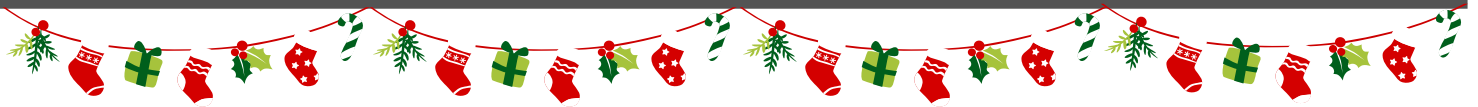




CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4, 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

Cockaleechee
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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone

Here we are at the end of the 2023 School Year. It has been a busy year and one in which we have seen a lot of changes to the school, and the Public Education system overall, and we are looking forward to further developing these actions through into 2024.



There is no denying it has been a challenging year with the introduction of Xuno and I can assure you that our first priority in 2024 is rolling out our new communication / Learner management system in DayMap that has a proven success rate in South Australia and will also be adopted by a number of our neighbouring schools. Staff will be working on some elements of this system over the next few days and also in Week 0 to ensure it is ready to roll at the beginning of the school year.

By now all families will have received an email detailing Home Group teachers and classes for their students in 2024. If this has not landed in your inbox, please contact the school and we will let you know. Letters have also been posted out as per previous years. All JP and Primary classes have now completed at least a short transition with their new class and teacher and hopefully this assists with allaying some of those back to school fears that hit in January.

This week has been incredibly busy with the F-6 Assembly, including the Yr. 6 Graduation and various award winners. Today we were treated to a delightful Christmas Concert by the JP classes and tonight is the Yr. 7 - 12 Formal. Secondary classes have been engaging in a range of activities including fishing, movies, craft and sport and there have been many class parties over the past two days. It is great to see everyone celebrating the end of a successful year together.

The end of the year is always a little bittersweet as we farewell some students, families and staff for the last time. This year we have farewelled two long term staff members who are edging towards retirement and less time in the classroom. Thanks to Bronny Fitzgerald and Val Slater for their many years of service to Cummins Area School, and beyond. Fortunately, these two fabulous assets are not lost to the community, and we expect to see both of them on and off at school as they continue to assist with Sports Carnivals and support for our SACE students who are studying via Local Delivery.

We also farewell Andrew Carey and Andrew Casanova, both of whom are returning to work in Port Lincoln. Andrew Carey has provided a range of skillsets to our school, most notably the Ukulele, but also a range of media and musical opportunities. Andrew Casanova has swept into the Middle School and picked up

CAS DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

Week 9

Tues, 12/12

- Yr 7-12 School Formal, School Hall 6.30-10.30pm

Wed, 11/12

- Last day of school, 3.20pm Dismissal

Thurs, 14/12

- Student Free Day

Fri, 15/12

- Student Free Day

2024 - TERM 1

Tues, 6/2

- Chaplaincy AGM, 5pm at Cummins Library

Tues 13/2

- School Gov Council AGM, 7pm at Cummins Hotel

2024 TERM DATES

Term 1

- Monday, 29 January - Friday, 12 April

Term 2

- Monday, 29 April - Friday, 5 July

Term 3

- Monday, 22 July - Friday, 27 September

Term 4

- Monday, 14 October - Friday, 13 December

a range of subjects, from Food & Fibre to Maths. His big strength has been his relationships with students and he ensured our Yr. 7 students received a supportive foundation to their secondary schooling. We wish both of the Andrews luck as they move on to new roles.

We also lose Mel Albrecht as her and Steve head off on a brand new adventure. Mel has been an important contributor to our SSO team and we will miss her ever smiling face and positivity. Throughout her time at Cummins Mel has delivered one to one support and a range of intervention programs. Enjoy your time back closer to family, Mel.

Jacqui Phelps and Kylie George are also taking leave in 2024. We hope that they have a fabulous break and look forward to welcoming them back in 2025.

At this stage we are welcoming two new teaching staff. Caitlin Bennie moves from an SSO role into the Yr. 2 classroom and Kristen Scheffler will be joining us for a year to get a taste of life on the EP near her family.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas Season and a glorious amount of time with your families, big or small, young or old, as we move into 2024. As always, thanks for your support throughout the year and we look forward to learning from our challenges, and building on our 2023 successes in the New Year.

Regards,

Mel

Reminder

Our last day of school for the year is Wednesday, 13 December.

School will finish at the same time of 3.20pm

WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD TESTS POSITIVE TO COVID?

If your child tests positive to COVID, they must stay home from school for at least 6 days. Day Zero being the day they tested positive. Therefore, they must stay home for a further 5 calendar days. There is no need to keep testing, the initial test is sufficient. Any questions please phone the school.

