



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 5

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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This newsletter sees us in the middle of two significant sporting events at our school and it is a time where we are reminded of the great support that we receive from our school community as without them these events couldn't take place.



Swimming Carnival was a successful day with amazing weather and it was a pleasure to have our parents and families at the pool watching. We'd like to acknowledge the work that the Cummins Pool did in preparing for us, including the catering and the Sports Committee for their organisation. Participation was at a premium, as was sportsmanship. Congratulations to Oscar and Alinta Dingwall who both broke records on the day and to all of the age group medal winners. The overall result saw Sturt in third place and Flinders winning by a very close margin over Eyre. The closeness of the scores increases the value of participation points at Sports Day so I'm sure all of our House Captains are keen to see large numbers of people next Wednesday doing their best.

Sports Day is next Wednesday at the Town Oval. For those families new to our school, students from yrs. 3 – 12 participate in a range of events and it is run in a Tabloid Format with all students attempting every event. Finals will be held in some running events. Junior Primary students run a session alongside of the "big kids" in the morning and this is a spectacle of joy and laughter that leaves us with some tired young people. We are fortunate to have a number of family and community members who support us on this day and encourage maximum participation from our students. Hopefully Eyre can overcome the small deficit from Swimming Carnival and come home with a win!

This year we are continuing our work on writing improvement as a site. Just like our students, staff have been engaged in learning opportunities so that we are able to develop a consistent approach to improving the writing outcomes for our students. Our current focus is around the use of mentor texts to support our students to understand what good writing looks like and how each subject area has styles and techniques that are particular to them. Our JP staff are focusing on building the phonics skills of our children given the significant role that this knowledge plays in becoming a successful reader. Programs such as Initialit and the use of decodable readers for our beginning students play a solid part in the development of these skills. We are also reflecting on the Australia wide research on Mathematics skills in Yr. 5 – 9 students and focusing on developing multiplicative thinking which is basically a technical term for a way of developing the problem solving



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skills and strategies of our students. All of these are long term goals – we do not expect them to be completed in 1 or even 3 years but the process is about developing a defined plan of attack. We will update you on what we are working on and share with you any tips and ideas to allow you to support your child/ren at home.

Staff are looking forward to catching up with as many families as possible at the Community welcome this Friday night. I would like to thank Susie Hansen for the work that she has done in liaising with other members of the Enterprise committee on the school's behalf. If you are yet to send in your RSVP, please do so ASAP for catering purposes. Last year saw us unable to connect with our families for a significant amount of the year so we are endeavouring to take advantage of as many opportunities as possible whilst we can.

