



Waikerie Primary School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Assembly 18th August

Book Week 21st August

Assembly 1 September

Father's Day Stall 1st September

School closure 8th September

Sports Day Friday 22nd September

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Assembly this Friday at 9am

Congratulations to the students who received awards at our assembly. WELL DONE!



Room 9
Kalesi and Haylee

Room 10
Ryan and Tamika

Room 12
Asha and Seraphina

Room 3
Maiye

Room 4
Blake and Natalia

Room 7
Kade

Room 8
Callum E, Lerrato, Ebony

Fortnightly Focus

Care

Principal's Information

This week is **SSO National Recognition Week.**

We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful SSO's - Di Warner, Cheryl Seabrook, Penny Miller, Anna Yates, Kerry Smith, Lyn Nitschke, Michelle Frost, Shane McKinnon, Kim Lean, Kevin Taverner and Rachel Kratopoulos. We truly appreciate all of the hard work you all do to contribute to making Waikerie Primary School a great place.



NAPLAN results will be arriving at school next week and will be sent home for year 3, 5 and 7 students after teachers have the opportunity to look at the reports. If you would like to discuss the results with your child's teacher please contact them to arrange a time. Staff will participate in analysis of whole school results to identify our strength and areas for improvement.

In a cooperative venture between Waikerie Primary and Waikerie High School, our Room 9 Receptions were matched up into buddy pairs with some year 8 students for NAIDOC week celebrations. The students viewed a Dreaming story called "Thukeri" together. The Receptions then painted a picture about the story on a small piece of wood, using some Aboriginal art designs. The Year 8 Woodwork class then cut up the pictures using coping saws, making them into



jigsaws. The buddies proudly presented the Receptions their jigsaws and assisted them to complete their puzzles. It was a fantastic experience working together on such a special project.

School Governing Council has granted a School Closure on Friday September 8th to align with surrounding local schools for the Adelaide Show.

Deputy Principal's Information

Bookweek 2017 – 21st August – 25th August

The theme for this year is *Escape to Everywhere*. There will be a dress up parade at 9am. There is time to discuss the theme with your child and prepare a themed costume. Families and friends are invited to view the parade



Student Wellbeing Leader – Alison Pietsch

Father's Day Stall

Our annual Father's Day stall will be held on Friday September 1st. Donations of biscuits, slices and gifts etc. are always appreciated and help on the day is always welcome! Please see Susan Kamau if you're able to help out with making or serving!

Road Safety Reminder

If your child/ren walks to school or rides a bike/scooter, please have a chat with them about road safety – stopping and looking carefully before crossing the road; using the crossing on Lawrie Tce; wearing helmets; and generally being aware of traffic around them. We want our students to be safe when traveling between school and home.

NDIS Service Providers in the Riverland

We are aware that many families are having difficulty finding and accessing NDIS service providers for your children within the Riverland area.

For your information, the following service providers are able to travel to Waikerie (travel costs may incur) and have no or minimal waiting lists. Please contact these services directly.

CNS HQ – Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy

Ph: 0428 603 140 or 85821645

Good Prospects – Speech Pathology Ph: 1300 012 042

Evolving Potential – Occupational Therapy Ph: 08 7200 3216

Psychology Worx Ph: 03 5022 1247



Where Young Minds Matter

CAMHS is a free community-based mental health service provided through SA Health's Women's and Children's Health Network. They provide mental health services to infants, children, adolescents and perinatal (before birth) women. Services are provided across South Australia. Our closest office is in Berri (8582 4290) although their therapists also offer regular sessions in Waikerie. You can ring up yourself to request an initial consultation or speak with the school Student Wellbeing Leader about a joint referral – she has all the necessary forms and can guide you through the process.

CAMHS counselling is based on a model where all members of the family are encouraged to be part of achieving the desired changes/improvements in behaviour or wellbeing.



Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation providing early intervention mental health services to 12-25

year olds, along with assistance in promoting young peoples' wellbeing. This covers four core areas: mental health, physical health, work and study support, and alcohol and other drug services.

Did you know? One in four young people have experienced a mental health issue in the past 12 months – a higher rate than all other age groups. Alarmingly, suicide is the leading cause of death of young people, accounting for one third of all deaths.

Research shows that 75 per cent of mental health issues show up before the age of 25. By treating these issues early and providing a holistic model of support, the risk of them developing into more serious problems is greatly decreased.

Headspace have an office in Berri (8582 4422) but also provide regular sessions in Waikerie. Therapy is a little different in that it prioritises the young person and does not require parental/family support (although this is encouraged). The school Student Wellbeing Leader can assist with a referral or you can contact the service directly.

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum Update

**Please note this is separate to the National Safe Schools Framework*

The KS:CPC teaches children and young people to recognise abuse, tell a trusted adult, understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching and ways of keeping themselves safe. Some, if not all, of the following topics will be covered in classrooms during Terms 3 and 4. Please speak with your child's classroom teacher if you wish to know more about the individual sub-headings under each topic.

