



# CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 1

## BUS DRIVERS

### Warrow

Ben McCracken -  
0466 618 786

### Mt Hope

Kym Griffiths -  
0400 667 472

### Karkoo

Susan Hughes -  
0477 088 043

### Wanilla

Mardi Green -  
0427 876 049

### Cockaleechie

Leon Seaman -  
0429 703 030

### Douglas Well

Vince Diment -  
0427 762 428

### Koppio/Yallunda Flat

Helen Robinson -  
0428 885 017

### Brimpton Lake

Barry Boyce -  
0418 762 319

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

UHF channel 10

## CONTACT US

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2023 School Year.

We have had a fabulous Day 1 and it was great to have all of our students, old and new, onsite to start the year together. Our Foundation students spent some time with their Yr. 12 buddies as we started building the relationships to assist a smooth transition to the school environment.

We have been fortunate to start the year fully staffed across both the School and Preschool. I'd like to welcome the following new staff to our site and hope that they enjoy their time here working within our school community.

Boyd West – Deputy Principal

Louise Barker – Inclusion Support Coordinator

Andrew Casanova – Middle School HPE & Maths

Indiah VanDoorn – Foundation

Lanie Williams – Yr. 3/4

Alyssa Gale, Kayla Fielke, Cath Hazelgrove, Lucy May Enright – SSO

Shenara Reid – ACEO

Term 1 is always busy and there are some key dates to lock in already, with Swimming Carnival, Sports Day and A student Free Day all booked in. It is also worth noting that NAPLAN testing shifts to March this year rather than August. This will ensure that this snapshot of learning will be available to us in a timelier manner to be used as one of many tools to inform our teaching.

Staff spent last week looking at our Site Improvement Plan and aligning the strategies to support improvement in writing. We also began preparations for our movement into Continuous reporting. This format will ensure parents are kept up to date with their child/ren's progress throughout the year, with work and feedback uploaded to Xuno so that you are able to build a picture of how your child is travelling in a continuous manner and work with us to put in place support strategies as required and celebrate successes as they arrive.

Xuno is our new whole site communication model. An invite will have been sent to the email supplied to the school to join and it enables you to see your child's timetable, assignments and communicate with staff. There will no doubt be bumps as we roll it out, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions on how to navigate the system. We believe it will be an incredible addition to the school environment as it takes hold.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or questions around your child's education. We look forward to working with you and your families in 2023.

Regards  
Mel





## 2023 SAPSASA PROGRAM OUTLINE

SAPSASA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS/CARNIVALS HELD IN ADELAIDE			
TERM	WEEK	DATES	EVENT
1	10	Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th April	Softball (Boys & Girls)
2	1	Friday 5th May	Swimming (Boys & Girls)
	4	Monday 22nd May to Wednesday 24th May	Australian Football (Boys & Girls)
	6	Thursday 8th June	Cross County (Boys & Girls)
	8	Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd (TBC)	Hockey (Boys & Girls)
	9	Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th June	Netball
3	4	Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th August	Football (Soccer) (Boy & Girls)
	7	Thursday 7th & Friday 8th September (TBC)	Golf (Boys & Girls)
	9	Monday 18th September	Track and Field (Boys & Girls)
4	4	Tuesday 7th to Thursday 9th November	Cricket (Girls)
	5	Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th November	Cricket (Boys)
	6	Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th November	Tennis (Boys & Girls)

Students in Years 5 and 6 may nominate for teams, including Softball (boys & girls), Cricket (boys & girls), Tennis (boys & girls), AFL (boys & girls), Netball, Soccer (boys & girls), Hockey (boys & girls). These events are 3 day carnivals in Adelaide.

Boys and girls who turn 10, 11 or 12 in 2023, can nominate for Swimming, Cross Country, Track & Field and Golf. These events are one day events in Adelaide.

Students interested in trialling for teams, must place their name on the nomination sheet on the Primary Sports Board. Mrs Fitz will then give those students an information sheet, which details how to nominate on-line. On-line nominations must be posted by the due date, otherwise students cannot attend trials for that sport.

REGIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS HELD IN PORT LINCOLN, CUMMINS, TUMBY BAY			
TERM	WEEK	DATE	EVENT
1	9	Thursday 30th March	Lower Eyre Peninsula Athletics Carnival, Ravensdale
2	2	Friday 12th May	Lower Eyre Peninsula Cross Country, Puckridge Park
3	2	Wednesday 2nd August	Years 5/6 Boys Netball, Cummins
	2	Wednesday 2nd August	Years 5/6 Girl Australian Football, Cummins
	10	Thursday 28th September	Years 3/4 Red Ball Tennis, Tumby Bay
4	3	Friday 3rd November	Lower Eyre Peninsula Swimming Carnival, Port Lincoln
		November (TBC)	Years 5/6 T20 Blast Cricket, Cummins

Shannon Nagel - EP School Sport Regional Coordinator

Bronny Fitzgerald - Cummins Area School Sapsasa Coordinator



## CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Wk 1</b>	<b>30/01/2023</b> Alyssa Gale	<b>31/01/2023</b>	<b>01/02/2023</b>	<b>02/02/2023</b> Maggie Eldridge	<b>03/02/2023</b> Katrina Phelps *Kate Vigar
<b>Wk 2</b>	<b>06/02/2023</b> Ashley Lawrie	<b>07/02/2023</b>	<b>08/02/2023</b>	<b>09/02/2023</b> Sara Doudle	<b>10/02/2023</b> Jess Wedd *Coral Wagner
<b>Wk 3</b>	<b>13/02/2023</b> Bec Habner	<b>14/02/2023</b>	<b>15/02/2023</b>	<b>16/02/2023</b> Hayley Ness	<b>17/02/2023</b> <b>SWIMMING CARNIVAL</b>

Thank you for volunteering to work at the Canteen. Please note revised shift times have changed.

