



# CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 3

## 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

### Cockaleecheie

Leon Seaman - 0429 703 030

### Douglas Well

Vince Diment - 0427 762 428

### Koppio

Dan Norbrock - 0419 031 569

### Brimpton Lake

Barry Boyce - 0418 762 319

### Yallunda Flat

Denis 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**

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Winter weather is certainly moving in with a noticeable drop in temperature both inside and outside. We have made modifications to the bus arrival and departure zones as of this morning due to the significant amount of mud that arises when you mix a building site and wet weather. Buses will now be picking up and dropping off on McFarlane Street which we appreciate does make these times more challenging for vehicles but it is another one of those "eggs you need to break to make an omelette". Naturally this change will take a bit of getting used to for some of our students but we will be assisting them with locating their buses etc. in the afternoons by lining the buses up in the same order each day.

NAPLAN testing is in full swing as of today. Students in yrs. 3,5,7,9 attempted the Writing component and will work their way through the rest of the testing over the next week. Other than the Yr. 3 Writing, the test is administered online. The results will be available and sent home to families later in the year, generally Mid-August – September. Whilst they provide a selected snapshot of one day in the education of a student, they do assist in building a profile of learning and are a valuable piece of our improvement work within the school.

Last week a number of students attended the Interschool Gymkhana with Britt Koch as their expert teacher. I'm sure the PE staff are thrilled to have a dedicated horse lover / rider on staff to take the lead in this area again! Students performed admirably and represented the school well as we would expect. Congratulations to all of you – I hope you enjoyed the chance to ride for your school.

We also sent a large squad through to Port Lincoln for the Lower Eyre Cross Country Championships. This specialised running event is one that attracts some serious competitors and again I am thrilled to say that they represented our school admirably, demonstrating the values that we would expect from Cummins Area School students.

Our Yr. 10 Agriculture students visited Cleve Area School last Friday to attend their Agriculture Expo. Whilst some of the activities replicated opportunities that they had been exposed to by Jo Franklin earlier in the year it also explored some alternatives and allowed time for the students to network with their peers from other sites.

Last Wednesday saw our Industry breakfast held at the Bowling Club. A large turnout at the Agriculture Industries session allowed us to gather large amounts of information around ways in which we could support our local

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businesses, utilise their significant knowledge and expertise and how we can better prepare our students who are keen to work in this incredibly broad sector in their future. We believe this gave us many starting points for conversations and curriculum development to modernise our Ag program. It also affirmed that SACE and the Australian Curriculum are spot on (pew) when they talk about the general skills and capabilities that they wish to see us develop in our students. Smaller groups also met with Kirsty and fed us information around the Health and Customer Service sectors. All of this will align perfectly with the new VET for Schools policy and will ensure we continue to ensure our students are Industry / work ready as well as university ready when they leave Cummins Area School.

Yr. 10 and 11 parents and students were invited to attend our Introduction to SACE evening last night. We had a fabulous turnout and the feedback from families definitely reflected the benefits of being able to access staff face to face for sessions like this after a year of online connection. It felt great to have parents back in the school for something so important. If you were unable to attend the meeting it has been filmed and Kirsty will let you know when / where to locate it.

Don't forget School photos next Tuesday. Get those haircuts ready (or in my case, those grey hairs touched up...)

Have a great fortnight!

Mel

## INDUSTRY AND EDUCATION FORUMS

As part of the new State Government priority of better outcomes for students in a world-class education system, Cummins Area School met with over 30 local businesses in a series of 4 meetings on Wednesday 5th May. The aim was to find out how the School can partner with industry to prepare our students for successful career outcomes.

During the Ag Industry & Education meeting Di Fitzgerald, the Eyre Peninsula Vocational Pathways Adviser, presented current information about how the Department for Education is

restructuring Vocational Education & Training (VET) to ensure it is fit for purpose and adequately prepares students for entry level jobs. James Pedler then presented the School's rejuvenated Agriculture curriculum which has been redeveloped by Lisa Richardson to reflect the needs of current farming practices, including the foundations of precision Ag. Group discussions were then held about the School's role in preparing young people for the wide range of job opportunities in the Ag sector and how the industry can be involved in this education.

Meetings were also held with representatives of the health industry, trades (including electrical, plumbing, engineering) and customer service (including office administration, retail, transport). Information about what skills are valued by local employers and how industry can provide opportunities for career education were discussed. A heartfelt thanks to all participants in these meetings. I will be collating all the feedback and will be planning how we can work together as a community for the best possible outcomes for our students.

