the event is attached to this newsletter. We'd encourage any current Year 10 students to have a chat with April, and with Braden Holley (Year 12), last year's participant, to find out more about the wonderful opportunities this program has to offer.

Last Friday, the school was awash in a sea of orange as we celebrated Harmony Day – always a highlight in our calendar. It's a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the diversity of the world we live in and reflect on how important it is to live, learn, and work together.

Next week we host the EEPASSA Interschool Sports Day, which is always a significant undertaking. A huge thank you to the family and community members who have volunteered to help on the day, whether with the sporting events or as part of the impressive catering team – we simply couldn't do it without you. We're looking forward to a fantastic day showcasing our fabulous facilities at the Recreation Centre.

A reminder that, in line with the DfE Early Dismissal Policy and Procedure, school will finish at 2:15 pm on Thursday, 2 April for the Easter break, and again on Friday, 10 April for the last day of Term 1. Buses will depart at 2:30 pm on both days.

Enjoy the last few weeks of Term 1!

Regards,
Mel

Students are not permitted on school grounds before 8:30 AM, as there will be no supervision available during that period. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Breakfast Club

Toast & Fresh Fruit will be available every morning from 8:30am at the canteen during the school term for our students.



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CAS PHOTO DAY: 13 & 14 MAY

Cummins Students Explore the Wonders of Medicine Through Children's University Session

Students at Cummins Area School were given a fascinating glimpse into the world of medicine during a Children's University (CU) session held on Thursday, March 19.



The engaging workshop organised by Diana Smith from Adelaide University's Children's University on Eyre Peninsula, was delivered by Ishani Pari-Sood, a fifth-year medical student currently undertaking her medical placement at the Cummins Hospital. The session offered students a unique opportunity to hear firsthand about the medical student's journey into studying medicine. Ishani spoke about what inspired her to pursue a career in healthcare and shared insights into her university experience. Students were particularly interested to learn how her placement in Cummins has provided a broader, hands-on experience compared to metropolitan hospital training. As part of the interactive session, children explored different body systems and discovered how they work together to keep people healthy. Through fun and accessible activities, Ishani highlighted the importance of understanding the human body and maintaining wellbeing. The event is part of the Children's University program, which aims to inspire a love of learning by exposing students to real-world experiences and career pathways. "It is so good Ishani was able to give some of her time to the children at Cummins Area School, making the connections for the children even more realistic and meaningful." said Diana Smith.

A Cummins Area School CU Coordinator Kelly Wait, said the session was "both educational and inspiring, giving students a deeper appreciation for science, health, and future study opportunities."

We are always seeking fun activities that make connections for children with what is happening on the Eyre Peninsula. Anyone interested in presenting an activity can contact Diana by emailing her at diana.smith@adelaide.edu.au.

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TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2026
CUMMINS TOWN OVAL

HOSTED BY CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL

GRANNY SMITH
APPLES
FOR SALE!

\$4 BAG

JP students have bags of their home grown Granny Smith Apples for sale. Available at the Front Office. Cash only.

All proceeds go towards the JP Kitchen Garden program

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT YOUTH EXCHANGE?

Hello families,

I am the Local Co-ordinator for YFU.

The CAS school community has welcomed Iris Erickson who originates from Vermont in the USA. Iris has fitted into Year 11 seamlessly and is already an asset to the school.

If you or your child are thinking of an overseas exchange or simply wish to host a student please investigate opportunities on the YFU website: <https://www.yfu.com.au>

A student exchange can change your child's life. I was a Rotary Exchange student all the way back in 1992 and I still have fond memories of my time in South Africa.

Look into it!
Warm regards,
Donna

WELCOME IRIS

My name is Iris, and I am in year 11 on a high school exchange program called Youth for Understanding. I am really enjoying my time in Cummins so far, everyone has been very nice and welcoming. In my first week at school we had an excursion to Coles Point, and two weekends ago my host family and I went to Adelaide and saw a Thunderbirds Netball game.



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2026 Rural Youth Ambassadors of South Australia – Forum One Overview

The South Australia Areas Schools Leaders Association is thrilled to announce that the inaugural three-day Forum for the 2026 Rural Youth Ambassadors of South Australia took place in Adelaide this week. Nineteen remarkable young individuals from nineteen different rural schools across country South Australia form the Rural Youth Ambassador program for 2026. This year, the program also welcomes participants from two new schools. Representing areas from Streaky Bay in the west to Mount Gambier in the south, and Hawker in the north and everywhere in between, these ambassadors gathered for the first time—many experiencing their first plane flight and others enjoying city life for the very first time.

