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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 15 th February	Assembly
Thursday 28 th February	Primary Years Splash
Friday 1 st March	Student Free Day
Tuesday 5 th March	AGM 7:00pm

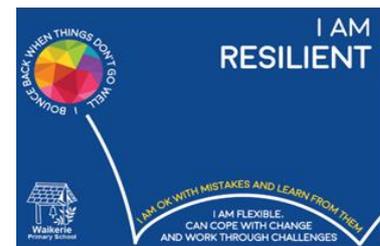
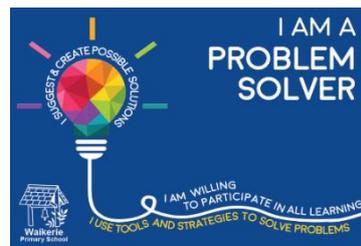
Principal

Teachers are continuing to work with the students on Visible Learning. This provides students with the opportunity to actively engage and take ownership of their learning so they become life-long learners. At Waikerie Primary School we focus on the practices that make a difference to student learning. These effective practices include:

- trustful relationships and a positive environment
- students being active, understanding and in control of their learning
- learning goal and steps to success
- effective feedback provided by teachers and students
- teachers using assessment as feedback to themselves to adjust teaching

We also want to develop the learner dispositions, these are what we value in our learners.

They are not skills or knowledge but a habit of thinking that help respond to an experience or situation in a certain way. They develop life-long learners.



Students are Visible Learners when they can answer the questions:
What am I learning? Why am I learning it? What are my next steps?

Reading is a big part of student learning and they learn to read by practice. This year we would like the whole school community to work together to strengthen and improve the reading of our students. You can help us by listening to your children read at home frequently and encouraging them to keep reading. Each newsletter this term we will add a reading tip. If you have any concerns about your child's reading please see their class teacher for tips on how you can help.

"But I don't like to read!" Let's try to decide what the reason might be and how we can fix it.

- Is reading difficult?
- Is it more fun to be on the computer or watching television?
- Are there reading materials available that match your child's interests?
- Are you modelling the fact reading is important?



“The more we read the more we know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Dr Suess

The Governing Council nomination form is again at the end of the newsletter. Please complete and return to the Office if you are interested in joining the Council.

Congratulations to our 2019 school leaders Zali Schiller and Ryan Schutz.

House Captains were also announced on Monday, they are:

Eyre: Sam Trandafil and Imogen Lochert

Flinders: Josh Robin and Alicia Kratopoulos

Barker: Chloe Higgins and Zali Schiller

Sturt: Harry Nitschke and Natalia Hocking

I look forward to seeing them develop their leadership skills.



In Room five the students have recently been writing couplet poetry. I asked Chloe what learner dispositions she used whilst learning.

Chloe said, “I had to use resilience when writing because each sentence needed different endings that rhymed and the pop sticks kept coming apart when making my fish”.

School Dress Order

Waikerie Primary School is pleased to offer parents/ caregivers the opportunity to purchase our new school dress.

It is a poly/ cotton blend with a side zip pocket. The dress will not be kept in stock therefore parents are asked to pre-pay when completing an order form. Sample sizes 4 – 16 are available in the office for students to try.

The dress will sell for \$25



A sample of our long sleeve polo tops sizes 4 -16 should be arriving next week. These will not be kept in stock and like the dresses will require a pre-paid order. The polo tops will sell for \$37 and are the same style and fabric as last year.

Deputy Principal

Primary Swimming lessons are taking place this week, with the Splash Carnival on Thursday 28th February. Information and a timetable for the day will be sent home next week. Many thanks to our instructors, Di and Janelle, for their time this week. Due to unforeseen works required on our school pool the Junior Primary lessons and Splash Carnival have been cancelled for this term and we will notify about any rescheduling in Term 4. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

We have recently purchased some new aluminium picnic tables for some of our eating areas. This means we have some of our timber picnic tables and a platform to give away. Please see me if you are interested. Many thanks to the Waikerie Men’s Shed for helping out with assembling our new tables.

All volunteers who provide assistance at school sites are required to complete the ‘Responding to Abuse and Neglect - Education and Care (RAN-EC) Induction Session for Volunteers’. This training outlines child protection responsibilities in your role as a volunteer. The RAN-EC session for volunteers can be completed through participation in a face-to-face or via an online session. For both types of sessions, a certificate of participation is provided when complete. I will be holding a face to face session here in the Library on Thursday February 21st at 9am and 6pm. Please indicate your interest via the return slip in this newsletter. If you would like more information regarding this or the online course please contact me. We thank you for volunteering your time for the students and the school.

Kind regards, Megan

Student Wellbeing Leader

Children's University:

Our school is offering students the opportunity to be part of the Children's University program in 2019. Students are provided with a 'Passport to Learning', in which they gain stamps for hours of learning completed outside of school hours (after school, weekends, school holidays). Learning hours may include participation in clubs (sports, dance, Scouts, CFS etc), visiting 'Learning Destinations' such as art galleries, museums, zoo's and libraries, participating in community events, Premiers Reading Challenge, or completing activities from the Children's University Website. Currently there are a number of Learning Destinations in Waikerie and across the Riverland and hundreds in Adelaide that you may choose to visit. Student's aim for 30 hours of learning over the year and have the opportunity to attend a graduation ceremony at the end of the year. Obviously, children will need parent/carer support if visiting Learning Destinations, however learning hours can be achieved by doing activities at home. The main idea of Children's University is that it is 'student led' – students are responsible for their own learning and the program is voluntary. This year's membership fee is \$10.00. Expression of interest forms were given to students yesterday. If you'd like to know more, please contact Alison Pietsch.

