



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 11

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we reach the end of term 1, it is a great opportunity to reflect on the many successes that we have seen at Cummins Area School thus far in 2025.



Our commitment to Crew has seen us experience the most settled beginning to a school year for some time. This is due to the dedicated time to establishing and building strong relationships between adults and students within the school environment, as well as opportunities to reflect on highlights and challenges within their learning. We look forward to further developing this concept and adapting it to suit the needs of students at CAS.

Our Coffee with Leaders sessions have proven popular, growing exponentially from the initial date early in the term to our incredibly successful session last week. The attendance in classes for our Family Learning session was exciting and we know that the students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to showcase examples of Crew sessions. We aim to continue these next term, with multiple opportunities planned. We will get these dates to families as soon as we have finalized them.

These sessions were followed by our Primary and JP Student Ambassadors sharing their commitment to student leadership with their families. Students shared their visions for CAS and the reasons they believe they will be successful in advocating for their peers. I am sure we will see some impact from this determined group of students as they work with Mr West to implement their visions.

Last week also saw us successfully defend our Interschool Sports Crown at EEPASSA. We are incredibly proud of the sportsmanship and competitive spirit shown by our team, including the respectful and well considered speech by our School Captains in Clayton and Bella. Well done to all participants, and thanks again to Tara Puckridge for her organization. We will be hosting this event next year as defending champions, so watch out everyone!

Today we have celebrated the upgrade to the School Canteen with an official opening attended by all of our Community Contributors. This build would not have been possible without the hard work of Leanne Vigar in the initial stages and Cathy Haarsma following it through to fruition, along with financial contributions from Variety SA, the Cummins Community branch

CAS DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1

WEEK 11

Tues 8/5

- Canteen opening 8.30-10am

Tues 8/4-Wed 9/4

- Yr 10 Outdoor Ed, Coffin Bay

TERM 2

WEEK 2

Mon 5/5 - Tues 6/5

- Parent Teacher Interviews

Thurs 8/5

- yr 7 Ultimate Frisbee, Pt Lincoln

Fri 9/5

- LEP Cross Country Carnival, Pt Lincoln

WEEK 3

Wed 14/5-Thurs 15/5

- school photos

WEEK 4

Wed 21/5

- Open Boys footy, Pt Lincoln
- yr 7-12 netball, Pt Lincoln

2025 TERM DATES

Term 1

- Monday, 28 January - Friday, 11 April

Term 2

- Monday, 28 April - Friday, 4 July

Term 3

- Monday, 21 July - Friday, 26 September

Term 4

- Monday, 13 October - Friday, 12 December

of the Bendigo Bank, Cummins Community Hotel, Lower Eyre District Council and the Cummins Community Op Shop. This is yet another example of the community spirit and drive of Cummins, and our students are now enjoying food prepared in modern facilities by Carrie and Tegan, with the Breakfast Club scheduled to return next term. Thanks to everyone who has played a part in this project.

Tomorrow from 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm we are working with YAC to provide an event to celebrate the beginning of Youth Week. Our Crews have been busily preparing stalls to support the activities on the oval and we look forward to seeing everyone there as a fun way to finish off the term.

Have a great break everyone. Hopefully the rainclouds find us all and we can return to term 2 amidst the chaos of a busy seeding program.

Mel



<https://cumminsas.sa.schooltv.me>

In today's digital world, young people are more connected than ever, using technology for education, social interaction, and entertainment. While the internet offers incredible opportunities, it also presents significant risks, including cyberbullying, online predators, exposure to inappropriate content, and excessive screen time. Cybersafety is about equipping children and adolescents with the skills and knowledge to navigate the digital landscape responsibly. This includes fostering open communication between parents and children, implementing appropriate parental controls, educating young people about privacy and online etiquette, and encouraging a balanced approach to technology use. By promoting digital wellbeing and responsible online behaviour, we can help young people harness the benefits of technology while staying safe in an increasingly connected world.

