



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 7

BUS DRIVERS

Warrow

Chris Letton - 0407 109 352

Mt Hope

Kym Griffiths - 0400 667 472

Karkoo

Wayne Eaton - 0439 846 529

Wanilla

Wayne Bockman - 0487 824 854

Cockaleechee

Susan Hughes - 0477 088 043

Douglas Well

John Norton - 0400 087 616

Koppio/Yallunda Flat

Kelvin Starke - 0428 852 246

Brimpton Lake

Barry Boyce - 0418 762 319

UHF CHANNEL 40

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

CONTACT US

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Government of South Australia
Department for Education

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Week 7 has arrived in a flurry of beautiful Spring weather, winter sport finals, and a sense of how quickly the year is passing.



One of the highlights of Term 3 is always Book Week. As we work towards building a love of reading and increasing the reading strategies our children use in their learning, it's always reassuring to see the delight of our students as they proudly parade their dress-ups. We embrace the wide variety of characters and costumes, and thank families for supporting this event with such vigour.

Last week's parade was attended by the judging team from the Agricultural Town of the Year panel, for which Cummins is deservedly one of the three finalists. They enjoyed the atmosphere of the parade and the large number of family attendees who cheered the students on. They were then treated to a tour of our Agriculture facilities, led by Jacqui Phelps and Year 12 Agriculture student Mitch Blacker, who discussed the important connections between school and community through local agriculture-related industries. It was a great opportunity to reflect on the support we receive from local businesses and their representatives, and to discuss the role the school plays in shaping their future employees. I was truly impressed by Mitch's ability to speak to the team and articulate the important role Agriculture plays in our school environment. The judges also took the opportunity to explore our gardens from the Kitchen Garden program, complete with a digging demonstration and discussion from four of our Reception students. Fingers crossed the judges appreciate the amazing community we're part of as much as we do.

This week our intrepid Science and Engineering Challenge Team reunites with their Port Lincoln High School teammates for the State Finals. It's a testament to the work and dedication of Claire Stephens that we've been able to return to State Championship contention so swiftly after a break from attending. Best of luck, team!

This Friday the JP classes are hosting Fathers' Day activities in their classrooms from 8.30 – 9.20am. We're looking forward to welcoming dads, uncles, brothers, and special male family members to this event. I know the students have been working hard to provide a special experience for you all.

Have a fabulous fortnight.
Regards Mel

CAS WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

TERM 2

WEEK 7

Tues 1/9

- Yr 10 Youth Opportunities

Tues 1/9 – Thurs 3/9

- yr 11 OED Camp

Thurs 3/9 – Fri 4/9

- Science & Engineering Challenge, Adelaide

Fri 5/9

- JP Fathers Day Morning

WEEK 8

Tues 8/9

- yr 9/10 Basketball, Port Lincoln

WEEK 9

Wed 16/9

- Bloom Leadership

WEEK 10

Tues 22/9

- yr 10 Mixed Netball
- Youth Ops Graduation, 7pm

Wed 23/9

- Junior Primary Sports Day

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



Breakfast Club

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

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.

Level 3 State Pony Club Success for Haylee

Last month Haylee and her horse, Mista Razzledazzle, travelled to Monarto for the One-Day Event State Championships. The event consists of a dressage test, showjumping, and a cross-country course. In freezing, heavy fog Haylee warmed up a very spicy ex-racehorse, who'd never done a dressage test before. Feeling more like a bucking bronco rider than a prestige dressage rider she entered the ring. "Where did you pull that from?" was the comment from her supporters, as she exited. Through tears Haylee shook her head stuttering in shock, "My boy knows how to dazzle when he needs to". She'd completed a beautiful test.

Day two, Mista Razzle Dazzle was in his full element completing the showjumping course with only one rail down and the cross-country course within the optimal time. The approach to the water jump was a little too quick, surprising Mista Razzledazzle, and Haylee nearly came unstuck, but into the water and over the jump they went.

