



Waikerie Primary School Newsletter

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Persistence, Confidence,
Care, Honesty

Term 1, Week 1 – Wednesday 31 January 2018

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 13 th February	Parent Information and Acquaintance Event
Tuesday 2 nd March	Primary Splash Carnival
Tuesday 6 th March	AGM 7pm
Friday 9 th March	Student Free Day

Principal

Dear Community

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to new families I have not previously met and say a warm hello to those I already know.

For the past 20 months I have held the position of Principal Consultant in the Berri Portfolio. I worked with principals, directors and leadership teams across 33 preschool, primary and high school sites as an advisor and mentor to support them with their continuous improvement journeys. I have also had the opportunity to undertake a wide range of new professional learning and training.

Last week teachers returned to official duty on Wednesday 24 January for administration and classroom preparation. On Thursday 25 January we undertook our first professional learning for the year. The school is continuing the focus on 'visible learning' and we will keep you informed of this work.

2018 Staff

Principal: Belinda Krollig

Deputy: Megan Higgins

Senior Leader in Teaching and Learning: Carol Colbert

Student Wellbeing leader: Alison Pietsch

Room 3 Year 5/6 Natasha Wall

Room 4 Year 4/5 Tiffany Sansome

Room 5 Year 3 Nina Rayner (4 days) and
Connie Valentine (1 day)

Room 6 Year 4/5 Lucy Sherwell

Room 7 Year 6/7 Laura Taylor

Room 8 Year 6/7 Sarah Schiller

Room 9 Reception Kimberly Smith

Room 10 Year 1/2 Sarah Kipling

Room 11 Year 1/2 Jill Darling (4 days) and
Amy Lloyd (1 day)

Room 12 Reception / Year 1 Lorraine Fechner

This year we would like to try a new approach to the parent information and acquaintance event. This will be held on Tuesday 13 February from 6:00 – 7:15pm. We will begin in the school hall with an introduction to staff and a short role description from some key staff members. We will also inform you of our student learning intentions. Classrooms will then be open and a free sausage sizzle available. For catering purposes could you please return the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter.



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Waikerie Primary School's business is student learning and all students have the right to learn in a safe and supportive classroom. As principal of this school I have high student behaviour expectations and all members of our community are to be treated with respect. We recently completed work on our Student Behaviour Support document and will be trialling and reviewing it this term. Students will be introduced to the document this week.

The school uniform information also accompanies this newsletter, to show pride in our school it is an expectation that students wear navy blue and grey clothing. Clothing can be purchased at the Office and second hand items are also available.

This term the newsletter will be published on a Wednesday in weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. Assemblies in term 1 will be on a Friday at 9:00am in weeks 3, 6 and 9.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the school Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 March at 7:00pm in the school staffroom. I will provide more information about this in the next newsletter.

Belinda Krollig

Deputy Principal

Welcome back to the 2018 school year! I hope you have had an enjoyable holiday season. A special welcome to our new Reception students and their families. I wish you all a wonderful start to the year.

I would also like to welcome Melissa Mudd to the school. Melissa is our Pastoral Care Worker and will be beginning her role next week.

Swimming

Lessons and Splash Carnivals will take place in week 4 and 5 of this term. More information will be sent home closer to the dates.

Volunteers

At Waikerie Primary School we truly value the involvement of volunteers in supporting students learning. This may include activities such as listening to reading, Mother's and Father's Day stalls and attending excursions and camps. There are requirements around volunteer work so please see your child's teacher or the front office staff about volunteering.

Buses

Next week we will hold a meeting with students who travel on school buses to discuss expectations in the bus bay and behaviour when travelling on the bus. Please note that if students miss their bus as a result of being late to the bus bay at the end of the day, parents will be contacted to organise collection from school.

Catastrophic Bushfire Alert

If a *catastrophic* Bushfire alert is declared on a school day, the buses are not permitted to run. The school will remain open. You have two choices

- Arrange for your child to be transported to and from school
- Keep them home for the day

The alert will be confirmed on the following radio stations; 1062 ABC, 891 ABC, 1125 AM.

Megan Higgins

Student Wellbeing Leader

Welcome back everyone! I look forward to working closely with students and families as the year progresses. For those of you who may not know me, I have been a middle/upper-primary teacher at Waikerie Primary School since 2012 and last year took on the role of Student Wellbeing Leader (previously called 'School Counsellor'). I feel privileged to be in this role and am very passionate about promoting the wellbeing of our students. I am here to help students who may be experiencing social and emotional difficulties relating to their schooling or home-life.

Please feel free to pop into the office or make an appointment time if you wish to catch up about anything relating to the mental health and wellbeing of your child(ren). I will be working Monday, Tuesday, Thursdays and Friday mornings.

YEAR 7 STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

On Monday, Mrs Krollig and I spoke to the Year 7 students about the application process, role description and desirable qualities for the School Leader and House Captain positions for 2018. All Year 7s were given a Leadership pack complete with application forms and information about the role. The process consists of a one-page application form and a speech to the 3-7 student-body/house teams. The dates for the process are as follows:

Friday 2nd February – Application forms due to Mrs Krollig & Mrs Pietsch



Friday 9th February 9am – School Leader nominees present a speech in the hall (parents/carers are welcome to attend); House Captain Nominees will present a speech to their House team. 3-7 students will vote.

Monday 12th February – School Leaders and House Captain's will be announced.

We encourage all of our Year 7s to consider nominating for these positions and wish them the best of luck with the process.

