



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 9

BUS DRIVERS

Warrow
Ben McCracken - 0466 618 786

Mt Hope
Kym Griffiths - 0400 667 472

Karkoo
Susan Hughes - 0477 088 043

Wanilla
George Grave - 0428 831 960

Cockaleecheie
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

- a. McFarlane St, Cummins
- p. 8676 2388
- e. DL.0754_info@schools.sa.edu.au
- w. cumminsas.sa.edu.au



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are certainly on the downhill run to the end of term one. As always, time has flown and it has been a busy start to the year with lots of important events checked off.

NAPLAN testing has finished for 2023 and we completed somewhere around 500 tests over the two week window of testing. The early testing timeline should see results available earlier in the year and ensure they are ready to be used to inform teaching programs.

We are aware that our new communication platform, XUNO, is causing considerable angst due to its rather erratic performance. We have had limited issues with the staff and student portals but the Parent App appears to be particularly problematic. If you are having issue with the app we encourage you to screenshot the errors and send through to the school email address, dl.0754.info@schools.sa.edu.au so that we can forward them to Xuno support. We assure you that we are working hard on this issue and aim to have it sorted ready to start term 2 at the latest.

Recently buses were held back after school for a period of time due to a fire on Golf Course Road. I am aware that there has been some questioning of why all buses were held when not all routes go in that direction. To clarify, any fire that impacts either a bus route or the township of Cummins sees our school placed under the command of DfE's Security and Emergency Management team. This means that all decisions regarding release of buses, activation of Bushfire action Plans and evacuations is directed by this group, taking decisions out of the hands of the site. This is due to the fact that this team is trained in risk management and have access to up-to-date emergency service information etc. We have had the opportunity to feed back to the team after this event re the logistics of the process etc and will continue to work with the team to ensure the safety of our students if such an event occurs again in the future.

Last week our Yr. 12 Outdoor Education students paddled their way through 40 + kms and camped out for 2 nights. Whilst I am sure the camp itself was a great learning experience, the majority of the focus was on the planning and implementation of the excursion. It has been fantastic to watch this subject continue to grow in 2023 with classes in Yrs. 10, 11 and 12.

Wednesday sees our Interschool team heading off to Kimba to defend our title at EEPASSA. It is always exciting to test our talents against our fellow Area Schools and showcase our sportsmanship along the way. In a busy week for some of our Primary students, this is followed by the Lower Eyre SAPSASA Athletics Day in Port Lincoln on Thursday. Thanks to the parents who are providing transport and supporting our students at these two events. As always we would be challenged to participate without your efforts.



CAS DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1

Week 9

Tues - yr 7-8 Immunisations

Wed - Interschool Sports Day, Kimba

Thurs - LEP Sapsasa Athletics, Pt Lincoln

Week 10

Mon-Wed - yr 10 Outdoor Ed, Streaky Bay

Fri - Good Friday

Week 11

Mon - Easter Monday

Tues - Pupil Free Day

TERM 2

Week 1

Fri - SAPSASA Swimming, Adelaide

Week 2

Fri - LEP Cross Country, Pt Lincoln

Week 3

Wed - School Photos

On Friday, our Yr. 10 and 11 girls are participating in the "Making her Mark" program in Port Lincoln. This day will showcase a number of women excelling in less traditional career pathways and hopefully continue to enhance our students' understanding of the opportunities which exist in life after school.

Don't forget that we have a Student Free Day scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th. Staff will be working on exploring some of our student data sets with the PAT Team from Adelaide while you have an extra day to recover from chocolate and camping overload.

Have a great fortnight.

Regards,
Mel

GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

Governing School Council met again on 21/3/23 and it feels like this term has flown by, with Easter and School holidays fast approaching.

There was much discussion at our meeting regarding Xuno and the challenges people are experiencing, please rest assured that the school is aware of the issues and share our frustrations.

Please contact James Pedler at the school with any issues that you are experiencing- this will assist us by giving us information to feed back to the company.

The school is actively working to resolve this issue in a timely way, and if not resolved soon will be seeking alternatives.

Our uniform committee is working hard behind the scenes and hope to have an updated uniform policy out soon, as well as some additional uniform shop options (including pants and shorts) for purchase in preparation for the winter months. Watch this space!

As always, please email us at casgoverningcouncil@gmail.com with any feedback or information you would like addressed.

