



Cascade Primary School

Newsletter #2 2026 Term 1 Week 6

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Term 1 certainly is flying by, with only 3 weeks left til Easter. It's been nice to have a bit of rain and cooler weather this week to freshen things up.

Sadly, we said our goodbyes to Mrs Loré Giliomee and Alana at the end of week 4. We wish them well in their move to Badgingarra. Mrs Giliomee will be on leave for the remainder of the year and will assess her position at the school prior to 2027. At this point, we thank her for her service to Cascade PS over many years, even though she has been on maternity leave for the last few. Mr Steve Barter is relieving in this role for the remainder of Term 1.

I want to extend a big thank you to the parents that came in for the paving and sanding busy bee a couple of weeks ago. With out this help, the school would have to contract a tradesman, at great expense, to complete the job. If anyone is free on **Monday from about 11am**, I will be cracking into the paving again and would welcome any help.



School Council

The School Council met for the first time this year on Tuesday, and we elected a new Chairperson, John Carmody, and Greta Ayers will continue as our Secretary. A big thank you to Kim Walter who has been our Chair for the past 4 years and will continue as a great support in her final year on the Council. We welcome Andrea Carmody and Chris Bruhn as new members to the Council. We look forward to working as a governance and guidance arm for the school's strategic direction in 2026 and beyond.



Sports Carnivals

The pointy end of the term is coming around fast. We had a very successful practice with the Munglinup PS students last Wednesday and will head to Mungy next Wednesday for another practice and run on their community oval. We look forward to engaging with both communities on Friday 20th March for a fun and friendly (slightly competitive) sports day.

Mallee West will then represent at the Mallee Interschool on Friday 27th March at the Hockey fields. Students will receive a slip of what events they are in on Monday 23rd March. Parents are asked to get their child/ren to the Hockey fields on time, to participate in the events. Mallee West shirts will be available for parents on Friday 20th March, at Munglinup. Please see the attached Mallee Interschool program of events. Students competing in Year 3 to 6 will be vying for a place on the Mallee Team for the Esperance Regional Interschool which is being held on the last day of term (2nd April), at Castletown PS. Parents will be notified of student qualification on Monday 30th March. We wish all our students the best of luck in these upcoming events.

Student Leaders Day

Our Year 6 student leaders engaged with other student leaders from across Esperance last Wednesday. This started with a walk on country at Wireless Hill, with elder Annie Dabb and the Dabungool Cultural team. The girls then headed up to Esperance Senior High School for lunch and a few fun activities. They enjoyed the scavenger hunt around the school and made catapults in the new STEM facility. It is great that our older students get a day off site with other Year 6 students to learn and socialise.



Community Use of School Sporting Facilities Program

We were all very excited to return to school after the long weekend to see our finished courts upgrade. The school entered a user agreement with the Cascade Town Recreation Association (CTRA) for basketball last year. In doing this we were successful in the CUSSFP grant, receiving \$48 000 to complete a basketball court upgrade. The school contributed an addition \$10 000 to create a new multi-purpose court space that will service the school and community for many years to come.

The user agreement with CRTA means that a basketball competition could be a reality for the community, should there be interest into the future. The backboards are adjustable



to a junior height and can be swung around for netball, which also has 2 heights. We look forward to using and sharing this facility with the community.

This grant and subsequent works complete phase 1 of our strategic playground realignment. Our next phase will see the movement of playground equipment and a new sand area to the east of the new court space.



Look forward to seeing many of our families at the upcoming sports days.

Ashley Weckert



Junior Room

Each time the Junior Room are informed that the Science lesson is to begin they get excited! Science is fun to learn and very hands-on.

This term we are learning about plants within Biological Science. Firstly, we discovered how to use our five senses to learn about nature around us. Sight, smell, sounds, taste and touch. It is not always good to taste something without a chat with an adult!

Next, we delved into living and non-living things. Living things can move, reproduce, grow and breathe (respire). We started to look at plants and their features. They have roots, leaves, stems and flowers (with seeds). Living things have needs - air, light, soil, space, and water.

Then we took our clip boards and pencils to look at and describe, healthy and unhealthy plants. Then last week we began our experiment with seedlings that all had an element (variable) taken away. One Capsicum seedling had all the elements to survive - air, light, soil, space and water. The other four had one element left out. We will be documenting our findings this week.

Watch this space...



Pride

Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Sense of Belonging



Senior Room

It has been a fantastic and busy few weeks in our classroom, with students diving into lots of exciting learning opportunities!

Our tennis lessons have kicked off again with our coach, Bastien, and students have been loving their time on the court. They have been practicing their coordination, improving their skills, and enjoying the chance to stay active while learning new techniques.



On Thursdays, students have been exploring Biological Science with Mr. Barter. They have been learning about living things and how biological systems work, sparking plenty of curiosity and great classroom discussions.