They were warmly welcomed by Senior Executive Mr. Chris Bernardi from the Department for Education during a morning tea at the department's headquarters. He provided invaluable support, encouraging the Year 11 students to make the most of their ambassadorial roles throughout the program and to carry that commitment forward even after its completion. Several other senior team members from the department joined in, engaging the ambassadors in discussions about various topics affecting rural education.

With diverse backgrounds and experiences, the Youth Ambassadors examined key aspects of their lives in rural communities, highlighting both the positive elements and the challenges they encounter. They celebrated the beautiful local environment, the variety of leadership opportunities available, strong support from the wider community, an abundance of sports and recreational activities, personalized relationships with teachers and fellow students, and a relaxed lifestyle. However, they also discussed areas for improvement concerning their education and life experiences. They expressed a desire for broader learning opportunities, increased teacher presence in their communities, enhanced well-being resources, and greater awareness of personal isolation issues faced by many rural youth, particularly those in small communities.

After reflecting on their experiences during the first day, the ambassadors had the chance to hear from key representatives within the Department for Education about various initiatives and programs currently available to South Australian schools and students. They also learned about exciting initiatives from organizations and other young individuals engaged in innovative programs. Students from Western Australia shared how they could undertake university studies alongside their Year 12 coursework, providing a pathway to transition into different university courses—

a concept that resonated well with the ambassadors eager to pursue higher education. Additionally, they listened to young people from Learning Creates, an organisation that collaborates with youth across Australia to envision future educational engagement and learning—an invaluable experience for the Youth Ambassadors.

On their final day, the youth ambassadors began brainstorming ideas they hope to see implemented or expanded in rural communities moving forward. They will further develop these ideas during the program and facilitate regional forums to gather input from their peers. A key focus for the ambassadors is the concept of collaboration among schools within a region to offer learning programs, utilize technology to connect schools, share staff—especially in specialized subjects at advanced levels—so students can access local teachers, enhance well-being programs, and create activities that inform students about various career and lifestyle pathways available after graduation.

Throughout their discussions, they were eager to emphasise the wonderful experiences of being a young person in a rural town. They believe that the ideas they are cultivating will only serve to strengthen these positive aspects and support young people in accessing the opportunities and learning necessary to realize their aspirations. We eagerly anticipate the developments these outstanding country youth will achieve in the coming months.





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CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN - ROSTER TERM 1 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 5	23/03/2026	24/03/26	25/03/2026	26/03/2026	27/03/2026 Bec Habner Alicia Laube
Week 6	30/03/2026	31/03/2026	01/04/2026	02/04/2026 Jess Wedd	03/04/2026 GOOD FRIDAY
Week 7	06/04/2026 EASTER MONDAY	07/04/2026	08/04/2026	09/04/2026	10/04/2026 Cathy Haarsma Ash Lawrie

PLEASE UPDATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH THE FRONT OFFICE IF ANYTHING HAS CHANGED



HOME/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS?



MOBILE NUMBERS?



EMAIL ADDRESSES?



EMERGENCY CONTACTS?



FAMILY INFORMATION?

CAS LESSON TIMES

Morning Crew	8.45am - 9.20am
Lesson 1	9.20am - 10.00am
Lesson 2	10.00am - 10.40am
RECESS	10.40am - 11.00am
Lesson 3	11.00am - 11.40am
Lesson 4	11.40am - 12.20pm
Lesson 5	12.20pm - 1.00pm
LUNCH	1.00pm - 1.40pm
Lesson 6	1.40pm - 2.20pm
Lesson 7	2.20pm - 3.00pm
Afternoon Crew	3.00pm - 3.15pm

KARKOO
play group

Everyone welcome to join us for some fun!

Art, craft, singing, stories, music, play

9.30am - 12.00 pm every Thursday morning

Stay all morning or only part. For ages 0 - 4

Bring a piece of fruit and enjoy socialising your little ones in a friendly, creative play space.

**For more information contact
Kate Murnane 0429 795 443**



Could Saver Plus help with your education costs?

