



# Waikerie Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Week 9 Term 4

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GOVERNING COUNCIL CHAIR Shawn Nitschke

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Last Day of term – Early Dismissal 2.20pm

2018 Term 1 Begins 29<sup>th</sup> January

## ASSEMBLY

End of Year Assembly this Friday at 9am

Class Sharing Awards Farewells

All Welcome!



We wish all families a very merry Christmas and hope you have an enjoyable holiday season.

See you in 2018



School Begins Monday January 29<sup>th</sup>

## Fortnightly Focus

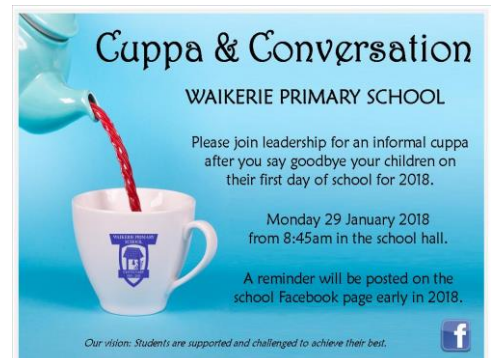
## Principal's Information

Another wonderful school year has passed, and it has been exciting and eventful. I would like to sincerely thank all staff, students, families and volunteers for their efforts and continued support.

Student Reports are being sent home today. Please take the time to read and discuss them with your child. If you have any questions or concerns please make a time to meet with the class teacher.

In 2018 the classes will be as listed below. Staffing is almost finalised. On Friday just before lunch the students will visit their new classroom and teacher. They will then bring home a slip of paper to inform you of their room and teacher next year. 2018 Reception students will have this information posted. School commences on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Please join us for "Cuppa and Conversation" in the morning.

Room 9	Reception
Room 12	Reception/Year 1
Room 11	Year 1/2
Room 10	Year 1/2
Room 5	Year 3
Room 6	Year 4/5
Room 4	Year 4/5
Room 3	Year 5/6
Room 7	Year 6/7
Room 8	Year 6/7
Chris Mibus	The Arts
Rachel Lawson	Spanish
Jeany Winter	Science



We say farewell to Brianna Seabrook, Kate Thomas, Sarah Houlihan, Shayne Stevens, Susan Kamau and Sue Billett. We will also say a special farewell to Mrs Parsons at our Year 7 Graduation Ceremony tomorrow. Many thanks to them all for their commitment and contribution to Waikerie Primary School.

I wish all students, staff and families a wonderful Christmas and holiday break. Kind regards

Megan

## Deputy Principal's Information

I can't believe that 2017 is over and my time at Waikerie is coming to an end. I have felt supported, accepted and valued as an individual and colleague. I have made new friendships, and worked with an amazing School Governing Council. I am sad to be leaving but also look forward to working at Blanchetown for semester 1.

I wish you ALL the best for 2018 no matter where you are, and enjoy your time with family and friends during the festive season.

~ Sue Billet



## Student Wellbeing Leader Information

Wow, what an awesome year it has been! I would just like to say a huge 'thank you' to all of the students, staff and families that I have had the pleasure of working with, during my first year as Student Wellbeing Leader. I feel very privileged to be working in a role that I am so passionate about. I am continuing as Student Wellbeing Leader in 2018 and look forward to the journey ahead.

To the Kids Matter Action Team (KMAT) –Suzan Kamau, Lyn Nitschke, Sarah Kipling, Rachel Kratopolous, Jess Collins, Carolyn Collins, Michelle Brown, Karen Hawke, Jodie Simpfendorfer, Karen Collins, Kartiga Ramesh – thank you for the time and effort you have volunteered throughout the year to build a positive, inclusive school community. We will be losing a few of you next year as your children move on to High School and we farewell Suzan as she finishes her role as our Pastoral Care Worker. Once again, thank you – Waikerie Primary School is certainly a better place for all you have contributed.

Finally, congratulations to all of our Year 7s who are moving on to High School next year. I am honoured to have taught some of them over the years and wish them all the best as they embark on this new and exciting chapter of their lives.

