

# CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 9



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the 2022 school year draws to an end, there is much to reflect upon and learn from through what has been a busy, challenging year at Cummins Area School. We have all learned a lot – staff and students included- and will take these lessons with us as we move into 2023.

Amongst the many highlights of the last few weeks has been the Primary Awards assembly, where students were recognised on the basis of our school values and significant awards such as the Mike Ford Primary Meritorious Awards and Wendy McWhinnie Literacy award were presented. We were treated to some fabulous tunes from our Instrumental Music students and farewelled Mr Ford together. Once again it was a great opportunity to get families back into the school and we look forward to rebuilding these connections in 2023.

This time of the year is always challenging as we find ourselves farewelling staff who are off to new adventures. These staff members have put in many hours of work to ensure quality outcomes for our students and we know that they will continue to make a difference no matter what school or workplace they enter. Massive thanks to Jo Franklin, Britt Koch, Liam Cocks, Hannah Patterson, Kiara Freeman, Candy Kerr, Kirsty Breed, Paula Britza and Abbey Degner. I have no doubt that we will see some of these faces back here on staff in the near future, but for now, good luck to you all.

We also farewell two of our leadership team. Emily Seaman is heading back to Wudinna with her family and leaves a preschool that she has lifted to exceptional levels of quality, with her practices being showcased across the partnership. Thanks for all that you have done in preparing our students for school, Emily. We have been lucky to have you!

It is hard to adequately acknowledge the career of Mike Ford as he embarks on new adventures after 40 years of contribution to the education of children in rural SA. I have had the privilege of working alongside this man for 20 years and would struggle to name someone more dedicated to improving learning outcomes for all students. He has been an innovator in education and inspiring to those that have worked with him. Students talk about his great lessons, commitment to them as people and a sense of trust that he has their best interests at heart. He has lead the Primary / JP team with enthusiasm and drive and not only talks the talk but walks the walk. Mike will be missed for all of the above reasons and leaves massive shoes to fill. Good luck, Mike. Enjoy your new role.

Reports will be emailed out on Friday and letters will be sent home with information re 2023 Home classes and book collection etc.

As always, thank you all for your support throughout the year and wishing you all a quick and plentiful harvest, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing our fabulous students all back onsite on Monday, January 30th, 2023.

Mel



## GOVERNING SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Governing School Council met on Tuesday 6th December for the final time for 2022.

Thankyou to all of those who voted in the Material and Services Poll. By all reports the online system worked well. The votes were de-identified and counted and voting for years both F-6 and years 7-12 were in favour of the increase in fees as suggested by the Governing Council. The fees of F-Year 6: \$384 and Years 7-12: \$470 are now set as compulsory for 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this process or the outcome, please feel free to contact any member of the Governing Council. This fee increase allows our school to improve the resources available to our children, so thankyou for your support.

At our meeting, Governing School Council also gave consideration to submissions regarding our school uniform. As most of you will be aware, to date the school has been unable to source an appropriate standard grey pant. As a result, many children are already wearing black pants or shorts.

Recent efforts to address this issue have again been unsuccessful, and our uniform supplier is unable to provide us with a grey custom made or off the shelf option.

Many students are already wearing black pants or shorts due to difficulties sourcing grey alternatives, and it is difficult for school staff to enforce the current grey bottoms when availability is challenging.

As a result, Governing School Council have voted in favour of trialling black OR grey bottoms in 2023. All other uniform items will remain the same.

Our Uniform Policy will be updated to reflect the change.

We hope to reform our uniform committee (which has been in recess) in 2023 and work towards having suitable options in both black and grey available through Sportscentre.

If you are interested in being involved in this committee, please get in contact with me.

In addition, there has been some discussion amongst members of our school community in regard to improving the outdoor play space/playgrounds/fencing within our school.

School Council would like to support the formation of a working party who will explore what this might look like and look at available funding options.

We have a couple of parents who have already shown an interest but would love to hear from anyone who is interested in being involved.

This is a great opportunity to have a positive impact on your children's school outdoor play spaces so please get in contact if you would like more information.

Governing School Council's AGM will take place on Tuesday of Week 4, Term 1 and I would encourage you to come along and be a part of this valuable committee.

As always, please email [casgoverningcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:casgoverningcouncil@gmail.com) with any feedback. Happy and safe holidays to everyone.

Danielle Meaney  
Chairperson

## PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to our Junior Primary & Primary Students who were presented their awards at our Primary Assembly in week 7.

