



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 5

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

Chris Letton - 0407 109 352

Brimpton Lake

Barry Boyce - 0418 762 319

Yallunda Flat

Emma Hancock 0427 041 606

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

UHF channel 10

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Here we are already at the halfway mark of the term. Things have settled back into more familiar routines and we are starting to see some changes to the restrictions that have been put in place over the course of the year. School camps and excursions are now permitted but restricted to those which apply directly to learning outcomes, predominantly SACE so we are not looking to embark on these at this point in time. We also remind parents that the restrictions on parents entering school buildings still apply until the Department for Education change their stance and we appreciate your support in this area.

Traffic lights for Yr. 7 – 12 students were posted home last week and we are pleased that so many students have maintained their commitment to learning throughout the course of the term. We are now sitting back at our standard 93 – 94 % daily attendance rate and the Department has made it clear that the expectation is that all children are to attend face to face schooling unless there is a specific health concern that allows for schooling to occur online. We continue to encourage families to keep their children at home if they are unwell and to err on the side of caution if they are unsure for the protection of everyone attending the site.

Subject re-selection meetings have been scheduled for our Yr. 11 students this week and we anticipate beginning work on forming our timetable for semester two in the next couple of weeks as well. A letter will come home to families of students in Yrs. 10 -12 informing them of subjects for next semester and plans for end of term.

Primary classes have been taking advantage of the open spaces in their area to work on a range of problem solving and inquiry based learning activities this term. It has been awesome to see the teamwork and determination that has been going into solving these challenges, as well as the grit and persistence. Great work to all of the Primary staff and students.

Over the last week Mr Pedler, Mrs Fox and I have had the opportunity to conduct one to one interviews with each of our Yr. 12 students. What a fabulous experience this has been. We have been blown away by the maturity of this cohort and their ability to talk about their learning needs in such an adult way. Not only have they identified their own strengths and challenges but also which styles of teaching have assisted them the most and why. It has left me reassured that even with all of the turmoil that hit them last term we have a highly committed and driven group of students who know exactly what they need to do to achieve. To hear them talk about

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how it is their own responsibility to take charge of their ability to work in studies demonstrates high levels of resilience and I look forward to meeting with them again as their journey continues.

We are looking to move towards limiting the amount of paper communication that we are producing for our families. We are well aware that many notes that have been printed fail to make it home for a number of reasons, so we are only going to be sending home notes that require signatures in hard copy. This will be accompanied by a SeeSaw message to ensure you look out for the communication. Newsletters will now only be sent out via a link through our text messaging system unless families request a paper copy or to be added to our email list. The reports that every family will receive at the end of this term will be emailed out rather than printed off. This will streamline the whole process and ensure families requiring two copies will receive them in an equitable timeframe with all relevant information. As such, please ensure we have your current email address on file by sending it to your child/ren's teachers on SeeSaw.

I hope you are all keeping warm now that the cool weather has arrived. Have a great week.

Regards
Mel

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 - <https://cummins.orderportal.com.au>

Thank you

GOVERNING COUNCIL UPDATE

Governing Council met on the 12th of May via video conference. We would like to send our thanks to Rahel Gerber for her work at the school canteen, and welcome to Sophie Blacker who is replacing Rahel. Once again, we thank Leanne Vigar for her work in supporting the canteen and the school.

Governing Council is still looking for new members, please ask any member to express your interest or phone Kris Speed 0429922955.

Lastly, a big Thank you to our school leadership and staff on their work to support students and families during Covid-19. Your work is very much appreciated.

Kris Speed



**PLEASE REMEMBER:
THE SPEED LIMIT OF
25KM APPLIES PAST THE
SCHOOL WHILE
CHILDREN ARE PRESENT!**

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.



Library Visiting Guidelines

There seems to be some confusion about visiting the library after hours. **Please abide by these guidelines:**

- ◆ Public opening hours will be limited as such:
 - Monday 3.30 – 5.00pm
 - Tuesday 3.30 – 5.00pm
 - Wednesday 3.30 – 5.00pm
 - Thursday 3.30 – 6.00pm
 - Friday 3.30 – 5.00pm
 - Saturday 9.00am – 12.00pm
- ◆ A maximum of 10 patrons at any one time. You may be asked to wait outside. **Please limit browsing time to 15 minutes.**
- ◆ **School age patrons to borrow during the school day to avoid public opening times.**
- ◆ Hand sanitiser is available upon entry – please use before browsing and borrowing.
- ◆ Only two PC computers are available to use.
- ◆ Please use the checkout machine where possible.
- ◆ Please observe floor markings to maintain social distancing.
- ◆ If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend the library.

