



Cascade Primary School

Respect, Resilience, Pride, Kindness, Sense of Belonging

Newsletter #3 2026

Term 1 Week 9

Principal's Pen – Week 9 Term 1

With Term 1 coming to a close, we have finished off with a very busy few weeks, including 3 sports Carnivals. I think all of the students and staff deserve a well-earned rest and I trust they will load up on chocolate and hibernate (staff at least) for a couple of weeks!

Mallee West Sports Day

Friday, 20th March, saw us all meet over at the Munglinup Community Oval, for the first time in many years, for the annual sports day. The day looked a little different this year with no faction teams, as our combined numbers have decreased. Instead, we had some fancy dressed families and staff. The Grinchy Campbell's took out best dressed for Cascade, but it was great to see everyone getting in the spirit of the day.

The students started with some competitive jumping, throwing and running, with



everyone collecting some ribbons. After a recess break, we launched into the fun with ball games and flag races that pitted parents against students and staff. The heat of the day set in and lunch time provided a bit of respite from the sun and allowed everyone to recharge for the afternoon fun. Sack races, 3-legged or more races, and egg n spoon relays brought families and friends together in some fun competition. Mr Weckert's team building water challenges were no match for the ingenuity of the farming community, as the parents outsmarted the rules and transferred that water with ease, conquering the staff along the way. The events were rounded out with a traditional tug of war and I'm not sure that we can declare a fair winner in that climax.

The day was a great success, and this is a credit to all the students, parents and staff that got in there and had a go. Lots of fun had and many memories will have been made for our kids that they will remember for a lifetime.

Mallee Interschool Carnival

Last Friday saw the Mallee West team take on the other Mallee schools and Esperance Christian School at the Mallee Interschool Carnival. Our students represented themselves and our school extremely well. We had 2 champion athletes in Zoe Walter (Senior girls) and Ryan Ayers (Intermediate boy) and 1 runner-up champion in Adrian Minski (Intermediate boys). Our low numbers made it difficult to compete in some of the events, but we certainly had a good go in those that we did. The overall standings saw Mallee North go back-2-back with the win, Condingup came in 2nd and

we finished 3rd, 45 points behind them. A big thank you to the parents that helped across the morning and those that had a go in the parent races at the end of the day.



Esperance Regional Interschool

The last day of term sees our Senior Room (Year 3-6) students representing the Mallee Team at the Esperance Regional Interschool Carnival. For the second year, the best of the best from all the town schools and Mallee will go head-2-head. It will be a good challenge for our champion athletes, and we hope they do their best across the day. This year we see the introduction of a Handicap Shield. This will use the difference between last year's results added to this year's school scores. Mallee have about a 700 point head start on last year's winners, Esperance PS. It will be an exciting outcome to see if we have improved on last year and can be the first name etched on the new shield. Go Mallee!!!

End of Term Dunnart Assembly

We held our end of term assembly on Tuesday, and this included our traditional Easter Hat Parade and presentation. There were lots of creative designs and explanations of hats, but the winners of the event were Fred Plaado and Stella Austin. They each receive a chocolate Easter bunny prize. Our School Values raffle also saw chocolate prizes on offer, with 5 lucky winners – Isaac, Adrian, Sam, Oliver, and Elaina. We finished the assembly with a parents' vs students basketball match on the new courts. Even though they were a bit outnumbered, I think the parents got the chocolates in this battle. The biggest winner was the knees that hit the ground and came up with no blood or grazes!

Term 1 has been a very busy 9 weeks. Lots of learning and growth has happened. I hope everyone can have a restful Easter and holiday break. No doubt the farms will be a hive of activity in the coming weeks. Please be safe and we look forward to seeing all the smiling faces back for Term 2 on Tuesday 21st April.

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Ashley Weckert







Junior Room

The Junior Room has had a fantastic term exploring how to write procedures!

We've discovered that procedures come in many forms, including recipes (our favourite!), everyday instructions, science experiments, and craft activities.

Along the way, we learned that every good procedure needs a clear title, a list of materials or ingredients, and carefully ordered steps.



To bring our learning to life, we've had lots of hands-on fun. We practised sequencing by putting events in order, ran our very own pizza restaurant with pretend cooking, and even made real vegemite sandwiches and mini pavlovas.

It's been a busy and exciting term full of learning, creativity, and delicious results!

We wish you all a wonderful Easter school holidays, and we look forward to seeing everybody next term!



Senior Room

Who can believe that Easter is just around the corner! It has been a wonderful end to a busy and exciting term.

Our Easter Hat Parade was a highlight, with an incredible display of creativity and colour. A big congratulations to Fred and Stella, who were awarded Easter Bunnies for their outstanding designs. It was fantastic to see so much effort and enthusiasm from all students.

Over the past fortnight, we have also taken part in two carnivals. We began at Mungy, where students had a fantastic time competing in team games and even taking on their parents! Last Friday, we travelled into town for the interschool carnival, where Zoe, Adrian, and Ryan proudly brought home medals — a fantastic achievement. All students represented our school with great sportsmanship and effort, and we certainly felt proud (and a little tired!) after giving it our all against the other Mallee schools.

