PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2019 School year.

To those families joining us for the first time, we hope that you and your children enjoy their time at Cummins Area School and make lots of memories and friendships. We also wish our Yr. 12 students all the best as they embark on their final year of secondary education. A number of their peers completed SACE early last year and are already in the workplace. We look forward to working with all of our students in 2019 and helping to shape their future with them.

If 2018 was the Year of the Build then I believe that 2019 is the Year of New Beginnings. This is our opportunity to take our new spaces and engage in learning with our students in a more flexible and innovative way, maintaining the links to Australian Curriculum and SACE content but also embedding the many skills and capabilities that employers are now looking for in our students when they move to life beyond school.

We will be holding Parent acquaintance nights in the near future to allow our school community to see the spaces that have been created and to get to know our staff. We have a number of new staff to our site in 2019, bringing with them a vast range of experiences from previous teaching roles.

Sarah Wohling – Preschool
Kylie Thorpe – Yr. 1/2 class
Maddy Strauss – Yr. 3 class
Rachel Plakakis – Yr. 5/6 class
Carlyn Manners – HPE and Maths
Greg Richardson – History / Geography (Middle School)
Kobi Lawrie – Maths
Michael Barker – Design and Technology

Our Leadership Team for 2019 is:
Mel Degner – Principal
Mike Ford – Deputy Principal
James Pedler – Assistant Principal
Kirrily Dingwall – SACE and VET Coordinator
Lauren Foster – Special Education and Wellbeing Coordinator.

A note will follow with information about what each of their roles entail.

You will be aware that we are launching new policies in 2019. These are a result of consultation with members of the school community, including parents, Governing Council, staff and students. We believe that these policies will assist in creating healthier learning environments for our students. The Hat Policy now expects students to wear a hat all year except the months of Winter, when it is optional.

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Please be aware we have been notified of a case of Chicken Pox in the school. Children are to be excluded from attending until all blisters have dried (usually 5 days)

Further information regarding the signs and symptoms are available via this link; https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/health+topics/health+conditions+prevention+and+treatment/infectious+diseases/chickenpox+and+shingles?chickenpox+and+shingles++including+symptoms+treatment+and+prevention
Secondary students will no longer wear a cap but a bucket or broad brimmed hat to ensure greater coverage. All students have received a copy of the Mobile Phone / Device policy in their pack of forms today. Please read through it with your child. There is significant data indicating the negative impact that phones at school have on children’s learning and mental health. We have included some of this in the policy for your perusal. We are aware that we play a significant role in educating children around the safe use of these devices and will continue to share in this responsibility with families via Pastoral Care and guest speakers. We thank you for your support in this matter.

We were pleased with our SACE results this year, with students achieving some excellent results. Congratulations to Bec Pedler, our dux, with an outstanding score of 98.5 before bonus points, a result of considerable hard work and determination. Congratulations also to Charli-Jane Holden with a score in the 90’s. Overall our cohort performed very well and they are now ready to embark on a range of life experiences including employment, university, TAFE and gap years. Let the adulating begin!

I am very excited to have the opportunity to lead the school in the first 6 months of the year and know that staff are ready to provide fabulous learning opportunities for your children.

Regards,
Mel

SCHOOL SPORT SA - SAPSASA

Term 1 is a busy Sapsasa term with trials taking place for many Lower Eyre Peninsula teams and some LEP teams competing in championships in Adelaide. Individual events such as swimming, cross country and athletics are for age groups 10 years and over. All other team sports are for students in Years 6 and 7. Students interested in trialling for sports need to put their name on lists when advertised. A note will then be sent home with times and dates of trials.

Lower Eyre Peninsula competes in sports in Adelaide during the year.

Swimming- Country Championships, Friday 29th March (Term 1, Week 9).

Softball- State Championships, (including boys) Monday 8th—Friday 12th April (Term 1, Week 11)

Athletics- Country Championships, Monday 20th May (Term 2, Week 4)

Cross Country- Country Championships, Thursday 6th June (Term 2 Week 6).

Football and Netball- State Championships, Monday 17th—Friday 21st June (Term 2, Week 8)

Soccer and Hockey State Championships, Monday 9th—Friday 13th September (Term 3, Week 8)

Tennis and Cricket- State Championships, (including girls cricket) Monday 4th– Friday 8rd November (Term 4, Week 4)

Cummins Area School competes in local LEP District Sapsasa Days in Port Lincoln during the year.