Students are not allowed on the school premises before 8:30 AM as there will be no supervision available during that time. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARENTS ATTEND A SUCCESSFUL COFFEE WITH LEADERS AND OUR INAUGURAL FAMILY LEARNING SESSION

On Tuesday, April 1st, our school hosted another successful Coffee with Leaders event, along with our very first Family Learning Session.

Parents gathered in the Plaza, savoring delicious coffee from Howdy Coffee (a big thank you to Rach and Mardi!) while enjoying conversations with our school leaders in a relaxed atmosphere.

Following this, parents had the chance to engage in their children's learning by participating in their morning CREW lessons. Classes showcased their morning routines and organized special activities for students to share with their parents.

Our Family Learning Session saw fantastic attendance, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our school community for your continued support.



HAYLEE MAKES THE 2025 STATE SHOW JUMPING DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

On Friday, March 28th, Haylee Fuss attended a two-day training session at the Mallala Equestrian Centre, working with Olympian Chris Burton.

Her time with Chris exceeded all her expectations. Haylee described the experience as phenomenal. Chris conducted hour-and-a-half sessions with small groups of three riders, showcasing his remarkable ability to quickly identify specific issues faced by each horse and rider combination. He then presented tailored drills to address these challenges, which was impressive to witness. The way Chris generously shared his expertise and insights was deeply appreciated by everyone involved.

Haylee is eager to apply her newfound skills and finish the show jumping year on a high note.

Congratulations Haylee!



SCHOOL SPORT SA

SAPSASA SWIMMING

Aoibheann and Aine Fox were selected in the Lower Eyre Peninsula Sapsasa Swimming Team which competed in the Sapsasa Country Swimming Carnival in Adelaide on Friday 4th April.

Aine was part of the 11 year old girls 4 x 50 metres freestyle relay team which was placed 7th.

Aoibheann competed in a number of individual events in the 12 girls age group as well as a relay. She was placed 5th in the heats of the 50 metres breaststroke and freestyle and 7th in the heat of the 50 metres butterfly. Her freestyle relay team was 5th.



LOWER EYRE PENINSULA DISTRICT TRACK AND FIELD CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 26th March, a large team of 34 Cummins students aged 10, 11 and 12 years old competed in the annual Lower Eyre Peninsula Sapsasa Athletics Day held at Ravendale Oval in Port Lincoln. Once again our students competed with enthusiasm and determination and found some stiff opposition in many events. Our students were very focussed and determined, especially during the last 50 metres in the track events, and this saw some of our students pass other runners in the final stages of the 200 and 800 metre running events.

The overall winning school was St Joseph's with 428 points, closely followed by Port Lincoln Primary on 400 points and Cummins Area on 294 points. Cummins Area School won the Division 1 shield for medium sized schools with a total of 294 points and the runner up was Navigator College on 292 points. The last time Cummins won this shield was in 2018 which ended a six year winning streak (2013 – 2018) in winning this shield. Special congratulations to Beau Paech who broke the 11 boys shot put record with a throw of 10.15 metres. He beat the 19 year record by 10 cm.

Our Cummins students displayed excellent behaviour, cheered on their team mates, were at their events on time and were respectful to all competitors and staff. Well done!

A number of our competitors won **first ribbons** including:

- 12 girls Shaylee Britza – 100 metres, 800 metres
- 12 girls Aoibheann Fox – discus, shot put
- 12 boys Reide Mickan – 800 metres
- 11 boys Max Crettenden – long jump
- 10 boys Aubrey Pedler – 800 metres

Second Place ribbons

- 12 girls Shaylee Britza – 200 metres, high jump
- 12 boys Patrick Pedler – discus
- 11 girls Stevie Minhard – discus
- 11 boys Max Crettenden – high jump
- 10 girls Aine Fox – shot put
- 10 boys Aubrey Pedler – 200 metres
- 10 boys Riley Elliott – high jump
- 10 boys 4 X 100 metres relay (Aubrey Pedler, Jonty Myers, Riley Elliott, Harlee Puckridge)

