



# CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 1

## BUS DRIVERS

### Warrow

Paul Tierney - 0429 882 010

### Mt Hope

Kym Griffiths - 0400 667 472

### Karkoo

Susan Hughes - 0477 088 043

### Wanilla

Sharon Arnold - 0447 820 519

### Cockaleechee

Leon Seaman - 0429 703 030

### Douglas Well

Vince Diment - 0427 762 428

### Koppio

Mike Terrell - 0428 395 754

### Brimpton Lake

Barry Boyce - 0418 762 319

### Yallunda Flat

Dennis Darling - 0429 950 159

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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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back to Term 2.



It seems a long time since our last newsletter and obviously we have all been on quite a roller coaster ride since then. I would like to thank our amazing school community for all of the support that you have given us throughout the last term as we have worked through the implications of COVID-19 together. The consistent message is that this is going to be something that does have continuing impact on how our society functions for some time to come and as such we need to remain flexible and reactive, as well as proactive, in our strategies as a site. It was fantastic to have so many students back on site yesterday – my heart literally sang as I saw two of our foundation students skipping off to grab the lunch order basket for their class (not holding hands!)

We will continue to support families in whichever choice they feel comfortable making for their own circumstances. I assure you that Cummins Area School has sanitiser and soap available to all students, we have modified some of the contact opportunities for different age groups onsite and the Department has ensured that we have extra cleaning shifts available. Cleaners are onsite all day performing extra cleaning duties on high traffic areas and today our playgrounds will also be getting cleaned after break times. I encourage you to contact us at the school if you have any questions.

Those families who are opting in to remote learning will soon receive a letter detailing the Department for Education expectations around this process. Please sign and return to us at the earliest opportunity.

In amongst all of this we are working to ensure continuity of learning for all of our students and will continue to run our proposed timetable for the remainder of this term. This will ensure consistency for students and staff and also allows us to quickly flip to higher numbers of students learning remotely if there is a confirmed case in and around the Cummins District. We appreciate that it looks considerably different but assure you that it continues to address the educational needs of all of our students. Please contact your child/rens' teachers for further information if required.

Second term is normally full of NAPLAN anticipation and moves towards the finale of Careers trip and Work Experience. We know that these activities are not going to take place this year (well, not in Term 2 anyway) and we are looking for ways to support the career development opportunities of our students. Thankfully technology is enabling us to access a range of online/virtual tools which will support us in this space.

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The new building development that will see us receive a new Art / Design and technology Hub at the school will kick off during the July school holidays with the removal of the old Library / Science room/ JP Hub. As this contains asbestos it is worth noting at this stage that there will be no access to the school / preschool / Rural Care throughout the July school holidays whilst they remove this building. This will be confirmed as tenders are finalised for the removal work.

Thanks to all of our families for adhering to all of the Social Distancing restrictions that we have been asked to implement via the Department. They are designed to ensure the safety of all of our students and staff and whilst we know it has created a significant shift in how some families deliver their children to school your cooperation has streamlined this for us. We look forward to continuing to work with you all and feel that one positive from all of this has been the ability for us to create more open and transparent lines of communication with our families and know that this is something that we will be able to take with us as we move on.

Have a great fortnight and please and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns.

Regards,

Mel

A reminder to parents and students who ride scooters/bikes/skateboards to school:

Please remember to wear helmets. Students have been observed riding without them and it is a huge concern for safety.

### Do you have extra fruit or vegetables in your garden?

If you have a surplus of fruit, vegetables or herbs and don't know what to do with it, consider donating it to the school's Home Ec program, we would love to utilise your local produce. Please leave your details with the front office for Rachel Fuller.

### CAS BYOD LAPTOP PROGRAM

By the beginning of the 2020 school year, all students from Year 8 to Year 12 will be required to supply their own laptop for use at school.

ALL purchases of new laptops for school, for the above year levels, must be made via the School Ordering Portal - [www.cummins.orderportal.com.au](http://www.cummins.orderportal.com.au)

Thank you

## 10 Tips For Parents Teaching Young Children At Home

1) Play Schools, Don't Do School

2) Make And Display A Plan

3) Keep Lessons Simple And Short

4) Teach Things You Like And Allow For Passion Projects

5) Embrace Board Games

6) Use Free Online Resources

7) Have Basic Resources At Home

8) Make The Most Of The Morning

9) Avoid Constant Multitasking

10) Go Easy On Yourself

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<http://www.kathleenamorris.com/2020/03/17/parents-teaching-young-children/>

# Message to parents and carers from Professor Nicola Spurrier, Chief Public Health Officer




**It is safe to send your child or children back to school,  
kindy and day care.**

**Don't send them if:**



They are sick.



They have a health problem and you want to talk to your doctor first.

**I am confident it is safe for them to return because:**



We have a low rate of community spread in SA.



Borders are still closed.



Lots of the community has been tested.



Good social distancing and hygiene.

**To keep schools safe we are:**



Increasing cleaning.



Making sure there is soap, sanitiser and tissues available.



Not having large gatherings.



Teaching kids to not spread germs.

## IN THE CLASSROOM

Miss Mason's year 3/4 class have been building Marble Mazes during their problem solving afternoons. The maze had to be designed to let a marble travel through its walls for 7 seconds.