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to see our quick explainer video and find out if you're eligible.



Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and social justice organisation the Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL).

It is delivered in partnership with not-for-profit organisations The Smith Family, Berry Street and BSL.

ANZ and the Department of Social Services fund it.

saverplus.org.au

Terms, conditions and eligibility criteria apply.



Late Lunch Orders

Any late lunch orders placed by phone or Daymap to the school after the QKR cutoff must be paid for using the IOU option on QKR before the order can be processed.

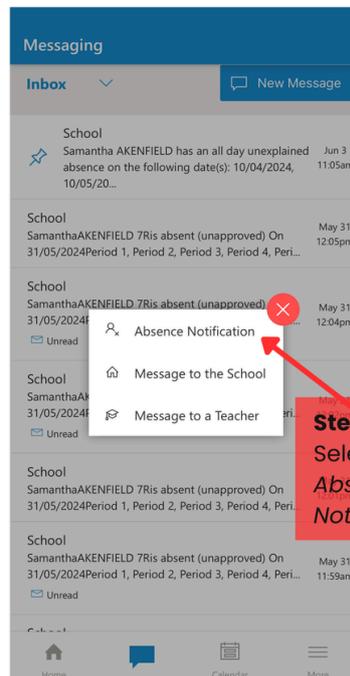
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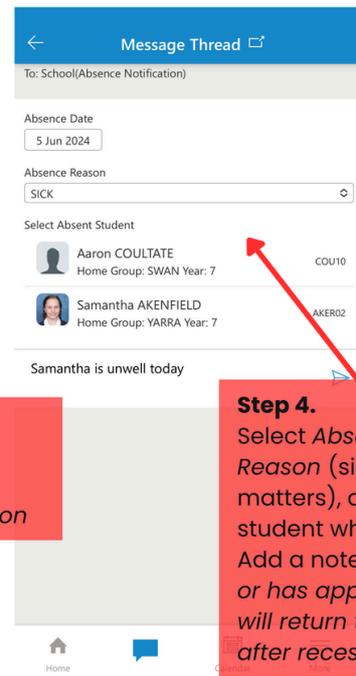
Notifying CAS of a student absence using the DayMap App



Step 2.
Select New Message



Step 3.
Select Absence Notification



Step 4.
Select Absence Reason (sick or family matters), and then student who is absent. Add a note i.e unwell or has appointment will return to school after recess.

Step 1.
Select Messages



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL merchandise

We have plenty of stock available from the Finance Office for any new 2025 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	\$14.00
CAS MAROON SCHOOL BAG	SMALL - \$50.00 LARGE - \$75.00
ART SMOCK, MAROON	\$18.70
PENCIL CASE, MAROON	\$6.50
CAS LIBRARY BAG	\$10.00
CASIO FX-82AU PLUS II <i>(REQUIRED FOR YR 7 - 10 STUDENTS)</i>	\$40.15
HEADPHONES (VERBATIM)	\$19.80
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ZIPPER BINDER READING FOLDER	\$5.45
CASIO FX-CG50AU COLOUR GRAPHICS CALCULATOR	POA

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BUCKET HAT	\$11.00
WINTER JACKET	\$75.00

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Student Lunch Passes

Students leaving the school grounds during the lunch break must carry a LUNCH PASS. There are two types of passes.

1. REGULAR LUNCH PASS: These will be issued at the beginning of each year on the written request of parents.

These passes are for students returning to their own home for lunch regularly. This pass is not to be used to access local shops to purchase lunch.

They may be issued to cover one or more days each week.

2. SPECIAL LUNCH PASS: Students are sometimes required to leave school for particular reasons on isolated occasions e.g. hair cuts, personal shopping, lunch at a friends, or a birthday party.

For each occasion, the student requires **a written request from parents through Daymap**. Students will not be permitted to phone home during the day to access a lunch pass.

Students in Year 6 or younger must be accompanied by an adult when they leave the school grounds and have the written consent of their parents if the adult signing them out is not their parent.

Students in Year 7/8/ 9 must have written parental consent and be accompanied by another student the same age or older.

Students in Year 10 - 12 are able to leave the school grounds by themselves provided they have written parental consent. Our preference would be that they don't leave the school grounds alone.