Primary Assembly Award Winners

On Monday, an assembly was held to recognise our graduating year 6 class and farewell them off to high school; and to award 4 students from each Junior Primary and Primary class with the School Values awards.



Year 5/6B: Amber Paech (Integrity), Norah Pedler (Personal Excellence), Sharni Bellenger (community), Archer Wedd (Courage).



Year 5/6A: Bella Richardson (Personal Excellence), Lucy Hazelgrove (Courage), Kade Doudle (Integrity), Will Crettenden (Community).



Year 4/5A: Erin Painter (Integrity), Hadley Modra (Personal Excellence), Jacob Wright (Courage), Sam Fitzgerald (Community).



Year 3/4B: Lacey Phelps (Personal Excellence), Zeb Doudle (Integrity), Jett Letton (Courage), Chase Branson (Community).



Year 3/4A: Aine Fox (Community), Elyza Phillips (Courage), Ollie Andrew (Personal Excellence), Oscar Bellenger (Integrity).



Year 2A: Elke Doudle (Personal Excellence), Adaline Lawrie (Community), Zac Traeger (Integrity)



Year 1A: Imogen Pedler (Personal Excellence), Alexander Henderson (Courage), Dana Grave (Community)



Year F A: Indy Skinner (Integrity), Noah Skinner (Courage), Macy Wedd (Personal Excellence), Audrey Mickan (Community).



Year F B: Xavier Bullard (*Integrity*), Joey Parker (*Community*), Annabel Goldsmith (*Personal Excellence*), Elouise Jolly (*Courage*).



Mike Ford Primary Meritorious winners: Oakey Holman & Tilly Richardson (year 6)



Flo Polkinghorne Award winner: Mr Boyd West with recipient, Jacqui Phelps



Sam Telfer MP Student Award winner: Mr Boyd West with Kaidy Habner (year 6)



Community Service Award winner: Mr Boyd West with winner, Barb Richardson.

Mrs McCallum's year 5/6A

On the 30th of November the Year 5/6A class hosted their parents for a dinner.

The students had grown majority of the produce at the Ag block during the semester and showcased their cooking skills by making side dishes to accompany some delicious meats (roast, schnitzels, sausages and patties). For dessert there were pavlova's, cheesecakes and ice cream.

The night was a massive hit and many, many thanks to Kelly Wait and Bruce McCallum for their support in the kitchen and Cummins Meat Store for their support in providing the amazing meat at cost.

Well done to the students who were fantastic hosts.

Kerry McCallum
Year 5/6A Class Teacher

Mrs McCallum's Year 5 and 6's sharing their short stories with Miss Georgia and Miss Indiah's Foundation Classes.



Governing School Council Update

Thankyou to all of those who voted in the Material and Services Poll.

The votes were 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: \$402** and **Years 7-12: \$494** are now set as compulsory for 2024.

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.

Governing School Council's AGM will take place on Tuesday February 13th 2024 (Week 2, Term 1) at Cummins Hotel at 7pm and I would encourage you to come along and be a part of this valuable committee.

As always, please email **casgoverningcouncil@gmail.com** with any feedback.

Happy and safe holidays to everyone.

Danielle Meaney
Chairperson

DoFoodSafely



Cummins Area School Canteen Compulsory Food & Safety Training

Due to the introduction of Standard 3.3.2a – Food and Safety Management Tools our school Canteen is identified as a Category 1. This requires us to have all our valued Canteen Volunteers to complete the free online food and safety training – **Do Food Safely**.

The online course can be found at the following link or by scanning the QR code.

<https://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en>

Do Food Safely provides the required course content, and once completed food handlers will receive a certificate which will be required to be sighted by authorised officers and we can keep a record of your certificate also at the canteen. The course is approx. 40 minutes with 2 parts – 7 Topic/Information slides with quick questions and then a 30-question assessment at the end. The course is valid for 5 years

and can be used for all sporting and community groups handling food which will also be required.

Certificates can be emailed

Catherine.Haarsma312@schools.sa.edu.au

We are very grateful and appreciative of all our Canteen volunteers and indebted to your many hours given to support Carrie and Sandra each term and your contribution ensures the Canteens' great success.

Chaplaincy Report, Term 4 2023

We would like to express our gratitude to Mardi Green, Barb Richardson and their team who kindly supplied food and catered for the Year 12 final morning tea for students and teachers. Our Chaplaincy group, with the help of Leanne Vigar and the church groups, also supplied and prepared a wonderful Luncheon for the Year 12 students, their families and teachers after the Secondary assembly in a final goodbye to the 2023 school leavers.

A massive thanks to the Church groups who supplied the beautiful food at short notice.

Our awesome Chaplain, Mardi Green, has been on Long Service Leave this term keeping busy with her family and harvest. We have all missed her calming presence around the school and look forward to her return next year in Term 1, 2024.