Haylee was proud to represent Port Lincoln Pony Club, at a state level, with two other fellow team members, who all succeeded. She placed 1st in the Supercross (showjumping & cross country combine score) and 2nd in the dressage. Finishing 2nd in the state level 3, on her thoroughbred far exceeded Haylee's expectations. Mista Razzledazzle was also awarded the Thoroughcare Bred to Race award for level 3. Haylee said she had worked extremely hard to prepare her horse and couldn't have asked anymore of him. She is thrilled with his progress and looking forward to how far she can take him.

Prior to her trip to Monarto, Haylee was notified of her selection to represent team South Australia at the 2026 Interschool Showjumping National Championships. It will be held in Werribee, Victoria at the end of September, and she will compete in the 90 cm and 1m events. Haylee said it was quite a pinch me moment, given Mista Razzledazzle qualified for the team 6 months after jumping his first showjumping course, consisting of poles on the ground, and only being off the racetrack 12 months. She thought it was quite an ambitious goal to set while studying year 12 and it's been tough work, but says she wouldn't change a thing. She's dreamt of making this team for some time.

The community spirit surrounding Haylee has been phenomenal. Without moral and financial support, this journey would not be possible. Haylee thanks her Pony and Jump Clubs and is most grateful to the following Cummins and district businesses that have sponsored her Werribee journey to date: Cummins Lions Club, JD & KB Racing, IC & BC Laube, Wigline, Dempsey's

Saddlery & Feed Supply, Crettenden Electrical, Brown Builders, Norton Transport, West Coast Auto Electrical, Bascombe Auto Ag, Shillabeer Crane Hire, Moorkitabie Grazing, Cummins Nutrien Ag, EP Bus Charters, Woolworths, Flinders Youth Travel Grant, Lincoln Exhaust, Thrive Chiropractic, Cockleleeche Sheds, Guidara Insurance and Real Estate, Carr Seeds, Bridgestone Service Centre, Emmett's, Ocean Fresh Oysters, and to friends, you know who you are! If you are interested in sponsoring Haylee, Jenna in the front office has all of her details. Thank You!



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN - ROSTER TERM 3 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 7	31/08/2026	01/09/2026	02/09/2026 Jenna Hughes	03/09/2026	04/09/2026 Katrina Phelps Claire Mickan
Week 8	07/09/2026	08/09/2026	09/09/2026	10/09/2026 Hayley Ness	11/09/2026 Bernie Crettenden Alisha Elliot
Week 9	14/09/2026	15/09/2026	16/09/2026 Simone Murnane	17/09/2026	18/09/2026 Lucy Pedler Sara Doudle
Week 10	21/09/2026	22/09/2026	23/09/2026	24/09/2026	25/09/2026 Bec Habner Alicia Laube

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**



3-year-old preschool

Register now for 2027

In South Australia, 'preschool' and 'kindergarten' are the same.

Going to preschool has a big impact on your child's learning and development. Through play-based learning, your child builds important social, emotional and thinking skills to help them thrive.

How to register



1. Find your local preschool

You can use the tool on the department's website to find your local preschool. This will tell you when universal 3-year-old preschool will be available there.



2. Complete a preschool registration of interest form

You can apply online on the department's website or get a registration of interest form from your local preschool.



3. Wait for further details

If you meet eligibility requirements and your preschool can offer your child a place, you will receive an enrolment offer via email or letter from the preschool. If a place is not currently available, further information will be provided.



4. Starting preschool

Once you have accepted your offer, your preschool will provide advice on when your child can start after their third birthday.



To apply online or for more information visit education.sa.gov.au/preschool-for-3-year-olds

Flying Start
for kids



Government of South Australia

JP SPORTS
DAY 2026

CANTEEN SPECIALS

Bang Bang Chicken Bowls
Gourmet Steak Sandwiches
Pies
Pasty
Sausage Rolls
Chicken & Salad Wraps
Ham & Salad Wraps

Cheese & Salad Wraps
Curried Egg Sandwiches
Lunch Platter Boxes
Morning Tea Boxes
Cakes
Slices
Ice-creams

Full menu will be out on CAS Facebook and CAS Canteen
Facebook at end of week.

