



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 1

BUS DRIVERS

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Chris Letton - 0407 109 352

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Brimpton Lake

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UHF CHANNEL 40

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

Term 4 already! It has been a busy year so far at Cummins Area School and Preschool, and Term 4 looks set to continue that trend.

Over the holidays we were excited to learn that Beau Paech has once again been selected to represent South Australia in Athletics at the upcoming National Championships. Congratulations, Beau, on your continued growth in Discus. We look forward to hearing about your experience when you return.



Last term I had the privilege of hearing our Rural Youth Ambassadors present at the Area School Leaders Conference. Cummins Area School was represented by Braden Holley in 2025 and April Wagner in 2026. Braden continued in the program this year, working with a team focused on youth mental health, and the group presented some excellent ideas and resources to support rural young people. April and the 2026 cohort prepared a significant discussion paper for school leaders and the Department for Education, outlining the challenges they face as senior students in rural areas. They identified access to learning opportunities, mental wellbeing, and information about life and career pathways as key issues. A highlight this year was April's artwork being chosen to represent the cohort's work.

The program runs across three terms, with a block of time each term, and gives students the opportunity to speak with politicians, the Commissioner for Children and Young People, and leadership experts. It will be offered again in 2027 to a Year 11 student, and I encourage interested students to consider applying. More information will be available early next year. Well done, Braden and April.

This term, planning for 2027 begins, including class structures and class allocations. This is a carefully considered process that takes time and relies heavily on the professional judgement of our teaching staff. Class structures are determined first by year level numbers and funding, with the best outcomes for all students at the heart of every decision. Structures change from year to year depending on numbers. With a large group of students moving into Year 7 and a smaller cohort moving from Year 2 into Year 3, we will be running four Junior Primary and four Primary classes in 2027. If you have any questions, please contact Boyd, Henry or me directly, rather than class teachers.

CAS WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

TERM 4

WEEK 1

Fri 16/10

- yr 7-10 Mixed Tennis, Cummins

WEEK 2

Tues 22/10

- yr 7/8 Basketball, Pt Lincoln

WEEK 3

Mon 26/10

- Student Free Day

Fri 30/10

- SAPOL Road Safety Sessions

WEEK 4

Wed 4/11

- T20 Cricket, Tumby Bay

Thurs 5/11

- yr 5/6 Blast Cricket, Cummins

WEEK 5

Thurs 12/11

- year 12 Graduation assembly

Fri 13/11

- Year 12 Grad Dinner

WEEK 6

Mon 16/11 – Thurs 19/11

- Yr 9 Science Experience, Adl

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

Key dates this term

- **Student Free Day – Monday 26 October:** Teaching staff will focus on the introduction of the new South Australian Curriculum and Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL), while SSOs will attend training in Port Lincoln.
- **2027 start date – Wednesday 27 January:** As Australia Day falls on the Tuesday of Week 1 in 2027, the Department has given staff the option of working an extra day in "Week 0" (the week before school starts), allowing a clean start to the year on the Wednesday rather than starting Monday and breaking for the holiday on Tuesday. Staff voted to take up this option, so the 2027 school year will begin on Wednesday 27 January.

A reminder that our End of Year award nominations are currently open, with the criteria attached to this newsletter. Nominations can be emailed, or dropped off to the front office for consideration by the 23rd of October.

Have a great fortnight as we ease into the busy harvest season.

Regards, Mel

Sapsasa Hockey

The Sapsasa State Hockey Championships took place from Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th September at the Adelaide University Playing Field, West Beach.

Kenzie Boehm was selected in the Girls Sapsasa Eyre Peninsula regional team, comprising students from LEP, WEP, CEP and Whyalla Sapsasa districts.



The Eyre Peninsula team had strong wins over Southern Metro (3-1) and Northern Metro (5-0), as well as a draw against River & Hills (2-2). The team finished in 8th place out of 10 district teams.

Thank you to Stephanie Whittaker for coaching the team and providing students with this valuable opportunity.



Breakfast Club

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

Rural Youth Ambassadors



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.

SA Schools U14 Girls Football

This year I was very fortunate to be selected to represent South Australia in the U14 Girls AFL Football Team. We competed in the School Sports Championship at Latrobe University in Melbourne from the 26th to the 31st of July.