Have a happy and safe Easter.

Danielle Meaney
Governing Council Chairperson

RELIEF SSO'S NEEDED

Cummins Area School is seeking expressions of interest for a pool of casual Student Support Officers (SSO) to undertake relief or short term cover work. This role would mainly involve classroom and student support across the school. All successful applicants must hold or be willing to obtain a Working with Children Check, Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect - Education and Care (RRHAN) certificate and hold a Provide Emergency First Aid Response in Education/Care Setting.

For further information or to register your interest please contact Lauren Foster or Leanne Vigar on 8676 2388

Come and Play

Playgroup at Cummins Preschool

Cummins Preschool
McFarlane Street, Cummins

**Each Monday During School
Term only 10am – 11.30am**

Facilitated by
Learning Together Educators
Stimulating play and learning
activities

Friendly and inclusive

All Welcome

Please bring your own snacks,
water bottle and hat!

For more information contact Hayley on:

P: 0437 736 556

E: education.learningtogethercommunitiesportlincoln@sa.gov.au



CAS School Uniforms

are available at the school for
families wishing to try on for sizing
prior to purchasing. We have a variety
of different sized jumpers, polos and
bottoms available.

Please see the front office for assistance

8676 2388

STUDENT ID CARDS \$4



STUDENT ID CARDS ARE NOW
AVAILABLE TO COLLECT FROM THE
FINANCE OFFICE OF YEARS 7-12.
PLEASE BRING ALONG \$4.00 TO
COLLECT YOUR CARD. THANK YOU

CAS Canteen

Stickybeaks Lunch Bags

Paper lunch bag alternatives



\$10.50 each

Our CAS Canteen has available the Stickybeaks Reusable Lunch
Wallets/Bags which are great alternative to using the Paper Bags and good
for our environment too.

They are available in Pink, Green, Grey, Blue, Red, and Purple and can be
easily ordered and paid via our Canteen QKR page under the heading of
Lunch Bag, or you can collect and pay at the Finance Office.

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.



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 9	27/03/2023 NO CANTEEN	28/03/2023 NO CANTEEN	29/03/2023 Ali Ward	30/03/2023 BJ Moroney	31/03/2023 Cathy Haarsma *Amy Fuss
WEEK 10	03/04/2023 NO CANTEEN	04/04/2023 NO CANTEEN	05/04/2023 Brooke Pugsley	06/04/2023 Amanda Puckridge	07/04/2023 GOOD FRIDAY
WEEK 11	27/03/2023 NO CANTEEN	28/03/2023 NO CANTEEN	12/04/2023 Jess Wedd Emma Gale	13/04/2023 Hayley Fitzgerlad	14/04/2023 Cathy Haarsma *Paula Britza

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.

Our CAS Canteen now has a great range of various Gluten Free Options available to purchase as lunch options. We have Gluten free hot savoury Pies, Pasty's n Sausage Rolls along with Wraps and some of our Weekly Specials are also Gluten free. Check them out on our QKR APP or on our 2023 Price List.

Please note - CAS Canteen modified operating days for rest of Term 1 2023.

The CAS canteen will be open on Wednesday's, Thursday's and Fridays starting from Week 6 until the rest of the term. Our QKR app is still our preferred method of ordering recess and lunch options and will be available on these 3 days each week.

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

Think about your next move

Dental Assistant Traineeship

SA Dental Service is offering up to
30 Dental Assisting Traineeship positions
at clinics across the state.





CUMMINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

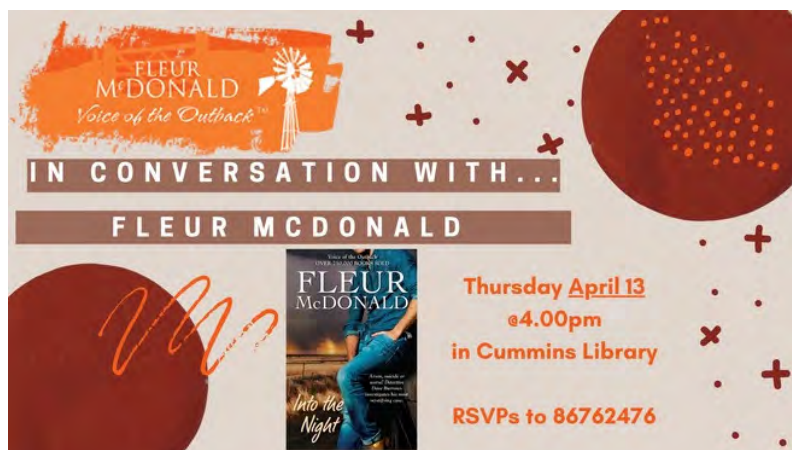


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It is with great delight we announce that renowned, popular, Australian author, Fleur McDonald, is returning to the Cummins Library.
Thursday April 13 @ 4.00pm.