### Mike Ford Primary Meritorious Awards

Ellie-Mae Hancock, year 6

Zack Modra, year 6

### Sam Telfer MP Student Award

Eva Agars, year 6

### Wendy McWhinnie Literacy Award

Jimmy Wedd, year 2

## SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

### Foundation - Miss Georgia

**Integrity** - Wyatt Wagner

**Courage** - Knox Blacker

**Personal Excellence** - Henry Mickan

**Community** - Fleur Andrew

### Year 1A - Mrs Kerr

**Integrity** - Emily Boehm

**Courage** - Orrin Modra

**Personal Excellence** - Zac Traeger

**Community** - Aubrey Pedler

### Year 2A - Miss Thorpe

**Integrity** - Ellie Moroney

**Courage** - Jett Letton

**Personal Excellence** - Tyrese Charnock

**Community** - Lacey Phelps

### Year 2/3A - Mrs Phelps

**Integrity** - Harlee Puckridge

**Courage** - Elyza Phillips

**Personal Excellence** - Maggie Pedler

**Community** - Chase Branson

### Year 3/4A - Miss Freeman

**Integrity** - Mlla Head

**Courage** - Cyril Pedler

**Personal Excellence** - Marlee Puckridge

**Community** - Rocco Gale

### Year 3/4B - Miss Strauss

**Integrity** - Haidee Holman

**Courage** - Levi Roach

**Personal Excellence** - Ruby Pugsley

**Community** - Hadley Modra

### Year 5/6A - Mrs McCallum

**Integrity** - Jarrah Hancock

**Courage** - Daniel Wright

**Personal Excellence** - Paige Hansen

**Community** - Jordan Branson



**Year 5/6B - Mrs Phelps**  
**Integrity** - Ciarna Klemm  
**Courage** - Grace Richardson  
**Personal Excellence** - Taleah Turner  
**Community** - Eva Agars

**Year 5/6C - Mrs Hansen**  
**Integrity** - Kade Doudle  
**Courage** - Erin Eagle  
**Personal Excellence** - Jax Foster  
**Community** - Lily Klemm







## SAPSASA REVIEW 2022

Cummins Area School has had a very busy year in 2022 with involvement in Sapsasa. With Year 7 students being part of secondary schools, the team events are now for Year 5 and 6 students.

Cummins had 29 students who were selected in teams which travelled to Adelaide to compete in teams over three days or one day carnivals. These 29 students were selected in 11 different sporting teams.

2 students competed in LEP District days in Port Lincoln while 89 students participated in carnivals for Year 3/4 classes or Year 5/6 classes held in Tumby Bay or Cummins.

Bronny Fitzgerald (Cummins Sapsasa Coordinator)

## SAPSASA - LEP DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday, 25th November, five primary students competed in the annual LEP Sapsasa District Swimming Carnival held at the Port Lincoln Pool. Oisin Fox, Dustin Siviour, Elkie Dunbar, Gus Puckridge and Aoibheann Fox competed in various stroke races during the day.

### Results

Dustin had a great day coming first in the 11 boys 50 metres freestyle (20 seconds ahead of the second place swimmer), first in 50 metres breaststroke and first in 50 metres backstroke. He was also second in the 11 years mixed 50 metres butterfly and third in Open boys 100 metres freestyle.

Oisin came away with two ribbons - second in the 13 boys 50 metres freestyle and third in the 50 metres backstroke.

Aoibheann won a third ribbon in the 10 & under girls breaststroke.

All students got plenty of swimming during the day and enjoyed the chance to compete against other students from various schools on the Lower Eyre Peninsula.

Thankyou to Kirsty Fox who managed the team and Tori and Lucy Siviour for their help during the day.

**Our 2022 School Magazine has arrived & will be sent home with students this week. A small number of copies is still available for purchase.**





## PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2022

Cummins Area School Students participated in the SA Premier's Reading Challenge this year. Students need to read 12 books during the Challenge timeline and ensure that they record both the Title and Author of each book read on their entry form. Here are some photos of excited students receiving their Certificates and Medals upon completing the Reading Challenge.



Students who committed to recording their extra reading efforts were presented with a Certificate recently in front of their peers.

In total 31 of our students chose to participate in our Cummins School Community Library competition. All entrants were in the running to receive one of 5 book prizes. Book prize winners were Kady Koch, Roy Phelps, Ciarna Klemm, Paige Hansen and Bella Richardson.



Well done to all students who completed the 2022 Premier's Reading Challenge and we look forward to promoting the benefits of reading in the 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Kerry Cabot  
2022 Premier's Reading Challenge Coordinator



This year Cummins Area School students were encouraged to keep recording the books that they read, after completing their 12 books required for the Premier's Reading Challenge. This resulted in some impressive insights into the commitment to reading from our students.

Students had the choice to also keep a tally of the number of pages that they had read as part of their regular reading



Year 7 student Kady Koch amassed an impressive tally of 35,000+ pages. For this amazing dedication to reading, Kady was presented with a Book prize.





