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Term 2, Week 8 – Wednesday 19th June 2019

No 10

DATES TO REMEMBER

20 June	Jump Rope Jump Off
25 June	Earn & Learn stickers and sheets due back to school.
28 June	Assembly
1 –5 July	NAIDOC Week Celebrations
3 July	Reports sent home
5 July	Last Day of Term 2 school finishes at 2.20pm
22 July	Term 3 begins

Principal

It is hard to believe that there are only three weeks left until the holidays.

I would like to acknowledge Lynette Nitschke's *Order of Australia* medal for her service to the community. Lyn is a valued staff member at Waikerie Primary School who undertakes a Student Support role but also gives much more to our school. Lyn supports the school to be actively involved in community events. Congratulations Lyn.

We continue our work on school improvement and strive to meet the goals on our school improvement plan. Megan and eleven teachers supported this by attending a half day writing workshop on the Saturday of the long weekend. I thank them for giving up personal time to undertake the professional learning; this shows true dedication to their profession. Already teachers are implementing new strategies in their classrooms.

Last Friday, all students attended the Music is Fun performance. This event was co-ordinated by Chris Mibus, was school funded and supports our commitment to the Arts subjects. Thank you to Chris and teachers for preparing the students for their participation in songs throughout the performance.



In week 10, on the 1st and 2nd July, Waikerie Primary School will undertake our second External School Review. The first was in 2015 when we were given improvement directions. A review officer and review principal will analyse school data and then come to the school and talk to the leadership team, teachers, SSOs, students, Governing Council and parents about the school. From the information gathered they will make future recommendations for improvement. If any parents would like to be a part of a group that meet with the review principal, please fill out the note at the end of the newsletter and return to the office by Monday 24 June. This meeting would be on Tuesday 2 July at 8:50 – 9:30am.

Finally I would like to inform the school community that the panel process for the principal position at Waikerie Primary School has been completed and I have accepted the position for another five years. It is a privilege to continue to work here, the staff and school community support is outstanding.

WAIKERIE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

This fortnight's writing tip: Create a writing space – Set aside a little corner in your house that is completely devoted to writing. Having an area dedicated solely to writing will help free your child from distractions so they can focus on practicing reading skills.



We are always looking for feedback on how we are progressing with our Visible Learning. We have created a 6 question survey on Survey Monkey either accessible through the QR code or the web link below. We are looking to improve the community understanding of Visible Learning. We would appreciate it if you could take the time to complete the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WR7PC72>

Deputy Principal

Congratulations to the Year 5/6/7 girls who participated in the Crows Cup 9-a-side Football last Friday. The team were victorious on the day and now have an exciting opportunity to compete in the Footy Finals two day participation-focused carnival on the 21st and 22nd of October in Adelaide. Many thanks to Sarah Schiller for coaching, Hannah Lehmann for helping out on the day and Jeany Winter for organising the team.



Woolworth's Earn and Learn Stickers: Please ensure your stickers and /or partially filled sheets are handed to the office by next **Tuesday 25th June.** We would like to thank our families and the community for your continued support.

Our school is holding our annual Pie Drive in Term 3. We are looking for volunteers to collate the orders from 9.45am on Thursday 22nd August. If you are able to help please let the office know, we thank you in advance for your kindness

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 3rd)

Megan

Student Wellbeing Leader

Jump Rope for Heart

With only one more day of fundraising to go, our total funds raised for the Heart Foundation to date is \$2,627.41. For those students who have collected cash donations, please bring it to the school office in a labelled envelope tomorrow. Tomorrow (Thursday 20th June) students will be skipping their little hearts out to raise awareness of heart health. Room 5 students will be doing a skipping demonstration and we will complete the afternoon with a 'Jump Off' competition, with selected students from all year levels representing their house teams. We say a HUGE thank you to students for getting involved and parents/carers supporting your children to raise awareness and funds for the Heart Foundation. Prizes will be ordered as soon as the fundraising period is over.

Social & Emotional Learning

A couple of classes enjoyed a social skills lesson about filtering thoughts (aka "Keeping it in the bird house"). Students heard a story and learnt that our thoughts and words are like birds...once we let them out, it's hard to get them back. We then had a discussion about what thoughts are ok to 'let fly' and what thoughts should be 'kept in the bird house'. Thoughts that should stay in the birdhouse include: blaming; name calling; insults; generalisations; and demands. Thoughts that are ok to 'let fly' include: sharing feelings; sharing needs; asking for change; and constructive feedback. This lesson was aimed at helping students to be more considerate and respectful when speaking to others, and to understand how their words can either be hurtful or helpful.

Alison Pietsch ☺

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External School Review Parent Meeting

I _____

Would like to attend the meeting on Tuesday 2 July at 8:50am.

Signed:



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