Best wishes for the silly season! Have a safe and happy break!

Alison Pietsch

## WAIKERIE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2018 INFORMATION and AQUAINTANCE EVENING

Please come and meet our staff on Tuesday 13 February  
6:00 – 7:15 pm in the School Hall

Welcome

Staff introductions

Whole school student learning focus

All teachers and leaders at Waikerie Primary School are committed to providing quality learning to our students.

Short role presentation from

Alison Pietsch	Student Wellbeing Leader
Carol Colbert	Senior Leader Learning Improvement
Jeany Winter	Specialist Science
Chris Mibus	Specialist Arts
Rachael Lawson	Specialist Spanish

Open Classrooms and Learning Areas

Take the opportunity to visit classrooms, gym, computer room, environmental shed, library, science room and early years' playroom.

Free Sausage Sizzle Available from 6:30pm  
We hope to see you on the night.

Waikerie ac.care Community Centre is offering

## Beginner Computing Classes



You will learn how to:

- Start your computer • Use Microsoft Word • Create a file
- Format a document • Use clipart and word art • Install programs to your computer

This non-accredited course is ideal for first time adult learners and jobseekers. Learn in an enjoyable, relaxed setting with friendly tutors

Beginning Thursday 1st February 2018

9:30am - 11:30am

\$6 per week



For more information or to register: Waikerie Community Centre  
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## Waikerie ac.care Community Centre School Holiday Fun



Thursday 18th January 2018

9:30am - 11:00am

Decorating Biscuits

Monday 22nd January 2018

9:30am - 11:00am

Fruit Art

Cost: \$2 per session



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## 100 School Holiday Activities

- Build a pillow fort
- Have an ice-cream sundae party
- Go hiking or walking
- Be a tourist in your city
- Make cards
- Bake cookies or brownies
- Pull out colouring books and pencils and colour away.
- Have dance party
- Have a "dress up" day
- Invite school friends over for a play date
- Head to the park for a picnic lunch
- Try out a new dinner recipe together
- Teach the kids a skill you know
- Have an old-fashioned Board Game night
- Have a homemade pizza party night
- Run through the sprinklers
- Play hopscotch
- Have a neighbourhood block party
- Make a photo journal of the school holidays
- Visit a farmer's market or a farm!
- Make a "ship" or "space ship" out of cardboard boxes
- Visit the beach and collect seashells
- Build sandcastles at the beach
- Write a story about the school holidays or anything else
- Volunteer!
- Have a Bubble-Blowing day.
- Visit the library
- Have a family reading night
- Go biking on a trail
- Spend time in the garden
- Make shadow puppets on the wall and put up a show!
- Create sidewalk chalk art
- Create leis or garlands with flowers and leaves
- Pet sit for a friend
- Make and float paper boats
- Have a kids-and-you spa night at home
- Paint toenails
- Play a backyard game every evening
- Visit an amusement park or water park close to home
- Write a letter, the old-fashioned way
- Go rock collecting
- Collect and press fallen leaves
- Visit the local zoo or aquarium.
- Have a smoothie-and-shakes day
- Make cupcakes
- Put together an "Our Family" recipe book
- Camp out in the backyard at night.
- Have a movie marathon
- Teach the kids to cook
- Declutter the house and hold a garage sale

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## School holiday fun with the Adelaide Thunderbirds!

On 15 and 16 January Netball SA are holding our popular **Adelaide Thunderbirds School Holiday Clinics** for boys and girls aged five to 16.

The Adelaide Thunderbirds straight shooter **Sasha Glasgow** and new recruit **Kaitlyn Bryce** will be in attendance along with Netball SA accredited coaches.

We would be most grateful if you could help spread the word by downloading the flyer below and either emailing to your students, placing in your school newsletter and/or school noticeboards.

All profits from our school holiday clinics go directly back into developing grassroots netball in South Australia.

**Early bird discount:** Register before 10 December 2017 to receive a 10% discount!

Thank you for your help!

Netball SA