## TERM 4 2022 - CANTEEN REPORT

A big thank you to all our wonderful Canteen volunteers who have helped Carrie and Sandra over the past year. We are very grateful for all their help, time and support given each week and ensuring that our Canteen runs smoothly and all our staff, students and visitors have wonderful healthy and wholesome cooked recess and lunch options.

However, we are desperate for more available names to work on our roster from our school and local community and if you can spare a few hours once a term on any day please contact Catherine Haarsma on Catherine.Haarsma312@schools.sa.edu.au.

All of our canteen volunteers require a Working with Children Check and these can be easily obtained if you do not already have one. Please visit <https://screening.sa.gov.au/applications/application-information-for-individuals> and ensure that you tick the Volunteer option in the process.

Starting times for our volunteers have now changed slightly so please note:

**Monday – Thursday:** 11.30am – 2.15pm

**Fridays only**

1st Shift : 11.30am – 2.00pm

2nd Shift: 12.00 noon – 2.15pm

The Canteen also has it we have also Reusable Lunch Bags for \$10.50 in some great colours and are available for purchase either via the Finance Office, on QKR App or by visiting the Canteen. Our QKR App is still the preferred way to order recess and lunch for your child and it a very quick, easy and cash-free option but we will still accept cash orders. It also important to note that when the school term is finished that you update your QKR app information with your children going into new classes and this information needs to be updated before the start of 2023 school year.

## CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL MERCHANDISE

We have plenty of stock available from the Finance Office for any new 2023 students and replacements for any old and possible Xmas Gifts. Please see Leanne Vigar or Cathy Haarsma to purchase any of the School stock.

**CAS Maroon Hats - \$12.00**

**CAS Maroon School Bag – Small - \$42.00**

**CAS Maroon School Bag – Large - \$62.00**

**Art Smock – Maroon - \$18.70**

**Pencil Case – Maroon - \$6.50**

**CAS Library Bag - \$10.00**

Our CAS Canteen has available reusable LUNCH BAGS in various colours which are available from our Finance Office for \$10.50 and via the QKR app also.

## 2023 TERM 1 SPORTING DATES

- Week 3 Friday 17th February - CAS Year 3-12 Swimming Carnival
- Week 5 Wednesday 1st March - CAS Year F-12 Sports Day
- Week 9 Thursday 30th March - LEP Sapsasa Track & Field Carnival @ Port Lincoln
- Week 10 Monday 3rd April - EEPASSA Interschool Athletics @ Kimba





# CUMMINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY



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**EXPLORE OUR MANY ONLINE SERVICES**

**WWW.LIBRARIES.SA.GOV.AU/CUMMINS**

**PHONE US ON 86762476 FOR INFORMATION**

**LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS**

MON.: CLOSED  
TUE.: 9.00AM - 5.00PM  
WED.: 9.00AM - 5.00PM  
THUR.: 9.00AM - 6.00PM  
FRI.: 9.00AM - 5.00PM  
SAT.: 9.00 - 12.00 NOON  
LUNCH DAILY @ 1.30 - 2.30

**CLOSING FRIDAY, 23 DEC. AT 5.00PM,  
RE-OPENING TUESDAY JAN. 3 AT 9.00AM**

All of the Cummins Library staff would like to sincerely thank the school and community who visit and support our library throughout the year.

We truly appreciate your company, ongoing contributions, and engagement with various programs, to ensure our library continues to deliver the best possible service to all.

Wishing everyone a very, safe and happy festive season  
and looking forward to your company in 2023

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 10 HOURS	 2 HOURS	 1 HOUR	 15 HOURS	 1 HOUR

There are plenty of ebooks and audio books available for children, young adults and adults, available on the Library apps, BorrowBox and Libby.

All you need is your library card number and pin, which we are happy to assist you with. It is literally like having a Library in your pocket, and perfect for summer holidays!

## BOOK AMNESTY

We truly appreciate your assistance in returning all outstanding student library and text books, to enable a fresh start for borrowing over the school holidays..

Please feel free to contact us for any information about your children's account, we are more than happy to help.

## Book Amnesty

It's nearing the end of the year, and time for our annual stocktake. We would love your assistance, by returning all outstanding student library and text books, to clear accounts before borrowing afresh for the summer holidays.

Long term overdue and fines will be overlooked and gratefully received.

Feel free to contact us for any assistance.



## BYOD LAPTOP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS YR 7-12

All students from Year 7 to Year 12 are required to supply their own laptop for use at school.

We ask that ALL purchases of new laptops for school use, for all year levels, be made via the School Ordering Portal. This alleviates the current issue of the many varied devices being purchased which do not meet the required minimum specifications for use at school.