Throughout the carnival, we played against QLD, VIC (white), WA, TAS & ACT.

We had 3 wins for the week against WA, TAS & ACT, a draw against QLD & lost to VIC (white) by 1 point.

Overall it was a pretty successful carnival, finishing 5th, due to there being 8 teams, competing across two pools.

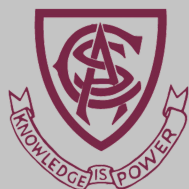
During the week we were able to fit in a tour of the MCG which included exploring the changerooms, visiting the Sports Museum & walking on the Oval. I really enjoyed the experience of getting too complete at a higher level & making a lot of new friends at the same time.

Kenzie Hancock – Year 8



Junior Primary Sports Day





2026 END OF YEAR AWARDS

We invite nominations for the end of year awards.

The due date for these nominations is Friday week 2. (23rd October 2026)

If you would like to nominate someone, please leave a hardcopy at the Front Office, marked Attn: Mel Degner.

Mary Trigg Award

Any student from Year 7 onwards is eligible to receive the award once. The recipient will demonstrate:

- A positive and cheerful attitude
- A tolerance for and an understanding of others
- A willingness to develop gifts and talents
- Honesty and trustworthiness

and in expressing these the recipient has made a contribution to the school and the community.

Sam Telfer MP Student Award

Any student from Foundation to Year 6 is eligible to receive the award. This award will be presented to a student who shows both determination and growth through challenges, and the capacity to consider and help others throughout their school life.

Mike Ford Primary Meritorious Award

This will be awarded to a male and female student in Year 6 who has:

- Demonstrated a high level of academic achievement across a range of curriculum areas
- Participated positively in school, interschool and SAPSASA sporting competitions and is a proactive school band member
- Showed tolerance and understanding of others
- Is a positive role model to their peers

Ampol All Rounder

The award is for a Year 12 student only.

- Academic- achieves scholastically across a range of subjects
- Attitude- is committed to excellence, willing to help others and makes selfless contributions
- Conduct- is exemplary at all times
- Leadership- is a role model to other students
- Service- participates in school and community activities
- Sporting- represents the school without necessarily being a champion

School Community Award

Recognises the extra contribution to the school from any member of the school community.

Flo Polkinghorne Award

ELIGIBILITY

- Teaches or supports the teaching / care of students at the Cummins Area School/Child Preschool/ Rural Care Program.
- Past and present teachers and SSOs eligible.

DETAILS

- Recipients will be eligible for re-nomination after a period of 3 years
- Nominations accepted from past and present students only.
- Award presented at the end of year assembly
- Simple form for nominations is available from the school
- Assessment panel comprises of members of the Governing Council, SRC (junior and senior) and a member of staff.

CRITERIA

- The teacher/SSO demonstrates a love of teaching evidenced by the dedication shown to the job, a general love of children/students and has a passion for what they do.
- The teacher/SSO goes above and beyond the normal expectations and standards of the job.
- The teacher/SSO attends to student's individual needs and motivates them to exceed their own expectations.
- The teacher/SSO may kindle a love of the subject in their students.
- The teacher/SSO is an inspiration and role model to other teachers, parents and students.
- The teacher/SSO is held in high esteem for their valuable and lasting contribution to the lives of their students.



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SAVE THE DATE

Coming to the
Cummins Library
this November!

CUMMINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY
PRESENTS

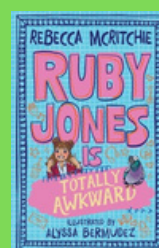
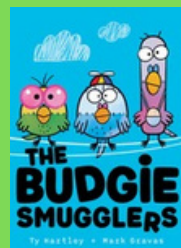
THE COOPER COLLECTION

SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY OCTOBER 29 - 2:00PM



Join us for an exciting afternoon
viewing of Local History.
More details to come.

