

## **ATTENDANCE**

The Education Act states that children of six years and over are compelled to attend school regularly. Parents are required to write a letter to the teacher, telephone the school or complete a Waikerie Primary School Student Absentee proforma stating the reason for a student's absence. If a student will be absent from school for 3 or more consecutive days, for any reason, an Exemption Form must be completed by the parent/caregiver. Exemption Forms can be requested from the Office. If the student is away for 3 days or more because of illness a doctor's certificate should be provided. If a student is absent and a message has not been received, a telephone call may be made to check on the student's whereabouts. After many unexplained absences the school is obliged to report non attendance to a Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) attendance officer.

If your child is late, please ask them to go to the Office to sign in before going to the classroom. If your child is to leave school during the school day, please come to the Office to sign out.

## **ACQUAINTANCE BREAKFAST**

During the first few weeks of the year, the School Governing Council together with the teaching staff, hold an Acquaintance Breakfast. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, other parents and the Waikerie Primary School staff.

## **ADMISSION TO SCHOOL**

Children who attend Waikerie Children's Centre are involved in transition, in Term 4, each year. Please complete enrolment forms and return them to the office before your child commences their orientation to school.

## **ASSEMBLY**

Assemblies are held in the school hall once a fortnight on Fridays at 9.00am. It is a time when the whole school gets together to hear school news, recognise special achievements and view class presentations. Visitors are always welcome at our assemblies.

## **BANKING**

Banking is available with Bank SA. Banking day is Tuesday. Money and bank books are given to the class teacher. New accounts can be opened upon application to the bank.

## **BEHAVIOUR CODE**

The school has formulated a policy in line with DECD policy on Managing School Behaviour. In this policy students and teachers are considered equally with the underlying premise being that teachers should be free to teach and students free to learn without disruptions from others. We appreciate the support we receive from families in supporting our School Behaviour Code, and we keep parents informed wherever necessary. More detail is included in a brochure in the information pack.

## **BULLYING**

Along with other schools, Waikerie Primary School is working to minimise this harmful practice. We support the goals of the National Coalition Against Bullying. Please read our enclosed "No Bullying Policy" in the information pack and if you have any concerns please see your child's class teacher.

We should never underestimate the fear that a bullied child feels. If you are worried that your child is being bullied please discuss this with your child's teacher.

## **BUSES**

Students living further than 5km from the school are eligible for free bus transport if they reside on or near a school bus route. New families need to collect a Bus Form from the Office and will need to wait for approval to travel. Students should attend the nearest school on a bus route; otherwise they will be ineligible to board a school bus.

For safety and courtesy reasons, good behaviour is expected when travelling on the buses.

We are not in a designated bush fire zoned area so therefore are open on extreme or catastrophic fire alert days however the school buses will not run. Information can be accessed after 4pm the day before on the DECD Parent hotline – 1800 000 297, ABC Radio 891, WIN and ABC TV and the DECD Website [www.DECD.sa.gov.au](http://www.DECD.sa.gov.au) or [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au) to let you know if a catastrophic day has been declared in the Riverland.

### **CAMPS and EXCURSIONS**

Whilst it is not mandatory for teachers to organise this type of activity every year, at Waikerie Primary School we believe they can be an important part of the student's social and educational development. The value and costs of excursions are carefully considered and every effort is made to keep costs to a minimum and arrangements can be made for parents with financial difficulty to pay by instalments upon application to the school. We use CAP (Country Area Program) funds to subsidise camps and excursions.

Information and consent forms are sent home to parents prior to the event.

When enrolling, parents are asked to give their permission for children to participate in short, local excursions, within walking distance of the school without a separate notice being given.

Where private transport is needed, drivers are required to complete a form which certifies the vehicle's insurance status, road-worthiness, seat-belt allocation and driver's qualifications. Where your child is required to travel in a private vehicle for the purpose of a school excursion, you will be notified by your child's teacher prior to the event and the appropriate permission note will need to be filled out.

