



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 7

BUS DRIVERS

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Karkoo

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Helen Robinson - 0428 885 017

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Barry Boyce - 0418 762 319

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

With Week 7 now underway, we are well and truly past the midpoint of Term 1. As always, this term has been full of major sporting events, and with Easter falling within the term, a number of Public Holidays have added to the busy rhythm of the weeks. We are also beginning to see the seasonal change of health that typically accompanies this time of year. Please keep students home if they are unwell so that we can do our best to keep the whole school community as healthy as possible.



2026 Sports Day

Last week we were truly blessed with beautiful weather for the 2026 Sports Day. The event was run with its trademark precision under the organisation of Tara Puckridge, who has clearly taken on board the thoughtful handover advice from Bronny Fitzgerald and worked collaboratively with the Sports Committee to bring a fresh, modern energy to the day.

From my perspective, the highlights of the day were the exceptional participation of every student who attended, and the overwhelmingly positive feedback from the parents and staff who led groups throughout the events. Days like Sports Day are a wonderful reminder of what school community is all about – building and consolidating the relationships between staff, students, and families. That sense of connection was evident to everyone who watched the day unfold.

A massive thank you to all of the family and community members who assisted on the day – whether by leading student groups, supporting the Pool Committee in the canteen, or simply cheering students on from the sidelines. Your presence made a real difference.

It was easily the closest Sports Day I can remember, with the lead changing hands throughout the day. Congratulations to Flinders on taking the win, to all Individual Medal Winners, and to every student who got out there and gave their best for their team. (There was, I must admit, some room for improvement from the staff relay team – I think some serious baton-changing practice may be needed before next year's event!)

We now look forward to hosting the Interschool Sports Day in Week 10.

NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN testing begins this week, with students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 participating in a range of assessments over the next week and a half. We appreciate that testing can sometimes bring a level of anxiety for students and families. Our perspective remains consistent: NAPLAN is one of a number of data sets we collect throughout the school year, and it is always considered alongside all of the other information we hold about our students as individuals.

CAS WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

TERM 1, 2026

WEEK 7

Wed 11/3

- NAPLAN begins

Thurs 12/3

- SANFL Roadshow

WEEK 8

Mon 16/3

- yr 7 Immunisations

Wed 18/3

- yr 10 Immunisations

Fri 20/3

- Harmony Day

WEEK 9

Thurs 26/2

- SAPSASA Lower Eyre Athletics Carnival, Pt Lincoln

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 two best preparations we can suggest are simple: a good night's sleep and a positive outlook. We want every student to feel confident in approaching the tests on their own terms.

Governing Council Meeting

Our next Governing Council Meeting will be held next Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in the library. If you have ever been even slightly curious about what Governing Council does, we warmly invite you to come along and sit in on the meeting to see if it might be for you.

We are actively seeking new members and would love to build a group that represents parents from across all areas of the school and every part of our catchment zone. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

Regards, Mel

Flinders sprint to victory in hotly contested Sports Day

It was a highly contested Sports Day this year, with all three teams taking the lead at different stages of the competition. Sturt began on top in the morning after scores from the pre-event distance runs as well as the Long and Triple Jumps held at school came in.

Sturt team member Shaylee Britza set a new Junior Girls 800m record, breaking the previous mark by the narrowest of margins. Shaylee shaved 0.4 seconds off the record with a time of 2:47.14. Teammate Kenzie Hancock also produced an outstanding performance, coming out strong and maintaining her pace to set a new Intermediate Girls 800m record with a time of 2:38.49. Remarkably, both records had stood for more than 20 years by Kirsty Arnold and Morgan McDonald. Eyre Captain Mitch Blacker showed why he has dominated this race over the years, setting a new Senior Boys 800m record with an impressive time of 2:16.89.

The tide turned during the middle stages of Sports Day as Eyre moved into first place. Eyre athlete Beau Paech dominated the throwing events, setting a new Junior Boys Discus record with a throw of 28.86 metres which was previously held by Jack Nelligan (2003) with a distance of 28.72m. Beau competed for South Australia with excellent results at the Australian Track and Field Championships in Canberra late last year in both the discus and shot put events. He is certainly an athlete to watch in the future.

It was wonderful to see students fully embrace the day with plenty of team spirit and effort. While the final results were being tallied, the relay races took place, with the final race featuring parents, staff, and Year 12 students. It was a win for everyone, with no hamstring injuries reported! Mr Rowe was pleased to edge out his brother and parent representative Luke in the first leg of the race. Thank you to all the adults who participated, both staff and parents, as students love watching these races, and they are always a highlight for the Year 12s.