Back in the classroom, students have been working hard to wrap up their persuasive writing tasks. They have been learning how to create strong opening statements and support their ideas with clear evidence. You may notice some very convincing arguments at home over the holidays — especially when it comes to requests for a new pet!

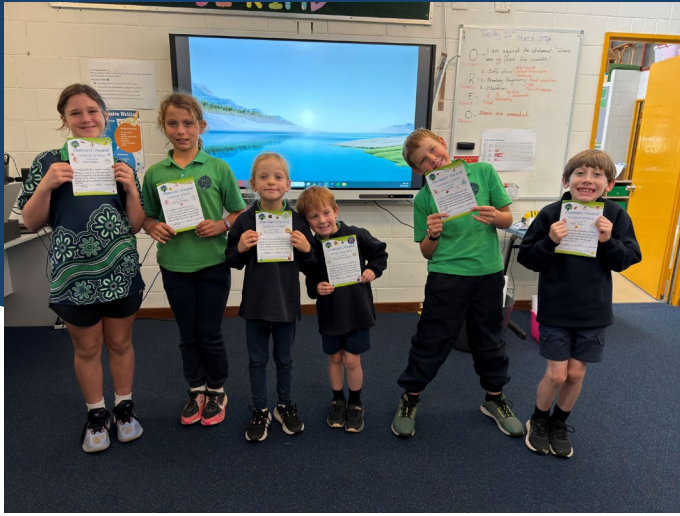
In Maths, everything has been running smoothly, with our Year 3 students

focusing on currency. Learning to add coins and understand money remains an important life skill, even in an increasingly cashless world.

Our Digital Technologies sessions have continued to be a highlight, with students competing in a tug-of-war tournament using their battle bots. Stella and Zoe's team have been particularly hard to beat! Students have been exploring concepts such as torque and grip as they refine their designs and strategies.

It has been a fantastic term filled with learning, growth, and plenty of fun. I would like to wish all families a happy and safe Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for a big and exciting Term 2!

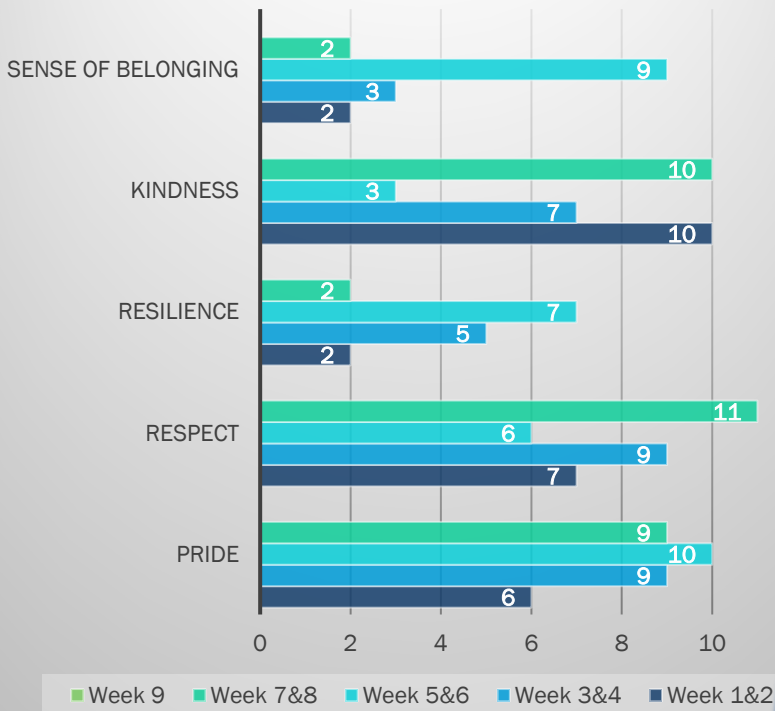






Cascade PS Values

Shared Values



Our shared values
 Respect, Resilience, Pride, Kindness,
 Sense of belonging

Leaf Winners Weeks 8 & 9

Stella
 Elaina x2
 Adrian x2
 Hazel x2
 Isacc
 Uku
 Sam
 Oliver



End of Term Assembly
and Bball match
31st March

Town Interschool
Yr 3-6
2nd April

School Back Term 2
21st April



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Term 2 2026

	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
Week 1 April	20 SDD – No school	21	22	23	24	25/26 ANZAC Parade
Week 2 April/May	27 Public Holiday – No school	28	29	30	1 May	2/3
Week 3 May	4	5	6	7	8	9/10 Mother's Day
Week 4 May	11	12	13	14	15	16/17
Week 5 May	18	19	20 Student Leader's Day @ CPS	21	22	23/24
Week 6 May	25	26	27	28	29	30/31
Week 7 June	1 June WA Day Public Holiday	2	3	4	5	6/7
Week 8 June	8	9 Musica Viva@ Cascade	10	11	12	13/14
Week 9 June	15	16	17	18 Circus Challenge show & workshop	19	20/21
Week 10 June	22 Life Ed @ Mungy	23	24 NAIDOC combined school's event @ EPS	25	26	27/28
Week 11 June/July	29 Year 5 & 6 Camp	30 Camp	1 July Camp	2 Camp	3 Camp Last Day of Term 2	4/5
	6	7	8	9	10	11/12