We would like to extend an invitation to all school, community and church members who are interested in volunteering some time for the Breakfast Club, which will commence once the Canteen upgrade is completed in mid-2024. Please contact John Wood on 0427 390 191 or Catherine Haarsma on 0427 762 309 to register your interest in this excellent program provided to our students.

Our Annual General Meeting Date for Term 1 – 2024 is scheduled for Tuesday, 6th February at 5.00pm at the Cummins Area School Library. We are looking for more committee members to join our Chaplaincy group and everyone is welcome to attend.



CUMMINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY



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While our hours adjust slightly for the school holidays, we will have lots of board games, puzzles and colouring activities for families to enjoy. Feel free to call in, enjoy our space, some game time and a coffee/tea. We will still be receiving new release books each week, so continue to place holds...some great holiday reads available for all the family!



Your Library is always open online with these free apps containing a wide selection of ebooks and audio books...all you need is your library card! Contact us for further information.



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	11/12/2023	13/12/2023	14/12/2023	15/12/2023	16/12/2023
Week 9	Jess Wedd	Ali Ward	Bec Habner	Student Free Day	Student Free Day

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

Monday and Tuesday will now start at 12:00 pm
 Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30 am to 2:15 pm
 Friday will begin at 11:30 am and finish at 2:00 pm
 Friday * starting time is 12.00 - 2.15 pm

Our CAS Canteen now has a great range of various Gluten Free Options available to purchase for lunch. 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.

Cummins Area School Canteen

Stickybeaks Lunch Bags

Paper lunch bag alternatives



\$10.50 each

Our 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.



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL merchandise

We have plenty of stock available from the Finance Office for any new 2024 students and replacements for any current students.

Please see either Anna Richardson or Cathy Haarsma to purchase any of the school stock.

CAS MAROON HATS	\$13.00
CAS MAROON SCHOOL BAG	SML \$50.00 LGE \$75.00
ART SMOCK, MAROON	\$18.70
PENCIL CASE, MAROON	\$6.50
CAS LIBRARY BAG	\$10.00
CASIO FX-82AU PLUS II <small>(REQUIRED FOR YR 7 - 10 STUDENTS)</small>	\$39.50
HEADPHONE MOPO M831HP	\$20.50

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE...

CUMMINS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

THE ANNUAL CUMMINS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL STARTS AT 6PM WITH:
A STREET PARADE
 FOLLOWED BY FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT
 AT THE RAILWAY TRIANGLE PARK AND...
FIREWORKS AT 9PM.



Kids are welcome to decorate their bike or scooter to go in the parade. Prizes up for grabs for the best decorated!

Parade participants to gather from 5.45pm by Bascombe AutoAg. Kids riding in the parade, meet our Christmas Festival volunteer near the green train and register your name so you have a number to wear for judging.

www.facebook.com/cumminschristmasfestival



Cummins District Community Bank - Bendigo Bank

Cummins Christian Community Presents

Cummins Community Carols

Sunday, Dec. 17 2023
Railway Triangle

Pre-show entertainment from 6.45pm
 Carols commence at 8pm

We encourage you to BYO chairs, picnic, drinks and festive cheer!

Donations gratefully accepted on the night for the CAS Chaplaincy Committee's Breakfast Program

OUR GOVERNING SCHOOL COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

Are you looking for an opportunity to have a greater impact on your children's school?

The Governing School Council is looking for enthusiastic parents to join the committee in 2024.

Your input will be valued and appreciated. Please consider joining us!



Our 2024 AGM will take place on
TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY
7.00PM AT CUMMINS HOTEL

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. No invoices will be issued for payment – a tax invoice / receipt can be issued upon request.

BSB – 633 000, ACC – 112 105 770
REF – Newsletter & Entity Name.

Only Advertisements or notices of community interest or non-commercial value will be published.

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.



 <p>Easy Graphical Comparison</p> <p>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.</p>	 <p>Hassle Free Quick Onsite Servicing</p> <p>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.</p>
 <p>\$100 Deposit to Secure a Device</p> <p>We offer parents a \$100 deposit option to secure a device and let them pay much closer to the delivery date.</p>	 <p>12 Month Interest Free or 36 Month Payment Plans</p> <p>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.</p>
 <p>Quick Delivery</p> <p>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.</p>	 <p>Pick up close to home or work</p> <p>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).</p>
 <p>Dedicated BYOD Hotline</p>	 <p>Wide range of payment options</p>
<p>To insure 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.</p>	<p>We provide a wide range of online payment methods. Please note Credit Card and PAYPAL payments incur a 1% surcharge.</p> <p>VISA  PayPal    </p>



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November, 2023

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 \$39.50 or 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 2024 Student book packs on Book Collection day (TBA) or collected from the Finance Office.

Regards,

John Wood
Middle School Maths Teacher



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 \$39.50

☐ 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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