QKR APP OPEN
FROM WED 2/9
FOR PREORDERS

Cash & EFTPOS facilities also available

Uni Hub
Spencer Gulf

Ready for university?



Parent Information Session

Looking for information about uni direct entry?
Scholarships? Courses? Cadetships and
university pathways?

Join us for our Parent Information Session (students welcome!)
and get the answers you need to help remove barriers and
make university pathways more accessible for regional students.

Who will be there:

Uni Hub
Spencer Gulf

Community Bank
Port Lincoln
Bendigo Bank



Services
Australia



Join us at the Uni Hub Workshop (12 Adelaide Place, Port
Lincoln) on **Wednesday, 2 September 2026, 5.30pm to 6.30pm.**
For more info contact the Uni Hub's Port Lincoln University
Centre on 8656 9959 or portlincoln@unihubsg.org

CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS

NOW OPEN FOR 2027 INTAKE

If your child/ren are **turning 4**, we invite you to
register your interest for Preschool.

ELIGIBILITY

TERM 1 2027

Turns 4 years of age after October 31 of the
previous year and before May 1st 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.

TERM 3 2027

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 mid-year will complete **6 terms**
of Foundation when they start school.

MORE INFO:

DINAH.LANCE631@SCHOOLS.SA.EDU.AU



LUNCH ORDERS NOW OPEN FOR PRESCHOOL AND RURAL CARE

DOWNLOAD THE QKR APP AND SET
UP YOUR CHILDS PROFILE TO
START ORDERING THEIR LUNCHES!



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL

Chaplaincy **Group**

**JOIN THE CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY GROUP
TODAY! WE'RE CALLING ON NEW MEMBERS FROM THE
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY. COME & BE PART OF
SOMETHING IMPACTFUL!**

OUR MISSION

Our primary role is to support our CAS Chaplain in their efforts at the school and within the Cummins community.

We also assist in:

- Securing school resources and funding to enhance the wellbeing of our students and the local community.
- Coordinating religious instruction and its leaders, which occur once per term for junior and primary students.

MEETING DETAILS

- Convenes four times throughout the school year, once each school term.
- Take place at the Cummins Library on a weeknight at 5:00 PM.
- Committee consists of several representatives from the school, community, and parish church leaders.

INVITATION

We invite anyone interested in learning more about our committee and its functions to join us for an informal information session at the Cummins Library. Light refreshments will be provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Julie Wilksch at 0428 765 050

Cathy Haarsma at 0427 762 309

INFORMAL INFORMATION SESSION

TUESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER AT 5:00PM AT THE CUMMINS LIBRARY

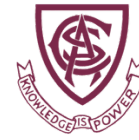


2025 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Copies of last years magazine are still available.

\$35 each

**Please phone the front office to secure a copy
8676 2388**



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2026

PRE ORDER FORM

\$35 each

Pre order now to avoid disappointment!

STUDENT NAME

PARENT NAME

2026 CLASS

QUANTITY DATE

Invoices for magazine pre-orders will be sent out in Term 4 and will include payment options.

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



SchoolTV

Smart Phone Readiness

Deciding when a child is ready for their first smartphone can be a challenging parenting decision. Readiness is not just about age. It also depends on a child's maturity, self-regulation, judgement and ability to manage the responsibilities of being connected online.

The Smartphone Readiness Quiz is designed for parents and adult carers to complete with their child, encouraging important conversations while exploring the key skills that support safe and responsible smartphone use.

Rather than providing a simple yes or no answer, the results highlight areas of strength and where further development may be helpful. Families are also guided through suggested next steps, including a Family Smartphone Agreement and practical guidance on setting up parental controls before introducing a smartphone.

We encourage you to complete the quiz together and use the results as a starting point for ongoing conversations about safe, responsible and healthy smartphone use.