### **PARENT / VOLUNTEERS**

When parent support is required for reading, baking, excursions or other school activities volunteer parents play a vital role. Volunteers need to sign in and out at the Office and collect a 'volunteers' badge to wear while on site. Parents and volunteers must have a current DCSI Relevant history Screening and completed the Responding to Abuse and Neglect (RAN) volunteer training.

### **COMMUNICATION BOOK / DIARY**

Waikerie Primary School has communication books for reception to year 2 and a school diary for year 3 to year 7. They provide a form of communication between parent and teacher. In addition, for the older students, they can provide useful training for diary usage at high school. Students are encouraged to enter important or necessary information into their diary and parents may use it to indicate reasons for absences.

### **COMPUTERS / iPads**

Waikerie Primary School has a Computer Room (Room 2) in the Primary building. We also have computers in each classroom and internet and email access throughout the whole school. All students in the school have access to computer time. In addition, there are computers in the Library/Resource Centre, which are used during lessons and 2 sets of tablets for our older students to access. An Information Communication and Technology Guidelines Agreement must be signed on enrolment at school.

### **COUNSELLOR**

Waikerie Primary has a School Counsellor. The counsellor's office is located in the Office. The Primary School Counsellor works within the framework of the Preventative and Developmental model of school counselling. This involves:-

- Working co-operatively with the whole school community to create a safe and supportive learning environment and to bring about change in negotiated areas

- Leadership in the implementation of the School Behaviour Code
- Leadership in the area of Child Protection and Students at Risk
- Leadership in teaching and learning to assist others in the management of students behaviour, wellbeing and safety
- Appropriate intervention and case management

## **CURRICULUM**

The Reception to Year 10 Australian Curriculum is being implemented in all states and territories of Australia. It includes learning areas, general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities that together support 21<sup>st</sup> century learning and improves learning outcomes for all students. Learning areas include English, Maths, Humanities and Social Services (HASS), The Arts, Technologies and Health and Physical Education.

## **CUSTODY**

Please be aware staff are unable to provide any written information in custody disputes. This is a DECD Regulation.

## **DENTAL SERVICE**

The School Dental Service provides free general dental care through the mobile clinic located at the hospital. Phone 85 412434 for appointments in Waikerie. For emergencies on other days phone Berri 85 821969 or Loxton 85 947014.

## **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

When you update the Student Information forms each year it is important to indicate **two** emergency contact telephone numbers (grandparent, uncle, aunt, neighbour, friend) in the event your child needs to go home or to the doctor whilst at school and you cannot be contacted. If these numbers or your own phone numbers change throughout the year please contact the Office.

## **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

In the event of a fire or other similar emergency in the school, the students' safety is the prime objective. To ensure that everyone is familiar with the correct procedure for evacuating buildings, drills are conducted from time to time.

## **EXTREME WEATHER PROCEDURES**

All areas of the school are air-conditioned. When the estimated temperature is 38 degrees and over, students do not play outside at lunch break. In wet weather students will also remain in classrooms. In both cases staff share the supervision of students. We are not a site in a designated bush fire zone area so therefore we remain open on extreme or catastrophic fire alert days.

## **FACILITIES**

Waikerie Primary School boasts some excellent facilities; included in these are the swimming pool, Computer Room, Gym, adventure playgrounds, Resource Centre/Library and a host of other features.

We have a strong commitment to the students and already, a number of grounds projects have been completed on the initiative of the students through the Student Representative Council and via the Grounds Committee of the Governing Council. These include shade and adventure playgrounds and web climbing equipment. Our school hall is an excellent venue for assemblies and concerts and is used regularly by community members for other purposes.

## **FEATURES**

Some of the special features of our school include a Swimming & Aquatics Program, Instrumental Music Tuition, Primary Choir, SAPSASA Sport and an automated Resource Centre. In addition, a Primary and Junior Primary Student Representative Council operates whereby all classes are represented by nominated students.