Regards

Mel

GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

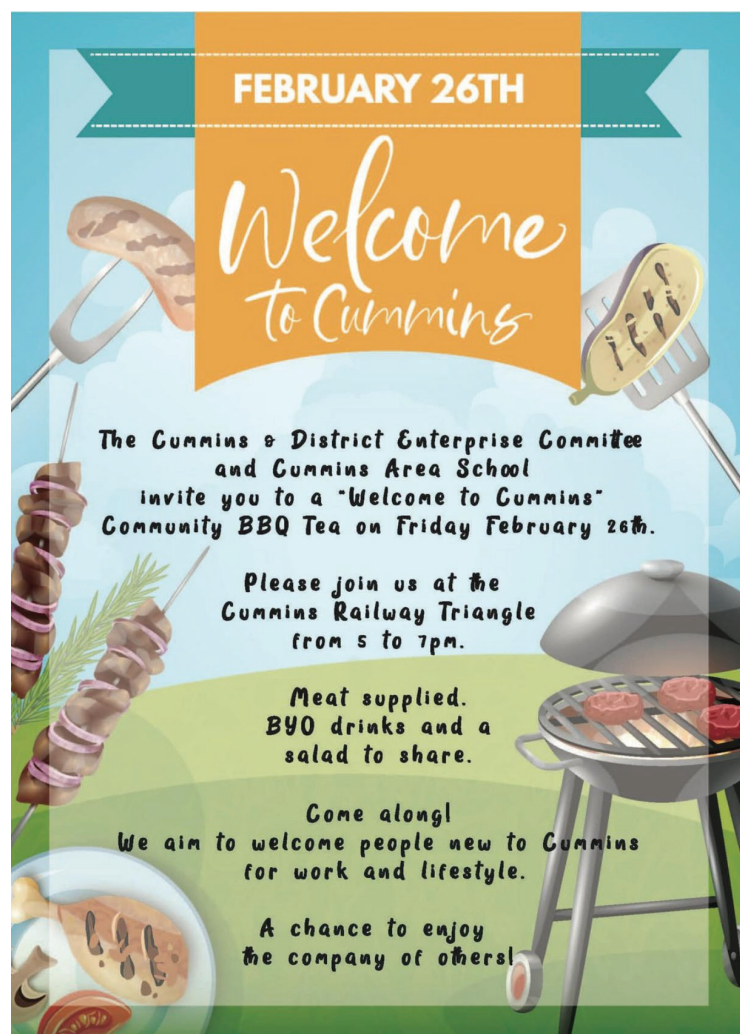
School Governing Council held their AGM & first meeting in Week 4. We were well supported with existing members Kerry Eagle, Katrina Phelps, Tegan Stephens, Mel Degner, Jacqui Phelps, Sarah Bascombe, Del Meaney, Julie Crettenden (Secretary) & Kris Speed (Chair). New members include Brooke Pugsley, Brittany Koch, and Bec Habner, so we welcome them. We are still seeking a Treasurer & deputy Chair, and further membership is welcome at any time. There is a community/school welcome Friday 26th Feb at the railway triangle which we would encourage you to attend. All the best for term 1 and if you have any issues please see myself or any Governing Council member.

Kris Speed
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STUDENT ID CARDS

Student ID Cards are now available from the Finance Office for years 7-12. Please bring along \$4.00 to collect your card.

Thank you.



DUX ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, the 19th of February, we held an assembly to honour our 2020 Cummins Area School Dux, Maya Doudle.

We acknowledged our 2021 Student Executive leaders, Mackenzie Walter, Dylan Bond, Jackson Rowbottom and Matthew Phelps.

House Captains for 2021 were also formally inducted. Our new house captains are:
Eyre: Toby Modra, Sydney Claughton, Mitch Blacker & Sienna Mikan
Sturt: Charlie Shepperd, Olivia Turner, Stella Chandler & Ashton Hancock
Flinders: Matthew Phelps, Elsie Maddern, Annabelle Shirley & Archie Fitzgerald

The 2020 Primary Meritorious award winners, Stella Chandler and Braden Holley were presented with their awards too.

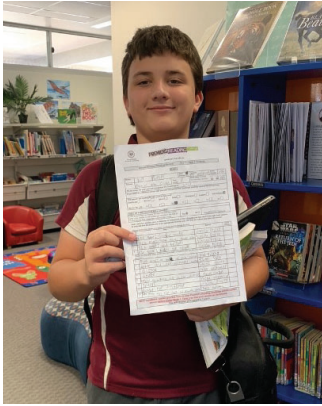
And last but not least, our brand new foundation students were welcomed to our school by their year 12 buddies and presented with a gift.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2021

Cummins Area School will be encouraging all students to participate in the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge. Last year 79.15% of our enrolled students completed the Challenge, compared to 68.2% of students during the 2019 school year, a pleasing result to achieve. We have been encouraging our High School students to continue with the Challenge and hope to see as many High School students as possible take up the 2021 Reading Challenge.

To complete the Challenge a student needs to read 12 books before the 3rd of September. Students can include class novels, Graphic novels and E- books in their Reading Challenge.



Congratulations to Secondary Student Roy Phelps. Roy is an avid reader and embraced the Challenge from Week 1 of this Term and has completed his 2021 Challenge already! I am looking forward to receiving some more

completed Challenges before the end of Term 1!

Kerry Cabot
Teacher Librarian

SEED DONATIONS

Cummins Area School Ag Faculty are seeking a donation of 1/2 tonne of malting grade Barley seed for the 2021 cropping program.

Please contact Ashley Franklin if you are able to help out.
0429 093 311

SHEARING AT AG

The Year 11 Ag students experienced shearing last Tuesday. They shored the 19 pregnant school ewes. Ben Franklin assisted those who wanted to actually do some shearing with some tutoring. Well done to those who had a go. Ash Franklin talked them through shed handing and wool classing.