Starting time Monday – Thursday 11.30am to 2:15pm

Friday Starting time 11:30am to 2pm

\*Starting time is 12:00noon and finish time is 2:15pm.

## CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL MERCHANDISE

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

### **CAS Maroon Hats - \$13.00**

CAS Maroon School Bag – Small - \$50.00

### **CAS Maroon School Bag – Large - \$75.00**

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.

## TERM 1 SCHOOL SPORTING CARNIVALS

- Week 3 - Friday, 17th February - Years 3-12 Swimming Carnival @ Cummins Pool
- Week 5 - Wednesday, 1st March - Years F-12 Sports Day @ Cummins Town Oval
- Week 9 - Thursday, 30th March - Years 4-6 LEP Sapsasa Athletics Carnival @ Port Lincoln
- Week 10 - Monday 3rd April - Years 4-12 EEPASSA Interschool Athletics Carnival @ Kimba

The Cummins Area School Years 3-12 Sports Day requires the continued support of parents to help with the successful implementation of the day. Support is required with timing track events, organisation of student age groups and possibly taking a field event if confident (eg discus, shot put, javelin).

If you are interested in helping in any part of Sports Day, please contact Kellie Symons or Bronny Fitzgerald. Thankyou.



# CUMMINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY



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Congratulations Rachel Worden, on becoming Lower Eyre Council's Young Citizen of the Year for 2023.

Rachel is a friendly and enthusiastic member of our team at the Cummins School Community Library, currently completing a Certificate III in business. This encompasses a diverse range of roles and responsibilities, which she executes with care and competency. Rachel's passion and willingness to participate in community projects is quite evident, and she successfully role models this to her peers in her genuine, subtle manner. We respect and admire these attributes, along with Rachel's work ethic and eagerness, and wish her every success in her future.



Welcome to 2023! We look forward to resuming our variety of services as of Monday January 30.



2023 Pre-school STEM Programs:

[Little Bang Discovery Club](#)

Beginning Wed. Feb. 8 @11.15am for 4 weeks.



[Maths Fun for Under 5s.](#)

Wed. March 15 @11.15am for 4 weeks

Phone 86762476 to reserve a place for your scientist!

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[Digital Assist:](#) Thursdays from 2.15-4.00 by appointment.

Offering either a monthly theme of information or assistance with specific queries regarding your device/s, we will endeavour to help you to the best of our abilities.



[Baby Bounce:](#) Friday mornings at 9.30. We offer a fun filled, 25 minute session of nursery rhymes and songs, with dancing encouraged. Suitable for ages 0-5 and their caregivers. No bookings required.



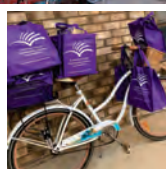
[Nature Play:](#) Friday mornings at 10.00. Enjoy activities and free play in our developing garden. From making mud pies, to enjoying scavenger hunts or helping in the garden, there is something for everyone in this relaxed, outdoor environment. No bookings required.



[Cover to Cover Book Club:](#) The first Thursday of each month from 2.30 - 4.00. Join us to discuss your latest read or review the monthly theme, in a friendly and relaxed environment over afternoon tea. All welcome.



[Monthly e-newsletter:](#) Catch up on the latest 'Whisperings' from the library with a newsletter delivered straight to your inbox in the first week of each month. Simply email us to register.



[Book Delivery Service:](#) The last Friday morning of each month, for residents of Cummins, unable to access the library. Contact us via phone to arrange delivery.

## 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.



### 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.



### \$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.



### 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.



### 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.



### 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).



### 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.



### 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

### CAS PRESCHOOL & RURALCARE PARENT COMMITTEE

#### **AGM - Monday, 13 February 6.00pm at the Preschool**

Parents with children attending Preschool or Rural Care in 2023 are invited to attend our AGM. President, Secretary and Committee roles must be filled. For apologies, please contact Secretary, Jenna Harder - 0447 197 470

### **CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY GROUP – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

The CAS Chaplaincy Group will hold its Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday, 7th February 2023 at the Cummins Library at 5.00pm**. We would love to welcome any school or community members to come along and meet our School Chaplain, Mardi Green, and see how we can support her ongoing work within the school community for another year.

Any further queries please contact Catherine Haarsma on 0427 762 309.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 1

#### **Week 3**

**Mon-Thurs** - Yr 3-6 Swimming Lessons

**Fri** - yr 3-12 Swimming Carnival

#### **Week 5**

**Wed** - Sports Day

#### **Week 9**

**Thurs** - LEP Sapsasa Athletics, Pt Lincoln

#### **Week 10**

**Mon** - Interschool Sports Day, Kimba

### TERM 2

#### **Week 3**

**Wed** - School Photos

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community Group advertising in the newsletter is available at a minimum cost of \$6.00 (inc. GST) for up to 5 lines. Larger items of 1/4 page size cost \$22 (inc. GST) which is the maximum size for an article or Notice. Payment needs to be made to the finance Office prior to inclusion by Cash or Bank Transfer to our School account. BSB - 633 000, ACC - 112105770 REF - Newsletter & Entity Name. Only Advertisements or notices of Community interest or one of Non-commercial value will be published.