## **GOVERNING COUNCIL**

Governing Council is a parent elected body whose function is to involve the school community in the governance of the school. Although the school Principal has the responsibility in managing the school and its resources, parents can play a vital role in shaping outcomes that may result from discussions or ideas put forward. Councillors are elected for a two-year term with meetings being held in the evening twice a term. There are a number of sub-committees that operate under council for which members are co-opted. These committees are headed by an elected council member who reports back to the rest of council on the activities, suggestions and recommendations of these sub-committees.

The school urges you to consider the vital role you can play in joining council and encourages you to become involved. Experience is not necessary and your contribution will be valued.

The Annual General Meeting of parents is held in term one and is advertised in the school newsletter.

## **HATS**

It is current school practice for students to wear hats, as per the Waikerie Primary School Dress Code ie: wide brimmed or bucket style throughout the year, with the exception of optional hats from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> September. Any student that does not have an appropriate hat to wear will sit in a designated shaded area during playtime – “No hat, no play.”

## **HEADLICE**

If your child has headlice please let your child’s teacher know and treat your child before sending them back to school. The information pack has a ‘Headlice Prevention and Treatment Brochure’ and Waikerie Primary School’s ‘Headlice Procedure’.

## **HEALTH CARE PLANS**

If your child has a medical condition eg. epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, the school will require a health care plan completed by a doctor. You can obtain the relevant forms from the Office.

## **HOMEWORK**

At Waikerie Primary School we believe homework is a task that is set by the class teacher and is to be completed by students outside of normal school hours.

As a part of homework all students are encouraged to complete home reading as it is considered an important part of the learning process. In the early years students are also encouraged to practice sight words to assist with their reading. Students who do not read regularly are significantly disadvantaged in their skill development. Spelling word lists, times tables practise and preparation of oral talks are also seen as beneficial activities.

Additional homework activities will complement and reinforce classroom learning and they will be appropriate to the students’ skill level and age. Students will clearly understand what has to be done, when it is due and should be able to complete the task unaided. The task will be corrected by the class teacher and feedback and support provided. In the older years homework assists students to develop organisation and time management skills in preparation for High School.

## INJURIES

When a student is taken ill or is injured they are sent to the sickroom in the Office where, in the case of a minor injury, the patient is treated and sent back to class. Where the injury is more serious, the student's parents are contacted and arrangements made for the student to be taken home or to attend the Medical Centre. Where an ambulance is required, our duty of care requires us to ensure the student is safely in the hands of trained hospital staff after which the parents will be contacted immediately. Parents need to ensure they have Ambulance cover.

Where students are feeling ill, it is school procedure that they go home. It is, therefore, very important that you provide the school with a contact telephone number in the event of illness or injury to your child. They should be on the Confidential Student Information Form sent home yearly or any changes during a school year, phoned through to the office.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

In most cases parents make the decision about when their child is well enough to attend school. There are however a number of conditions where the school is obliged to exclude the child for a given period due to the infectiousness of the condition. The following table contains relevant information.

Disease	Exclusion Period
Chicken Pox	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least five days after the spots first appear and all blisters have dried.
Cold sores	Sores to be covered by dressing, where possible.
Conjunctivitis	Exclude until discharge from eyes has stopped.
Diarrhoea / Viral Gastro	Exclude for at least 24 hours after systems have stopped
Diphtheria	Exclude until medical certificate of recovery is received.
Giardiasis	Exclude for at least 24 hours after systems have stopped Exclude until diarrhoea stops.
Hand, foot and mouth disease	Exclude until all blisters have dried.
Head lice	Exclude until day after appropriate treatment started.
Hepatitis A	Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is received, and at least seven days after the onset of jaundice or illness.
Hepatitis B and C	Exclusion not necessary
Impetigo ( school sores)	Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores not covered by clothing must be covered with a watertight dressing.
Influenza	Exclude until there has been no fever for at least 24 hours.
Measles	Exclude for at least four days after onset of rash or for 14 days if unvaccinated.
Meningococcal infection	Exclude until adequate carrier eradication treatment has been completed.
Mumps	Exclude for five days after onset of swelling
Ring worm	Re-admit day after appropriate treatment has commenced.
Rubella (German measles)	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least four days after the onset of rash.
Salmonella	Exclude for at least 24 hours after systems have stopped
Scabies	Exclude until day after appropriate treatment started.
Tuberculosis	Exclude until a medical certificate from an appropriate health authority is received.
Whooping cough	Exclude the child for five days after starting antibiotic treatment

## LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTS

These National tests (NAPLaN) are completed by Year 3, 5 and 7 students. Results indicating child progress is measured according to bands and the national benchmarks are provided to parents. The school uses the data from these tests to measure its own teaching and learning program and to identify particular learning issues for individual students.

## LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours. If a student needs to leave during the school day for any reason, please write a note to the teacher and sign the student out at the Office. A student will not be permitted to leave the school grounds alone. If a person other than a parent/caregiver is to collect the student, please send written permission or make a phone call to the school.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Every year we amass a great quantity of lost clothing. Parents are strongly urged to **clearly label** all items of clothing, lunch box, drink bottle, etc. All unclaimed clothing is put into the lost property box inside the Junior Primary kitchen and is displayed for students at the end of each term. If you are missing clothing, you are welcome to come to school and look through the lost property box. When our supply of clothing becomes too great and students have had ample opportunity to claim it, it is donated to charitable institutions like the 'Op Shop'.

## **LUNCHES**

Students can order their lunch, supplied by a local bakery, each day of the week. Lunch bags and order lists are available in each class. Students place their completed order and money in the class lunch box. The menu follows the South Australian governments 'Right Bite' healthy food policy.

## **MEDICATION at SCHOOL**

There are different situations where a student may require medication at school

1. Asthma, bee sting allergy, etc.- medication for these should be kept at the Office and a Health Care Plan should be written by the student's doctor.
2. Short term medication – students requiring only a course of medication (eg. Antibiotic) This medication should be given to the office staff. It needs to be delivered and collected by an adult, in the original packaging with clearly labelled instructions. We are unable to administer any first doses or out of date medication.
3. Long term medication – should come with a doctor's letter giving instructions on administration. Proformas for this are available from the school.

**Panadol and pain killers:** we are not permitted to give any student these medications.

## **MOBILE PHONE POLICY**

The following policy applies to all Waikerie Primary students.

Rationale: The use of telecommunication technology has now become the norm rather than the exception for many of our families. Students, parents and teachers are accessing this facility in increasing numbers. Our core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distraction or disruption therefore the school discourages students bringing mobile phones to school. We accept there are times when it might be deemed necessary by parents that a student brings a mobile phone to school however, the student must operate in accord with this policy.

### Expectations: Students

- A written request must be submitted by parents to the Principal explaining the need for a mobile phone to be at school. The phone should not be brought to school until the application is approved by the Principal.
- Mobile phones are brought to school at the owner's risk. The school will not be involved in disputes and/or investigations over damage, loss or theft regardless of the circumstances.
- Students who have not been granted approval are not to have mobile phones in their possession during school hours. The phone needs to be handed into the Office at the beginning of the day and collected by the student at the end of the day. Phones are to be on silent mode.

If these procedures have not been followed:

- The phone will be confiscated from the student and the parent will be asked to collect it from the school office

If parents need to urgently contact their child they should follow normal procedures and contact the school on 85412733. Staff will then contact and support the student as necessary.

**Cameras in phones are not to be operated on the school grounds without the permission of the Principal.** Students found using a phone camera will have the phone confiscated for return to a parent.

Exceptions from this policy may only be approved by the Principal and then only in exceptional circumstances.