The online Order Portal provides families with a variety of suitable devices which meet the required specifications, including some accessories, insurance and finance options. The devices found on the portal have been chosen for their battery performance, durability of cases, network compatibility and based on recommendations from industry experts. Please visit: <https://cummins.orderportal.com.au>

Other considerations when purchasing a device for your student:

- Insurance: check your home contents insurance to see if the device will be covered
- Transport between home and school: device should be carried in a sturdy protective bag away from food & water bottles
- Charging: Students must charge their device at home and bring it to school every day fully charged. (Personal power adapters are not to be used at school unless Tag Tested).
- Students have access to Microsoft Office 365 via their School email account at no cost, providing access to Word, Excel, Powerpoint, One Drive etc. There is no need to purchase this software separately.
- Whilst enrolled at school, students are connected to the school provided internet and are protected by a significant Departmental filtering system that prevents access to many harmful or malicious sites. According to Cummins Area School ICT Acceptable Use Policy, students may use the internet only for learning related activities that are approved by a teacher.
- It is the responsibility of the student / parent / caregiver to setup the Home-Internet connection on the device.
- Students must perform 'Software Updates' on the device as they become available in order to install the latest virus definitions and security patches.
- Students will use OneDrive provided through Office 365 which safeguards work from being lost on a USB etc. Students are also strongly encouraged to backup necessary files in numerous locations, including via email where appropriate. Technology failure is not an approved circumstance for extensions at Cummins Area School.

*\*Device chosen must take into consideration the types of subjects the student is studying eg; Design related subjects may require an i7 (Senior High School students)*

*\*\*Please note; Apple devices are not recommended for use in our school environment as they are not compatible with our school network and will impact your child's ability to access school services such as printing. Apple devices will not be supported by the School IT Department.*

If you have any questions or concerns, including concerns about financial hardship please do not hesitate to contact the school on 8676 2388.



### Easy Graphical Comparison

To help parents choose the right device we use easy to understand graphic icons to help parents compare units using a side by side comparison of key specifications to help their choice.



### \$100 Deposit to Secure a Device

We offer parents a \$100 deposit option to secure a device and let them pay much closer to the delivery date.



### Quick Delivery

Many education devices are considered to be a special build and often have lengthy lead times. LWT work with our suppliers and bring in thousands of devices upfront so students can have them in a week rather than months.



### Dedicated BYOD Hotline

To ensure parents calling us get to the right person, we have a dedicated hotline just for BYOD related calls. Parents can call us with ordering, payment and delivery enquiries on 1300 839 605.



### Hassle Free Quick Onsite Servicing

The student environment often leads to a higher number of repairs. Onsite support at the school greatly reduces frustrations for parents. Getting a retail device repaired usually takes weeks and quite often requires the parent to take time out of their day.



### 12 Month Interest Free or 36 Month Payment Plans

We recommend 36-month payment plans that are approved online via Latitude. These plans not only help spread the cost for parents but are designed so the device is fully paid for at the end of the 36 month period.



### Pick up close to home or work

Our site lets parents pick their Auspost Collection Point so they can choose to pick the device up near home or near their work which ever is easier for them (must be decided by the school).



### Wide range of payment options

We provide a wide range of online payment methods. Please note Credit Card and PAYPAL payments incur a 1% surcharge.





## COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE

# Cummins Christmas Festival

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 16**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
ANNUAL CUMMINS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL  
INCLUDING:  
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# GET OUT MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE  
**APRIL 1, 2023**  
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Free Entry  
All Ages

Food  
Entertainment  
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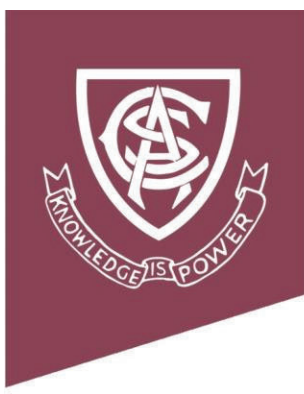
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December, 2022

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Students in Year 7 to Year 10 require a scientific calculator to support their learning in Mathematics and at times in other subjects.

The *Casio FX-82AU Plus II 2nd Edition* scientific calculator can be purchased through the school for a cost of \$38.15. Alternatively, students can provide their own scientific calculator.

Please complete and return the tear off section to the Finance Office or you can phone the Finance Office accompanied by an EFT payment. Paid Calculators can be collected with 2023 Student book packs on Book Collection day (TBA)

Regards

John Wood  
Middle School Maths Teacher

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**Please return to the Finance Office or contact by phone accompanied by an EFT payment.**

I wish to order a *Casio FX-82AU Plus 2* scientific calculator for \$38.15.

I will provide my own scientific calculator.

**BSB: 633-000**

**ACC: 112 105 770**

**REFERENCE: student's name**

Student name:..... Home group: .....

Signed Parent / Caregiver: .....



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