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL

TERM THREE PLANNER 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	20/07/2026 STUDENT FREE DAY	21/07/2026 yr 10 Youth Ops	23/07/2026	24/07/2026	25/06/2026
Week 2	27/07/2026	28/07/2026 yr 10 Youth Ops	29/07/2026	30/07/2026	31/07/2026
Week 3	03/08/2026	04/08/2026 yr 5/6 netball/football Yr 10 Youth Ops	05/08/2026 yr 7 European Handball	06/08/2026	07/08/2026
Week 4	10/08/2026 Road to rural medicine	11/08/2026 year 12 Fundraiser yr 10 Youth Ops	12/08/2026 STUDENT FREE DAY	13/08/2026	14/08/2025
Week 5	17/08/2026	18/08/2026 Yr 10 Youth Ops	19/08/2026	20/08/2026	21/08/2026 Open Basketball
Week 6	24/08/2026	25/08/2026 yr 10 Youth Ops	26/08/2026 Book Week Parade	27/08/2026 yr 9/10 Pickle ball	29/08/2026
Week 7	31/08/2026	01/09/2026 Yr 10 Youth Ops yr 11 Outdoor Ed Camp	02/09/2026 yr 3-6 Science session yr 11 Outdoor Ed Camp	03/09/2026 Science & Engineering yr 11 Outdoor Ed camp	04/09/2026 Junior Primary RE Challenge, Adelaide
Week 8	07/09/2026	08/09/2026 yr 9/10 basketball	09/09/2026 Adelaide Uni visit yr 10-12	10/09/2026	11/09/2026
Week 9	14/09/2026	15/09/2026	16/09/2026	17/09/2026	18/09/2026 Primary RE
Week 10	21/09/2026	22/09/2026 yr 10 mixed netball	23/09/2026 JP Sports Day	24/09/2026 yr 3/4 red ball tennis Sec School Formal	25/09/2026

COMMUNITY NEWS



SARDI Minnipa Ag Centre Annual Field Day

SAVE THE DATE

Join us at the SARDI Minnipa Agricultural Centre (MAC) Annual Field Day for the latest research, trial updates and practical insights for Eyre Peninsula (EP) farming systems.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Dr Mick Rose, Associate Professor Southern Cross University, Soil Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) project leader: Managing herbicide residues and reducing risks to crop performance in EP soils, and new knowledge and tools to interpret soil microbial indicators.

Session topics include:

- Spray technology – insights and options
- De-risking the seeding program trial update - seeding systems, herbicide interactions and timing of rolling in lentils
- 2026 disease management - Net blotch
- GRDC National Variety Trials (NVT) updates – wheat, barley and break crops
- GRDC time of sowing and variety research
- Water quality and livestock research updates
- SA Discovery Farms - barley biomass trial
- Crop safety and weed management in lentils
- Lentil nutrition
- GRDC and SA Discovery Farms stripper stubble systems trial update.



WEDNESDAY
9th Sept
2026

8:30am -
5:30pm

Minnipa Agricultural Centre
226 McKenzie Road, Minnipa
SA 5654 Australia



Morning tea and
lunch provided.
REGISTER HERE

CUMMINS & DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Please use the QR code to register for this coming Basketball Season 2026/27

More information regarding divisions and season dates online.

Alternatively: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/cdba/home/>



Registration closes: Friday 11th September 2026

YOUTH HOT DESKS

GOT SOMETHING TO DO? COME GET HELP OR JUST USE THE SPACE.

- ASSIGNMENTS/STUDY/HOMEWORK
- OR
- RESUME AND COVER LETTERS
- APPLYING FOR PART-TIME JOBS
- LEARNER'S TEST PRACTICE
- FILLING OUT FORMS
- BOOKING TESTS / ORGANISING DOCUMENTS
- SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
- UNI/TAFE APPLICATIONS
- FIGURING OUT OPTIONS
- ORGANISING A PORTFOLIO
- NEED TO PRACTICE FOR AN INTERVIEW... OR A SCHOOL PLAY
- OR
- JUST A QUIET PLACE TO READ

WHATEVER IT IS, WE'VE GOT YOU—DROP IN ANY MONDAY ARVO (TERM TIME) - 3:40-5:30.PM

Foster Care INFORMATION MORNING TEA

Providing a Foundation of care

Join us for a FREE Morning Tea and Information Session

Come along to learn more about foster care and discover how you can make a positive difference in the life of a local child or young person.



