



**Week 2 Term 1 2018**

## NEWSLETTER

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the 2018 school year everyone!

It was great to see the excited and happy faces of our students as they walked into classrooms last week. In particular, we welcome our Reception students and our new students and their families. We hope that your time with us will be an exciting journey of learning and fun.

Reception: Elliot, Hunter, Rebecca and Brock  
Year 2: Star  
Year 4: Jakson  
Year 6: Ty

We would also like to welcome new staff to our school: Matt Ratcliff, Isabella Chudleigh and Sarah Elliott.

### Getting off to a good start

The first few weeks at school are about establishing ongoing relationships and good practices to lay the foundation for a positive and productive year ahead.

Each fortnight classes will be focussing on one of the **Life Rafts** from the Play is the Way program. This program supports children with their personal and social development and provides a shared language to support school and class agreements around acceptable actions and behaviours. In weeks 2 & 3 the Life Raft that we will be focussing on is:

- Treat others as you would like to be treated.... (The Golden Rule)  
If someone is unlike you, seek to understand them. You will get along with others, work as a team, accept that everyone is different and value what they have to offer.

In conjunction with this we will also work with students in further developing their Powerful Learner Qualities starting with the Optimistic powerful learner quality in week 2 and the **Communicator** powerful learning quality in week 3. A brochure outlining our Powerful Learner Qualities has been included in this newsletter for your Information.

The Life Rafts develop students socially and the powerful learning qualities assist students to understand themselves as learners. The two work together to support student success at school.

### Uniform

It is very pleasing to see students all wearing the correct uniform and supporting the revised Uniform Policy that was distributed at the end of last year. If for any reason your child is not able to wear the correct uniform to school we ask that you inform their class teacher, preferably with a written note. Class teachers will be following any uniform issues directly with parents in the first instance.

### Outstanding notes

It would be appreciated that if you have not returned your child's ICT Agreement and student data check please return these to the School Monday. Thank you in advance

## Pupil Free Day

On Monday 26 of February Teachers from Callington Primary School will be joining other teachers and leaders from our Partnership to attend a training around Visible Learning. The Visible Learning Framework is something that Callington Primary School, along with the Heysen Partnership (the group of schools that we are connected with) have committed to for 3 years, and this professional learning session will continue the work commenced in 2017. Staff will participate in two further professional learning days on Visible Learning with the Heysen Partnership this year on Friday 29 June and Friday 21 September. These days will also be Pupil Free Days. A further Pupil Free Day will be held in Term 4 with a date yet to be decided.

## Conversation over Coffee

Conversation over Coffee sessions are run at Callington Primary School once a term. These sessions are an opportunity to get information about the school and learning in a relaxed atmosphere, also providing an opportunity to get to know other parents and listen to their experiences with parenting, teaching and learning with their child and the school. Often special guests are invited to these sessions.

The first Conversation Over Coffee will be held on Thursday 8 of March at 9:30am.

## Community News

The **Murray Bridge United Soccer Club** will hold their Registration Information/Player Nomination/Come 'n Try Night on Friday 9 February 2018 from 4.00pm to 6.30pm. There will be a sausage sizzle, and Come 'n Try sessions. New and returning players welcome. All enquiries and/or player nominations to Grant; klenkegc@internode.on.net or 0411057039.

**Headspace Murray Bridge** are holding a Kayaking Come and try on Tuesday Afternoons starting February 27 until April 10 at Rowing Club Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge. For children aged between 12 & 15. Times 4pm & 5pm sessions. Contact headspace Murray Bridge on 85312122 to book into a session. This is a free event.

**Headspace Murray Bridge** are holding a Stand up Paddle Boarding Come and try on Tuesday February 20 at Rowing Club Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge. For children aged between 12 & 15. Times 4pm & 5pm sessions. Contact headspace Murray Bridge on 85312122 to book into a session. This is a free event.

**Coles Sports for Schools** - Please save your vouchers when shopping at Coles. Drop them in to the front office. The more we get the more goodies we can purchase.

## Dates to Remember

### Tuesday 13 February

Acquaintance Night

### Friday 16 February

Assembly Run by the 5/6/7

### Tuesday 20 February

Governing Council AGM at 6:30pm

### Monday 26 February

Pupil Free Day

### Thursday 8 March

Conversation Over Coffee

### Monday 12th March

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### Tuesday 21 March

Governing Council

### Friday 30 March— Monday 2

April

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### Friday 13 April

Sports Day

## Birthday

Happy  
Birthday

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### Piano Lessons



½ Hour Lessons available during  
school hours.

For more info, contact Andrew Eckert  
on 0410 112 658.

