

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

Sharon Arnold - 0447 820 519

Cockaleechie

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

As I write this I am sure there are a lot of happier farmers out there hopping onto their machinery and heading into seeding at full speed instead of the hesitant pace we have witnessed over the last month or so. The rain was at least some compensation for the winds we endured on Monday.



Things continue to be moving at a hard and fast pace here at Cummins Area School. Since our last newsletter we have completed 494 out of the 499 NAPLAN tests that were programmed to be sat in the two weeks of NAPLAN testing. This was a massive organisational effort from Mike and involved a lot of flexibility from staff and students. Whilst there are a range of views and opinions and beliefs around this testing, it does provide a crucial snippet of your child's learning that assists us to form an overall pattern of the learning needs of the children here at CAS when placed in context alongside of a number of other sources of information that we use. Results will be available and sent home to families in August.

School photos are also a mammoth organisational task. The logistics are quite intricate and I would like to acknowledge the significant planning and oversight of Tanya Chandler around this event. It is difficult to describe the organised chaos of this day - hyped up students, teachers and SSO's keeping said children settled and clean, the over smilers, reluctant smilers. staff requiring multiple photos until they can no longer see wrinkles and multiple chins (or was that just me???) and just the general sense of comradery that comes as you line up with your peers for what is the capturing of a precious memory that will be looked over for many a year. Thanks again to Tanya and her band of helpers who ensured the day ran smoothly.

National Simultaneous Story time was held last week and we joined students from around Australia. This year was a very special event as the story, "Give me some Space" was read from the international Space Station by astronaut Dr Shannon Walker. Who would have predicted that this generation would have access to such amazing experiences?

Interschool Sport continues to roll through and last week we had a number of students attend the Open Boys Football and Yr. 8-10 Girls netball events in Port Lincoln. As I would expect the students represented our school with pride and exhibited school values and sportsmanship in their efforts. Great work to all involved.

Today is National Sorry Day which marks the beginning of Reconciliation Week. This is a very special week for all people of Aboriginal and Torres

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Strait Islander descent but this year I am particularly proud to see our 16 ATSI students taking the lead in planning the week alongside of our Aboriginal Education teacher Donna Bagshaw and ACEO Toni Mahoney. They have planned a full week of activities and experiences all of which have been suggested by and coordinated by the students. This morning we will be on a Reconciliation walk all dressed in the colours of the Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander flags and next week there will be cookouts of damper and kangaroo, along with sharing of information through Pastoral Care and Home Group teachers. A highlight for me has been the production of an Acknowledgement of Country where our students have shared the heritage of which they are so proud. What a fabulous way for us to learn together as a school community.

Mel

GOVERNING COUNCIL UPDATE

All of our Governing Council positions have now been filled, with thanks to Del Meaney (Vice Chair) and Bec Habner (Treasurer).

At our last meeting, Mike Ford presented to our group with information on R-6 teaching & learning processes, with current focus being literacy.

The governing council was advised of potential changes to current bus routes and encouraged more consultation and feedback from families affected, which will occur in coming weeks. With a large percentage of our students catching the bus, it is imperative that we have this service running most effectively.

Kris Speed Governing Council Chair

PASTORAL CARE REPORT TERM 1

Our wonderful Pastoral Care Worker has been very busy over the past Term with her valued work in our school with Students, parents, staff and our Cummins community.

Mardi has taken on a new Moto for 2021, which is becoming the year of the Build - Again!! And

while the school is currently going through another build and the feeling of a disjointed facility due to the redevelopment and no real office space available, she has been spreading herself around all areas of the school to help and support our students and teachers.

Our Year 12's were very fortunate to experience the SMG "Balancing the Big Year" which is such an important seminar for these students in their final year at Cummins Area School.

A visit to Tumby Bay earlier in the Term with the Year 11's for the annual RAP Driving Safety Program saw our students experiencing this confronting session, but very a very worthwhile program for all potential drivers to be a part of.

Mardi has been assisting the new Reception class students in their Computing sessions each Tuesday and has been seeing great improvement from our youngest students.

A very successful Shrove Tuesday – Pancake cook up, back in March out the front of the Uniting Church with many of our community members and local business's supporting our cause and donations of over \$700.00 were received. Our local IGA – Anna and Adam Richardson also kindly donated all of the grocery items required to make the delicious pancakes.

Our Religious Instructions have also returned in our school with Junior and Primary students benefitting from Mardi and her Instructors delivering these valuable lessons and the community support for these lessons to commence has been very encouraging.

Philip Bryce our SMG Regional Manager – will be here at the Cummins Area School on Tues, 8th June to do Mardi's Annual Review. It is worthy to note that this will be her 10th review and how valuable she has become to our school and its community over these many years.

Mardi would like to thank all the Churches for their continued support – financially and spiritually and providing the people when needed and the amazing support network.

THANK YOU!





To our local

'Cummins Thrifty-Link Hardware'

who generously donated the clay for our Foundation students to sculpt some beautiful pots for Mother's Day!









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LIBRARY NEWS



Libraries are about books and so much more! Our local library connects you to our community, offers programs and learning experiences for people at all stages of life, and provides free internet access that helps people find information and services and keep in touch with family and friends.

Over the past decade, successive State Governments have contributed more than \$185 million to council libraries, including school community libraries, but funding for libraries has not yet been announced. The current agreement is due to expire in June 2021. The Local Government Library (LGA) is asking for State Government funding to be maintained in this new agreement, with indexation applied.

Funding for public libraries is a sound investment. Recent research shows that for every dollar invested in libraries, there is \$2.80 worth of benefit delivered back into the community. Any reduction in State Government funding would impact the range of library programs and services our council provides to our community.

So, if you are passionate about our wonderful library and all it has to offer, make your voice heard.



LGA have developed a webpage that will allow you to send a template email to our local member of parliament. The webpage is available at: https:// www.lga.sa.gov.au/sa-councils/library-dollars-make-sense. It's live and ready to go.

If you would prefer to send a hard copy letter, a template letter is available from the library for you to sign and post.

CAS CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 2021					
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	24/05/21	25/05/21	26/05/21	27/05/21	28/05/21
Wk 5	Tammy Dunbar			Sara Doudle	Lucy Pedler Katrina Phelps*
	31/05/21	01/06/21	02/06/21	03/06/21	04/06/21
Wk 6			Tara Puckridge		Jodi Mickan Anne Treloar
	07/06/21	08/06/21	09/06/21	10/06/21	11/06/21
Wk 7	Marika Giddings			Amanda Puckridge	Bri Modra Coreyanne Wait

CANTEEN TERM 2, 2021

CAS Canteen update 2021

Term 2 - Week 5

We are already nearly halfway through Term 2 and the weather is finally starting to cool down, which means SOUP and HOT MILO are back on the menu.

PLEASE NOTE there are new shift times for our wonderful 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

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**. 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. You can also now pay off canteen debts via an IOU option on the opening screen of the QKR! App.

The current volunteer roster is below. 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

Qkr Functionally Update for Users

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

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



ISYOUR CHILD FEELING VINNELL?



For their health and for ours, please keep them home to rest and recover

For more information, visit **covid-19.sa.gov.au**