Third Place ribbons

- 12 boys Louie Myers – shot put
- 10 girls Aine Fox – discus
- 10 boys Jonty Myers – 800 metres
- 10 boys Jett Letton – shot put
- 12 boys 4 X 100 metres relay (Reide Mickan, Cyril Pedler, Patrick Pedler, Louie Myers)

Thankyou to

- Students for giving 100 % in all their events and encouraging other team members
- Parents and students who helped measure the long jump
- Tara Puckridge, who with Bronny Fitzgerald were the staff who attended and helped with measuring and relays
- Our wonderful group of parents who transported the students to Port Lincoln to compete in the carnival

From the carnival a team of students will be chosen to compete in the Sapsasa Country Track and Field Championships in Adelaide in September.

Bronny Fitzgerald (Cummins Sapsasa Coordinator)



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL TRIUMPHS AT INTERSCHOOL SPORTS IN COWELL

On March 31st, students from Cummins Area School travelled to Cowell to compete in the annual Interschool Sports competition, held in breezy conditions. This highly anticipated event saw seven schools—Cummins, Tumbly Bay, Cowell, Kimba, Cleve, Lock, and Wudinna—battle it out for top honors across various track and field events.

With over 50 students representing CAS, our team got off to a flying start in the 1500m event. Kenzie Hancock and Lachlan Hancock set the tone for the day, taking home first place in their respective races. Their dominance continued in the 800m, where they once again secured top positions.

Speed and determination were on full display throughout the competition. Interschool Captain Clayton Colbert had an outstanding day, securing multiple first-place finishes on the track. Among the younger students, Max Crettenden excelled with a first-place finish in the Sub Junior Boys Triple Jump and secured second-place results in Long Jump and High Jump.

Much anticipation surrounded Beau Paech's shot put performance, following his record-breaking throws at our CAS Sports Day and the LEP Local Track and Field Day. While he continued to dominate his competition, a strong headwind hindered him from throwing his PB and achieving a coveted triple record. Amber Paech also did well in the field event.

In High Jump, Jack Tonkin put on a masterclass, earning the Senior Boys' blue ribbon. Sage Gale and April Wagner also topped their respective High Jump events. Phoenix Milburn, a last-minute stand-in for the Senior Boys' 400m, took home the honours with a first-place finish. Shaylee Britza, Kenzie H, Macario Onwubiko, and Ronan Jutzen also took victory in their 400m races. Axel Taylor demonstrated his speed on the track too.

The Intermediate and Senior Girls' divisions saw fierce competition, with Della Pedler and Taleah Turner standing out among the Intermediate Girls throughout the whole competition. Meanwhile, April Wagner, Bella Giddings, and Annie Shirley showcased strong performances across multiple track events.

Despite finishing 5th in the novelty events, CAS secured the overall championship by a razor-thin margin, triumphing over Cleve by just two points. The older students' exceptional relay performances played a pivotal role in securing the victory.

A special thank you to teachers Tom Charlton, Steph Phelps, Henry Breen, and Claire Adams for their dedication and officiating efforts throughout the day. We also extend our gratitude to the parents who transported students and assisted in running events—your support is invaluable in making these competitions possible.

Congratulations to all CAS students who participated. Simply earning a place on the team is a tremendous achievement, and your hard work and sportsmanship were truly commendable!

Interschool Championship Shield	
Cummins	1058 points
Cleve	1056 points
Cowell	950 points
Tumbly Bay	920 points
Wudinna	878 points
Kimba	796 points
Lock	185 points





SA Youth Week Event

**Cummins Area
School Oval**

**09
April
4-6pm**

wellness hub
book stall
bubble soccer
bouncy castles
archery tag
sumo wrestling
food stalls
carnival games
obstacle course
and much more...





