



Challis Chat

Community Primary School

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What a magnificent start to the 2016 school year! I would like to welcome back all of the families who have been with us for many years and extend a warm welcome to the families of 145 new Kindy children.

We are also welcoming many families who have children in the older years. Welcome to Challis Community Primary School for the start of what is sure to be a year of settled behaviour, engaged learning, goal setting and improved academic achievement. Of course there will be some challenges along the way and we aim to work with parents to address and resolve whatever the challenges may be.

We are welcoming 16 new teachers to Challis this year. Some are replacements for staff who have left the school, others have been appointed because of our increased enrolments and others have been appointed to lead a special project. Already our new recruits have shown a high standard of teaching, care and commitment to the school and if you have a close look at their classrooms you will see the hard work that has been done over the school holidays to ensure children return to a stimulating environment. We have two new transportables positioned near Mallee Block and they are spacious, air conditioned, refurbished and very comfortable for children and staff.

Thank you- Thanks to the P&C fundraising efforts throughout 2015, plus our school Fete and a successful grant submission, we have been able to construct a new shade shelter over the PP play equipment. It is enormous and provides ample shade for the PP children to play safely. A terrific way to spend our funds!

Thank you to all parents who have ensured children are wearing full school uniform. The P and C has worked so hard in selling uniforms that they have sold out of several sizes and are waiting for a new shipment of clothing to arrive. Teachers are aware of this situation and no child will be given a consequence for not wearing full school uniform. My hope is that by the middle of term 1 we will all be wearing the appropriate uniform and in the meantime, parents can simply purchase a navy blue t-shirt and shorts from any clothing store.

Behaviour- has been excellent throughout week 1 and the children are understanding and following the "Challis Way". Their first responsibility is to make sure they are in class at 8:30 am. A bell now rings to remind everyone to move to class so that they are in the right place at the right time, ready to learn. A terrific start!

Communicating with Parents – in response to feedback we are moving away from relying on the newsletter to communicate information once per fortnight. Instead we will be sending home information through notifications using our school app plus teachers will be setting up various ways of communicating with their parents eg a class FACEBOOK page, Class Do-Jo, CONNECT etc This will ensure information is communicated directly to parents without relying on pieces of paper to make its way out of the bottom of schoolbags and into your hands. The school newsletter will be sent home three times per term this year, in weeks 2,6 and 10. **To stay abreast of all school information please download our school app using the following instructions.**

Important information to note:

- Parent assemblies will start in **Week 4** and have moved to Wednesday mornings, each fortnight, at 9am.
- The school bell rings at **8:30am** indicating that everyone should be in or moving towards their classroom.
- Children need to leave school grounds directly at 3pm each day and at **2:30pm on Tuesdays**. Teachers move to staff meetings at that time and are not able to supervise children.
- Now that school has returned, the 40Km rule is in place from **7:30-9am and 2:30-4pm** around our school. Please slow down and make sure our beautiful children are kept safe.

New Parent Carpark is Open! – After many years of negotiations and discussions, the Department of Education and Armadale City Council have jointly funded and created a new parent carpark on Braemore Street near the Kindergarten classrooms. Last week the carpark ran smoothly with parents following the "one way in" and "one way out" arrows. On 16th February, the fence will be reinstalled ensuring that a barrier exists between the carpark and the oval, adding further safety for children.

Please do not use the staff carpark for dropping off, picking up or parking at any time throughout the day.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and am keen to continue working with parents to seek your opinion and feedback about the running of the school and our performance.

Stay cool in this hot weather.

Kind regards,
Lee Musumeci



To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android's. Search for **Updat-ed** and from the menu select our school. We'll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.

So what will the app do?

The app's great for sending out alerts and reminders with one of its best features being the ability to save events directly into your phone's calendar. Once you have registered, the School will then activate your application and you're ready to enjoy this new service.

We hope you enjoy being **Updat-ed!**

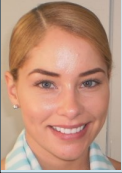


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Principal	Lee Musumeci
Associate Principal	Louise O'Donovan/Kelly Plunkett
Deputy Principal	Michael Morgan
Curriculum Coordinator	Sherry Egan
Business Manager	Heather Lewis
School Officers	Heather Sinclair/Yvette Burke Kelly Stanning/Rechelle Natale/Teagan Briggs

