



Government of South Australia  
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**Week 6 Term 2 2018**

## NEWSLETTER

### Life Raft and Powerful Learner Qualities

This term we continue to focus on our Life Rafts and Powerful Learner Qualities. We hope you still have your information somewhere visible and safe at home.

In weeks 7 and 8 the Life Raft we will focus on is **Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with.**

**We don't come to school to be better than others. We come to school to better ourselves by being able to work with others. You think about how and why you are doing things and how they help you achieve success.**

The Powerful Learner Qualities that we looked at in conjunction with our Life Rafts are **Team worker** and **Persistent**.

Week	Life Raft	Learner Qualities
1 & 2	Treat others as you would like to be treated	Optimistic Communicator
3 & 4	Be Brave – Participate to Progress	Bravery Reflective
5 & 6	It takes great strength to be sensible	Resilient Independent
7 & 8	Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with	Team worker Persistent
9 & 10	Have reasons for the things you say and do	Inquirer Making connections

### Skoolbag App

At Callington Primary School we believe that strong and effective communication between the school and home is essential in developing our students as successful and powerful learners. To improve our communication between school and home we have been working on the introduction and use of the **Skoolbag App**. Please stay tuned for further information on this initiative.

### IT Network Upgrade

Our long awaited IT Network upgrade has finally been completed on Tuesday 29 May and Tuesday 5 June. In simple terms we have had a new server installed to host our Curriculum Network as well as new switches to improve our internet and wireless speed and connectivity. We are all looking forward to a more efficient and reliable system that will provide us with a more robust environment to support our greater use of technology in all our learning programs across the school.

### New Website

We have been working on the development of a new website for the school and hope to launch this soon. It will be a work in progress for a while as we continue to develop its content but we hope you find that it will be much easier to navigate and to find relevant and up to date information about the school. Our website plays a crucial role in ensuring that parents and families are able to access the information that you need about the school at your fingertips. As well it is an essential promotional tool for all that we do at the school and as such needs to reflect our core values, priorities and uniqueness.

### Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair held last week was a great success and an absolutely fabulous community event. Many thanks to Isabella for her hard work and organisation of the week and to all who volunteered to come into the Resource Centre and provide help and support. No doubt the highlight was having so many parents, grandparents and family come into the school and join in with our classroom activities and take time to join in a celebration Morning Tea.

We look forward to having you back into the school in the near future.

## Whole School Assembly

Thank you to Mr Ratcliff and the R/1/2 class for hosting our last whole school Assembly on Friday 1 June.

We hope to see you all at our next whole school Assembly on:

- ◆ Friday 15 June at 2.45pm in the Hall to be hosted by the Year 5/6/7 class.

Students love to share and show their learning and it is important that parents/caregivers and friends attend to acknowledge the learning and support their students.

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Powerful Learner Awards.

- R/1/2 Rebecca - being resilient when helping others with Jolly Phonics.
- Ann-Maree - Reflecting on her learning and making changes if necessary.
- 3/4 Sonny - showing "Bravery" through his participation in Chinese lessons.
- Jett - being "Reflective" with his learning in regards to the Hero's Journey in English lessons.
- 5/6/7 Tyson - creating powerful learner videos by communicating with his peers.
- Sally - For being optimistic in everything she does.

## Unexplained Absences & Follow Up SMS

The school requires a satisfactory explanation of all student absences.

Callington Primary School are implementing a process to help track unexplained absences.

If your child is absent and the school has not been notified we will send out a SMS to your mobile phone asking for an explanation on the morning of the absence. If you have received an SMS we would appreciate a prompt response either by SMS or by phone.

We plan to commence this process Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June so please ensure that your mobile contact details are correct.

## CFS Donation



Callington CFS have kindly donated back the money we raised for them for us to buy resources for the children.

We would like to thank CFS for their wonderful support and kind donation.