The Wellbeing Barometer Survey 2025

[Click here to participate in the CAS wellbeing Survey](#)

The information provided in this survey is Confidential and Anonymous.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Cummins Area School recently applied for a grant through Department for Education – Parents in Education and received funding to purchase an annual subscription for School TV.

To access Cummins Area School – School TV please click on the following link:

<https://cumminsas.sa.schooltv.me>

Because parenting doesn't come with instructions, SchoolTV is a wellbeing resource implemented at our school to help support you in the challenges of modern-day parenting relating to youth mental health and wellbeing. Parenting is a learning journey and SchoolTV supports families by providing credible information from trusted sources with practical strategies to help alleviate some of the challenges being faced by young people today.

Watch video interviews with leading wellbeing specialists and browse a library of resources. Each topic is accompanied by factsheets, podcasts, books, articles, apps and other videos.

This award-winning resource helps families build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people. It will assist you in starting those conversations on topics that can sometimes be awkward or difficult to tackle.

Parents and caregivers are the greatest influence on a young person's life and SchoolTV focuses on empowering confident parenting.

Explore SchoolTV today!

The Wellbeing Barometer survey has become an essential resource for schools, providing valuable insights into youth mental health and wellbeing. By capturing community concerns and understanding the nature of these challenges, schools are better positioned to support families, foster meaningful conversations, and strengthen relationships. As part of an ongoing longitudinal study, this survey plays a pivotal role in tailoring support for students and their families. It offers a comprehensive view of students' experiences, challenges, and achievements over a 12 month period.

By participating in this survey, your school can identify areas of strength, uncover potential concerns, and pinpoint opportunities for early intervention. The survey's findings enable a deeper understanding of young people's lives, supporting a more tailored approach to improving mental and emotional wellbeing.



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

CAS CHAPLAINCY GROUP: THE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We are excited to announce the launch of the Breakfast Club – “Food for Thought” program, set to begin at the start of the new school term on April 28, 2025. This initiative will offer all students a light breakfast each morning during the school term, provided by the school canteen. We are urgently seeking volunteers from our school, church groups, and the wider community to help run this program.

Volunteers from the school, community, and church will be scheduled for shifts once a month, per term, or as frequently as desired, alongside a staff member from the school. Shifts will be approximately one hour long, from 7:45 AM to 8:45 AM, during which volunteers will prepare toast and fruit and handle cleanup.

As per departmental policy, all volunteers involved in programs at the Cummins Area School must meet specific requirements before they can volunteer. The Chaplaincy Group is happy to assist anyone needing help accessing the necessary links for these requirements.

- A current Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required. If applying for a volunteer check, please select this option, as it incurs no charge. You can find more information at SA.GOV.AU – Working with Children Checks (www.sa.gov.au).
- A current certificate in Responding to Abuse and Neglect training is also necessary. This training, known as The Fundamentals, is an online, free course that takes about two hours to complete. It covers mandatory notifications and child protection in education. You only need to complete the Fundamentals course, which can be registered for via the Education Department’s online learning management system, Plink: Department for Education Plink – Dashboard page. If you do not have a Plink account, you can create a Non-Department for Education staff account from the Plink dashboard page:
<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/working-us/rrhan-ec/fundamentals-course-responding-risks-harm-abuse-and-neglect-education-and-care>.

- It is also recommended that all volunteers complete the Do Food Safety Assessment course, which is a short, free online course available at the following link: Assessment – DoFoodSafely (health.vic.gov.au).

If you are willing and able to assist, even with just one shift per term, it would be greatly appreciated. Please reach out to Catherine Haarsma at Catherine.Haarsma312@schools.sa.edu.au or call 0427 762 309 for any questions or assistance with obtaining your WWCC and completing the online RRHAN-EC training.

BREAKFAST CLUB

WE ARE DESPERATELY NEEDING SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ASSIST WITH THIS PROGRAMME

RETURNS TO CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL IN TERM 2 2025....

