

CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 3

BUS DRIVERS

Warrow
Ben McCracken - 0466 618 786

Mt Hope
Kym Griffiths - 0400 667 472

Karkoo
Susan Hughes - 0477 088 043

Wanilla
George Grave - 0428 831 960

Cockaleechee
Leon Seaman - 0429 703 030

Douglas Well
Vince Diment - 0427 762 428

Koppio/Yallunda Flat
Helen Robinson - 0428 885 017

Brimpton Lake
Barry Boyce - 0418 762 319

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

UHF channel 10

CONTACT US

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Government of South Australia
Department for Education

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

Week 3 of Term 4 is always bittersweet as it marks the end of the official day to day secondary education of our Yr. 12 students. We have had the privilege of playing a significant role in the development of these students alongside of their families and our broader community over the past 13 years (give or take) and whilst it is sad to see them go, along with their unique and diverse personalities, it is also exciting to see them embark on new adventures. This year we are framing their last day of school as "Celebration Day" as we look to shift the focus of the day. Next week exams begin, and we will round the year off for these students with the Graduation Assembly on Thursday, 23rd November and the Dinner on Friday, 24th November. Good luck to all of our Yr. 12s as they complete their final assignments.



Included in this newsletter are the criteria and details for award nominations for the Graduation Assembly. We encourage you to nominate any students, staff and community members that you feel meet the criteria for these awards. This assembly is a great opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of a range of members of our school community.

Over the past few years we have been forced to make some modifications to our traditional Camps / Excursions rotations for a variety of reasons. Sadly Errappa no longer runs and the Coffin Bay Aquatics is not operating so whilst we are at it we have formed a committee to create a new Camp Program across the site. We look forward to sharing this proposal with you as it comes to fruition, ready for 2024.

Boyd, Julie and I have been working with the Department for Education's ICT and Infrastructure Department to solve our communication issues that have been front and centre with the introduction of XUNO. We all agree that there is a need for a smoother solution that hits our requirements around school / community communication, planning and programming, assessment and the compliance expectations of DfE. DfE have been incredibly supportive in our hunt for a solution that will work in our school environment and we believe that we have reached a solution that is reliable, functional and cost effective. The intention is that we will begin the 2024 school year with this system in place. The product we are looking at is currently used in around 100 DfE schools and therefore has a demonstrated record of reliability and compatibility with the administration system of DfE. More information will become available in the next few weeks.

CAS DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

Week 3

Wed – Yr 9 touch football, Pt Lincoln

Fri – LEP Swimming, Pt Lincoln

Week 4

Mon-Wed – Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Camp

Tues-Thurs – SAPSASA Girls Cricket, Adelaide

Tues – yr 5/6 T20 Cricket, Cummins

Wed – T20 Cricket, Tumbly Bay

Week 5

Tues - Thurs – SAPSASA Boys Cricket, Adl

Tues – Yr 7,8,9 Super 8's Cricket

Thurs – Magazine Orders Due

Week 6

Wed-Fri – SAPSASA Tennis, Adl

Thurs – Yr 12 Graduation Assembly

Fri – School Closure

Governing Council has approved the following dates for Term 4:

- **Friday, November 24th** – School Closure – Day of Local Significance. (It has become our pattern to use this day on Yr. 12 Graduation Day in non-Field Days years).
- **Thursday, December 14th & Friday, December 15th** – Student Free Days – Staff will be working on the implementation of our new Learner Management System, Creating Scope and Sequences for the 8 Learning Areas from F-12, Mapping Curriculum outcomes against the Australian Curriculum through to SACE.

Please keep these dates in your calendar.

Have a great fortnight.

Mel

2024 PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT

Cummins Child Parent Centre are currently taking Expressions of Interest for preschool in 2024. Please check the eligibility criteria below:

- **Term 1, 2024:** Child turns 4 years of age **before** 1 May of that year.
- **Term 3, 2024:** Child turns 4 years of age **between** 1 May and 31 October of that year
- **Term 1, 2025:** Child turns 4 years of age **after** 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. Children who start at the *beginning of the year* will complete 4 terms of foundation.

Please register your interest now for starting preschool in term 1, 2024. Transition will begin on the 8th of November 2023.

For more information please contact Dinah Lance.

Ph: 8676 2272, Monday – Thursday

Email: dinah.lance631@schools.sa.edu.au

WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD TESTS POSITIVE TO COVID?

If your child tests positive to COVID, they must stay home from school for at least **6 days**. Day Zero being the day they tested positive. Therefore, they must stay home for a **further 5 calendar days**. There is no need to keep testing, the initial test is sufficient. Any questions please phone the school.

SCHOOL SPORT SA

Year 7-10 Mixed Tennis Carnival

Cummins Area School hosted the annual Year 7-10 Mixed Tennis Carnival on Friday, 20th October at the Town Courts. Four schools participated, Cummins Area School, Tumby Bay Area School, Navigator College and St Joseph's School and a round robin format was played.

