



Cascade Primary School

Respect, Resilience, Pride, Kindness, Sense of Belonging

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Newsletter 1 2026 Term 1 Week 3

PRINCIPAL'S PEN #1

Principal's Pen – Week 3 Term 1

Welcome back to the 2026 school year. The first few weeks have started very smoothly, as we welcomed back our 15 students from Kindy to Year 6. We're a little smaller this year but the students have gelled together beautifully. It certainly is a different feel in the playground, but we had a test match of cricket in the first week and lots of chasey across the last couple weeks.

This year we are back to a 2-classroom structure, with Mrs Rhianna Watts (M – F) and Ms Karen Ritchie (Th) supporting our 5 Junior Room students and Mr Nick Saul (M – F) and Mrs Loré Giliomee (Th) guiding our 10 Senior Room students. We welcome Alana to her first schooling year in Kindy and acknowledge the leadership of Stella and Zoe already this year and look forward to what they will provide as the year progresses.

Our support staff this year are:

Education Assistant – Miss Sasha Desmond (M – F), 2-3 days to be allocated.

Manager Corporate Services - Mrs Sonia Scott (M – W)

School Officer – Miss Monique Christie (Th), Mrs Andrea Carmody (F)

Gardener – Andrea Minski

Cleaner – TBC

School Chaplain – Mrs Ruth Marold (F), 1 day to be allocated, hopefully.

School Psychologist – Mr Joseph Truncali

School Nurse – Mrs Nikee Tierney

School Breakfast Program

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In 2026, Cascade PS will be participating in the School Breakfast Program to provide additional food to our students who are travelling long distances on school buses. Our plan is to start a Grab & Go station, where students can grab a healthy snack when they get to school and before the leave on the bus. Our wonderful chaplain, Mrs Ruth, will help students prepare and cook snacks for the following week. We have received our first shipment of supplies from Foodbank WA and the Grab & Go station will be activated from next week. Donations of eggs and fresh produce will be welcome if children come home asking.

Sporting Schools Grant

Our Sporting Schools Grant process has changed this year as we are now classed as remote. I'm excited to announce that we have been successful this week, already securing a \$10 000 grant to provide additional sport to the students across the year. We are starting off with tennis from week 6 (Monday's) and will be able to provide lots more opportunities for our students throughout the year.

Sports Carnivals

Term 1 is busy and Sports Carnivals are on the agenda across the back end of the term. This year the Mallee West Carnival will look a little different. Information will come out to parents very soon. This event is scheduled for Friday 20th March at Munglinup Community Ground.

The Mallee Interschool Carnival will be hosted by Salmon Gums PS in Esperance, at the Hockey fields on Friday 27th March.

The Esperance Regional Interschool Carnival for Year 3-6 students will be hosted by Castletown PS on Thursday 2nd April. Further information on these carnivals will come out to parents in due course.

Reporting to Parents Change

The Department of Education have updated the policy and guidelines on reporting student achievement and progress to parent for 2026. Schools will be aligned across the state on how they report to parents and this will be very much in line with how we have reported over the past 12 months. Schools are now able to suspend the timetable for 2 days in the school year for the purpose of meeting with parents to discuss student achievement and progress. I will consult with the School Council and P&C in the coming weeks on what this will look like for Cascade PS going forward.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy will begin on Wednesday 11th March for students in Year 3 and 5. These students will be given opportunities to practice and familiarise in the testing platform over the next couple of weeks.

School Improvement + Busy Bee

Things are really starting to come to fruition in terms of improvements across the school. We had our first load of new furniture arrive this week for the Senior Room. The bitumen court refurbishment will commence next week, on Tuesday. This was extremely exciting news today, having confirmed the contractors will be on site next week!!! The project will take 8-9 days to complete, with a lot of work happening over the long weekend.

The busy bee planned for Monday will put most of the finishing touches on the Junior Playground space. We hope to see lots of parents in to lend a hand.

School Council

The School Council will be meeting on Tuesday 3rd March from 8:30am at school. We are still needing 1 more parent member to come on board. If you are interested and would like to sit in on the meeting, please feel free to come in on Tuesday. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss the role further.

Have a wonderful weekend

Kind regards

Ashley Weckert



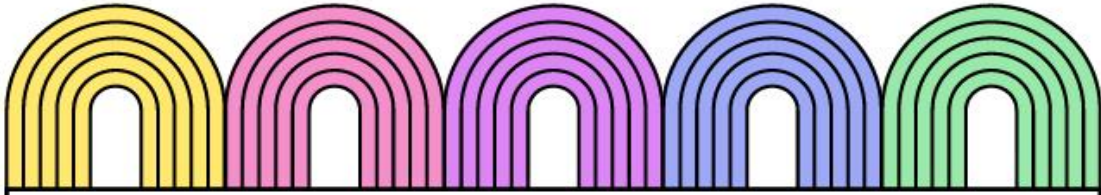
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JUNIOR ROOM FUN!

Welcome to the 2026 school year! We have already had such a wonderful start, filling our days with reading stories, painting masterpieces, playing together, exploring new ideas, building amazing creations, counting and learning with numbers, practising our writing and colouring, singing songs, and sharing with our friends. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, growth, and fun together!