RSVP to 8676 2476 or
cummins.library@libraries.sa.gov.au



Fleur grew up in Orroroo, studying and working in the agricultural industry, then moving to a farm near Esperance in 1996. Red Dust, Fleur's debut novel was released in 2009 and made her the highest selling debut author of that year! She has since gone on to write 16 novels and 2 children's books. Fleur draws on a wide range of experiences, with her stories set in country Australia with salt-of-the-earth characters.

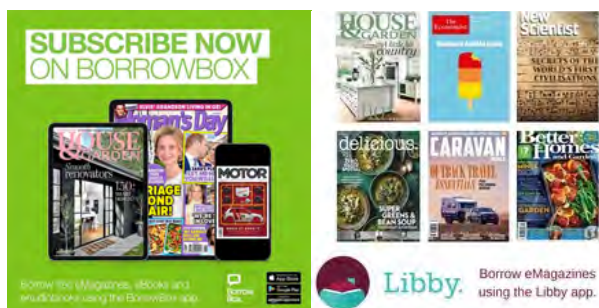
'Fleur is an authentic, down to earth and engaging speaker, who can talk about rural fiction, writing, autism, domestic violence, overcoming hurdles and country life.'

We have a large collection of Fleur's books available for borrowing, just in time for the Easter break, plus the library apps, BorrowBox and Libby have both ebooks and audiobooks for you to access.

We highly recommend joining us for a relaxed, conversational session with the very lovely Fleur McDonald.



We will be CLOSED from
Thursday, April 6 @ 6.00pm,
re-opening Tuesday, April 11
@ 9.00pm



School holidays are just around the corner and we have a slight adjustment to our opening hours...feel free to pop in, enjoy a coffee, play giant board games with your family, or just enjoy the many resources on offer.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Week 9, 31st 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 0429 090 276 if your children are being picked up at school.

KARKOO HALL INC. AGM

to be held in the Kooplex at Karkoo
on Tuesday, 28th March 2023
at 7:30 pm

apologies to Kate Hancock m: 0428 885 020



REGISTRATIONS FOR CUMMINS GYMNASTICS ARE NOW OPEN!

Past and new gymnasts, of school age, are welcome.

This year, the club is continuing its *Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG)* program under coach Chaz Letton, whilst offering a variety of *General Gymnastics (Gym-for-All)* sessions.

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FROM Monday March 13

WAG REGISTRATIONS CLOSE Friday March 17 (end week 7)

GENERAL GYM REGISTRATIONS CLOSE Friday March 31 (end week 9)

To register please email to cummingsgymclub@hotmail.com your child/ren's name, date of birth, and which gym class (General or WAG).

WAG classes (girls only) have 4 components: vaulting, uneven bars, beam and floor. It teaches coordination, confidence and creativity. Classes are held Monday afternoons with the opportunity to compete at various competitions throughout the year.

General Gymnastics is a sport for everyone and non-competitive. It suits all ages and abilities and focuses on fun, strength, flexibility and a variety of gym sports. Session times will be advised during the school holidays.

*Information about Kindergymnastics (Kindy age) will be released soon.

**Please note that places are limited, and if numbers are too high, we will run a waiting list.

For further information please contact President Anika Swaffer 0428882420, Secretary Sophie Blacker 0418813995, Head Coach Lacy Blacker 0447644401 or WAG coach Chaz Letton 0428768005.

GET OUT

• MUSIC AND ART FESTIVAL •

APRIL 1ST 2023

This event is supported by the South Australian Suicide Prevention Community Grants from Wellbeing SA



CUMMINS OVAL
12:00 - 10:00 PM

BYO CHAIR & DRINKS

POSTER DESIGNED BY
SHAYA BORTHWICK

FREE ENTRY



Wellbeing SA



Bendigo Bank

Community Bank
Cummins Oval

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.

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