After shearing they drafted them into twin and single lamb carrying ewes ready for feed lotting them and preparing them ready for lambing.

It was a full on day in which the students worked really well in warm conditions. Well done to Darcy on shearing 6 of the sheep himself.

A big thank you to Brad Claughton and Ash Warner for lending the school Evo shearing plants for the day. Their support is greatly appreciated, thanks heaps!



2021 YEARS 3-12 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Mild weather conditions helped to make the 2021 Cummins Area School Swimming Carnival a great success. Approximately 300 students in Years 3-12 were involved in the annual carnival on Friday the 12th of February at the Cummins and District Memorial Swimming Pool. COVID-19 restrictions meant there was a cap on the number of parents and spectators present.

Red, yellow and blue were dominant colours, as students proudly displayed their house allegiance and cheered encouragement for all competitors. 25 metre freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke races were timed and competition was keen with many close outcomes.

Congratulations to Alinta and Oscar Dingwall who continued their record breaking form of 2020. Five new records were broken, with Alinta breaking all of her four age group events.



Individual Event	Previous Record	New Record
12 boys 25m breaststroke	20:62, Jack Nelligan, 2002	18:28, Oscar Dingwall, 2021
14 girls 100m freestyle	1:05:40, Amelia Dahlitz, 2008	1:04:16, Alinta Dingwall, 2021
14 girls 25m freestyle	14:23, Amelia Dahlitz, 2008	13:43, Alinta Dingwall, 2021
14 girls 25m breaststroke	18:08, Amelia Dahlitz, 2008	17:91, Alinta Dingwall, 2021
14 girls 25m backstroke	16:77, Amelia Dahlitz, 2008	16:84, Alinta Dingwall, 2021

Novelty events once again proved popular, with students receiving points for participation. Older students competed in their house in the Rope Tow and Clothes Relays while the young students used the shallower end of the pool to compete in Tube Relay and Noodle Relay or Kickboard Relay. The carnival concluded with 4 x 25 metres mixed freestyle relays with students eagerly competing in their houses for the final points of the carnival. An interesting finale to the day was the last relay event. The staff V parents V house captains were challenged by a keen group of ex CAS students and the results were, as expected, very close!!



Each boy and girl individual age group winner was presented with a medallion, with 40 points the maximum score possible. Thankyou once again, to Gerard and Jo-Anne Quigley for their continued support in donating the medallions for these winning age group competitors.



The Yvonne Ackland Shield for the winning house was won by Flinders on 1412 points, only 47 points ahead of Eyre on 1365 and Sturt on 1235 points. Flinders house captains, Matthew Phelps, Elsie Maddern, Archie Fitzgerald and Annabelle Shirley proudly accepted the shield on behalf of their excited members.

Individual Championship Winners		
Age Group	Student	Points
8 Mixed	Mahlia Rogers	24
9 Girls	Elkie Dunbar	30
9 Boys	Dustin Siviour	37
10 Girls	Della Pedler	40
10 Boys	Jarrah Hancock	29
11 Girls	Zora Curtis	30
11 Boys	Archer Haylock	27
12 Girls	Georgia Bascombe	34
12 Boys	Oscar Dingwall	40
13 Girls	Tori Siviour	40
13 Boys	Braden Holley	40
14 Girls	Alinta Dingwall	40
14 Boys	Blake Phillips & Yarra Mickan	27
15 Girls	Sharni Blacker	30
15 Boys	Reuben Hill	37
16 Girls	Abbee Cash	35
16 Boys	Levi Chandler	37
Open Girls	Sydney Claughton	27
Open Boys	Will Blacker	37

Obviously, there are many people to thank who helped to make the Swimming Carnival a success.