## **MUSIC**

Students may learn to play a variety of different instruments through DECD instrumental program. These are offered to students in Year 5–7. It is the parent’s responsibility to source a musical instrument for your child. If there is a difficulty with this, please discuss with your child’s Music Teacher. Choir, for students in Year 5 and above, starts in term one and culminates in the Riverland Festival of Music concert.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

Newsletters are published once a fortnight and are sent home on Wednesday with the youngest in the family. They are one of the most important forms of communication between the school and the parent body. Through the newsletter, the school Principal reports on broad issues affecting education and in particular the Waikerie Primary School and its students and staff. Important dates and activities are highlighted and parents are reminded of forthcoming events. The newsletter is also a forum for promoting student achievement and recognising excellence both in and out of the classroom. Our Newsletter can now be found on our website – [www.waikerieps.sa.edu.au](http://www.waikerieps.sa.edu.au)

## **PARENT / CAREGIVER CONCERN / COMPLAINT**

Our school aims to provide quality service to students and their families. Concerns need to be resolved so that students are learning in a safe and supportive environment in which their needs are paramount. It is important that discussions are confidential. At times you may wish to have the support from a friend or an advocate, but it is important to do this confidentially. Your concerns will be discussed with the relevant people and we will work together to develop agreed outcomes. A copy of our Parent Complaint Management Procedure is in the information pack.

## **PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT DISCUSSIONS**

Parent/teacher/student discussions are conducted late in Term 1 each year. You will receive a list of dates and times from your child's teacher from which to make a choice. After returning these to the school, the teacher will inform you of the time for your appointment. Parents need not feel restricted to these occasions to speak to teachers. Where parents have particular concerns please contact the school and arrange an appointment. The first contact for parents with concerns is the class teacher. These discussions are welcomed in the best interests of your child.

## **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

Parents may become involved with the school in a number of different and rewarding ways. As classroom helpers, parents can listen to students read or support individual students who need extra help in other curriculum areas. Assistance is also appreciated in the Library or with fundraising activities. There are various committees and sub-committees of Governing Council, which look towards co-opting willing helpers. Parental involvement is crucial to the success of our school and any offer is gratefully received. Apart from the obvious benefits for the school, parents who are regular helpers gain great enjoyment from seeing the positive effect it has on their own children. Please refer to Parent / Volunteer section for requirements.

## **PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER**

Our school has the services of a part time Pastoral Support Worker. A Pastoral Support Worker is a Christian who has a Pastoral Role with young people and their families in the school community. They work in collaboration with Leadership, School Counsellor, teachers and parents to support students in a number of ways:

### **A Pastoral Role**

- supports the school in its aim to be a safe and caring environment
- on request, provide initial support or information to students, staff and other school community members
- with written, informed parental consent, provide on-going personal assistance to individual students, subject to duty of care, consent, confidentiality, disclosure requirements and the Code of Conduct
- offers support or information with regard to critical situations, grief, family breakdown
- is available to provide ongoing support to individuals and/or families
- provide additional opportunities for families to feel supported

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**

School photographs are taken once a year. In addition to a class photograph, students can also have an individual or a family portrait. We request that children wear their school uniform on the day. From time to time Waikerie Primary School may wish to utilise photographs taken during school hours for media and promotional purposes. Please see 'photographs' section of the Confidential Student Information form for consent. Please also see the back of the ICT Guidelines form for your consent for DECD and Waikerie Primary School to use images of your child for promotional purposes. This includes our website. All forms need to be returned to the Office.

## **PLAYGROUND**

Our school is divided into a Junior Primary and Primary play area for safe play. Equipment such as the adventure playgrounds and cubby house have been designed to allow maximum usage with student's safety an important priority. Soft fall has been provided to ensure students do not seriously hurt themselves when falling. The Grounds Committee has the responsibility of planning and helping maintain the playground and the equipment within it, and do so with any suggestions for change coming from students, staff, council and the general parent body.