Free Meningococcal B Immunisation Program

Do you have a child (or maybe more?) aged less than four years? If you said yes, they can receive a FREE meningococcal B vaccination. If you have children older than this, they can still receive the vaccination, but you will need to talk to your immunisation provider about purchasing a vaccine. To receive the free vaccine, children and young people must live in SA, have a Medicare card and be in one of the below groups:

- Babies aged 6 weeks to 12 months will be vaccinated through the childhood program, which began on 1 October 2018. This program is ongoing and will be given to babies with other vaccines from the immunisation schedule.
- Children aged 12 months to less than four years at the start of the program, can be vaccinated through the childhood catch-up program. The childhood catch-up program began on 1 October 2018 and will end on **31 December 2019**.
- The young person's program will begin on 1 February 2019. Students in Years 10 and 11 will be offered vaccination during the 2019 School Immunisation Program. The Year 10 program will be ongoing through the School Immunisation Program. The catch-up program for Year 11 students will end on **31 December 2019**.
- Young adults aged 17 to less than 21 can receive vaccinations through a catch-up program available from most immunisation providers. This catch-up program will **end 31 December 2019**.

For more information speak to your immunisation provider or visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/menbprogram and access the frequently Asked Questions for Parents. You can also contact the Immunisation Section, SA Health on 1300 232 272.

MATERIAL AND SERVICES CHARGES (School fees)

Invoices for Material and Services Charges for 2019 will be sent home with your child with today's newsletter (12th February). Fees may be paid by cheque, cash or credit card at the office or they may be paid direct to our bank account. Our bank details are at the bottom of the invoice. If you may be eligible for School Card refer below for the 2019 changes.

2019 SCHOOL CARD

School Card forms are now available from the school office or you may apply online at www.sa.gov.au.

Income limits have been increased from this year. See below.

Eligibility income limits for a student attending a government school

<u>No. of dependent children</u>	<u>Gross annual School card income limit</u>
1 child	\$59,432.00
2 children	\$60,493.00
3 children	\$61,554.00
4 children	\$62,615.00

Eligibility for school card assistance is dependent upon the combined family gross income for the 2017/2018 financial year being with the School Card income limits (as shown above). School card applications need to be submitted for each school year. Thank you to the parents who have completed School Card Applications. Please contact the office if you require any further information.

Waikerie Out of School Hours Care

WOOSHC will not be open for the Student free day on Friday, 1st March. After School Care is available Monday-Friday afternoons during term time. Please phone Kirsty, Director on 0419 845 451 for enquiries or bookings.



SA Dental Service

Keep your kids smiling



Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics. The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Your local clinic is: Waikerie School Dental Clinic

Phone: 8541 2434

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental



Nomination for Governing Council or Committee

Name _____ Phone Number: _____

Student/s Name _____ Room _____

Please circle Governing Council and / or the committee of interest

Governing Council ICT Finance Fundraising
Grounds Waikerie Out of School Hours Care (WOOSHC)

Volunteer RAN-EC Training

Name _____ Phone Number _____

I would be interested in attending the RAN Training Session on Thursday February 21st at

9am 6pm

I am unable to attend either of these times. Please specify other preferred times _____

I am interested on completing the training online



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ON TIME?

There are many benefits your child will gain from arriving on time to school and class. Did you know?

- The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to strong participation in school programs which is linked to arriving on time
- It is very important for children to develop habits of arriving on time at an early age, beginning from the time they start school

Some Gains for Your Child

Arriving On Time for School and Class:

- Makes sure that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert
- Early morning learning activity is often reading or writing and your child can lose so many opportunities to learn these critical life skills
- Helps your child to learn about routines and commitment
- Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom
- Class disruption can make your child feel uncomfortable and can upset other children
- Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves

HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME?

Are these some reasons why your child does not get to school on time?

- Your child won't go to bed at night or get out of bed in the morning
- Your child can't find their clothes, books, homework, school bag....
- The school lunches are not ready
- Your child is slow to eat breakfast
- Your child is watching TV late when they should be getting ready for school
- It's your child's or someone else's birthday
- There is a test or presentation at school today
- Your child is screaming or not letting go of you

Things to Try

Here are some suggestions based on setting regular routines:

- Have a set time to go to bed and a set time to be out of bed
- Have uniform, lunches and school bag ready the night before
- Have set time for ending breakfast
- Turn the TV on for set times and only if appropriate
- Be firm that children must go to school
- Give your child positive encouragement and acknowledge they are organised and get to school
- Be firm; a birthday does not equal a holiday
- On arrival look for some of your child's friends and encourage your child to go and play with their friends
- Once settled leave quickly