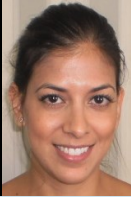
M1	Year 5	Jemma Souren
M2	Year 5	Elyse Frith & Eileen Morrison
M3	Year 5	Julie Lea
M4	Year 6	Nicole Page & Peta-Marie Scott
M5	Year 6	Melissa Baeli
M6	Year 6	Maxine Galante
M7	Year 3/4	Ian Maguire
M8	Year 3	Helen Summers
M9	Year 4	Jessica Borgomastro
M10	Year 4/5	Deborah Robinson
Mallee	Literacy Support	Ann Garrick
T1	Year 3	Simon Blanchard and Corinne Conway
T2	Year 3	Lucy Welton and Kelly Plunkett. Catherine Ratcliffe
T3	Year 3	Cheraine Watson
T4	Year 4	Enda Nolan
T5	Year 4	Richard Allen
T6	Year 3	Ashley Woodford
Tuart	Art	Erinn Stanfield
Karri	Physical Education	Paul McDowell and Pam Biggs
	Health	Liane Taylor
	DOTT	Jasmine Gasper
	Psychologist	Jeremy Kirkwood
	Co-ord. CPLEC	Kristy Tomlinson
	Chaplain	Diane Thoomes
W1	Year 2	Paige Ward
W2	Year 2	Justine Abbey
W3	Year 2	Rebecca Peake
W4	Year 2	Paul Fern
W5	Year 2	Rachel Ansell
W6	Year 1	Jenny Moore
W7	Year 1	Hayes Webb & Erinn Stanfield
W8	Year 1	Janis Sumner
Wattle	Science	Radha Bhaskaran

	Music	Mary-Carmel O'Neill & Michelle Wilde	
K1	Senior Science	Peta-Marie Scott	
K2	Year 1	Sean Avery	
K3	Year PP/1	Shay Hough	
K4	Year 1	Mark McClements	
	Library	Teagan Briggs and Corrine Conway	
J1	Pre Primary	Jo Bonella	
J2	Pre Primary	Kasey Spagnolo	
J3	Pre Primary	Vanessa Velliou & Mary Carmel O'Neill	
J4	Pre Primary	Jacqui Rownes	
J5	Pre Primary	Sophie Lane	
J6	Pre Kindy (3yr olds)	Mel Ballantyne	
J7	Pre Kindy (3yr olds)	Lauren Brown & Renee Myles	
J8	Kindy	Caroline Bentley	
J9	Kindy	Tanya Mills	
J10	Kindy	Denise Bujalka and Nikita D'Sylva	
J11	Kindy	Tracy Rose & Ashling Delaney	
	Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing	Elizabeth Rochfort	
	Family Support Workers	Jenny Forrest and Liz Roughton	
	AEIO	Karina Foxon-Burghall, Shani Cox & Kara Mason	
	Head Cleaner	Heather Gorton	
	Gardener	Brad Carson	
Education Assistants	Aleasha Jacobsen	M	J4
	Ann Gaiger	M	J2
	Beth Noonan	M	J11
	Brenda Baker	M	J1
	Bridget Muhoro	M	J1
	Carol Beal	SN	M4
	Cassandra Davis	SN	M9
	Chrissy Scott	SN	W5
	Denise Bibby	M	J5
	Emma Ford	SN	J2
	Fiona Brown	M	J7
	Fiona Warwick	SN	M10
	Jenny Noonan	M	J9
	Jo English	M	J9
	Krystal Revill	SN	W8
	Lyn Wakeford	SN	J10
	Matina Agostino	M	J3
	Rachael Price	M	J9
	Rebecca Brown	M	K3
	Sharon Wilson	M	J7 and J2
	Sue Fairbrother	M	J8
	Sue Farmer	M	J7
Tania Ponton	M	J8	
Tania Winwood	M	J9	
Wendy Waddington	SN	M4	



Jemma Souren- M1 Year 5

Previously worked at Phoenix P.S in Fremantle. I am looking forward to being a part of the Challis Community and making new friends.



Melissa Baeli- M5 Year 6

Previous School: Meekatharra District High School

I am very excited to be joining a friendly and dynamic staff who are committed to providing every student at Challis Community Primary with outstanding quality teaching. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week and getting to know all the students and parents. I'm looking forward to a busy but fantastic year ahead.

Renee Myles - J7 Pre Kindy

My name is Renee. I have spent the last 2 years coordinating the therapy services provided by Curtin University Health Science students on site at both Neerigen Brook and Challis Primary Schools. I also lecture in Nutrition part time and am a mother to 3 children. I am most looking forward to working with an amazing team of passionate and like-minded professionals at this school, to providing a wonderful experience to our Pre-K children and of course getting to sing in class without it being considered a bit weird.



Kristy Tomlinson - Co-ordinator CPELC

I was previously working for Curtin University (but based at Challis!)

I am now the Student Services Coordinator and CPELC Coordinator

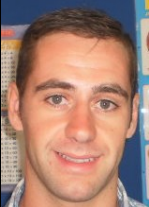
I am most looking forward to getting to know the Challis parents and doing my best to support them to support their children to be the best they can be.



Tanya Mills - J10 Kindy

I previously worked at Bletchley Park Primary School as a Special Needs EA and have been working in the field of special needs for nearly ten years. I also spent a couple of days a week at Curtin Primary in a Pre Primary / Kindy class in term four last year before coming to Challis.