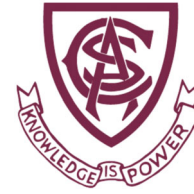
The 10 person Cummins team consisted of students who regularly compete in junior tennis competitions in the district - Brodie Cash, Archie Fitzgerald, Braden Holley, Mitch Blacker, Larry Fitzgerald, James Siviour, Taleah Turner, Ruby Cabot, Zack Modra and Cameron Siviour.

Doubles and singles matches to 6 were played against each school with Cummins winning all of their 3 matches and winning the pennant for the second year in a row (9 points). St Joseph's were second on 7 points.

Results

- Cummins defeated Navigator College 15-0 sets
- Cummins defeated St Joseph's School 11-4 sets
- Cummins defeated Tumby Bay AS 13-2 sets

Well done all of our students on their determination, positive attitude and excellent sportsmanship.



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL

Magazine 2023

ORDER FORM

Magazines \$30.00 each

Please pay and return order form no later than
Thursday, 16th November 2023.

STUDENT:

FAMILY NAME:

QUANTITY:

TOTAL:

Payment can be made via cash or eftpos at the school finance office, or by EFT with ref: Student name Magazine, BSB: 633 000, ACC: 112 105 770.

Magazines are due for delivery in Week 9



✉ cummins.library@libraries.sa.gov.au
🌐 www.libraries.sa.gov.au/cummins
☎ 86762476
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Scholastic Book Fair: November 20-25
during Library hours of week 6



It's about books.

It's about your children

It's about fun!

It's our Scholastic Book Fair!

This is our much anticipated, exciting annual event, where we host a wide, varied range of children's books and products for purchase!

It's a perfect time to explore the affordable books and products with your children. Plus, a portion of the sales benefits our library directly, allowing us to purchase books from Scholastic for no cost!

All students will have the opportunity to complete a 'wish list', plus contribute to a Library 'wish list', to assist with our selections.



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 3	30/10/2023 Marika Giddings	31/10/2023	01/11/2023	02/11/2023	03/11/2023 Alisah Elliot *Brooke Pugsley
WEEK 4	06/11/2023 Danielle Meaney	07/11/2023	08/11/2023 Emma Gale	09/11/2023 Ashley Lawrie	10/11/2023 Lucy Pedler *Claire Mickan
WEEK 5	13/11/2023 Alicia Laube	14/11/2023	15/11/2023 Rachel Dennis	16/11/2023 Hayley Ness	17/11/2023 Hannah Mickan *BJ Moroney

Thank you for volunteering to work at the Canteen. Please note shift times have changed.

Monday and Tuesday will now start at 12:00 pm
Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30 am to 2:15 pm
Friday will begin at 11:30 am and finish at 2:00 pm
Friday * starting time is 12.00 - 2.15 pm

Our CAS Canteen now has a great range of various Gluten Free Options available to purchase for lunch. We have Gluten free hot savoury Pies, Pasty's n Sausage Rolls along with Wraps and some of our Weekly Specials are also Gluten free. Check them out on our QKR APP or on our 2023 Price List.

Cummins Area School Canteen

Stickybeaks Lunch Bags

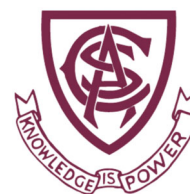
Paper lunch bag alternatives



\$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.



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL merchandise

We have plenty of stock available from the Finance Office for any new 2024 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	SML \$50.00 LGE \$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>	\$39.50
HEADPHONE MOPO M831HP	\$20.50

COMMUNITY NEWS



Week 3, 3rd Oct

****PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE****

Week 5, 17th Nov

Week 8, 8th Dec

All welcome. Christian Kids Club for reception to year 7's. Pick up from School for 3.30pm start. Pickup at Uniting Church Hall at 5.30pm.

Parents please text Amy Maddern 0429 090 276 if your children are being picked up at school



21st Oct – 'Free Eyre' @ Lock

27th Oct – Live Life Loud @ Cummins

17th Nov- No Drama Llama @ Cummins

10th Dec- Family Beach Day

Youth Group for year 7-12. All welcome !

Contact: Jordy Wilksch 0428 865 055

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.

**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.

BYOD LAPTOP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS YR 7-12

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

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.



Easy Graphical Comparison

To help parents choose the right device we use easy to understand graphic icons to help parents compare units using a side by side comparison of key specifications to help their choice.



\$100 Deposit to Secure a Device

We offer parents a \$100 deposit option to secure a device and let them pay much closer to the delivery date.



Quick Delivery

Many education devices are considered to be a special build and often have lengthy lead times. LWT work with our suppliers and bring in thousands of devices upfront so students can have them in a week rather than months.



Dedicated BYOD Hotline

To ensure parents calling us get to the right person, we have a dedicated hotline just for BYOD related calls. Parents can call us with ordering, payment and delivery enquiries on 1300 839 605.