From Mrs Watts & Mrs Ritchie





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SENIOR Room

The first few weeks of the year have flown by! Everyone is settling in, and we're having a fantastic time! We've immersed ourselves in SIDE Maths, met our new teachers, built intricate robots to benefit humanity, and crafted some thrilling narratives to captivate our readers. Show and Tell has been a joy as we learn about each other's favorite hobbies.

Additionally, we've been honing our teamwork skills with Mr. Weckert in preparation for our upcoming carnival, and soon, Tennis Lessons will kick off as well.

In just three weeks, we've stayed incredibly busy, and we can't wait to see what the rest of the term has in store for us!

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Term 1 Planner



	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
WEEK 1	Feb 2 First day of school	3	4	5	6	7/8
WEEK 2	9	10	11	12	13	14/15
WEEK 3	16	17	18	19	20	21/22
WEEK 4	23 Busy Bee @ School 8.30am	24 School Nurse visit	25	26	27	28/ March 1
WEEK 5	2 Labour day public holiday	3 School Council meeting 8.30am	4	5	6	7/8
WEEK 6	9	10	11	12	13	14/15
WEEK 7	16	17	18	19	20 Mallee West Sports Day @ Munglinup	21/22
WEEK 8	23	24	25	26 P & C Meeting 9.00am	27 Mallee Interschool @ Esperance	28/29
WEEK 9	30	31 End of term assembly	April 1	2 Esp. Regional Interschool @ Castletown Last Day of School	3 Good Friday	4/5

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DATES TO REMEMBER

2nd March – Labour Day public holiday
2nd April – Last day of School for Term 1

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Stella Austin – 4th Jan
Adrian Minski – 12th Jan
Hazel Campbell – 5th Feb
Elaina Carmody – 8th Feb



School Times

Classrooms open 8.30am
Class commences 8.40am
Recess 10.40am
Lunch 1.00pm
End of day 2.45pm

School
contributions and
charges are due

Remember to notify the
school as well as the bus
run if your child is not on
the bus



Cascade Primary School values



Week 1 – 3

Leaf raffle winners

Pride & Kindness -
Oliver & Elaina

Respect - Fred & Zoe

Kindness - Isaac

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Chaplains Chat

A big shout out for the new year at Cascades Primary School.

What a delight to see some old and new faces – with smiles that brighten a 'chappies heart'.

My name is Mrs Ruth. I have been a chaplain at Cascades for 4 years. I attend the Cascade School community on a Friday to support students, teachers and families. I have a background in farming – and still farming. I have 3 grown kids – 1 daughter in Perth and 2 sons who have returned to the farm.

My husband & I attend 'The Bay of Isles Christian Fellowship' on Sunday and have been running Tween youth groups for 20 years. Yes... I can still run.

This year, I will be supporting Principal Mr Weckert with some Foodbank recipes for some morning or afternoon snacks. There will be possibilities for kids cooking along with food preparation and hygiene.

Today students will receive a homemade cookie heart and some gift socks from YouthCare.

I'm looking forward to the year ahead

Ruth Marold (Chaplain)



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OFFICIAL

BUSY BEE TIME

Parents and Community are invited to lend a hand on Monday 23rd February @ Cascade PS in the Junior Playground, from 8:30am.

Jobs include:

- Finish paving the amphitheatre area
- Sand and re-seal wooden forte structure
- Tidy logs and trees
- Weed near library

Things to bring:

- Gloves
- Rubber mallet
- Level
- Shovel/rake
- Chainsaw (1)



Community News



CASCADE TOWN RECREATION ASSOCIATION
PROUDLY PRESENTS AN 18+ EVENT,

GAS BAR

BAR SHOW

MUSIC • FOOD • DRINKS

SAT 28 MARCH 2026 | 6:00PM - 12:00AM

CASCADE HALL // TICKETS \$30

WESTERN DRESS-UP THEME

Sports flyers

SAVE *The* DATE

100 Years of Salmon Gums Primary School!

Salmon Gums Primary School proudly celebrates 100 years since opening its doors to the community.

We warmly invite past and present students, families, staff and community members to join us in marking this special milestone.

Come along to celebrate a century of learning, connection and community spirit.

Event Details:

Date: **Friday 26th of June 2026**

Where: **Salmon Gums Primary School**

*More details to come



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**🏒 Esperance Hockey Association
– 2026 Season Registrations Now
Open! 🏒**

We're excited to welcome all new and returning players to the 2026 hockey season! Whether you're picking up a stick for the first time or returning for another great year, we'd love to see you involved.

Junior registrations close on 6th March to allow us time to finalise teams and prepare fixtures for the season ahead. If your child is planning to play, please make sure you register before this date so we can place everyone into teams.

Senior registrations will remain open a little longer, however we encourage all players to register as early as possible to assist with planning — especially with our turf development underway this year.

We accept KidSport vouchers for eligible players. To register, simply follow the link below and complete the process via Revolutionise — it's quick and easy:

🔗 <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/esperancehockey/registration>

If you have any questions:

✉ Registration enquiries – Kayla
McDonald: esperanceregistrar.hockey@gmail.com

✉ Junior competition enquiries – Matt
Ryan: esperance.junior.hockey@gmail.com

We're looking forward to a fantastic 2026 season! 🏒