PLEASE CONTACT CATHY HAARSMAN ON 0427 762 309

ALL VOLUNTEERS REQUIRE A CURRENT WWCC, RRHAN TRAINING AND A CURRENT FOODDO SAFETY CERTIFICATE.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Servicing SA are currently seeking cleaning staff for job vacancies at Cummins Area School.

Afternoon cleaning shifts are available Monday to Friday.

Must have current DHS Working With Children Check. If you do not have one, we are happy to assist with obtaining one.

If you are interested in applying, please contact Client Service Manager, **Buddhika** on **0473 510 200** or for more information please email buddhika@servicingsa.com.au

We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you, SSA Management



Notifying CAS of a student absence using the DayMap App

Step 1. Select Messages

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.



SHREK THE MUSICAL



Things are excitedly moving along for our 2025 school production of Shrek the Musical. Put August 14-16 in your diary now as our show promises to be full of fun and adventure! We had over 60 enthusiastic students audition, deservedly receiving a house point for their courageous willingness to act and sing solo.

The cast has been announced and has 62 awesome members ranging from year 5 to 12. Starring Zora Curtis as Shrek, April Wagner as Donkey, Bonnie Maddern and Grace Richardson as Princess Fiona, Ben Habner as Lord Farquaad, Miles Curtis as Pinocchio and Max Pedler as the Gingerbread Man – this show is bound to have you laughing and tapping your toes!

Rehearsals have begun and will be stepped up in Term 2. It is important we have commitment from our cast and attending rehearsals becomes a priority. We expect students to be on time with their scripts in hand. Rehearsal schedules will be sent out on Daymap by Sophie to students, parents and Crew teachers. Rehearsals will mostly be Tuesday lunchtimes, afternoon lessons and after school, with the potential to expand next

term. If there is an exceptional reason your child cannot attend rehearsal, we would appreciate a courtesy message to Sophie via Daymap.

Meanwhile, groups for production areas will be forming in the coming weeks – think sound, lighting, sets/props, costumes/make-up, videography, stagehands etc. So, if you are a secondary student who is keen to help in one of these areas, and you haven't already let Sophie or Tegan know, now is your chance! Flick Sophie a Daymap message to express your interest.

Lastly, we have a challenge for you! We are looking for a school or community member who can create a Pinocchio nose that grows and shrinks on command. Email your drawing/plans to sophie.blacker311@schools.sa.edu.au and the winner will be provided with the materials required to make it. We're sure there are plenty of people out there with clever ideas!

As always, thanks for your support and direct any enquiries to Sophie Blacker, Tegan Modra or Kirsty Fox.



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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.



JOB VACANCY

Casual Bus Driver Cummins Area School

➤ Responsibilities:

- Safely drive the school bus using judgement and care in response to the road, weather and driving conditions.
- Ensure the safety of students and other approved passengers, whilst they enter, exit and travel on the school bus, which includes assisting students and other approved passengers with disabilities (where applicable) to get on and off the bus, as well as monitoring the general behaviour of students.
- Follow an approved route to pick up and transport school children and approved passengers.'
- Obey the Speed limit and all road laws, rules, and regulations at all times.
- Conduct a full bus inspection at the end of each trip/journey to ensure No student remains on the bus.
- Complete a pre-journey checklist before and after each journey
- Maintain a clean and sanitary bus (Inside and out) at all times.
- Deliver the school bus to the servicing garage to undertake maintenance inspections.
- Contribute to maintaining a healthy work environment by taking personal accountability by identifying and reports incidents, hazards and injuries in accordant with Department for Education policies and procedures.

➤ Requirements:

- Minimum of MR South Australian Driver's License
- Minimum DIT Large Passenger Driver Accreditation.
- Working with Children Check
- National Police Clearance
- Be an up standing citizen with good morals.



Become a part of our dedicated team and help provide transport to rural students every day!