I'm really excited to be at Challis and am looking forward to a fantastic year getting to know the students, their families and the staff!



Enda Nolan -T4 Year 4

Hi, my name is Enda. I come from Ireland, and moved to Australia 5 years ago. I love it here so much, that I am currently in the process of gaining my Australian citizenship. In Ireland, I gained a degree in Early childhood and have spent the last 5 years developing and implementing after school and holiday programs, before returning to Uni to complete my studies in teaching. I am very excited to become a member of the Challis community, and look forward to assisting and supporting each child's development. I am very passionate about sports also, and look forward to having an opportunity to share my skills and knowledge in this area.



Maxine Galante - M6 Year 6

I was previously working at a school in Flemington, Melbourne, and at the end of last year drove across Australia (all 3,421km) to arrive in Perth for the new year.

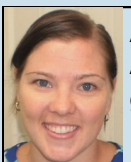
Although I studied and worked in Melbourne, I am originally from a tiny island called Jersey in the United Kingdom. It's so small you may not spot us it most world maps!

I'm looking forward to teaching in a bigger school, as this means I get to work with lots more wonderful teachers and I am excited to start teaching Talk4Writing at Challis as it is a new and exciting program for me.



Jessica Borgomastro - M9 Year 4

I am a graduate in my first year of teaching. I Completed a Bachelor of Education at ECU. I am most excited about working at Challis because of the amazing staff support available to me as a graduate teacher and the incredible sense of community within the school. I have only been here for a week but I already feel so welcomed by all students, parents and staff.

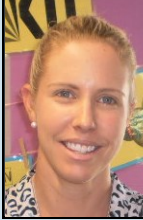


Ashley Woodford - T6 Year 3

Ashley is in T6, Year 3. We are very lucky to have Ms Woodford join the Challis team! We hope you enjoy getting to know the children as much as we are looking forward to getting to know you.

**Paige Ward - W1 Year 2**

I worked at Gwynne Park Education Support Centre for the past 3 years as both an education assistant and teacher. I am very excited to be joining such a professional and well respected team. I look forward to the new experiences provided at Challis and am eager to see what I can achieve with such amazing and supportive colleagues.

**Justine Abbey - W2 Year 2**

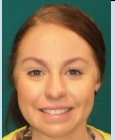
Hi! My name is Justine Abbey and I have been teaching locally, in rural regions and internationally for the past nine years. Last year I taught at West Byford Primary, and before that four years at South Hedland Primary School. I am looking forward to working closely with the local community, staff and students in many different contexts and activities. I strongly believe all children can be high achievers and that every child matters every day. I am excited to see what 2016 holds!

**Julie Lea - M3 Year 5**

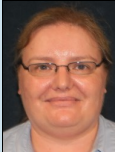
Julie is Teaching in M3, Year 5. We are looking forward to getting to know you here at Challis. Julie is a bundle of positive energy and prides herself on developing a community within her classroom.

**Jenny Moore - W6 Year 1**

Jenny is Teaching in W6, Year 1. She joins us from the U.K. Jenny has experience in explicit instruction and is a perfect match for our school. The children already love having you as their new Teacher, welcome Jenny.

**Shay Hough - K3 PP/1**

Shay is working in K3, PP/1. We welcome you to Challis Shay, we are very lucky to have you join our team from your very remote school in 2015.

**Jacqui Rownes - J4 Pre Primary**

Jacqui is working in J4, Pre Primary. Your gentle personality is sure to help the new Pre Primaries settle in very quickly. Welcome Jacqui.

Ashling Delaney - J11 Kindy

In December 2015 I graduated from the University of Notre Dame Australia with a bachelor of Early Childhood Education Degree. Through out my degree I had 32 weeks of practical experience in the classroom, and also worked in an Early Learning Centre, where I was apart of running the Pre-Kindy program. I am looking forward to being apart of the Challis primary school community. I am also looking forward to being a part of the students learning and achievements as well as learning different approaches to teaching from the wonderful teachers at Challis.

Term Planner

TERM PLANNER	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	1st Feb Students' First Day	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Week 2	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Week 3	15th	16th P&C meeting 7pm	17th	18th	19th
Week 4	22nd	23rd	24th Assembly 9am	25th	26th
Week 5	29th	1st March	2nd	3rd	4th Schools Clean Up Day
Week 6	7th Labour Day	8th	9th Assembly 9am	10th	11th
Week 7	14th	15th	16th	17th St Patrick's Day	18th
Week 8	21st Harmony Day	22nd P & C - AGM meeting 7pm	23rd Assembly 9am	24th	25th Good Friday
Week 9	28th Easter Monday	29th Easter Tuesday	30th	31st	1st April
Week 10	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th

School Closed