



Cascade Primary School

Newsletter #5 2026 Term 2 Week 6

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

What a busy few weeks we've had at Cascade PS, along with some beautiful autumn (Djeran) weather. It sounds like most of the seeding is finishing up and it's great to see lots of new growth on the road to school. Even a bit of colour is starting to show in the native bush.

National Reconciliation Week

This week we have acknowledged National Reconciliation Week as part of Education's role in cultural responsiveness, and participated in the All-in Walk for Reconciliation organised by Nulsen PS.



Pride

Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Sense of Belonging



This saw hundreds of students, staff and community from across the Esperance region come together on the beautiful Esperance foreshore to walk together.

New Strategic Plan for WA Public Schools

This week has seen the release of 'Our plan for public education in Western Australia' - the Department of Education's new long-term strategic plan to guide the future of public education across the State. [Strategic directions - Department of Education](#) It is pleasing to finally have this document available to guide the future planning at Cascade PS. I look forward to engaging with staff and school community groups on our school's strategic direction in the coming months.

P&C Day

School P&C's play a vital role in supporting school operations, with community events and financial support helping our students and families. We would like to sincerely thank all the current and past parents that have been part of the Cascade P&C and acknowledge the contributions made.

It was lovely to have some of our current mums join us for a chilly morning walk last Friday. We then tucked into a yummy breakfast of pancakes prepared by the wonderful Mrs Ruth.

Thankyou Cascade P&C!





Student Leaders Day

Our Year 6 leaders participated in the termly student leader's day last week, hosted by Castletown PS. This was a great opportunity to interact with other Yr 6 students and learn of some of the roles and responsibilities they take on at their schools. There were some team-building challenges lead by chaplain Jake Meadley, leadership reflections and planning with Mr Pansini, along with some reflection and feedback on student well-being with Mr Vooght-Simpson.

In the afternoon, the Mallee crew walked down to Bunnings for a fun DIY project. Given a fake budget of \$500, groups had to plan out their room renovation and hit the aisles to get prices. They got to see their paint colour be made and finished the activity with an arts and crafts model build of their room design. This was a great maths activity with lots of fun and competition across the groups.





National Simultaneous Storytime

Our wonderful teachers organised the school to participate in the National Simultaneous Storytime reading on Wednesday, this week. This is an annual event organised by the Australian Library and Information Association which brings together millions of students, staff and families, this year reading *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller*. Our students and staff came together to see authors Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd read the story and bring to life the characters. The book was chosen by ALIA because it captures the spirit of rising to a challenge with heart and grit. We also saw illustrator, Jake Minton, demonstrate and teach the authors, and us, how to draw Luna Roo.

Bushfire Safety and Awareness Incursion

Today we had a visit from DFES Community Preparedness Advisor, Mel Haymont, to learn about fire safety and preparedness in the case of a fire or bushfire. We learnt about good uses of fire and how to be safe around campfires. We learnt about safety and survival steps if a bushfire is near us. It was great to have Tom Carmody bring the Cascade fire truck over to the school for the students to look over and learn about. The students asked lots of great questions and were very engaged. Even the staff struggled with an important question from Tom! Do you know the speed limit when going passed an emergency vehicle with its lights flashing?

Reporting to Parent meetings

Teachers will be available for parent reporting meetings on Tuesday 16th June. If you haven't yet booked in a time, I strongly encourage you to do so. This will be an opportunity for teachers to share your child's learning and progress so far this year.



Please contact me ashley.weckert@education.wa.edu.au to organise a time if you have not done so yet.

Please enjoy the WA Day long weekend and be safe on the roads if travelling. See you all next week.

Ashley Weckert





Junior Room

This term in the Junior Room, we have been exploring the exciting world of Narrative writing through our *Talk for Writing* program. Our focus text has been *The Sheep and the Goat*, and the students have had so much fun learning the story through actions, retelling, and role play using our special character masks!

As we imitate and practise the text together, students are beginning to understand the important parts of a Narrative, including the beginning, build-up, problem, and ending.

It has been wonderful to see their confidence and creativity grow as they bring the story to life in the classroom!



Mrs Watts





Senior Room

It's been another busy fortnight here in the Senior Room, packed with learning, activities, and excursions!

Our Biography projects are now proudly displayed on the classroom walls, and they look fantastic. Students thoroughly enjoyed researching famous people from around the world and discovering fascinating facts about their lives, achievements, and contributions. The effort and creativity shown in these projects have been outstanding.