- Cummins District Swimming Pool for the use of their fantastic facilities
- Pool Committee for providing amazing canteen facilities with a large range of delicious food, drinks and snacks
- Parents who assisted with timing and help in the canteen
- Swimming instructors for helping with safety and student participation
- Gerard and Jo-Anne Quigley for donating championship medallion winners
- Our school groundsmen, Dan and Ash, for getting shades, chairs and tables etc to the pool
- SSO staff who supported a number of our students with photography, timing and participation
- House captains for preparing folders, organising relay teams and general encouragement and support of their house on the day of the carnival
- Claire A for setting up the scoring technology
- Suzie for printing programs
- Year 5/6 students for designing the program covers
- Parents, grandparents and spectators for coming to watch and support the students
- School staff for supervision of students, timing, marshalling, scoring, setting up and taking down shades etc on the day
- Sports Committee (Steph, Mike, Ivko, Henry, Liam, James, Kellie, Jo, Cal, Bronny) for all their behind the scenes organisation including meetings, planning, collection of equipment etc
- Cummins Area School students, who continue to make these days successful, for their participation, engagement and encouragement of other students.

CAS CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2021

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Wk 5	22/02/21 Tammy Dunbar	23/02/21 Tara Puckridge	24/02/21	25/02/21 Kirsty Koch	26/02/21 Lucy Pedler Katrina Phelps
Wk 6	01/03/21 Alicia Laube	02/03/21	03/03/21 SPORTS DAY	04/03/21 Rachel Fuller	05/03/21 Jodi Mikan Anne Treloar
Wk 7	08/03/21 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	09/03/21	10/03/21 Danielle Meaney	11/03/21 Amanda Puckridge	12/03/21 Bri Modra Ali Coventry

CANTEEN TERM 1, 2021

Welcome to 2021 at the CAS Canteen. A big thank you to the volunteers we farewelled last year for their many years of service, as their last child finished school. Thank you to the couple new volunteers we have gained. We'd love a few more new names to add to our roster. It's a couple of hours once a term on a day that suits you, it is a great way to get to know students and help out your school community. Duties include serving, prepping and cleaning. If this sounds like you, please contact Cathy or Leanne at the School Finance Office to arrange a free Working with Children Check or if you already have one, forward it to catherine.haarsma312@schools.sa.edu.au

This term the canteen has flipped around and we are serving out of the oval side due to the building works. The kids have adjusted really well and we still have a great range of hot food, fresh fruit salads, sandwiches, slices, cupcakes, bliss balls, slushies and ice creams available. Currently hot drinks and baked potatoes have been removed from the menu whilst we have a lack of bench space.

Please ensure you have updated your child's class on the QKR! app. It is the preferred way of ordering and is quick, easy and cash-free. You can also order your child recess on QKR! which they collect during recess. A list of the primary classes is below:

F – Fleming/Dennis	1 – Ford
1/2 – Thorpe	2 – Strauss
3/4A – McCallum	3/4B – J Phelps
4/5A – Mason	5/6A – S Phelps
5/6B - Hansen	

A reminder you can find our Weekly Specials on the CAS Canteen Facebook page.

The current volunteer roster is above. **The shift time is 12noon to 2:15pm.** Please sign in at the Front Office and the staff will direct you how to access the canteen due to the build. If you can't make your shift, please arrange your own swap and advise Carrie 0427765029 or Sophie 0418813995.

We have lots of Reusable Lunch Bags for sale, you can even order one on QKR! for \$10.50 or purchase from the Finance Office. They come in blue, green, yellow, red, pink, purple and grey. Your child just pops their reusable lunch bag into their class basket in the morning and their lunch is served in that, instead of a brown paper bag, helping reduce wastage.

Kind thanks,
Carrie & Sophie

Qkr Functionally Update for Users

Please note if you are getting an error message "not able to connect to server" you will need to:

1. Reinstall the app to apply the current changes
2. You may need to reset your password.





TERM 1
12th Mar & 26th Mar

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 0429090276 if your children are being picked up at school

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CUMMINS COMMUNITY
OP SHOP

Volunteers needed


Volunteer roles include sorting and selling donated goods.


Revenue raised from the store is directed back into the Cummins and District Community. In 2020 the Op Shop donated \$24,000 to the local community.

You may volunteer for one three hour shift per month or more often. The roster is drawn up each month so if you are unavailable just let us know not to roster you on.

Application forms are available in the store

For more information contact Judy 0428867650

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ABN 79 704 403

 Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm

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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.

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