The meetings were expertly catered for by Food & Hospitality students which was appreciated by all attendees.

If anyone has any questions or suggestions please get in contact with me.

Kirsty Fox  
SACE & VET co-ordinator



## AG NEWS

Plenty has been happening in Agriculture Studies this year.

**The Year 12 students** have certainly been very busy with many projects completed and several under way thanks to the support of a number of community members and businesses, who we thank very much.

- Craig Povey (AWB) assisted with the Grain Marketing assignment, providing very informative insight into the process and how to achieve maximum profit for the school grain delivered to Viterra
- George Pedler (George Pedler Ag) met with the students to assist them in preparing a Crop Plan for 2021
- Students wanted to apply gypsum to the paddocks and experiment with some ripping/discing
- Modra Earthmoving delivered gypsum to the school, Stewy Modra provided a front-end loader and Brad Blacker spread the gypsum on the required paddocks for the students
- Ramsey Bros Cummins, Curtis's Cummins very kindly supported the student's idea of ripping and discing. They supplied different implements and demonstrated how the implements work and the benefits of their use
- Marty Chandler (Nutrien Ag) organised fertiliser through Impact for the program and Brad Blacker very kindly collected and delivered
- At the moment the students are busy preparing and calibrating the school seeder and are now eagerly awaiting the start of seeding

**The Year 11 Students** have been learning about Sheep and Chemical Handling

- Thanks to Brad Claughton who provided a SAMM Ram for the students back in Oct 2020, allowing the Year 11 students to prepare the ewes for joining. The class were able to commence the year with plenty of hands on work
- Students attended a field day from Advantage Feeder at Simon Giddings' farm discussing feeding regimes for pregnant ewes and creeping systems for lambs
- Amy Kerley (Amy Kerley Scanning Services) demonstrated pregnancy testing on the ewes, allowing the students to use her equipment. Fortunately, the results were very positive with several ewes testing positive to twins and all

except two of the remaining ewes are pregnant with a single lamb. A very successful joining period

- Ben Franklin came along to shear the ewes and provided some hands-on instruction to the students on shearing while Ash Franklin (Farm manager) provided additional information on shed handling (throwing a fleece, skirting etc) and wool classing
- Students have been mixing feed and caring for the ewes during pregnancy and lambing. A very successful lambing has occurred with a 90% lambing rate.
- Pringles Crouch invited the students to a Precision Ag demonstration afternoon at Slater's farm, which gave them hands on experience and an opportunity to observe precision spraying machinery and new auto steer technology in tractors
- Ash has assisted with the chemical handling and safety section of the course, including stocktaking and recording, and all students are sitting the test in week 2 this term

**The Year 10 students**, of which there are 22, have been studying Work Health & Safety and Fencing Units. They are about to become involved with sheep work and a Crop Science Investigators Competition run by the ARC Industrial Transformation Research Hub

- The students produced videos based on working safely and keeping the Ag area safe
- Students studied necessary Tractor Safety and Maintenance, producing posters and working through tractor safety scenarios along with doing a test
- Ash is assisting us in demonstrating necessary maintenance procedures
- The students have also studied all things fencing and during their practical sessions have been involved in repairing and establishing fences around the Ag farm area
- A big thanks to Ross Kerr who allowed us to borrow his posthole digger for these projects



## LEP District Sapsasa Cross Country

Mild, calm weather conditions prevailed for the annual Lower Eyre Peninsula District Sapsasa Cross Country Day at Pioneer Park, Port Lincoln. Approximately 140 students, from seven different schools, completed the course. 10 year old runners ran 2km and the 11, 12 and 13 year old runners completed a 3km course. The hilly, gravel course challenged the Cummins students who were use to running on our flat, grassed oval but to their credit, all of the 20 Cummins competitors completed the course.

Stand out competitors from Cummins who won medals were - Zack Modra 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 11 year old boys, April Wagner 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 12 year old girls and Harry Kross 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 13 years boys. These three competitors have been invited to compete in the Sapsasa Cross Country event in June at the Oakbank Racecourse, in Adelaide.