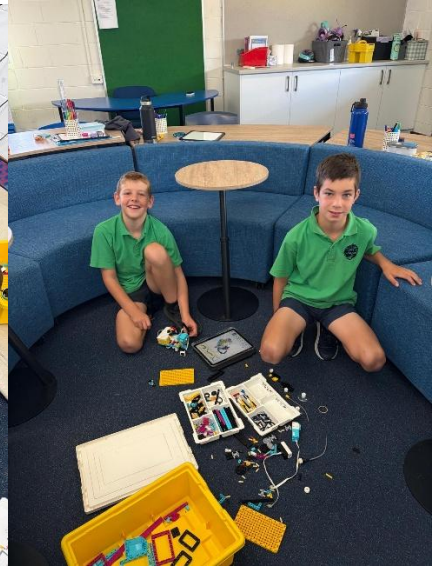
During Literacy, we have started a new spelling program called Word Origins. This program explores the Latin, Greek, and Anglo-Saxon roots of words. By discovering where words come from, students are building stronger spelling skills and expanding their vocabulary in a meaningful way. In Writing, we have been focusing on persuasive texts and learning how to build strong arguments. One of the big questions we have been debating is:

Are some rules meant to be broken?

Be sure to ask your child what they think—you might find yourself on the receiving end of a very persuasive argument!

Our Digital Technologies lessons have been a huge hit recently, as students have been designing and building their own battle bots. Through this challenge, students have been exploring the concept of forces while testing their robots in an exciting tug-of-war competition. After learning from our first round of battles, we will be heading back to the drawing board next week to redesign and improve our bots.





It has been a wonderful couple of weeks full of curiosity, creativity, and hands-on learning, and the students have been having an absolute blast!

Cascade Snack Shack

Cascade students have been raiding their piggy banks of 50c coins to make a purchase at the Cascade Snack Shack on Friday's, at recess and lunch.

A great initiative run by the year 6 girls, Stella and Zoe, with support from the P&C.





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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	24 School Nurse visit	25	26	27	28/ March 1
WEEK 5	2 Labour day public holiday	3	4	5	6	7/8
WEEK 6	9 Sport - Tennis	10 School Council meeting @ 8.30am	11	12	13	14/15
WEEK 7	16 Paving Busy Bee @ 11am Sport - Tennis	17	18 Excursion - Mallee West practice @ Mungy	19	20 Mallee West Sports Day @ Munglinup oval	21/22
WEEK 8	23 Sport - Tennis	24	25	26	27 Mallee Interschool @ Hockey fields	28/29 Casbar Show @ CTRA
WEEK 9	30 Sport - Tennis	31 End of Term Dunnart Assembly 1:40 Easter Hat Parade	April 1	2 Yr 3 - 6 Esperance Town Interschool @ Castletown PS Last Day of School	3 Good Friday	4/5 Easter



DATES TO REMEMBER

20th March - Mallee West Sports Carnival of Fun
27th March - Mallee Interschool
2nd April - Last day of School for Term 1



School Times

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

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

Cascade PS values Acknowledgements



Week 5 - 6

Raffle winners

Pride - Victoria x2, Fred

Resilience - Victoria

Sense of Belonging - Ryan, Hazel

The poster is vibrant and colorful, featuring a blue sky with a sun, clouds, and confetti. In the center, five children are depicted: two girls running on a track, two boys in sack races, and one boy jumping rope. Below the children, there are illustrations of food items: a red bucket of potato chips, a coffee cup, a white mug, and a grill with sausages. The text is arranged in a hierarchy, starting with the event name and date, followed by the location and time, and then the food and donation information.

Mallee West
SPORTS CARNIVAL
~ **20th March** ~
At the **Munglinup Community Oval**
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Icey Poles & Potato Chips (packet) \$2 each!

Morning Tea & Coffee
Gold Coin Donation
CASH ONLY

Sausage Sizzle
AFTER THE EVENT!



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

MAKE THE MOVE

ESPERANCE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
Hockey WA

PLAY HOCKEY

Pride

Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Sense of Belonging



Community News

CONDINGUP P&C PRESENTS
CONDINGUP COMMUNITY FAIR
 SATURDAY 21ST MARCH
 10AM TIL LATE

FREE ENTRY

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CONDINGUP PRIMARY SCHOOL

KIDS ACTIVITIES
 RAFFLES & COMPETITIONS
 BAR FACILITIES
 LIVE MUSIC
 FOOD STALLS

CONDINGUP PRIMARY P&C

Warakirri Cropping, Esperance, CSBP, Southern Ports, SOUTHEAST PETROLEUM

THE QUIZZICAL MR JEFF

1PM
 Ages 5+

A MESMERISING FUSION OF CIRCUS MAGIC & ILLUSION

WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026
 Esperance Civic Centre



Community News

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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Ages 3-12

09 April 2026
1:30 pm / 2:45 pm

10 April 2026
9:30 am / 10:45 am / 1:00 pm / 2:15 pm

Esperance Civic Centre
Council Pl, Esperance WA 6450

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