#### Electronic Funds Transfer

To make a payment electronically  
the school account details are as  
follows:

**BSB 105-012**

## **Murraylands Catastrophic Days**

A REMINDER TO PARENTS THAT OUR SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON DAYS THAT ARE CLASSIFIED AS CATASTROPHIC IN THE MURRAYLANDS FIRE DISTRICT.

We are required to practice our bushfire invacuation procedures at least 4 times during the bushfire season.

Therefore there will be 2 drills carried out in term one and 2 drills in term four in order for everyone on the site to be familiar with and understand their responsibilities in the event of a bush fire threatening our school. Teachers have been discussing the procedures with classes.

## **Hot Weather**

There have been a couple of hot days at school this term. If the temperature is predicted as being above 38 degrees according to the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) students will be allowed to play outside during Recess time with teachers ensuring that students are wearing hats and have sunscreen applied. Students will be encouraged to play games in the shade. If the temperature is 38 degrees or above at 12 noon according to BOM children will not be allowed to play outside and will spend lunchtime play in the library where it is air-conditioned and children can access board games, the computer, books and television.

During Term 1,3 and 4 all students and staff are expected to wear hats when outside. Parents are asked to please apply sunscreen before school during these terms and all classes have sunscreen for reapplication during the day. If students are not wearing a hat when outside they will be asked to play under block shade. School hats can be purchased at the office.

## **Governing Council**

Have you ever thought about getting more involved in the school's decision making? Why not join the Governing Council or one of the School's subcommittees?

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the library on Tuesday 20 February 2018 at 6:30pm. Nomination forms can be picked up from the front office.



**BOOK CLUB  
ORDERS  
DUE**

**Wednesday  
21 February, 18**

## **Attendance**

Regular attendance and participation in schooling is an important factor in educational and life success. Students who skip school or have frequent lateness are at risk of alienation from education that can lead to decreased options for future pathways.

If for some reason your child is absent from school eg; illness it is the responsibility of parents/caregivers of their child's absence by calling the school or using the report absence link on the school website. If a child is absent and the school has not been informed of a reason the class teacher will send a note home requesting the reason for absence. If after 3 attempts of requesting this information the parents will be contacted by the Principal.

If your child is late to school or needs to leave school early they need to be signed in/out at the front office by an adult to inform the school of the reason for the lateness or need to leave early. Once again if there is no reason given the teacher will send a note home requesting a reason for lateness or early departure, following the same procedure for unknown absence.

If you are aware that your child will be absent for a long period time eg; more than 3 days you need request an attendance exemption which is to be signed by the Principal.

## **Monster Truck**

On Tuesday 30 January we had some very excited students when they saw we had a Monster Truck come to visit. Students had the opportunity to hear all about the trucks and how they are made, then had time to ask lots of questions too.



A big **WELCOME** back to everyone, we hope you all had a wonderful and refreshing holiday break.

I am excited to be back at Callington and working with teachers to support students with their learning in literacy & reading skills, inquiry, research and IT skills in the Resource Centre (library).

The Resource Centre (library) is a multipurpose area which allows for quiet reading, story time, researching topics of current interest, small group work, whole class computer usage and teaching of classes. This year we are considering ideas and options in which we can promote and utilise the resource centre facilities to a greater extent.

### Book Care

We like to keep our books in circulation and therefore encourage families to look after our books by:

1. Keeping books in a library bag.
2. Having a special place at home for your library books.
3. Keeping books away from babies and pets.
4. Having clean hands when reading.
5. Turning pages carefully.
6. Not eating or drinking while you read.
7. Making sure lids of drink bottles and lunch boxes are secure.
8. CHECK DUE DATE FOR RETURNING

Books that get lost or damaged, please let us know if you can't find it and if it is damaged bring the book back in so we can fix it or replace it. Thank you



## **PREMIERS' READING** Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge is an important focus where teachers, parents and students work together for the students success.

Our students participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge every year and are required to read 12 books from the PRC booklist at the appropriate literacy level for each student. They are encouraged to challenge themselves and to dig deep and read more.

PRC will start in Term 1 until the beginning of September. Students receive awards each year.

The awards are as follows:

- Certificate – completing the challenge for the first time
- Bronze medal- completing the challenge for the second time
- Silver medal - completing the challenge for the third time
- Gold medal- completing the challenge for the fourth time
- Champion Medal – completing the challenge for the fifth time
- Legend medal – completing the challenge for the sixth time
- Hall of fame Medal - completing the challenge for the seventh time
- Hall of Fame reader for life Certificate- completing the challenge for the eighth time

Please encourage and support your child's reading for their success, developing learners for life. Enjoy the Challenge!