All students who leave the school at Lunch time must sign out at the computer located at the Front Office. They must sign in on their return. This is an WHS requirement and applies to students with both Permanent and Daily Lunch passes.

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.



2025 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Copies of last years magazine are still available.

\$35 each

Please phone the front office to secure a copy
8676 2388



Responding to Peer Pressure

Peer pressure is a natural part of growing up. As children and adolescents place greater importance on friendships and belonging, the influence of peers can shape their choices, behaviour and sense of identity. While this influence can be positive, it can also create pressure to conform or take risks, particularly during adolescence.

In today's digitally connected world, peer pressure extends beyond face-to-face interactions. Social media and online communication expose young people to constant comparison and unspoken expectations about how they should look, act and perform. Understanding how peer pressure works, both on and offline, helps families support young people to build confidence, make healthy decisions and stay connected to their own values.



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2026

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STUDENT NAME

PARENT NAME

2026 CLASS

QUANTITY DATE

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Magazines are due for delivery in Term 4, Week 9 2026.

Support for your wellbeing



If you're feeling stressed, overwhelmed or finding it hard to cope with what is happening in your life, free mental health support is available.

We offer short-term confidential support for people aged 16 and over who live or work in Cummins and nearby areas.

We take time to:

- understand what matters
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- support you to strengthen your connection with community
- identify strategies that are already working for you
- link you with services that meet your needs.

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Contact us

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Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm

Shane: 0488 145 922
Carrie: 0419 515 619

Walk-in service

No appointment necessary

Tuesdays, 10am – 4pm

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Term 1 Dates, 2025



**Come join us every
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school for some fun!**

Week 3 - 13th Feb
Week 6 - 6th Mar
Week 9 - 27th Mar

We are a Kids Club for anyone
from Foundation to Year 7
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food & faith**-based activities.

Give Amy Maddern a call on
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Years 7 - 12

A fun & relaxed space for
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Week 2 - 6th Feb
Week 5 - 27th Feb
Week 8 - 20th Mar

Please contact:
Sandra Eldridge 0400 800 346
or Jordy Wilksch 0428 865 055
for more info.





CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL

TERM ONE PLANNER 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	26/01/26 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	27/01/26 yr 12 camp, Thuruna	28/01/26 yr 12 camp, Thuruna	29/01/2026 yr 12 camp, Thuruna	30/01/26
Week 2	02/02/26	03/02/26	04/02/2026	05/02/2026	06/02/2026
Week 3	09/02/2026 yr 3-6 Swimming lessons	10/02/2026 yr 3-6 Swimming lessons Governing Council AGM	11/02/2026 yr 3-6 Swimming lessons	12/02/2026 yr 3-6 Swimming lessons	13/02/2026 yr 3-12 Swimming Carnival
Wk 4	16/02/2026	17/02/2026	18/02/2026 JP Family Learning Session, 8:45-9:20	19/02/2026	20/02/2026
Week 5	23/02/2026 Yr 12 Outdoor Ed - Greenly	24/02/2026 Yr 10 Outdoor Ed - Greenly	25/02/2026	26/02/2026 Primary Family Learning Session, 8:45-9:20	27/02/2026
Week 6	02/03/2026	03/03/2026	04/03/2026 yr 3-12 Sports Day	05/03/2026 Yr 11 RAP session, 9:30am	06/03/2026
Week 7	09/03/2026 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10/03/2026	11/03/2026 NAPLAN begins	12/03/2026 SANFL Roadshow	13/03/2026
Week 8	16/03/2026 Year 7 Immunisations	17/03/2026 Secondary Family Learning Session, 8:45-9:20	18/03/2026 Year 10 Immunisations	19/03/2026	20/03/2026 Harmony Day
Week 9	23/03/2026 NAPLAN finishes	24/03/26 Mates on a Mission presentation	25/03/2026	26/03/2026 yr 10 outdoor ed camp	27/03/2026 yr 10 outdoor ed camp
Week 10	30/03/2026	31/03/2026 Interschool, Cummins	01/04/2026	02/04/2026	03/04/2026 GOOD FRIDAY
Week 11	06/04/2026 EASTER MONDAY	07/04/2026 yr 12 outdoor ed camp	08/04/2026 yr 12 outdoor ed camp	09/04/2026 yr 12 outdoor ed camp	10/04/2026