



WAIKERIE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

A SCHOOL OF VISIBLE LEARNERS
CURIOSITY PROBLEM SOLVING RESILIENCE

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Term 4, Week 9 – Thursday 10th December 2020

No 20

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 11 th December	Last Day of Term 4 School finishes at 2.20pm
Wednesday 16 December	School Office closed for holiday break
Thursday 21 and Friday 22 January 2021	School Office open
Monday 25 January 2021	School Office closed
Wednesday 27 January 2021	Term 1 begins

Leadership Team

As the term comes to an end we have some staff to farewell, we say goodbye and best of luck to Jo Platten, Kimberly Smith, Brendan Francis, Shaz Paschke and Kerry Smith. We also farewell Edwin, he will be returning to the North Pole tomorrow.

All staffing has been finalised.

- Room 8 Year 7 Sarah Schiller
- Room 7 Year 6 Sharna Linke
- Room 3 Year 4/5 Krystina Durdin and Natasha Wall
- Room 4 Year 4 Carol Colbert
- Room 5 Year 3 Nina Rayner and Julia Golding
- Room 6 Year 2/3 Connie Valentine
- Room 9 Year 2 Hayley Sincock
- Room 10 Receptions Sarah Kipling
- Room 11 Year 1 Hannah Marks (Term 1 and 2, Jill Darling on long service leave)
- Room 12 Year 1 Lorraine Fehner



Congratulations to our year sevens who had their graduation ceremony today. Yesterday you would have received your child's second semester report and their class placement information.

On behalf of the staff of Waikerie Primary School and the leadership team, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday break.



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Student Wellbeing Leader

This year, our Waikerie Primary School well-being approach has continued to flourish with continuation of staff training in the *Berry Street Education Model* - a research based approach that focuses on relationships, positive learning environments and supporting ALL students to be 'Ready to Learn'. Classes have continued to implement 'Brain Breaks', introduced 'morning circles' and learning about how the brain and emotions are connected. In 2021, staff will complete 2 more days of training and implement more strategies, which will be shared with our school community.

House Cup

This Friday we will announce the winning team of the House Cup. The House Cup is a competition where students are awarded tokens for their house team for displaying school values, positive choices and learner dispositions. It has been a close competition between Flinders and Barker all year, with both teams tying for first in term 2. Sturt have made a strong comeback (after many years of getting the wooden spoon!), coming out on top in Term 3. After a few years on a winning streak, Eyre have slipped down the ladder to bottom place. Who will bring home the cup this year? Will Sturt break the drought and claim victory? Stay tuned!

Children's University

This Friday, we have 9 students who will be graduating as part of the *Children's University* program. The graduation ceremony will be a little different this year, with just graduating students and their families attending a small ceremony at school. The students will be awarded certificates for completing learning that has taken place outside of school time. We have students being awarded bronze certificates for a minimum of 30 hours of learning; silver for 65 hours of learning; and for students who have been in the program for a couple years now, gold certificates for 100 hours of learning!

Participating students 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. I would like to acknowledge how difficult this year has been and that a lot of learning took place online or at home – this was a huge commitment! 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. *Children's University* will be open to all Waikerie Primary School (aged 7-13) students next year. We would love to see more students get on board in 2021!

I wish all of our students and families a very safe and relaxing holiday break!

Alison Pietsch

*WAIKERIE PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF
WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND SAFE
CHRISTMAS.*