Monday, 7 September



10am - 12pm



Centacare Office
21 Oxford Terrace
Port Lincoln

DURING THIS SESSION, YOU WILL:

- ★ Hear from local foster carers about their experiences supporting young people in our community.
- ★ Learn about the fostering journey and the support available.
- ★ Have the opportunity to ask questions in a relaxed and welcoming environment. **No question is too small.**



RSVP

For catering purposes, please register your attendance by **Thursday, 3 September** by calling Centacare on 8683 0733.



We look forward to meeting you and sharing how you can help create brighter futures for local children and young people.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community Group advertising in the newsletter is available at a minimum cost of \$5.50 for a ¼ page. Items larger than a ¼ page will be charged accordingly with consultation with the Finance Office.

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 - 112 105 770

REF - Newsletter & Entity Name

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



Could Saver Plus help with your education costs?

Google

Q Saver Plus YouTube

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.

Remember: no payment means no order.



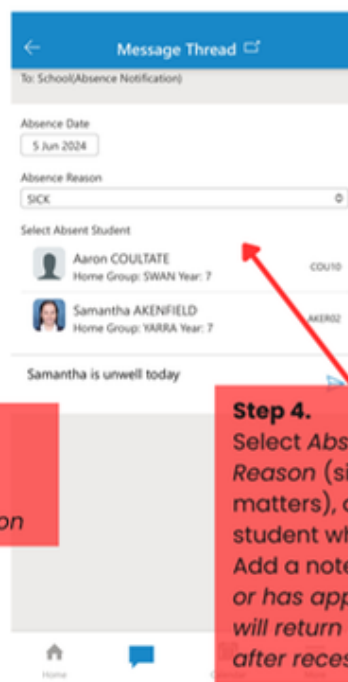
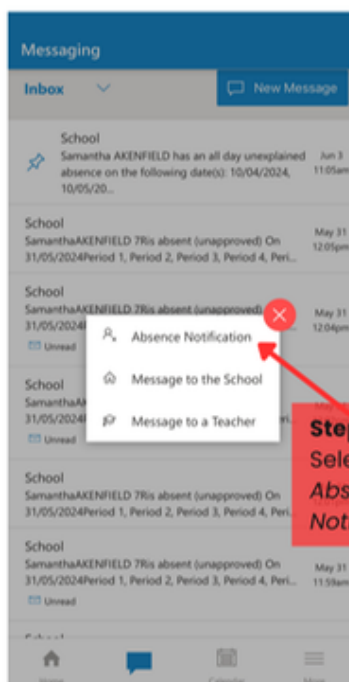
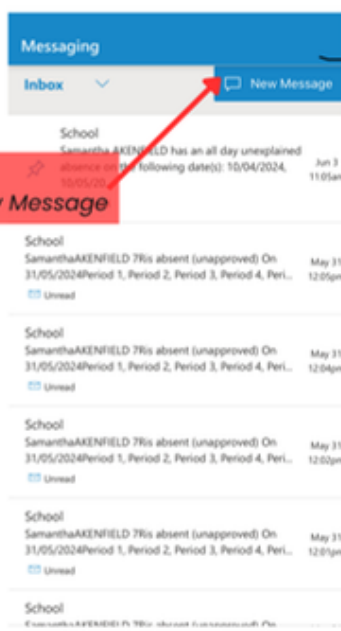
Notifying CAS of a student absence using the DayMap App

Step 2.
Select New Message

Step 1.
Select Messages

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.





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 (REQUIRED FOR YR 7 - 10 STUDENTS)	\$40.15
HEADPHONES (VERBATIM)	\$19.80
ATTACHE READING FOLDER	\$6.75
ZIPPER BINDER READING FOLDER	\$5.45
CASIO FX-CG50AU COLOUR GRAPHICS CALCULATOR	POA



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
WINTER JACKET	\$75.00

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

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.