Once all the results were finalised, Flinders emerged as the winner of both shields. The Jenny Kennett Award recognises the team that performs best in individual events, while the Danny Hughes Shield is awarded to the overall winner: individual, novelty and relay points combined. Flinders claimed the overall title with 3360 points. Eyre finished a close second on 3295 points, followed by Sturt on 3261 points. It was fantastic to see all three teams in contention throughout the day.

Congratulations to the following students who won the individual championship medallions for their respective age groups:

Name	Pts	Name	Pts
9&U Girls Annabel Goldsmith	51	9&U Boys Tommy Turnbull	56
10 Girls Adaline Lawrie	80	10 Boys Wyatt Wagner	71
11 Girls Elke Doudle	80	11 Boys Jonty Myers	60
12 Girls Bonnie Shipard	67	12 Boys Max Crettenden	75
13 Girls Shaylee Britza	82	13 Boys Cyril Pedler	76
14 Girls Kenzie Hancock	97	14 Boys Macario Onwubiko	81
15 Girls Della Pedler	91	15 Boys Ronan Jutzen	82
16 Girls Taleah Turner	94	16 Boys Felix Hawkes	81
Open Girls April Wagner	99	Open Boys Mitch Blacker Adrian Wright	66

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Sports Day a success:

- Parents who assisted with place judging, timing, and age group leadership
- Cummins Swimming Pool and Renee Rogers for providing the fantastic canteen again, and the parents who volunteered their time to run it
- Cummins Memorial Rec Centre for the use of the oval and surrounding facilities
- Lower Eyre Family Practice, Gerard and Jo-Anne Quigley for donating the individual championship medallions
- Cougars and Ramblers for the use of their shades and clubrooms, along with Bendigo Bank for providing additional shade structures
- Grounds staff Megan Briese and Dan Busch for transporting shades, tables, chairs, high jump bags, and event equipment to the oval
- Megan Briese, James Pedler, and Dan Busch for spending Monday measuring and marking the oval
- House captains for compiling folders and organising relay teams, and students who arrived early to assist with setup
- Year 5/6 students for designing the program covers, with special mention to Halle Murnane whose design featured on the cover
- Our SSOs for supporting a number of students so they could participate
- Parents, grandparents, and spectators for attending and supporting the students
- CAS staff for supervision, scoring, setting up the PA system, managing events and age groups, and assisting with setup and pack-up
- The Sports Committee for their additional work behind the scenes
- Steph for organising the job roster
- Cummins AS students who continue to make the carnival successful through their participation, engagement, and encouragement of others

Interschool will be held on Tuesday, 31st March in Cummins. A note will be sent home once the team has been finalised. The team does not compete in single-year age groups; instead, it is formed using the following categories:

- **Sub-Junior Boys and Girls:** 10–11 years
- **Junior Boys and Girls:** 12–13 years
- **Intermediate Boys and Girls:** 14–15 years
- **Senior Boys and Girls:** 16 years and Open

As each category includes multiple age groups, the athletes selected will be those with the best results from all eligible competitors within that category. Often the top athlete from the oldest age group is selected, but occasionally a younger student may qualify with a faster time or greater distance. Good luck to all students who go on to represent the school at Interschool.

Please contact Jenna at the front desk if you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring the EEPASSA Interschool event. Support from our parent community is essential for these extra-curricular activities to run successfully.





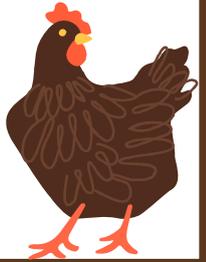
Tues, 24th March 2026 at 5.00pm at the
Cummins Library

CAS CHAPLAINCY GROUP AGM

ANY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS SUPPORT GROUP FOR OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAIN.

WHEAT SCREENINGS WANTED

WE ARE LOOKING FOR WHEAT SCREENINGS FOR
OUR CHOOKS. IF YOU CAN DONATE SOME
PLEASE CONTACT THE FRONT OFFICE



**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.**



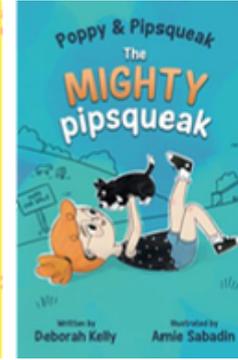
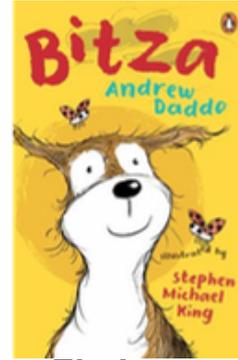
Breakfast Club