## **REPORTS**

Reporting to parents about student achievement is one of the most important functions of any school. There are a number of different ways teachers can report to parents, ranging from an informal chat to a detailed written document.

- At the start of each term, teachers send home a class newsletter outlining learning to be covered and plans for the term
- A short teacher/ parent Information Session is held early in Term 1.
- Interviews are held towards the end of Term 1. Optional interviews are available in Term 3.
- Written reports are issued during Term 2 and 4. All written reports are kept in a navy plastic folder and sent home with the students who return them to the class teacher before the next report is due.
- Either teachers or parents can initiate interviews or informal meetings at any time.

## **RESOURCE CENTRE / LIBRARY**

The Resource Centre is another place of learning, apart from the classroom, within the school. When books are overdue a computer print out is issued and presented to the borrower who is unable to borrow again until the overdue loans are returned. When books are lost a letter is sent home to the Parent/Caregiver requesting payment for the missing items.



## **SAPSASA**

Students who turn 10, 11, 12 or 13 during the year have the opportunity to challenge for places in Riverland representative teams in a wide variety of sports throughout the year. These may include swimming, cricket, tennis, basketball, football, netball, hockey and athletics.

## **SCHOOL CARD**

Families in financial difficulty or on a low income may apply for assistance with school fees through the School Card Scheme operated by the State Government. Information is available at the Office. Parents are encouraged to apply for this assistance if they believe they may be eligible and are urged to do so in the first two weeks of term 1 to ensure that the information is processed quickly and to establish eligibility. School Card must be applied for every school year.

## **SCHOOL LEADERS and HOUSE CAPTAINS**

These students are elected on an annual basis by the student body. Their role is to represent the school, and support the student body.

## **SCHOOL MATERIAL AND SERVICES CHARGE**

Students are issued with their stationery supplies on the first day of the school year and while the school makes every attempt to keep the fees as low as possible, it must be remembered that this charge is levied for other supplies as well, including art and craft materials, sports equipment, library books, printing, reading resources, classroom supplies and computer studies. So that the school is not disadvantaged with its purchasing, it would be appreciated if the fees are paid in the first fortnight of the term in which your child is enrolled. If financial difficulty is being experienced, arrangements may be made for payment by instalments upon application to the school. Payment of the Material and Services Charge can be made by cash, credit card, direct debit or direct credit to the school's bank account (upon request).

## **SCHOOL TIMES**

School commences at 8:50am with recess time being from 10:40 – 11:15 am. The students eat their lunch from 1:00pm – 1.10pm. A siren rings at 1.10pm to signal playtime with the end of play being at 1:40pm when the siren is rung again. Dismissal is at 2.30pm on Thursdays and 3.20pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. On the last day of each term school finishes at 2:15pm. Please note that teachers are not on duty to supervise students who arrive at school before 8:30am. If students arrive before 8:30am they are expected to sit in a designated area until the play bell rings, this area is at the table outside the Office.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

As adult community members we are expected to model responsible and respectful conduct for our children and other young people. This is indeed important when using Facebook and other social networking sites. The internet does not provide the privacy or control assumed by many users. Often comments made on these sites can cause distress and impact on the lives of innocent victims.

Please be careful and consider that if published, are your comments factual, could they cause hurt or embarrassment to others, or harm their reputation, or even risk claims of libel. At a school level, it is an unwise practice to mention names of or allude to particular teachers. If you are unhappy with a situation at school, please speak openly to the teacher concerned, as this should lead to a mutually agreeable resolution.

## **SPLASH CARNIVALS**

A Splash Carnival is held annually at the school pool for Junior Primary students and at the town pool for Primary students. It is a culmination of the swimming lessons in first term and is a chance for students to compete in a number of events and represent their houses. Competent primary age swimmers are able to compete in some longer distance races that test their ability and endurance. Parents are most welcome to attend either as spectators or helpers, which are always required. Students are reminded to have protective clothing (T-shirt, broad brimmed hat) and to wear sunscreen. Please refer to Social Media information above in regards to taking photos at these events.

