Callington Kindergarten

Term 4 - Week 4 - 2026

NEWSLETTER



At Callington Kindergarten and Occasional Care, we aim to acknowledge, respect and connect with the natural surrounds where we play, learn and grow together on Peramangk Country. We pay our respects to Peramangk Elders past and present, and respectfully recognise the neighbouring and connected Kaurna, Meru and Ngarrindjeri Countries across this region.

TERM 4 TEAM

It has been lovely settling back into Term 4 together. Our small team continues to work closely across the week, sharing observations and planning around what we are noticing children doing, wondering about and ready to explore next.
This term, we have Mary and me (Ali) on Tuesdays, Jasmine and Hannah on Wednesdays and Hannah and me for Occasional Care on Thursdays. We are always looking to grow our educator team. Recently, Tabatha has been helping out on Thursdays, which has been great.

If you are keen to give working in Early Childhood a try - Callington Kindy is the place to give it a go for sure! All you need to do is apply on EduJobs to get an Authority to work letter - https://jobs.education.sa.gov.au/page.php?pageID=160&windowUID=0&AdvertID=15896
PLEASE chat to any of the team if you are interested.

CALLINGTON KINDERGARTEN EDUCATOR TEAM

Ali	Jasmine	Mary	Hannah
			
SITE LEADER NOMINATED SUPERVISOR Tuesday Teacher Wednesday - Admin-- Thurs Occ Care	RESPONSIBLE PERSON Wednesday Teacher & Thurs. Non-Face to Face even weeks	RESPONSIBLE PERSON Tuesday ECW	 Wednesday ECW Thursday Occasional Care

PLANNING AND LEARNING

Our planning continues to grow from the children's interests, ideas and experiences. Recent learning has included gross motor, vehicles and construction loose-parts, animals (there are 2 pigeons that are trying to nest at kindy which brings mess with it - that is a constant inquiry for Ali!), Spanish language, wellbeing and naming emotions, keeping safe curriculum, nutrition and healthy eating, movement and dance, storytelling, signing, nature and our local community including our Callington Show display with the school. As the weather gets warmer, we will also be exploring summer safety, caring for our environment, snake awareness and bushfire awareness, alongside the interests and questions children bring each day. We recently had a bushfire emergency practice with the school - the children are becoming increasingly aware of potential dangers and how to respond safely.



KIND, BRAVE AND STRONG



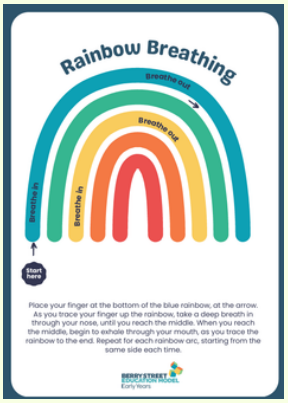
Our Kind, Brave and Strong language continues to be an important part of everyday life at Cally Kindy. We are using it when solving problems, joining play, sharing ideas, looking after others and having a go at something new.
We have also started learning some of these words and simple phrases in Spanish, building on the languages, cultures and connections within our Kindy community.

LEARNING FROM OUR PUPIL FREE DAY

On our recent Pupil Free Day, educators took part in Berry Street Education Model learning focused on trauma-aware and relationship-based practice.

A key message for us was the importance of children feeling safe, connected and ready to learn. We will continue thinking about our routines, environments and educator responses through this lens.





A FEW REMINDERS



Please have a quick check of Kindy bags and update spare clothes for our changing weather. A few different layers are helpful as our days can move from cool mornings to warm afternoons.

As we head towards the end of the year, please let us know if your child will be away or if you already have family holidays planned. This helps us with planning and end-of-year experiences.

DATES TO REMEMBER - TRANSITION TIME!

Wednesday 9 December, 3 pm: Graduation for children starting school in 2027



Callington School transition times: Weeks 7, 8 and 9

For Term 1 2027 kindy starters Callington Kindy transition visits are Wednesday 4 and 25 November, 9am-12noon.

FINISHING THE YEAR STRONG

There is still plenty of learning ahead. We want to finish the year strongly, with plenty of fun and joy, while continuing to stretch children's thinking, support friendships and independence, and make the most of our final weeks together. It will go fast!

Our Assessment and Rating visit is also coming up soon. We are just waiting for the phone call! The assessment visit is an opportunity for an authorised officer to see our Kindy in action and to look at how our practice strives to meet the National Quality Standard. For the children, it will simply feel like another normal Kindy day.

Cally Kindy ♥

Little people ♥ Big possibilities