Reception to Year 2	Years 3-5	Years 6-7
Relationships Topic 1: Trust and Networks Topic 2: Rights and Responsibilities Topic 3: Identity and Relationships Topic 4: Power in Relationships	Relationships Topic 1: Rights and Responsibilities Topic 2: Trust and Networks Topic 3: Identity and Relationships Topic 4: Power in Relationships	Relationships Topic 1: Rights and Responsibilities Topic 2: Identity and Relationships Topic 3: Power in Relationships Topic 4: Trust and Networks
Recognising and reporting abuse Topic 1: Privacy and the body Topic 2: Recognising abuse Topic 3: Secrets	Recognising and reporting abuse Topic 1: Privacy and the body Topic 2: Recognising abuse Topic 3: Cyber Safety	Recognising and reporting abuse Topic 1: Recognising abuse Topic 2: Privacy and the body Topic 3: Cyber Safety Topic 4: Domestic and family violence
Protective strategies Topic 1: Strategies for Keeping Safe Topic 2: Persistence	Protective strategies Topic 1: Strategies for Keeping Safe Topic 2: Network review and community support	Protective strategies Topic 1: Strategies for keeping safe Topic 2: Network review and community

More information can be found on the DECD website <https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/curriculum-and-teaching/keeping-safe-child-protection-curriculum>

As always, if I can assist your child in any area of their wellbeing please give me a call or make an appointment to meet with me at school.

Kind Regards, Alison Pietsch ☺

\$67.5 million funding boost to accelerate student achievement

The State Government will provide a \$67.5m funding boost to public school students who have been identified as needing more help to lift literacy and numeracy across the state.

Primary school students who are not achieving expected standards or growth will benefit from dedicated intervention funds provided to their school.

Under the 4 year \$67.5m *Literacy and Numeracy First* plan, schools will use extra funds on high-impact teaching strategies to lift student achievement. Schools will use a range of evidence-based teaching strategies, including extra teachers, literacy and numeracy coaches or targeted programs. Improvement strategies will be overseen by a newly-established independent panel of education experts.

The recent NAPLAN results show there has been improvement in numeracy across all year levels in the state, but more work is needed to lift achievement to a higher level for all students in numeracy and in literacy.

The targeted funding – for students in public primary schools – is designed to lift achievement and modernise the state’s public education system to prepare young South Australians for jobs of the future.

For more information [visit the department's website](#).

Waikerie Primary Youth Environment Team – YET

“Enviro Challenge”

Enviro Challenge highlights that everyone in our community, young or old, is able to do one small positive activity that will make a difference to sustainability and caring for our land.

We would love to see your photos and stories so please send them in. This can be done through the Riverland West Landcare Facebook page (just like the page and you can see all the great things Landcare does), the RWLandcare website, or contact YET at Waikerie Primary School.

CHALLENGE TWO

WHAT – ‘Pick up rubbish every-day’

WHERE – In your yard, or when you go for a walk.

WHEN – Aim for once a day, hopefully you won’t see any rubbish to pick up.

WHO – Anyone can pick up rubbish, but be careful as some rubbish could be dangerous, and you would need to use gloves or tongs. Keep yourself safe.

WHY – Any rubbish that is left lying around the streets or in our environment can go down the storm water and pollute our river. Rubbish can kill our native wildlife. Our school rule is ‘Don’t Walk Past Rubbish’. This Week is Science Week and the school theme is Future Earth, and picking up rubbish is an easy way to keep our present and Future Earth happy and clean. So please help!





RIVERLAND PLAYGROUPS IN THE PARK Term 3 2017

Playgroup Locations: **Loxton:** East Terrace
Berri: Vaughen Terrace
Waikerie: Community Centre
Renmark: Darnley Taylor Park
Barmera: Barwell Avenue

Families from surrounding communities are welcome to participate

Offering: Fun Play based learning, Child and Parent time, Connecting with Community, Respecting Culture and Qualified Early Childhood Educators

Enquiries: Nicola 0417590558 or Meri 0457732613

Waikerie time and dates:

9.30am until 11.30am

Monday 31st July, 14th and 28th August, 11th and 28th September

SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP - RENMARK

Wesley LifeForce will be conducting a **Suicide Prevention Workshop** at **Renmark Resort – Stuart Highway, Renmark** on **Wednesday 27 September 2017** from **9am – 4pm**.

There is no charge to attend the workshop. The program helps participants recognise when a person may be having thoughts of suicide, and provides a simple strategy to intervene and assist them.

If you know of any individuals or groups who may be interested in attending this workshop please ask them to register using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wesley-lifeforce-suicide-prevention-full-day-workshop-renmark-sa-tickets-36942894191>.

The training is open to community members aged over 18 years.