## **SPORTS DAY**

This is an annual event held at the Waikerie Sports Complex and gives students an opportunity to display skills learnt during PE lessons. The emphasis is on participation and enjoyment with students competing against set standards as well as each other.

The students compete as members of their 'House' teams and are encouraged to dress in the team's colours, which are:

Flinders – Red    Barker – Green    Eyre – Yellow    Sturt - Blue

The afternoon is devoted to sprint and relay championships with ribbons being awarded to place-getters. Again it is a fun day with parents being invited to watch their children or assist as timekeepers, judges, etc.

## **STUDENT VOICE**

*Student Representative Council (SRC)*

Waikerie Primary School has a commitment to Student Participation. This is achieved through the formation of two Student Representative Councils. Each class has two elected representatives (a boy and a girl) who serve on either of the Junior or Primary Councils, which meet regularly to discuss issues raised at class meetings. The representatives take information back to the class for further discussion and approval.

## **SUNBURN PROTECTION**

Parents are reminded that the effects of harmful radiation are not only painful, but can also be dangerous. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure their children are adequately protected against UV radiation when they come to school. Bucket hats may be purchased from the Office.

## **SWIMMING LESSONS/AQUATICS**

Swimming lessons are an important part of the Physical Education curriculum. The students in Reception to Year 6 will receive swimming instruction through qualified personnel and staff. Year 7 students attend Aquatics. The cancellation of lessons due to the weather conditions will be at the discretion of the Swimming Instructor in Charge in consultation with the school. If students have a genuine reason for not swimming (illness, allergy, etc) a note must be provided. Where a student forgets to bring bathers she/he will be asked to continue working either at the pool or in another class. Parents/caregivers that wish to view swimming lessons are welcomed but are asked to refrain from taking any photographs during this time.

## **TERM DATES**

### **South Australian State Schools Term Dates**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	1 Feb to 15 April	30 Jan to 13 April
<b>Term 2</b>	2 May to 8 July	1 May to 7 July
<b>Term 3</b>	25 July to 30 Sept	24 July to 29 Sept
<b>Term 4</b>	17 Oct to 16 Dec	16 Oct to 15 Dec

## **UNIFORM / DRESS CODE**

Waikerie students wear school uniform of navy and grey clothing. Our School's Governing Council ask that you dress your child in school uniform. They believe the wearing of the school colours encourages pride and a sense of belonging in our students. It is also for safety when we are both in and out of the school. Some items of clothing are available at the office. A uniform brochure and price list accompanies this pack. Second hand uniform items are available at low prices.

Students will need to be wearing school uniform to be chosen as School Leaders, House Captains, YET and SRC Members or on any other committees. Students also need to be wearing school uniform consistently to receive their awards at Assembly and represent the school at events, eg. SAPSASA, YET.

## **VISITING PERFORMANCES**

During the year students have the opportunity to attend visiting music and drama performances. Parents are notified through the newsletter or by special leaflets sent home. The school receives many requests to accommodate such shows, so any performance selected has been very carefully considered by staff for its educational value.

## **WAIKERIE OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (WOOSHC)**

Our excellent Out of Hours Care program provides quality care from 3.20 pm – 6.00 pm to Monday to Friday, every day except Thursday. Thursdays, WOOSHC opens at 2.30pm. WOOSHC is usually open for Student Free and School Closure Days as well. A vacation care program also operates each holiday break. Vacation care programs are distributed with the school newsletter towards the end of each term. For further WOOSHC information please refer to the WOOSHC Parent Handbook included in this pack, telephone, 0419 845 451 or visit their Facebook page.

## **YET (Youth Environment Team)**

The Youth Environment team is made up of students from Years 6 and 7. They participate in environmental activities in the school and local community (KESAB, Water Watch, recycling, worm farms and chickens). The students lead the school and peer teach in classrooms.