Athletics– Tuesday 26th March (Term 1, Week 9)

Cross Country– Friday 10th May (Term 2, Week 2)

Swimming– Friday 1st November (Term 4 Week 3)

The full Sapsasa Calendar can be viewed on the SCHOOL SPORT SA Sapsasa website or on the pinup board.

Enquires to Bronny Fitzgerald (Cummins Sapsasa rep)
LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to another year of browsing, borrowing, socialising and learning in the library.

There has been some change in our opening hours during term time. If your child uses the library after school, it is really important that you realise that we are not responsible for supervision in the playground. Duty of care in the playground is between 8.30am and 3.30pm.

If your child is using the library after school, please be aware of our closing times each day:

Our opening hours this school term are:
- Monday: 8.30am—5.00pm
- Tuesday: 8.30am—5.00pm
- Wednesday: 8.30am—5.00pm
- Thursday: 8.30am—6.00pm
- Friday: 8.30am—5.00pm
- Saturday: 9.00am—12.00pm

Internet Use

Only the Public Internet computers can be used for personal searching by the public. Students are deemed ‘public’ and may use these computers in ‘out of school’ hours i.e. after 3.20pm daily, in the school holidays and from 9am-12pm on Saturday morning, during library opening hours.

Students aged 10—18 years of age can use the public internet only with the permission of their parents/guardians. This agreement must be signed before using the Internet for personal use. Permission is only granted for 1 year at a time. More information available at the Library.

James Magic Show

Some lucky children, mums and grandparents were treated to a special magic show and workshop, during the holidays where James shared some of his ‘secrets’ for creating magic.

Congratulations to our DCLEP Employee of the Year, Jeannie May. Jeannie has been recognised for her willingness to ‘go the extra mile’ for those who enjoy the library as much as she does. ‘She is a highly driven member of the library team and her love of people, books and resources is evident.’ We are very fortunate to have Jeannie as part of our library service to students and the community alike.
Safer Internet Day (SID) is an annual, worldwide event will be held on Tuesday 5 February 2019 to help encourage a better internet, with this year's theme—‘Together for a better internet’ encourages individuals to create a better internet by developing four, critical skills. We call these skills the 4Rs:

**Respect, Responsibility, Reasoning and Resilience.**

- **Respect** – I treat myself and others the way I like to be treated.
- **Responsibility** – I am accountable for my actions and I take a stand when I feel something is wrong.
- **Reasoning** – I question what is real.
- **Resilience** – I get back up from tough situations.

The Office of the [eSafety Commissioner](https://esafety.gov.au/) has developed [iParent](https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent), where you can learn about the digital environment and how to help your child have safe and enjoyable online experiences. For more information go to [https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent](https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent)

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**Please Note -**

The Cummins Chaplaincy Group AGM for 2019 has been re-scheduled for Thursday, 7th February at 4.00pm at the Cummins Library to coincide with a Eyre Peninsula visit from Philip Brice, Regional Manager of the Schools Ministry Group.

All School, Church parishioners and community members are more than welcome to attend to find out about our committee and support our School Chaplain, Mardi Green and to meet with our Regional Manager, Philip Brice.

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**RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER IN 2019**

Information for our families regarding the newsletter. If you wish to be added to our list to receive the newsletter electronically – in addition to the paper copy, please email your details to [dl.0754.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0754.info@schools.sa.edu.au).

If you are currently receiving our Newsletter via email, this will continue.

Paper copies are distributed via the youngest in each family on a fortnightly basis.

Thankyou.
SCHOOL CANTEEN

The canteen committee in 2019 have been working towards offering healthy, home cooked goods. The committee will continue to trial alternative choices that include fresh, fruit based and low sugar or sugar free foods. Menu items that take into consideration food intolerances have also been offered.

The canteen operates at its best with a healthy volunteer base. The success of the canteen and its future is dependant on a well-supported operating team. Our volunteers have been fantastic in supporting the recent new endeavours and have offered wonderful suggestions to trial and implement; a big thank you for your input. If you would like to volunteer time to work in the canteen once or twice a term, please do not hesitate to contact the school because we need YOU. Call in or phone 8676 2212 between 10.40am and 2.00pm to arrange a suitable day.

Carrie & Rahel

SCHOOL MERCHANDISE AND UNIFORMS 2019

We have available School Bags, Hats, Art Smocks and Maroon Pencil cases at the Front Office/Bookroom to purchase for the 2019 School year. Please see either Leanne Vigar or Cathy Haarsma in the Finance office.