## Dates to Remember

### Monday 11 June

Public Holiday

### Friday 15 June

Assembly 5/6/7

### Tuesday 19 June

Governing Council Mtg 6.30

### Wednesday 27 June

Crows Football Clinic

### Friday 22 June

PJ/Movie Day

### Thursday 28 June

Kym Lardner- Author - Visit

### Friday 29 June

Pupil Free Day

### Friday 6 July

End of Term 2

African Beat Performance

## Birthdays



## Fundraising Forum Presents





# Year 3/4 Class

This term in **English** we have been learning about contractions. We have learnt that contractions are a shortened form of words that we use in informal speech and writing. Most contractions are made by joining two words together and leaving some letters out, but using an apostrophe to show us that letters are missing. For example **where is** can be written as the contraction **where's** and **I will** becomes **I'll**. One of the activities we did on contractions was to make contractions dominoes games. We played this game with our family at the Book Fair Family Morning Event. We even had Sarah join us as an 'adopted family member' for the morning! It was fun to share our learning with our families at school!



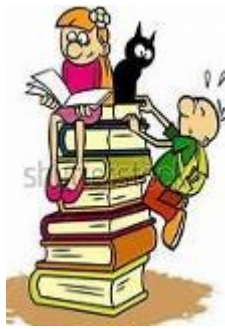
We have been learning about **The Healthy Mind Platter** in *The Wellbeing Classroom* lessons with Pamela. The platter has seven essential elements we all need every day to have a healthy mind (see image). Each week we look at a different element and set a goal to work on this element for the week. So far we have learnt about **Connecting Time**, **Sleep Time** and **Physical Time**. As part of our work on this we are making 3D platters with models of items for each element. When they are completed we will share them at an assembly.



We have been learning to draw birds in **ART** lessons. Our first drawing was of a parrot and we used angular lines to draw it and texas to colour it. The second piece of artwork was a step by step guide to drawing Blu from the *Rio* movies. We have completed this artwork by painting it with tempera block paints and outlining it with a black fineliner. Our final bird artwork will be a large painting of an Amazon rainforest bird, so look out for our display towards the end of the term.



## From the Resource Centre



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A big THANK YOU to our families who came and supported the Book Fair Family Event. We are very appreciative of your invaluable support for the school and community. I would also like to THANK the staff for their help and support during the Book Fair Week and a very special mention to our school volunteers for their help in the Resource Centre THANK YOU to Kate LeCouter and Sue Bishop.

The Parents and Grandparents morning consisted of visiting their children's classrooms; students showcased their abilities and celebrated their own learning by providing fun games and literacy activities. Parents and Grandparents were invited to join in the reading sessions and playing games as part of the literacy activities. This was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to share in their child's learning journey while having fun and spending time together. Afterwards everyone was invited to come for a chat and share Morning Tea in the Resource Centre.

Callington Kindy visited the Book Fair's Read Aloud Story Time. We read the book Hickory Dickory Dash, about a big orange cat with an eyepatch and mice hiding in the clock. The story had lots of adventure and exciting moments! Thank you to Lydia and Tyson, who came in and helped the Kindy children make the cat and mice headbands. Thank you to Bridget, Elise and the Callington Kindergarten children for coming to visit us in the Resource Centre.

### Our Competition Winners

PAWS masks made by Receptions, Year 1 & 2 class -the winners **Tahlia and Hunter**

Design a Book Cover Competition from the Year 3, 4 class- the winners **Emily and Seb**

Create a poster competition From Year 5, 6, 7 class- the winners **Sally and Eden**

**Ms Bruce** Guess how many pages in the book? Number of pages in the book was 511!  
Ms Bruce's guess was 512.

The Book Fair went well and the sales have provided the school with new books for students to read, these will be on display soon!

In appreciation

Isabella  
SSO Resource Centre





## Our children are constantly learning at Kindy



This week the children have been exploring with size, numbers and measurement. Further to this we have been experimenting how to record these findings on paper.



We have looked at details in pictures and painted a portrait of ourselves.



We read Possum Magic and drew a possum with a body, 4 legs and a tail.



Pam has been helping us to understand and name our emotions - this week we took photos of our happy and sad faces!

**Reminders:** Kindy Parent afternoon tea Thursday 28th June 2-3pm (note coming soon)  
Kindy closed Thursday July 5th for training and development.