### Results

10 year old boys - Jarrah Hancock (13<sup>th</sup> in 10:07 min)

10 year old girls - Della Pedler (5<sup>th</sup> in 10:27 min), Bella Maynard, Lily Klemm

11 year old boys - Zack Modra (2<sup>nd</sup> in 12:10 min), Bryn Pugsley, Larry Fitzgerald, Lochie Hazelgrove, Archer Haylock

11 year old girls - Taleah Turner (14<sup>th</sup> in 16:54 min)

12 year old boys - Archie Fitzgerald (6<sup>th</sup> in 12:47 min), Isaac Pertzelt, Oscar Dingwall, Archer Hill

12 year old girls - April Wagner (3<sup>rd</sup> in 13:41 min), Annabelle Shirley

13 year old boys - Harry Kross (2<sup>nd</sup> in 11:37 min), Marlon Claughton, Ashton Hancock, Lachy Hancock

The well planned day was organised by St Joseph's School. Thank you to the parents who transported their children to the event and encouraged and supported the Cummins students. Sincere thanks to Emma Hancock who

drove the bus for the majority of the Cummins runners.

Bronny Fitzgerald (Cummins Area School Sapsasa Coordinator)



Medal winners - Harry Kross, April Wagner & Zack Modra

If students require a letter from the Principal confirming their residential address for Learner's permit applications, please ask your child to see Tanya in the Front Office to request this a few days prior to needing it.

Thankyou

## INTER SCHOOL GYMKHANA

Cummins Area School had a very successful day yesterday competing at the Eyre Peninsula Inter-School Gymkhana, coming home with countless individual places and overall second place in the secondary section.

It was yet another day that as a teacher I sat back with pride, as I watched each of the competing students display great resilience, kindness, teamwork and most importantly a willingness to have a go at all opportunities presented to them on the day.

Thank you to all the organisers and parents for all their support.

Brittany Koch



## COMMUNITY NEWS



Term 2

14<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 25<sup>th</sup> June

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



YOUTH GROUP

Cummins Yeelanna Youth Group

Presents it's new name: EPIC Youth Group  
'Encouraging People In Christ'

**Term 2 Dates**

**6.30 - 8.30pm meal and drinks provided**

**Week 3 - Friday 14th May**

Live Life Loud

**Week 4 - Friday 21st May**

Master Chef

**Week 8 - Friday 18th June**

Bonfire

**Week 10 - Friday 2nd July**

Movie Night

Consent forms will need to be filled out at your first Youth Group session.

### COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER RATES

Posters up to 1/4 of a page - \$22 (incl GST). This is the maximum size for an article or notice. Rate adjusted according to space used; Minimum charge \$5.50 plus GST for up to 5 lines. Payment will need to be made to the finance office prior to inclusion. 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](mailto:dl.0754_info@schools.sa.edu.au)

**Repeat Ads can only be inserted for 2 weeks.**



# LIBRARY NEWS



**National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)** is back for its 21st year! This year, NSS takes place on **Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 11am** from the International Space Station.

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual event held in **Library and Information Week** in Australia and New Zealand. The event is organised by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) with the aim of promoting the value of reading and literacy.

Each year an Australian picture book is chosen to be read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the nations on either side of the Tasman Sea.

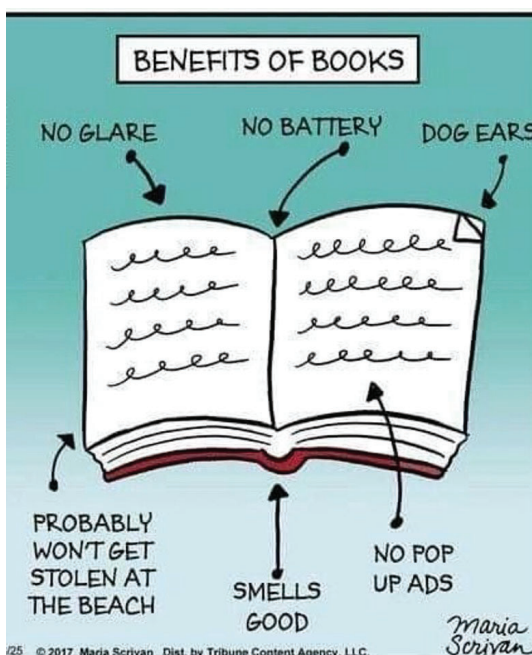
The book selected for this year's simultaneous story time is *Give Me Some Space!* written and illustrated by Philip Bunting and published by Scholastic Australia. It is fiction but also includes some interesting facts about space.