Benefits

- A supportive work environment with a focus on safety
- A flexible work environment with a work-life balance
- Providing an essential service to your local community.



To Apply

Eligible candidates must submit their interest online to Sheree Duffield, or in writing to Cummins Area School



8676 2388



Sheree.Duffield919@schools.sa.edu.au



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McFarlane St, Cummins 5631



Celebrating Storytime with Katrina Germein

In Week 9, we had the immense pleasure of hosting the talented and renowned, Australian author, Katrina Germein.

On Thursday afternoon, Katrina held a delightful session at the Cummins Pre-school, followed by another engaging event at Baby Bounce on Friday morning.

Our community's pre-schoolers were treated to two interactive and fun-filled sessions that left everyone smiling.

Katrina captivated the children with her enchanting stories, engaging songs, and lively actions. The sessions were further enlivened by the much-loved puppets, which added an extra layer of excitement and joy.

We are extremely grateful for this wonderful opportunity and extend our heartfelt thanks to Katrina for sharing her talent and passion with us. These sessions not only entertained but also inspired a love for reading and creativity among our young learners.

A huge thanks also to **Libraries SA** and **Words Grow Minds** for making this fantastic event possible. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to the wonderful instigators and organisers who worked tirelessly to bring this opportunity to life.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and made these sessions so memorable!



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Upcoming School Holiday Opening Hours

As school holidays approach, we would like to inform you of a slight change to our opening hours.

During this period, we will be closed on Mondays, Public Holidays, each day between 1.30-2.30 PM and for the entire Easter weekend.

We invite you to visit with your family and enjoy a variety of activities and resources. Our offerings include giant board games, Lego challenges, construction centres, and colouring activities, ensuring fun for all ages.

Additionally, we have a wide range of resources available for exploration and enjoyment.

For your convenience, tea and coffee will be available during your visit.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family for a delightful and engaging holiday experience.



The "1001 Books Before School" initiative is a wonderful way to promote early literacy and foster a love for reading in young children.

By participating, you can help your child develop essential language and literacy skills before they start school. Contact the Library for more information or to register.



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CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN - ROSTER TERM 1 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 9	24/03/25 Bec Habner	25/03/25 Gemma Crettenden	26/03/25 Ali Ward	27/03/25 Kirsty Koch	28/03/25 Amy Jolly
WEEK 10	31/03/25	01/04/25	02/04/25 Jenna Hughes	03/04/25	04/04/25 Leanne Vigar Penny Baker
WEEK 11	07/04/25 Belinda Jane Moroney	08/04/25	09/04/25	10/04/25	11/04/24 Claire Mickan Cathy Haarsma

RRHAN-EC TRAINING: All volunteers are now required to complete RRHAN-EC training. This online course, Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse, and Neglect - Education and Care, focuses on mandatory notifications and child protection in education. Only the free Fundamentals Course is necessary, which can be accessed through the Education Department's online learning management system, Plink: Department for Education Plink - Dashboard page. If you do not have a Plink account, you can create a Non-Department for Education staff account from the Plink dashboard. Once completed, please send a copy for our Canteen Volunteer records via email to Catherine.Haarsma312@schools.sa.edu.au or drop it off at the Finance Office; your support is greatly appreciated. For any questions or assistance regarding the RRHAN-EC training, please contact Cathy Haarsma.

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/working-us/rrhan-ec/fundamentals-course-responding-risks-harm-abuse-and-neglect-education-and-care>

Preschool Enrolments

Now taking expressions of interest for Term 1 & Mid-year intake 2025. If your child/ren are turning 4 this year, we invite you to register your interest for Preschool.

Eligibility criteria:

- Term 1 2025: Turns 4 years of age after October 31 of the previous year and before 30th April of that year.
- Term 3 2025 Turns 4 years of age between 1 May and 31 October of that year
- Aboriginal children, and children who are or have been in care after their 3rd birthday

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

For further details, please reach out to Dinah Lance, Preschool Director, Mondays - Thursdays.
Dinah.Lance631@schools.sa.edu.au or 8676 2272

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



HOME/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS?