Hats – Slouch $10.00
Bags - Small $ 42.00  
Large $65.00
Pencil Case with Zip Medium Size (Maroon) – $6.05
Art Smocks – Maroon -$16.50

Online order of School Uniforms also is www.sportscentre.com.au or by phoning 08 83463411. We do have a few sizes here available to try on and check before ordering if unsure.

IMPORTANT QKR REMINDER FOR 2019

Don’t forget to change the class number for students on your QKR profile so that lunches are delivered to the correct classes. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Term 1
15th Feb, 8th & 29th Mar
All welcome
Christian Kids Club for Foundation to year 7. Pick up from School for 3.30pm start.
Pickup at Uniting Church Hall at 5.30pm
Parents Please text Amy Maddern 0429090276 if your children are being picked up at school.
SPELD SA Free Parent Workshops
In Port Lincoln

SPELD SA is pleased to be able to share a rural and regional event that will be held in Port Lincoln on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th February 2019. The following 6 free workshops are suitable for Parents of Children in Preschool, Junior, Primary and Secondary School. Numbers are limited, so book in early. All 6 workshops are repeated on the second day.

1. Dyslexia: What it is and how to help at home - Presenter: Sandy Russo
This session looks at the problems encountered by students with dyslexia (all ages) and the ways in which they can be assisted. Each family attending will receive a copy of the AUSPELD Understanding Learning Difficulties Guide to take home as a reference guide.
Fri. 15 February 2019: 9:00am – 11:00am ACDT  
Sat. 16 February 2019: 1:30pm – 3:00pm ACDT  

2. Number Sense Fun! Pattern work! - Presenter: Jan Daly
Number sense is the basis for mathematical understanding and development. Numbers follow patterns! Patterns are fun!

Through hands-on activities, use of concrete materials, and considering the many ways we use and apply number in our daily activities, participants will investigate and develop a resource of simple fun ways (including strategies, activities and games) they apply or use at home and in the community to assist their child master a solid understanding of number. Suitable for parents of Preschool to Year 4
Fri. 15 February 2019: 9:00am – 11:00am ACDT  
Sat. 16 February 2019: 1:30pm – 3:00pm ACDT  

3. Hearing Sounds in Words (Phonemic Awareness) – a key literacy skill
This hands-on workshop will investigate the relationship between ‘hearing sounds in words’ and the development of literacy – reading, writing and spelling. Participants will leave equipped with:
  • An insight into the numerous phonemic (sound) aspects of literacy
  • Strategies to support your child’s literacy development
  • Games and activities to nurture your child’s literacy development
Suitable for parents of Preschool to Year 2

Fri. 15 February 2019: 12:00pm – 2:00pm ACDT

Sat. 16 February 2019: 9:00am – 11:00am ACDT

4. Resilience and Self-Esteem - Presenter: Jan Daly
Brain research reveals that emotions, such as anxiety, anger and depression, place us in a state of alert - fight or flight – impacting our state of alertness and ability to concentrate and learn.

This practical workshop, through interactive activities, provides support for parents to equip children with the strategies to develop optimism, positive self-esteem, resilience and a growth mindset. These aim to assist them to overcome obstacles, meet challenges assuredly, feel included and happy, and continually learn, developing into calm, optimistic and self-assured young people.

Fri. 15 February 2019: 12:00pm – 2:00pm ACDT

Sat. 16 February 2019: 9:00am – 11:00am ACDT

5. Technology that helps - Presenter: Sandy Russo

Come and look at some of the best assistive and remedial software for students (all ages) who have difficulties in literacy and numeracy. We will explore what works and how to use it.

Fri. 15 February 2019: 2:30pm – 4:30pm ACDT
https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/technology-that-helps-tickets-53319063755

Sat. 16 February 2019: 11:30am – 1:00pm ACDT

6. Assisting Your Child with Writing and Spelling - Presenter: Jan Daly
An informative hands-on workshop providing parents with the tools to proactively assist their child’s writing and spelling development in strategic and fun ways. You will be provided with: simple strategies for use in everyday life, resources to take home and reference points for support.

Fri. 15 February 2019: 2:30pm – 4:30pm ACDT

Sat. 16 February 2019: 11:30am – 1:00pm ACDT

Events in other rural and regional areas will be shared as they are organised.

If you book in and are unable to attend please let us know so that we can re-issue the seat. operations@speld-sa.org.au

Thank you to the Hon John Gardner MP for supporting this initiative.

To advance the education and general welfare of children and others who are disadvantaged by specific learning difficulties