



Waikerie Primary School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 29 June	Run4Fun Colour Explosion – Waikerie Sports Oval 1:30pm
Tuesday 3 July	ATSI performance – Island Dreaming
Wednesday 4 July	Student reports home
Thursday 5 July	SAPSASA basketball
Friday 6 July	Last day of term 2

Principal

Congratulations to Kim Lean, Sarah Schiller and Laura Taylor for their nominations in the 2018 Public Education Awards. The nominations are made by the general public or colleagues who want to say thank you for the positive impact they have made at our site.

Thank you to Bronte McLean for co-ordinating the pie fundraiser with the Waikerie Bakery. There were 463 pies sorted in to orders on the Thursday afternoon ready for our community to collect.

On the 12th June teachers and leaders from the partnership met at Waikerie Primary School to undertake their second professional learning in the Big Ideas in Number (BIN). This time the focus was on place value. Students need to know the value of numbers, for example in the number 53 the 5 represents 50 (5 tens) and the 3 represents 3 ones. We provide regular opportunities to make, name and record tens and ones using a variety of materials.

Teachers have been looking at their learning environments and have been discussing how not all students learn best by sitting at a traditional desk. Rooms 6, 7, 8 and 4 have recently received new furniture for their rooms. Other teachers have been clearing their rooms of excess materials and are looking to set up different learning areas. This is new learning for the teachers and they are keen to start making small changes to benefit student learning.

At Monday night's Governing Council meeting we undertook the annual review of the school's *Anti-bullying and Harassment Policy*. This began a conversation in regards to cyber bullying and the information we receive as adults in regards to mobile phone use. Alison Pietsch has provided some interesting facts about social media in this newsletter.



Deputy Principal

It is fantastic that we have so many volunteers actively participating in our school events and supporting student learning. For many classes there are also camps and excursions coming up where volunteers will be involved. A reminder that there are requirements for volunteers so please see your child's teacher or office staff if you need information about this. All volunteers are required to complete a Volunteer Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education Care settings (RAN-EC) induction course. I will be running this as a face to face session on July 2nd at 5.30pm in the school library. There is also the option of completing RAN-EC course online. Please contact the office for information about either option.

A friendly reminder that all **blue Student Report Folders** need to be returned to school in readiness for Mid-Year Reports to be sent home. Reports will be sent home on Wednesday of week 10 (July 4th).

Megan



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Student Wellbeing Leader

Social Media

Earlier this year I had the privilege of hearing *cyber-safety expert* Susan McLean speak at a conference. Social media is such a prominent part of our lives these days and schools are seeing the flow on affects in our students. Here are some of the key messages that I want to share with the school community, some of these were new to me!

- When a cyber-crime matter is taken to the police, their law enforcement portal will go straight to the social media platform (eg: Facebook; Snapchat) and access account records.
- Forensics are able to access everything in your phone (even if it's been deleted), all ingoing & outgoing numbers and all activity. Messages, postings and comments can be recovered years later.
- Cyberbullying – is repeated action; instances of nastiness are not the same. Cyberbullying is more than 1.
- Any reports of cyberbullying can be made to the e-Safety Commissioner, after it has been reported to the platform that it happened on (eg Facebook; Snapchat), by the person who experienced the bullying.
- Every Snapchat is stored, kept and saved and can be accessed by police when investigated.

Student Voice Update

This term, our Student Voice members collaborated ideas to make positive changes to the school, community and to help a charity in a way that doesn't involve fundraising. The students were asked to gather ideas from their class-mates and families, and the response was fantastic! They came up with an abundance of ideas, but have chosen 3 to focus on. The other ideas will be kept in our ideas bank for the future! The positive change to our school is to improve our toilets by decorating with positive messages; more recess/lunchtime activities – as a result, students are running some organised games and we have a timetable of activities that are on at break times (there is now at least 1 option each day!); and finally Student Voice are holding a 'Winter Appeal' to collect items of warm clothing and blankets, which will be donated to AC Care at the end of the term. Well done to our Student Voice, they are a very enthusiastic group who are helping to create a positive school culture!

Student Voice – Winter Appeal

We are collecting donations of warm clothes and blankets to donate to AC Care. Please bring donations to the office by the end of the term (there is a collection box at the office to put them in). Thank you for helping to make a difference for those in need this winter!

Children's University!

Congratulations to 20 of our students who registered for the Children's University program! We are super excited to be involved in this opportunity to foster curiosity, learning and participation in activities within the wider community! The Children's University program provides students with a "Passport to Learning", in which they can gain stamps for learning that they participate in outside of school! Once 30 hours of learning is achieved, these students will be invited to attend a Graduation Ceremony to be held in Waikerie later this year! (Photo courtesy of Children's University)

Alison Pietsch



RUN4FUN Colour Explosion

Only one week to go until the students have the time of their lives with the School Run4Fun Colour Explosion. How are you tracking towards your fundraising goal? Hopefully the students have been raising funds using their Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising through the www.myprofilepage.com.au. Don't forget, the more sponsorship donations you receive the better prize you can choose.

How to order your prize: you have two options either complete and return the back page of your Sponsorship Form to school or login or create a Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au. Cut-off date for on-line donations is Thursday 5th July.

If you **do not** wish your child to have colour on them please complete the form included in this newsletter.

Music is Fun

Last Friday our students were treated to the annual "Music is Fun" performance! It was an energetic, interactive and fun afternoon of singing, dancing and lots of laughs, including student (and staff!) participation from all year levels! Thank you to Mr Mibus for working with students to prepare songs and dances! Special congratulations to those students who sang solos and presented dances, you were very brave and did our school proud! (Photos courtesy of the River News)



RUN4FUN COLOUR EXPLOSION – NO COLOUR

Please complete and return to the Office

I, do not wish for my child/children stated below to have colour on them during the run. I acknowledge that all children will be attending the run on the day.

Student's Name: Room:

Student's Name: Room:

Student's Name: Room:

Signature: **Date:**