MOBILE NUMBERS?



EMAIL ADDRESSES?



EMERGENCY CONTACTS?



FAMILY INFORMATION?

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications are now online.



You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

STEP 1

Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

STEP 2

Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.

STEP 3

Complete all mandatory fields.

Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.

STEP 4

Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.

STEP 5

Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.

Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.



sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

DoFoodSafely



Cummins Area School Canteen Compulsory Food & Safety Training

Due to the introduction of Standard 3.3.2a – Food and Safety Management Tools our school Canteen is identified as a Category 1. This requires us to have all our valued Canteen Volunteers to complete the free online food and safety training – **Do Food Safely**.

The online course can be found at the following link or by scanning the QR code.

<https://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en>

Do Food Safely provides the required course content, and once completed food handlers will receive a certificate which will be required to be sighted by authorised officers and we can keep a record of your certificate also at the canteen. The course is approx. 40 minutes with 2 parts – 7 Topic/Information slides with quick questions and then a 30-question assessment at the end. The course is valid for 5 years and can be used for all sporting and community groups handling food which will also be required.

Certificates can be emailed

Catherine.Haarsma312@schools.sa.edu.au

We are very grateful and appreciative of all our Canteen volunteers and indebted to your many hours given to support Carrie and Sandra each term and your contribution ensures the Canteens' great success.

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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.

Remember: no payment means no order.



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	\$13.00
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>	\$39.50
HEADPHONE MOPO M83IHP	\$20.50
ATTACHE READING FOLDER	\$6.75
ZIPPER BINDER READING FOLDER	\$5.45
CASIO FX-CG50AU COLOUR GRAPHICS CALCULATOR	POA

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 a WHS requirement and applies to students with both Permanent and Daily Lunch passes.

ACE Uniforms

WWW.ACEUNIFORMS.COM.AU

Cummins Area School Uniform Supplier

Choose "Ship to shipping address" and pay postage fee to have the order go direct to your chosen address.

PRICE LIST

SUMMER DRESS	\$65.00
CAS SCHOOL JUMPER	\$60.00
CAS POLO SHIRT	\$35.00
SCHOOL PANTS (BLACK)	\$40.00
SCHOOL SHORTS (BLACK)	\$22.00
BUCKET HAT	\$11.00

**7 BLACKMAN PLACE, PT LINCOLN
PH: 0421 797 612**

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE

Opening Hearts and Homes

EVENT

An informative and entertaining evening regarding the current need for Family Based Carers for Vulnerable Children and Young People in our local community

MAY

FRIDAY

16

6:00PM

**Keynote Speaker Karise Eden,
inaugural winner of 'The Voice Australia'
and other Special Guests**

THE BALLROOM, PORT LINCOLN HOTEL
1 LINCOLN HIGHWAY

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ON ARRIVAL

RSVP BY 16TH APRIL BY EMAIL
PTLINCOLNADMIN@CCCSA.ORG.AU

SALTBUSH

Interactive multi-media show for kids!

An adventure across Australian landscapes.



April 16 & 17

Nautilus Arts Centre

Tickets @ saltfestival.com.au



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.

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BYOD LAPTOP PROGRAM FOR YR 7-12 STUDENTS



<https://cummins.orderportal.com.au>

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.

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.

LWT PARENT OFFERINGS



BETTER DEVICES

We only sell education specific and commercial grade devices. Retail devices aren't built for school.



BETTER SERVICE

In LWT Service areas we can have devices repaired onsite in days, not weeks. Keeping your child up and running.



INSURANCE

Accidents at school are common. Our Accidental damage Cover means that you can get devices fixed with minimum cost.



PAYMENT PLANS

We can offer 36 month payment plans from Latitude Finance approved online, or Laybuy options.