



Waikerie Primary School Newsletter

A school of Visible Learners: Curiosity Problem Solver Resilient

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Term 4, Week 8 – Wednesday 5th December 2018

NO 20

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 13 December	Year 7 graduation assembly
Friday 14 December	Last day of term, 2:10pm dismissal
Wednesday 23 January 2019	School Office open for enquiries and uniform purchases

Principal

This will be our last newsletter for 2018. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the school community for their support. In particular the members of the Governing Council who give up their time to help advise leadership on school matters. This year we have several members retiring from the Council and so we will be looking for some new recruits. Next year I will place information in the newsletter regarding nomination for the 2019 council.

Yesterday I had approval from the Education Department's Human Resource division in relation to our teaching positions for 2019.

Room 9	Reception	Miss Kimberly Smith
Room 12	Reception	Mrs Lorraine Fechner
Room 11	Year 1	Mrs Jill Darling (Mon-Wed) and Miss Kate Thomas (Thu and Fri)
Room 10	Year 1 / 2	Mrs Sarah Kipling
Room 6	Year 1 / 2	Mrs Connie Valentine (Mon – Tue / Thu – Fri) and Mrs Julia Golding (Wed)
Room 5	Year 2 / 3	Mrs Nina Rayner (Mon – Thu) Mrs Carol Colbert (Fri)
Room 1	Year 3 / 4	Miss Kirsty Reid
Room 3	Year 5 / 6	Mrs Natasha Wall (Mon – Tue / Thu – Fri) and Mrs Megan Higgins (Wed)
Room 4	Year 4 / 5	Miss Tori Kay
Room 7	Year 6 / 7	Miss Laura Taylor
Room 8	Year 6 / 7	Mrs Sarah Schiller

Specialist subject: Science Mrs Jeany Winter

Specialist subject: Arts Mr Chris Mibus – Semester 1 – Rooms 9, 12, 11, 10, 6 and 5

Specialist subject: Spanish Mrs Rachel Lawson – Semester 1 – Rooms 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8

Students will be informed of their 2019 class teacher next Wednesday 12 December, when they take home their end of year report. Please take the time to discuss your child's final report with them.

A big thank you to Melissa Mudd and the Breakfast Club volunteers. We thank Melissa for her valuable work over the year as our PCW and farewell her and her husband as he has accepted another position. Breakfast Club will cease at the end of this term and you will be informed of when it will recommence in a 2019 newsletter.

Thank you to the Waikerie Men's Shed for our second mud kitchen. It has been placed near the arbour by the middle primary classes and already in getting plenty of use.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday break. It is also farewell to some of our families who are leaving Waikerie or who have their last child graduating in year 7. We wish you all the best in the future.

Belinda

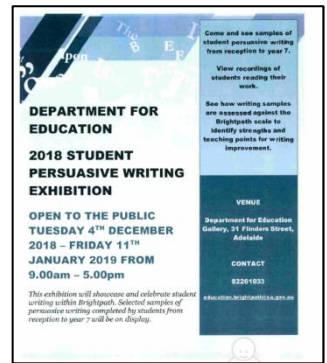


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Deputy Principal



On Monday Tom, Ryan, Emilee, and their families attended the Brightpath Writing Exhibition launch. They proudly presented their persuasive writing, which is now on display at the Education Centre. The students told me they enjoy writing and are very proud. They also liked looking at the students' work from all of the other schools. Congratulations to Ryan, Emilee and Tom once again for being selected for this important event. The exhibition runs through to January 11th at the Education Development Centre,



Hindmarsh (please note this is change of venue).

A reminder to please return your child's blue report folder to school, ready for reports to be distributed next week.

A big thankyou to the wonderful staff for another great year at WPS. I wish all of our families a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you all for the 2019 school year.

Megan

Student Wellbeing Leader

Student Voice Events!

Christmas Appeal: We are collecting non-perishable food items and good quality toys for needy families this Christmas. Please bring to the box in the office. We will donate them to the Waikerie Hub.



Week 9 lunch-time disco (free!)
Rec-3 Monday 10th December –
 (Casual day for Rooms 9, 10, 11, 12 & 5)
4-7 Tuesday 11th December (Casual day for Rooms 3, 4, 6, 7, 8)
 This means NO CASUAL DAY ON FRIDAY!

Children's University Graduation!



Last Thursday, our very first group of *Children's University* students attended a Graduation ceremony at the Renmark Council Chambers. With children from 5 schools across the Riverland, the students were awarded certificates for achieving a minimum of 30 hours of learning that had taken place outside of school time.

Waikerie Primary School joined *Children's University* earlier this year and students aged 7-13 were given the opportunity to sign up. They were provided with a "Passport to Learning" and in their own time completed learning activities by visiting validated Learning Destinations, participating in local sports and clubs or completing activities at home or in the local community. Students kept 'learning diaries' and then

gained stamps in their passport to recognise the learning that took place. We are extremely proud of the commitment and curiosity that these students have shown and thank their families, who have played a big part in supporting their child's participation in the program. For these current students, if they choose to continue next year, their learning hours will roll over and they can aim to reach the next milestone (60 hours). *Children's Univeristy* will be open to all Waikerie Primary School (aged 7-13) students next year and an information session for parents/carers will be held at school early in term one. We would love to see more students get on board in 2019! Congratulations to Emily, Chloe A, Chloe H, Isabella, Emma, Chloe C, Thomas, Ajay, Lucy and Nevaeh (pictured above). As well as Hudson, Ashley and Thivyan who will be presented with their certificates at the last school assembly on 14th Dec.



New SMS Parent Alert System

Parents/Caregivers are advised that the school has implemented a new absentee alert system to send text messages to parents notifying unexplained absences and other general school communications.

From last Thursday, 29th November, parents were informed by mobile phone Short Message System (SMS) each time their child was away or late from school without an explanation.

At Waikerie Primary, student attendance is a high priority. We know that students who attend regularly are more likely to be successful.

To improve our attendance procedures, we will be informing parents/caregivers about any unexplained absences/lates for their child. The school expects parents/caregiver to contact the school in advance if they know their child is to be absent.

Please message on our absentee number 0447107758 if your child will be away, texting child's name, room 5 and reason for absence.

Thank you

School Lunches

Waikerie Bakery has advised if you are paying for school lunches at the store it is cash only.

Please remember school lunches are cheaper than bakery prices therefore it is advised to order and pay through the school. Bakery pricelists are available from the school to help with correct change.

Quails

The Aviary team now have space for two female Jap quails, if there is anyone who breeds Jap quails please contact Mrs Winter at the school.

Drink Can metal ring pulls and Bread Tags

The Recycling Team have found a site to send our collected items. The Riverland Special School send these items away to charity fund raising groups. Families may collect these and send them into school and they will be passed on to the Riverland Special School.

School Budgie Give away

The Budgie team would like to offer budgie to school families. If your family would like to take a budgie home please send a signed note to school and we shall notify you when it is time to bring cages or boxes in to collect budgies.



SANFL **SACA**

Girls Kicking Goals and Smashing Boundaries

SANFL and SACA are excited to announce the inaugural girls footy and cricket holiday program.

Whether you are new to the games or have played for years, lace up your shoes and come on down to our **GIRLS ONLY** program.

8-16 year olds
9:30am - 12pm
Park 25 | Cnr. Port Road and North Terrace, Adelaide

One Sport Monday 21st January Choose between cricket or football \$50	Two Sports Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd January Learn the skills and play cricket and football across two days \$90
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Every girl will receive a showbag! Footy participants will receive a football and drink bottle with every cricket participant receiving items, including a cap.

To register now visit
sanfl.com.au/schoolholidays