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

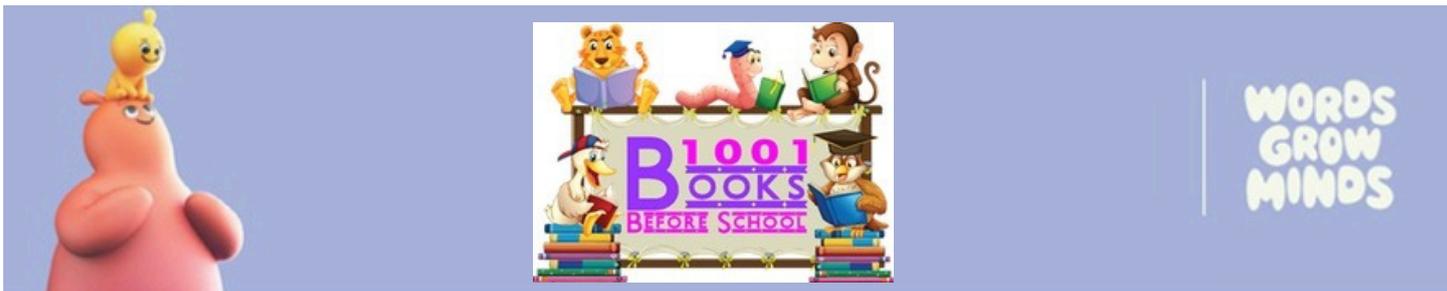
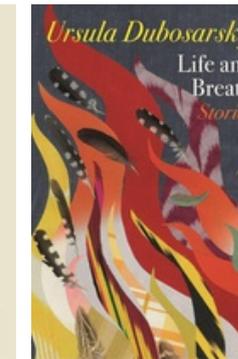
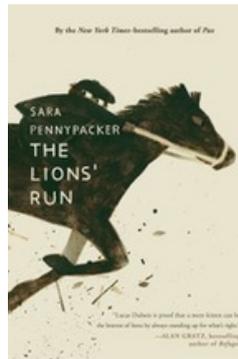
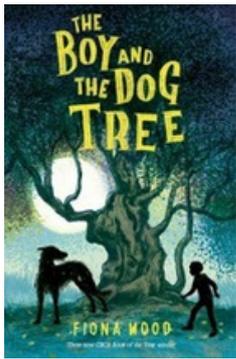




New Junior Fiction



New Teen Fiction



As part of our Words Grow Minds initiative, promoting early literacy and fostering a love for reading in young children,

we encourage you to

'Take the Challenge'

and read 1001 books with your children before school.

It's as simple as

- **Visit the Library:** Collect your information pack and the first form to track your reading progress.
- **Track Your Reading:** Use the form to tick, stamp, or colour a box each time you read a book with your child. Repetition is encouraged, so feel free to read the same book multiple times.
- **Enjoy the Experience!** Strengthen the bond between you and your child through your shared, reading journey.

It's a fantastic way to make reading a fun and integral part of your child's early development, while nurturing their language and literacy skills before they start school.