Delivery service still available for patrons aged 70 and over. Rest assured we are following sanitising and hygienic practises as recommended by the Australian Library and Information Association, Safe Work Australia and the Local Government Association of SA.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries or questions on 8676 2476 or cummins.library@plain.sa.gov.au

Check our Facebook page for updates:

www.facebook.com/CumminsLibrary

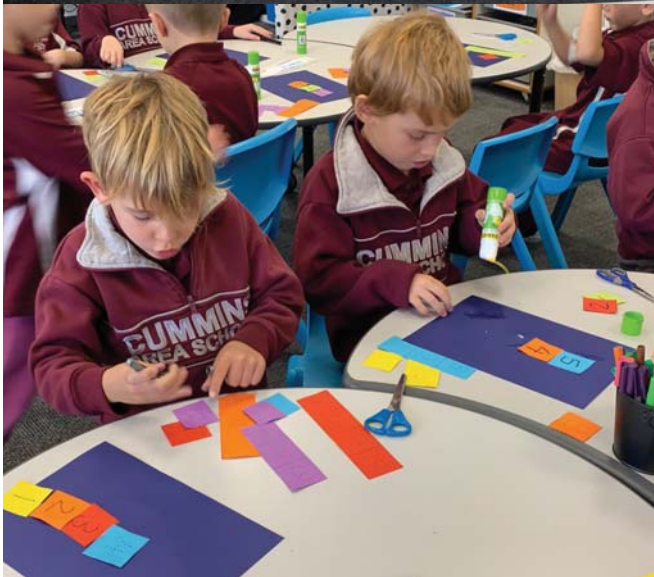
IN THE CLASSROOM

MRS FORD'S FOUNDATION

This term, our class theme is 'Adventures'. Our class texts are all based around this theme to create interest, engagement and connections between texts and subjects. We have been on an ocean adventure, a bear hunt and this week we will be going on a dinosaur dig!

In Mathematics, we are currently focusing on writing numbers to 5 and measuring length.

In Science we are learning about weather in our world. The students have been learning about rain and rainbows.



LIBRARY NEWS



Library and Information Week aims to raise the profile of libraries and information service professionals in Australia and showcase the many and varied resources and services that libraries provide to the community.

The event has been organised by the Australian Library and Information Association to promote the value of reading and literacy, the importance of Australia's book industry and the role of libraries.

The theme for Library and Information Week 2020 is **Create**. We will be acknowledging and celebrating the great work our Library Technicians do on 'Library Technician Day' this Tuesday. Thank you, Jeannie, Barbie and Robbie, for helping to keep our students, teachers and the community engaged and up to date with new books, science activities, early literacy learning and craft activities. The theme for Library and Information Week 2020 is



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This year National Simultaneous Storytime takes place on **Wednesday 27 May 2020 at 11am (AEST)** and we would love it if you could join us by sharing **Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas** written and illustrated by Lucinda Gifford.

WACKY WEDNESDAY

Last week's Wacky Wednesday saw students make their own Minions from Kinder Surprise toy cases with our very own Barbie. They look pretty cute!



SCHOOL CANTEEN UPDATE

Term 2

We would like to say a very big “Thank you” to Rahel Gerber for her service as our co- Canteen Manageress for the past 2 years which has been invaluable. Rahel has contributed greatly to the ongoing success in the School Canteen. We wish Rahel the very best in her many ongoing ventures. We are now welcoming Sophie Blacker to work with Carrie Speed as her new co canteen supervisor. We hope Sophie settles in with ease and enjoys her time here cooking wonderful food for our students and staff. Carrie has been working hard (assisted by Ally Coventry) to ensure that the canteen is in full swing. The delicious menu on offer is an indication of how fortunate we are.

Due to COVID–19 we are complying with social distancing and our roster for Term 2 is on hold. Carrie and Sophie will do what they can without volunteer assistance, however, if you are willing to help out on a Friday for a short shift from 12.30pm – 1.40pm during this term please contact Carrie on 0427765029. A big Thank You to the parents and school community who have already queried where they are on the roster this term!

We are encouraging as many online orders as possible going with the QKR APP. **We also have now an Option snacks added to order for Recess pickup to further reduce cash exchange.** Please 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.

OUR CANTEEN OPENING TIMES ARE: RECESS 10.55-11.15am and **LUNCH** 1.15-2pm.

Please MAKE USE OF OUR REUSABLE LUNCH ITEMS by trying to reduce the wastage and costs associated with supplying paper cups, lunch bags, and plastic lunch containers every

day 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cummins Community Op Shop

Accepting donations at Op Shop Tuesdays and Thursdays **ONLY** from 11am until 1pm starting Thursday 21st May 2020.

To support our volunteers we ask donations be good quality, freshly cleaned items only.

If it is well used, dirty, smelly, chipped, torn, broken, not intact, then PLEASE put in your own rubbish collection!

The Op Shop plans to Open with Normal Hours from June 9th pending SA Government COVID-19 Roadmap requirements being eased further.

Thank you to the community for their support and understanding in not “dumping” at our Op Shop premises during the past few months of closure.

Cummins Op Shop committee

Preschool Picture Plate Fundraiser

The Cummins Preschool and Rural Care Parent Committee are running a Picture Plate fundraiser this term. The committee have reduced the plate prices from previous years due to Covid-19 to encourage any interested children to get creative during this period. Picture Plates will be \$26 and other products such as mugs and water bottles are available.

Please contact Hayley Fitzgerald via email hayley.fitzgerald@hotmail.com for leaflet and order form details.

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).

Only advertisements or notices of community interest or one of non-commercial value will be published. Articles can be emailed to: dl.0754_info@schools.sa.edu.au Repeat Ads can only be inserted for 2 weeks.