*Come in and **Check** your child's progress on the library board.*

### Volunteers – Help needed

We would love to have volunteers to **help** in the Resource Centre, come in and get to know us. If you have 15-30 minutes or more in the morning/afternoon, after dropping off or before picking up the children, we would value your help with covering books and putting them back on the shelves. Any help given would be greatly appreciated.

A big Thank you to the parents and students who brought back any overdue books from last year. If you can't find them and have looked **everywhere** let me know so we can adjust the library records.

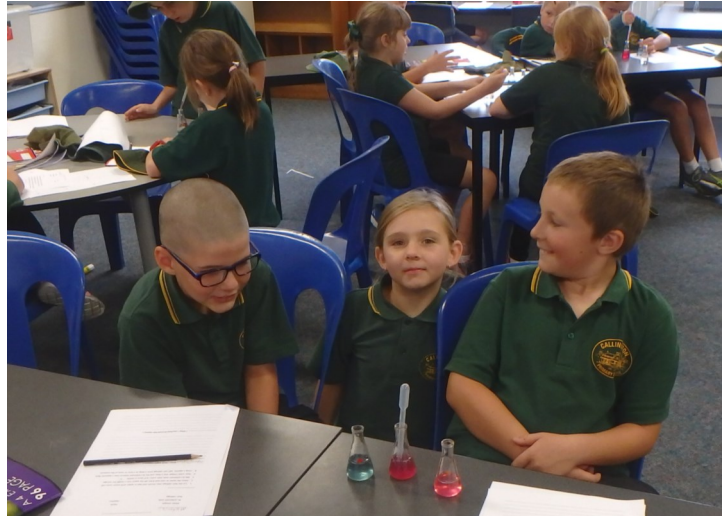
Thank you Isabella

# What's new in Room 7

This year all students at Callington Primary School will be attending Health and Physical Education, and Science and Technology lessons (STEM)

## What is STEM?

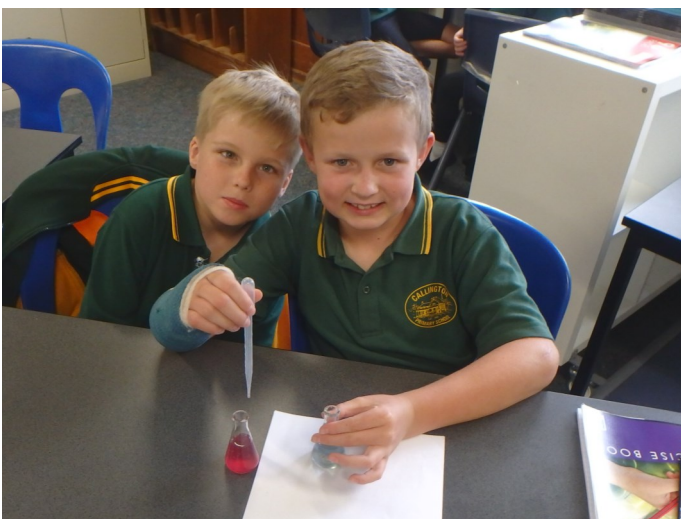
STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics. It is a cross-disciplinary subject that provides students the opportunity to develop real solutions to real life problems, to explore technology in a hands on manner and to develop their science understanding through practical experiences. Each class is undertaking a STEM project this term. The year 5/7's are building a car powered by a mouse trap, the 3/4's are learning to write programs using Scratch and the R/2's are investigating sound and music and will be building their own musical instrument. We are looking for any spare tissue or shoe boxes you may have at home for this musical instrument project. If you could send them in it would be greatly appreciated.



## Health and Physical Education

H & P.E. teaches students to stay healthy in body and mind. It involves strategies for keeping ourselves safe, looking after the physical health of our body's through healthy diet and exercise and learning new skills and sports. This term we have the South Australia Cricket Association coming up to run a clinic for us. This will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of this month.

As we will be running, jumping and moving during P.E. lessons it is important that students have the proper equipment to keep themselves safe. Sunscreen is provided by the school and hats are part of the school uniform but just as important are the students' shoes. Proper shoes are important in allow your child to safely participate in P.E. lessons. As Wednesday is our P.E. day could you please ensure your child wears appropriate shoes on this day.



Phil Mackenzie

## What an exciting beginning to Kindy



Making bread together is lots of fun, but eating it warm out of the oven is even better!



We experimented with colour changing paper in the sun and water.



Tanisha constructed some amazing mathematical towers.



Zac and Genevieve explored the pouring and filling tub, they used lots of problem solving together.

**Reminders:** Kindy Health checks Tuesday Feb 27th