Kind Regards, Alison Pietsch

Are you interested in learning a musical instrument?

Students in years 5, 6 and 7 interested in learning a musical instrument with Instrumental Music please collect an information letter from the front office and return the consent form as soon as possible. Instrumental music will be at your school at 10:15am on Thursday 1st of February to demonstrate the available instruments.

Continuing students will start lessons in week 3.

Mr Leahy, IMS Teacher

MATERIAL AND SERVICES CHARGES (School fees)

Invoices for Material and Services Charges for 2018 will be sent home with your child with week 3 Newsletter (14 February). Fees may be paid by cheque, cash or credit card at the office or they may be paid direct to our bank account. If you require our bank details please phone the office. If you may be eligible for School Card refer below for the 2018 changes.

2018 SCHOOL CARD

School Card forms are now available from the school office or you may apply online at www.sa.gov.au. Income limits have been increased from this year. See below.

Eligibility income limits for a student attending a government school

<u>No. of dependent children</u>	<u>Gross annual School card income limit</u>
1 child	\$57,870.00
2 children	\$58,903.00
3 children	\$59,936.00
4 children	\$60,969.00

Eligibility for school card assistance is dependent upon the combined family gross income for the 2016/2017 financial year being with the School Card income limits (as shown above).

School card applications need to be submitted for each school year.

Parent Information and Acquaintance Event

Please come and meet our staff on Tuesday 13th February at 6 – 7:15pm in the School Hall.

A free sausage sizzle will be available from 6.30pm Please return the below slip for catering purposes

PARENT INFORMATION AND ACQUAINTANCE EVENT– Please return to school by Wednesday 7th February

Students name/s. _____

Number attending _____



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Scholastic Book Club Information

In 2018 the Scholastic Book Club continues to distribute only 1 brochure for each student for each issue. This brochure contains all the books available at all reading levels, giving students (and you) the opportunity to select books which may not have been available to them previously.

You can order online through the LOOP system using your credit card (just log on to the Scholastic website and follow the prompts) or write your order on the form at the back of the brochure and return it with the correct money to the school as usual. Please only send cash for these orders. Don't forget to fill out the "Name" and "Class" information on the top of the order form.

The due date for Issue 1 will be Friday, 9th February.

Ordering through the LOOP will remain open until the due date for each issue.

All books ordered through the school and through the LOOP will be sent to the school together, about a week after ordering.

Ann Russell (Book Club Coordinator)

Youth Environment Team Y.E.T. Applications

Y.E.T. members are the Environment School Leaders of Waikerie Primary School and have many roles and responsibilities within the school and local community. At the beginning of each year, students from Year 6 and 7 may apply to become a member. Students interested in becoming a YET member should see Mrs Jeany Winter for an application form or further information

Completed application forms should be back to Mrs Winter or the front office by the end of Week 1.



February 10th
10:00am - 2:00pm

Sail training will be every Saturday after, at 10:00am.
\$5, first lesson Free

Come and try sailing at Lake Bonney Yacht Club on Saturday, February 10th. Canteen will be open

For more details contact Dorothy: (08) 8588 7186

Lake Bonney Yacht Club
Sailing Come & Try



Girl's Squad

ALTERNATE THURSDAYS
5:00PM - 7:00PM
DINNER/HANGS/CHATS
WAIKERIE YOUTH HUB

WEEK 2 ~ 8TH FEBRUARY
WEEK 4 ~ 22ND FEBRUARY
WEEK 6 ~ 8TH MARCH
WEEK 8 ~ 22ND MARCH
WEEK 10 ~ 5TH APRIL

FOR GIRLS YR3+
\$5/girl

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YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE



**Learn skills and gain confidence
to assist young people experiencing
mental health problems.**

Mental illnesses often start in adolescence or early adulthood and it is important to detect problems early to ensure the young person is properly treated and supported. The YMHFA course teaches adults who have frequent contact with adolescents, such as parents, guardians, school staff, sport coaches and youth workers, how to assist adolescents who are developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening of a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis.

If you're interested in attending this course, please use contact details below to enrol. Hurry limited spots available!

LOCATION: headspace Berri- 3 Riverview Drive, Berri

DATE: Friday 9th and Saturday 10th of February 2018 - 9:30 to 4:30 both days

PRICE: Free

MHFA INSTRUCTOR(S): Wes Lock and Christy Kitto

CONTACT NUMBER: 08 8582 4422

EMAIL: Info@riverlandgp.org.au

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: To register follow the link to EventBrite below:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/youth-mental-health-first-aid-tickets-42305733588>

COURSE INFORMATION

- 14-hour Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) course
- Course topics cover: developing mental health problems, depression, anxiety problems, psychosis, eating disorders and substance use problems, as well as suicide and other mental health crises.
- Participants receive a copy of the Youth MHFA manual
- Participants are eligible to become an accredited Mental Health First Aider.

Participants will learn about adolescent development and the signs and symptoms of mental health problems, how and where to get help and what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective.

www.mhfa.com.au

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Contact Mick on 0435852390, mscordo9@gmail.com

Or via Rhythmic Drumming Riverland Facebook page

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Presents...

Childrens Rhythmic Drumming Lessons

Venue to be confirmed, but will likely be held at a central location in Berri

Cost: \$15 per 45 minute session, or \$100 for pre payment of 10 sessions in line with school terms.

All equipment and materials provided by Rhythmic Drumming Riverland