new **children's fiction**
in the library



BABY BOUNCE READ & GROW



Every Friday of the
School Term
9:30am





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

SERIOUSLY READY

NATIONAL
TOUR



A POST YEAR 12 EVENT BY
**UNSERIOUS
CAREERS**

Port Lincoln, SA	Dec 2
Adelaide, SA	Dec 4
Launceston, TAS	Dec 8
Hobart, TAS	Dec 9
Cairns, QLD	Dec 12
Townsville, QLD	Dec 13
Newcastle, NSW	Dec 15
Darwin, NT	Dec 17
Melbourne, VIC	Jan 15
Sydney, NSW	Jan 18
Canberra, ACT	Jan 20
Brisbane, QLD	Jan 22
Perth, WA	Feb 1

CLASS OF 2026

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HACKS TO GET AHEAD / HELP TO MAKE DECISIONS / HYPE TO FEEL INSPIRED
LIMITED SPOTS / REGISTER FOR A FREE TICKET



SchoolTV

Cyber Safety

Young people today are growing up in an increasingly connected world where technology is part of their everyday lives -- for learning, socialising, and entertainment. While the digital world offers enormous benefits, it also comes with serious risks. From cyberbullying and online predators to inappropriate content and screen time concerns, navigating the online environment can be challenging for young people and their families.

Cybersafety is not just about blocking access -- it's about empowering young people with the knowledge and skills they need to use technology responsibly and safely. This includes understanding privacy settings, recognising scams, and developing healthy digital habits. At the same time, it's important for parents and caregivers to stay informed, have open and judgement-free conversations with their children, and lead by example through positive online behaviour.

In today's digital age, safeguarding a child's wellbeing must also include protecting their online life. This edition of SchoolTV will help you better understand the digital landscape your child is navigating and offer practical strategies to help them stay safe, confident and in control online.

Here is the link to this topic <http://cumminsas.sa.schooltv.me/newsletter/cybersafety-au>



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL

TERM FOUR PLANNER 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	12/10/26	13/10/26	14/10/26	15/10/26	16/10/26
Week 2	19/10/26	20/10/26	21/10/26	22/10/26 Yr 7/8 Basketball	23/10/26
Week 3	26/10/26 STUDENT FREE DAY	27/10/26	28/10/26	29/10/26	30/10/26 SAPOL Road Safety Sessions
Week 4	02/11/26 Yr 12 Exams	03/11/26	04/11/26 T-20 Cricket Yr 12 Exams	05/11/26 yr 5/6 Blast Cricket	06/11/26 Yr 12 Exams
Week 5	09/11/26	10/11/26 yr 7-9 Super 8's Cricket	11/11/26	12/11/26 Year 12 Grad	13/11/26 Year 12 Grad Dinner Yr 12 Exams
Week 6	16/11/26 yr 9 Science Experience, Adelaide	17/11/26 yr 9 Science Experience, Adelaide	18/11/26 yr 9 Science Experience, Adelaide	19/11/26 yr 9 Science Experience, Adelaide	20/11/26
Week 7	23/11/26	24/11/26	25/11/26	26/11/26	27/11/26
Week 8	30/11/26 F-6 Swimming Lessons	01/12/26 F-6 Swimming Lessons	02/12/26 F-6 Swimming Lessons	03/12/26 F-6 Swimming Lessons	04/12/26 F-6 Swimming Lessons
Week 9	07/12/26	08/12/26	09/12/26	10/12/26 STUDENT FREE DAY	11/12/26 SCHOOL CLOSURE

Term 4 Dates, 2026



Come join us every
third Friday after
school for some fun!

Week 3 - 30th Oct
Week 6 - 20th Nov
Week 8 - 4th Dec

We are a Kids Club for anyone
from Foundation to Year 7
with afternoons full of **fun**,
food & faith-based activities.

Give Amy Maddern a call on
0429 090 276 for more
information.

If your children are meeting at the
school shelter for pickup, please
text Amy.

Finishes at Cummins Uniting
Church Hall at 5.30pm



Years 7 - 12

A fun & relaxed space for teens
to **hang out**, **make friends**,
play **games**, share **food** and
chat about life and faith. No
pressure - just good people
and good fun.