✉ cummins.library@libraries.sa.gov.au

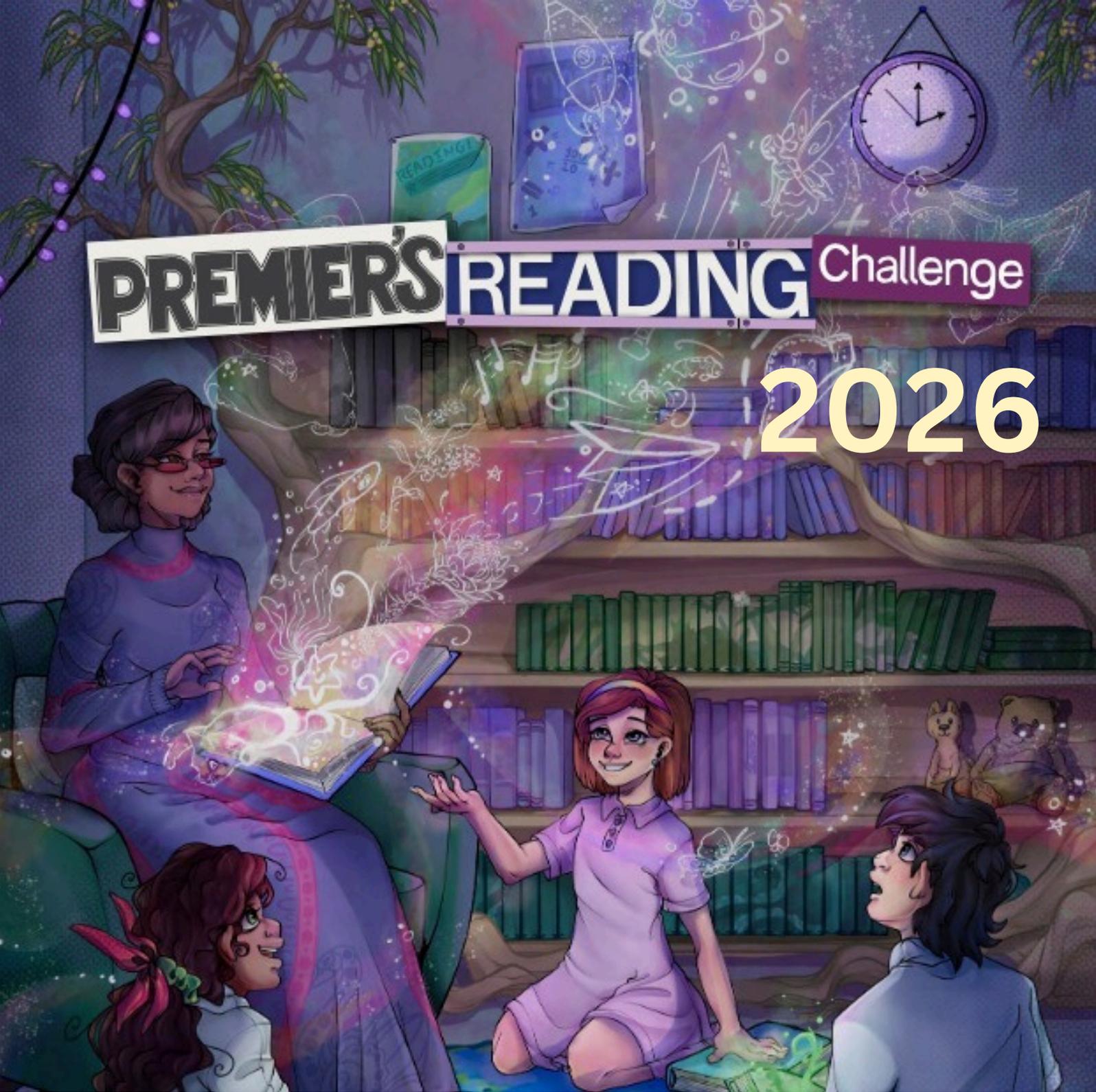
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PREMIER'S READING Challenge

2026



Cummins Area School and the Cummins School Community Library are excited to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge again this year. The Challenge encourages all students to explore the world of books and develop a lifelong love of reading. By reading a set number of books, each student has an opportunity to receive special recognition from the Premier of South Australia and celebrate their achievements. We invite families to support their children by discussing book choices and making time for reading at home. Let's work together to foster a strong reading culture and inspire our students! Happy reading!



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN - ROSTER TERM 1 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 5	09/03/2026 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10/03/2026	11/03/2026 Jenna Hughes	12/03/2026	13/03/2026 Katrina Phelps Claire Mickan
Week 6	16/03/2026	17/03/2026	18/03/2026	19/03/2026 Hayley Ness	20/03/2026 Leanne Vigar Alisha Elliot
Week 7	23/03/2026	24/03/26	25/03/2026	26/03/2026	27/03/2026 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**



Could Saver Plus help with your education costs?

Google

🔍 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 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.



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

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
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.

HARMONY DAY

Friday - March 20th

Wear Orange!

Everybody Belongs



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2026

PRE ORDER FORM

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED - BETWEEN \$30 - \$35

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.



2025 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Copies of last years magazine are still available.

\$35 each

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



SCHOOL CANTEEN PRICELIST UPDATE

Please note that our school canteen will increase prices for some food items due to rising supplier costs and preparation expenses. These changes will take effect on Monday, March 2, 2026, and will be reflected in the QKR app.



Term 1 Dates, 2025



Come join us every third Friday after 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 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



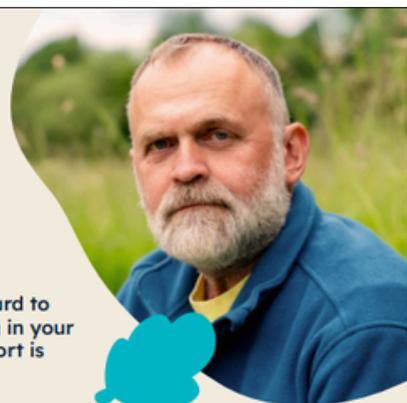
Years 7 - 12

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 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.

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
- explore support options that feel right for you
- support you to strengthen your connection with community
- identify strategies that are already working for you
- link you with services that meet your needs.

We provide flexible support and can meet you in the community, at home, at our service, by phone or video.

Contact us

Call our Community Care Coordinator

Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm

Shane: 0488 145 922
Carrie: 0419 515 619

Walk-in service

No appointment necessary

Tuesdays, 10am - 4pm

SA Ambulance Service Building
Tumby Bay Road, Cummins

This is a Neami National service made possible by funding from Country SA PHN.



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

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