*"Una dreams of a life in Space. Life on Earth is just so so-so. But how will she get there? And will she complete her mission to discover life in Space? And did she remember to feed Neil the goldfish?"*

What is really exciting about story time this year, is that the book is going to be read by astronaut Dr Shannon Walker from the International Space Station. Isn't that just out of this world? You can meet Shannon Walker NASA astronaut at <https://youtu.be/9zj5-KzHJrY>.



To take part in the day, Cummins School Community Library [Facebook](#) page at **11am next Wednesday 19 May** to watch the story being read.



## CAS CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 2021

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
<b>Wk 1</b>	<b>10/05/21</b> Bec Habner	<b>11/05/21</b>	<b>12/05/21</b> Bronny Pearce	<b>13/05/21</b> Rhianna Foster	<b>14/05/21</b> Ali Coventry Bernie Cretty*
<b>Wk 4</b>	<b>17/05/21</b> Renae Nettle	<b>18/05/21</b>	<b>19/05/21</b> BJ Moroney	<b>20/05/21</b> Jodi Klemm	<b>21/05/21</b> Rosii Pedler Brooke Pugsley*
<b>Wk 5</b>	<b>24/05/21</b> Tammy Dunbar	<b>25/05/21</b>	<b>26/05/21</b>	<b>27/05/21</b> Sara Doudle	<b>28/05/21</b> Lucy Pedler Katrina Phelps*

## CANTEEN TERM 1, 2021

Welcome to Term 2 at the canteen. This term we welcome our new volunteers and thank our returning volunteers. The canteen continues to operate out of the oval side of the building while the building works continue.

PLEASE NOTE there are new shift times for volunteers as outlined below. If you would like to begin volunteering at the school canteen, please let Carrie or Sophie know. Then contact Cathy or Leanne at the School Finance Office to arrange a free Working with Children Check or if you already have one, please forward it to:

[catherine.haarsma312@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:catherine.haarsma312@schools.sa.edu.au)

Volunteering at the canteen is a great way to get to know the students and help out your school community. Duties include serving at lunchtime, prepping food and cleaning up.

A reminder you can find our *Weekly Specials* on the **CAS Canteen Facebook page**. Keep an eye out this term for the reintroduction of homemade soup and bread rolls as the weather starts to cool down.

The QKR! App is the preferred way to order recess and lunch for your child. It is quick, easy and cash free. Just ensure you have selected the correct class for your child, so their lunch ends up at the right place.

The current volunteer roster is above. Please sign in at the Front Office and 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.

**Starting time Monday – Thursday 12noon to 2:15pm**

**Friday starting time 11:50am to 2pm**

**\*Friday starting time 12:30pm to 2:15pm**

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

**PLEASE NOTE – we have a NEW Canteen IOU' Option on QKR where parents and staff can make payment for Canteen IOU's – this option will appear when you go to the screen to select recess or lunch menus. QKR then forwards an email directly to Leanne Vigar to notify the IOU is paid.**

### 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.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

**Tuesday 18 May 2021**

**ORDER NOW go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code  
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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique **9 digit advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at [www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)



## Cummins Area School Uniform



142 Port Road, Hindmarsh South Australia 5007

Phone: 1300 123 609 or 08 7132 0001

[sport@sportscentre.com.au](mailto:sport@sportscentre.com.au)

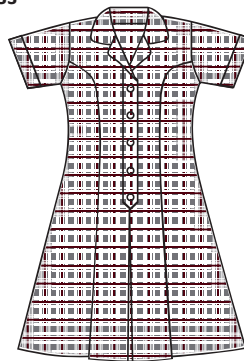
**Custom Boss Top**  
PBT1



**School Polo**  
Aussie Pacific 1304



**Girls Dress**  
PN77



**Elastic Waist Trousers**  
Bocini CK1306



**Microfibre Track Pants**  
JB WEAR 7WUZP



**Girls Skort**  
Bocini CK1305



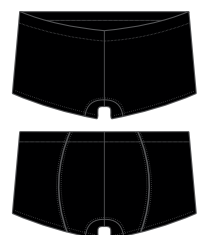
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Australian Early Development Census

## School newsletter (external)

### Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

In early 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

Some teachers have also noticed that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole and that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing class programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au).

If you have any questions, you can contact Mel Degner.