Week 1- 16th Oct
Week 2- 23rd Oct
(Live life Loud- Tumby)
Week 5 - 13th Nov
Week 8 - Sun 6th Dec
(Beach wind up)

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

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



5TH OF NOVEMBER TO 10TH OF DECEMBER

LITTLE LEAGUE

4:30 - 5:30 EVERY THURSDAY

5-12 YEARS OLD

RAVENDALE OVAL BASEBALL CLUB ROOMS

FUN ACTIVITIES

BOYS AND GIRLS

LEVELS ADAPTED TO EACH PLAYER

CONTACT: DWAYNE 0430077080

The Little League Program is designed to give young children a fun and supportive introduction to both baseball and softball. Through a range of age-appropriate activities and games, participants will develop important skills such as **throwing, catching, hitting, fielding and running bases**.

The aim is to build confidence, coordination and team work while teaching the basic rules and skills needed to prepare children to progress into junior baseball or softball.

Most importantly, the program is about **having fun, making friends and developing a love for the game!**

Become a Young Digital Leader!

Free leadership and digital mentoring program for young people aged 14-24, designed to equip you with the skills to help older Australians build confidence using everyday technology.

Applications are now open across Australia!

- Develop Leadership Skills**
Build confidence in communication, teamwork and leadership through interactive online workshops
- Become a Digital Mentor**
Learn how to confidently support older Australians with everyday digital technology in a safe, inclusive and engaging way
- Boost Your Employability**
Gain valuable mentoring, communication and problem-solving skills that will help you in future study, work and volunteering opportunities.
- Create Positive Change**
Help bridge the digital divide by empowering older Australians to connect, learn and thrive in today's digital world.



- **Cost:** Free thanks to the generous support of Good Things Foundation.
- **Who:** Young people aged 14-24 across Australia.
- **Delivery:** Online via Google Meet.
- **When:** October 2026
- **You'll Receive:** A Certificate of Completion, Letter of Recommendation and the skills and confidence to become a digital mentor in your community.



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

ase.edu.au/digitalleadersprogram

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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.

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



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.

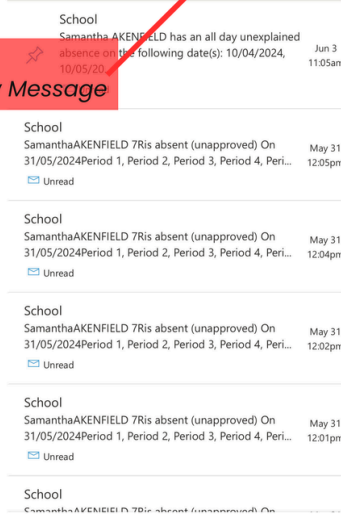
Remember: no payment means no order.



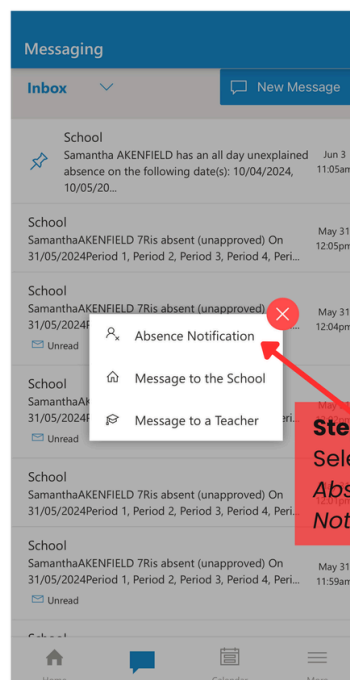
Notifying CAS of a student absence using the DayMap App



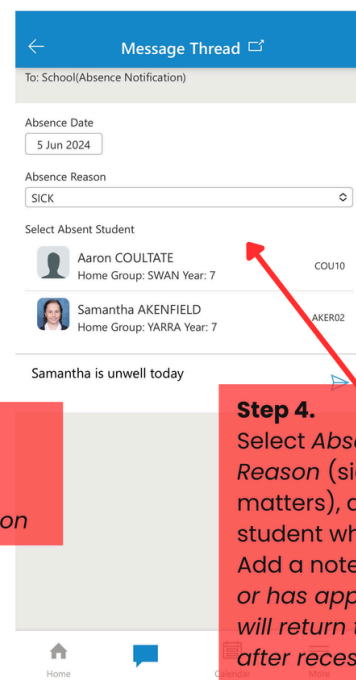
Step 2.
Select New Message



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



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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.