# SCHOLASTIC Book Club

## BOOK CLUB IS HERE—Virtual Catalogue while Students Learn from Home

The latest issue of Book Club will be a special virtual version in Term 2. Every child will still have the opportunity to access their Book Catalogue. All orders will still be delivered to the school as normal. If your child is not attending due to isolation, we will endeavour to get the books to you.

The catalogue can be accessed online:

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

Sending your order to Scholastic won't change. LOOP ordering through the scholastic web page (is the easiest way to order during Term 2:

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx> )

However, we will still accept cash orders as usual. Recommended return-by-date Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at the Library on 8676 2476



## Cummins Area School Uniform



sports centre

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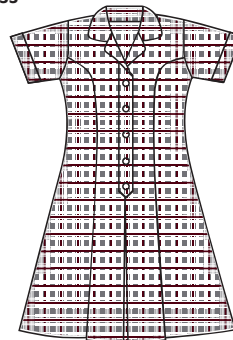
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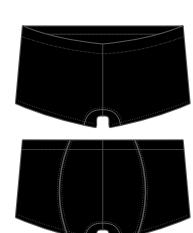
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# LIBRARY NEWS



Unfortunately, we are still not open to the public until advised by government health officials that it is safe to do so. However, students who have returned to school are able to access the library during school hours. Barbie, Jeannie and Robbie have been busy over the holidays making a few changes to our displays and shelving. We have lots of new books for browsing and borrowing for all year levels. For those students studying at home, and parents also, online borrowing is an option you may like to consider. Just download the Libby app and you're set to go.

## How do I use the Libby App?



1. Install the Libby app from your device's app store.
2. Open the app and find our library. You can search by our library service name

(South Australia Public Library Services).

1. Browse the library's collection and borrow a title. When prompted, sign in with your library card number and PIN. **Call us at the library if you don't have this information.**
1. Borrowed titles appear on your *Shelf* and download to the app automatically, so you can read them when you are offline.
1. From your *Shelf* you can:
  - Tap *open book* to start reading or start listening to a title
  - Tap the cover image to renew loan or return title to library

**Need help? Ring the library on 8676 2476, and we will be happy to assist.**

## WACKY WEDNESDAY

A lot of our students will be happy to hear that Wacky Wednesday returns next week at lunchtimes on Wednesdays. Even though students have had a break from creating and making, Barbie has been busy posting activities on our Library Facebook page. ([www.facebook.com/CumminsLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/CumminsLibrary))

Just like in classrooms in the school, we ask that students sanitise their hands when entering and leaving the library. All student returned books are wiped over with anti-bacterial wipes before being put back on the shelf.



## SCHOOL CANTEEN

The canteen operates at the school every day and is supported by a valuable team of volunteers. The ongoing success of the canteen depends on a wonderful band of volunteers who are happy to give up their time, generally once per term to assist in the preparation and sale of food. The fantastic volunteer base that support the canteen has been responsible for assisting in the success of this essential school service. Generous volunteers, dedicated managers, delicious food and the QKR app have all contributed to the increase in the volume of food prepared at the canteen and as a result, we now roster an additional short volunteer shift on Fridays!

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. Call in or phone 86762212 between 10.40am and 2.00pm to arrange a suitable day. The shorter Friday shift may suit some volunteers too!

Canteen shift starting times are 10.45am, finishing at 2.00pm. On Fridays the additional shorter shift covers the lunch period from 12.30 to 2.30pm (these shifts are marked with an asterix).

Please arrange a swap if your rostered time does not suit you.

Download the QKR app for fast, easy and cash-free lunch ordering for students and be sure to click the 'submit' button to finalise your order. The correct class for your student listed on the QKR app ensures canteen lunches reach the correct destination.

### **CANTEEN OPENING TIMES:**

**RECESS** 10.55 - 11.15am    **LUNCH** 1.15 - 2.00pm

**Carrie & Rahel**

## REUSABLE LUNCH ITEMS

The Cummins Area School Canteen are trying really hard to reduce the wastage and costs associated with supplying paper cups, lunch bags, and plastic lunch containers everyday in the Canteen. We would like to encourage all families to take the options of looking to purchase some of our reusable options of which we have available at either the Canteen or in the Finance Office. Our Stickybeaks Student Reusable Lunch Bags are \$10.50, Smash Square Lunch Bowls are \$10.00 and Reusable Coffee/Tea/Milo/Soup Mugs for \$5.00. We have stock of the Reusable Mugs in either plastic - \$5.00 or glass - \$12.00 with multiple colour options available.

Please support your environment and OUR Canteen by going Green and reducing wastage.

### **Term 2 Canteen Update**

The School Canteen is running as usual this term, however, we are asking for a low number of volunteers to try to comply with social distancing. At this stage the roster issue for Term 2 is on hold and the Canteen staff are doing what they can without volunteer assistance.

Thank you to the parents and school community who have already queried where they are on the roster this term!

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER RATES

*1/4 of an A4 Sheet - \$20. This is the maximum size for an article or notice. Rate adjusted according to space used; Minimum charge \$5.00 for up to 5 lines. Payment will need to be made at the Front Desk when the item is presented for printing. (No accounts will be issued).*

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