We've also been fortunate to have some exciting new robots on loan from the University of Adelaide. Our Rugged Robots are designed to tackle a variety of outdoor terrains, making them perfect for exploring and problem-solving beyond the classroom. Students have loved working together to overcome challenges and test the robots' capabilities under the sun.

This week, we enjoyed a trip into town to participate in the Reconciliation Walk alongside schools from across Esperance.



After the walk, we teamed up with Munglipup School for a fun scavenger hunt that led us to Adventureland Pirate Park. Students worked together as one Mallee West team, enjoying the activities and strengthening friendships along the way.



In STEM, we have continued collaborating with the Junior Room on a range of exciting engineering challenges. Together, students have designed and built chairs, rockets, and protective helmets capable of keeping their heads safe from a ball dropped from 1.5 metres above! It has been fantastic to see students applying creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills during these Friday afternoon sessions.

It has certainly been a fun-filled and busy fortnight. A long weekend will give everyone a chance to recharge before we race into the second half of the term.

Mr Saul





Term 2 2026

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
1	20 SDD – No school	21	22	23	24	25/26 Anzac Parade
2	27 Public Holiday – no school	28	29	30	1 May	2/3
3	4	5	6	7	8 Mother's Day Pamper session 1.30pm	9/10 Mother's Day
4	11	12	13	14	15	16/17
5	18	19	20 Student Leader's Day @ CPS	21	22	23/24
6	25	26	27	28	29	30/31
7	1 June WA Day Public Holiday	2	3	4	5	6/7
8	8 Musica Viva @ Cascade	9	10	11	12	13/14
9	15	16 Parent meetings	17	18 Circus Challenge Show & Workshop	19	20/21
10	22 Life Ed @ Mungy	23	24 NAIDOC combined schools event @ EPS	25	26	27/28
11	29 Year 5 & 6 Camp	30 Year 5 & 6 Camp	1 July Year 5 & 6 Camp	2 Year 5 & 6 Camp	3 Year 5 & 6 Camp Last Day of Term 2	4/5



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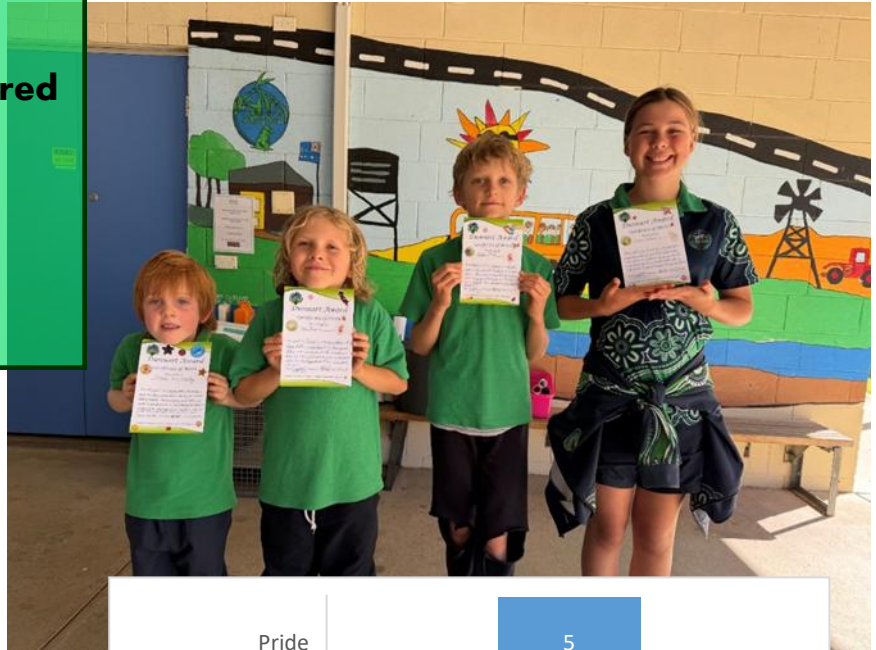
Week 5 – 6

Raffle winners

Respect – Zoe x2, Ryan, Sam, Fred

Resilience - Elaina

Pride – Stella



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P & C Day Walk & Breakfast



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Chaplain Chat



A traditional Aussie breakfast with a twist to end the week.

Today was Hawaiian porridge with a generous serving of fruit and coconut 🥥.

A great time around the table for conversations before the learning begins.

Enjoy your long weekend everyone.





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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