Hassle Free Quick Onsite Servicing

The student environment often leads to a higher number of repairs. Onsite support at the school greatly reduces frustrations for parents. Getting a retail device repaired usually takes weeks and quite often requires the parent to take time out of their day.



12 Month Interest Free or 36 Month Payment Plans

We recommend 36-month payment plans that are approved online via Latitude. These plans not only help spread the cost for parents but are designed so the device is fully paid for at the end of the 36 month period.



Pick up close to home or work

Our site lets parents pick their Auspost Collection Point so they can choose to pick the device up near home or near their work which ever is easier for them (must be decided by the school).



Wide range of payment options

We provide a wide range of online payment methods. Please note Credit Card and PAYPAL payments incur a 1% surcharge.





2023 END OF YEAR AWARDS

We invite nominations for the end of year awards.

The due date for these nominations is Friday week 4. (10th November 2022)

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

Caltex 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

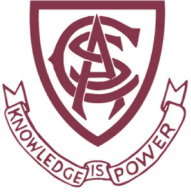
- Teaches or supports the teaching / care of students at the Cummins Area School/Child Preschool/ Rural Care Program.
- Past and present teachers and SSOs eligible.

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.



Governing Council Update – Materials and Services fees for 2024

2024 Fees:

The Governing Council proposes the amounts for the Materials and Services Charges for 2024 are **\$402 (\$18 increase of 2023) Foundation to Year 6**, and **\$494 (\$24 increase of 2023) for years 7-12**. These fees are above the minimum set out by DECD by \$115 per student and are detailed in the notices included in this newsletter.

In Addition to Materials and Services charges as outlined above, there is a proposal to charge a subject fee for Design and Technology (Technical Studies) per semester as follows:

- year 9 (Woodwork): \$35
- year 9 (metalwork): \$35
- year 10 (woodwork): \$55
- year 10 (metalwork): \$55
- year 10 (advanced technology): \$55

It is the intention of the Governing Council to obtain approval for this fee rise via a parent/caregiver poll. This charge will be finalised at the next Governing Council meeting on Tuesday, 14th November at 7pm in the Library. All parents/caregivers/students are invited to attend this meeting and participate. If you are unable to attend this meeting, then please contact me or email CAS.govcouncil@gmail.com with any questions/feedback prior to this meeting. Alternatively, a feedback box will be positioned in the school front office. Write down feedback and place in the box and please add your contact details if you wish to receive direct contact, information or answers to questions. I am also happy to meet anyone in person to discuss this.

Poll

The polling process is set out by the Department for Education. Each family receives one vote per student. The poll must be conducted following the Governing Council meeting on 14th November 2023 and will be online. A link will be emailed to school families and there will be a 2 week period for voting to occur. The result will be determined by 50% +1 of the votes. A poll outcome in favour of the fee rise above the minimum will mean the fees are compulsory (except for students with School Cards) A poll outcome against the increase will mean the Governing Council will only seek the amount above the minimum voluntary contribution.

Reasoning for Increasing Fees

The Materials and Services charges fees are directed towards the daily use of items set out on the attached notices. Extra funds for these items allows the school to redirect funds within their flexible budget that would otherwise be spent on provision of materials. As a Governing council, we are constantly looking at options to positively influence the learning of Cummins Area School students. The proposed fee will raise an estimated amount of \$46,000 for the 2024 school year.

This money supports covering some of the costs of our Materials and Services, but further enables:

- Improvement of student access to Information Technology including online services, wireless access, printers and computer hardware.
- Provision of items relevant to a supportive and integrative learning environment.
- The use of the latest advances in curriculum, including printing for students and photocopying of student resources.

Danielle Meaney
Governing Council Chairperson



Cummins Area School - 0754		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2024		
Notice of Charges for Years 7 - 12		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$35.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$50.00
	Photocopied Material	\$129.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)	\$214.00
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$45.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)	\$45.00
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$107.00
	Access to Machinery	\$15.00
	Access to Equipment	\$30.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$63.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)	\$215.00
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$20.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)	\$20.00
Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)		\$494.00

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
Year 9 Technical Studies Per Semester (woodwork)	\$35.00
Year 9 Technical Studies Per Semester (metalwork)	\$35.00
Year 10 Technical Studies Per Semester (woodwork)	\$55.00
Year 10 Technical Studies Per Semester (metalwork)	\$55.00
Year 10 Technical Studies Per Semester (advanced Technology)	\$55.00



Cummins Area School - 0754		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2024		
Notice of Charges for Foundation - Year 6		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$50.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$0.00
	Photocopied Material	\$131.00
	<i>SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)</i>	<i>\$181.00</i>
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$40.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<i>SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$96.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$15.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$50.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<i>SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)</i>	<i>\$161.00</i>
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$20.00
	<i>SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)		\$402.00

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00