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Respect Responsibility
Persistence Confidence
Care Honesty

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Term 1, Week 4

Wednesday 17 February 2021

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DATES TO REMEMBER

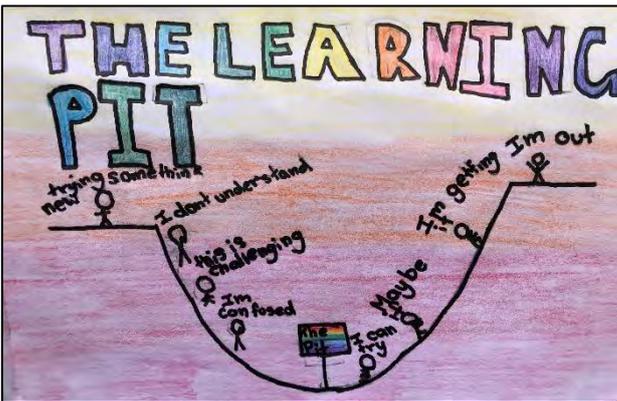
Monday 8 March	Public holiday Adelaide Cup
Thursday 11 March	School Open Night 5:00 – 6:00pm
Monday 15 March	GRIP Conference in Adelaide for Year 6 and 7 school leaders Harmony week begins
Wednesday 24 March	SAPSASA athletics (Waikerie)
Friday 9 April	Last day of term, 2:20pm dismissal

Principal

Last Friday we had our first assembly of the year and it was lovely to have community members attend. We have moved assembly to the gym to cater for social distancing. Many thanks to everyone for using the QR code, signing in and sanitising.

The assembly was hosted by our year 6 and 7 leaders, Ashley, Anila, Jace and Abbey. This year we have four School Leaders and House Captains as both our year six and seven students will be graduating at the end of this year and moving to the High School in 2022.

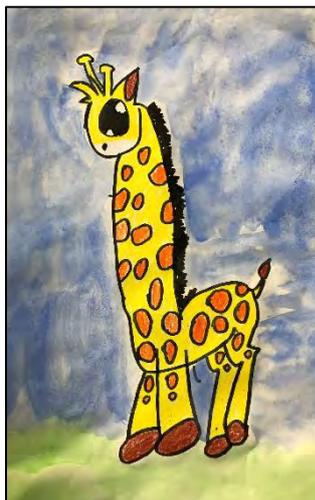
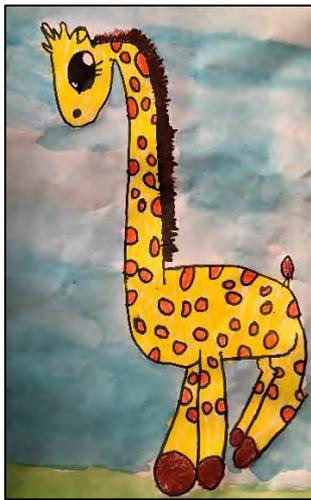
It was pleasing to see a large number of students receiving Values and Visible Learning certificates. We were also introduced to semester one Student Voice leaders from Reception to year 7 and the 2021 Youth Environment Team (YET). A highlight of the assembly was the 'Spot Light on Learning'. Four classes shared their learning over the first three weeks of term.



Room seven spoke about having a *Growth Mindset*. They learnt that a *Growth Mindset* means that if you feel you can't do something, you need to change your mindset into something more positive. They created *learning pits*. When you get to the top of the *learning pit* you are learning something new. When you are working through something hard, you use different strategies in learning and a positive attitude. They acknowledged the importance of resilience.



Room 5 are learning about the Murray River. In visual arts they are looking at the artist Pete Cromers. He is a popular Australian artist from Victoria who gets inspiration from wildlife. Students created a galah using the skills of painting, scrunching, drawing and cutting. They also learnt about what a drought is and how it can affect our community. The students wrote diary entries imagining they were a farmer's child and again used visual arts to create barren drought landscapes.



During week two Rooms 11 and 12 discussed the importance of becoming Visible Learners and developed an understanding of being actively engaged in their learning. They explored strategies to support their learning including building resilience and persistence when faced with a challenge.

The students were given the challenge to draw a giraffe. Following their first attempt they received feedback from their peers and teacher. Over several days they practised drawing a giraffe and produced incredible artwork. So persistence and feedback matter! They are truly developing into Visible Learners!

Congratulations to this year's House Captains

Flinders House Captains – BJ, Charlotte, Emilee, Aden

Sturt House Captains – Jayde, Hudson, April, Ryan

Eyre House Captains – Zion, Charlotte, Rachael, Ruben

Barker House Captain – Ashley, Emily, Lacey, Cameron

To support our School Improvement goal in reading, we are having focus comprehension skills each term. For the first five weeks of this term the skill of *predicting* will be highlighted in classrooms. You should receive information about this skill via the class Seesaw app. Predicting is a useful reading strategy that helps the students think about what to expect when they read. Good readers keep making predictions as they read and adjust them as they keep reading.

Tuesday 16 February was the school Annual General Meeting (AGM). Thank you to the parents who attended. Elections for the 2021 council were held and the following people are your Governing Council Members. Rachel Wills – Chairperson, Denae Paschke – Treasurer, Rachael Thomson – Secretary, Mick Cryer, Deb Schutz, Dan Furniss, Karen Collins and Phil Valentine.

The 2020 School Annual Report was delivered and we will let you know when it is uploaded to the school website along with the 2021 School Improvement Plan. Thank you to Deb Schutz for her contribution to the school as Governing Council Chair in 2020. I would like to thank Paul Tripodi and Judith Francis for their time on Council. They are relinquishing their positions. There is still one place available on the Council and it would be nice to have a parent with a child/children in the primary years. Contact me to discuss if you are interested. You do not have to be a member of Governing Council to be on the Grounds and Fundraising Committees. Please see Megan or myself if you are interested in joining one.

On Thursday 11 March between 5:00 – 6:00pm we will hold an *Open Night*. This is an opportunity for your children to share the learning they have been undertaking during the term. You will be able to *touch base* with the class teacher, and more in depth discussions can take place in the *Three Way Discussions* which will occur in Term Two, weeks 1 – 3. You will receive more information about this towards the end of the term. Parents are always welcome to drop in before and after school to share learning with their children and we encourage you to contact your child's teacher at any stage if you have questions or concerns.

Belinda

Deputy Principal

This year our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will again participate in NAPLAN Online. This will take place in Week 3 and 4 of Term Two. As part of the process to ensure our ICT infrastructure and administration systems can successfully facilitate the online tests, some of our students are required to sit an online practise test on Thursday, 25th March. Students' performance will not be assessed or reported on in this practise test. More information about NAPLAN testing will be sent home leading up to the NAPLAN testing period and a 'Public Demonstration Site' is available to help students become familiar with the online format. Lots of information about NAPLAN is also available at <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>. Please also see privacy collection notice attached. If you have questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN please see your child's class teacher or contact me at school.

On Tuesday eight students travelled to Loxton Swimming Pool to compete in the 2021 SAPSASA Swimming. The students proudly represented Waikerie Primary, competing at their best and encouraging their team members. Beau and Ashley came away with some top 3 performances in their strokes and our relays teams came 4th in both the Medley and Freestyle events. Well done to all of our competitors. I was very proud of you all. Many thanks to our parent helpers on the day; Hannah, Sarah and Katherine. Special thanks to Jeany Winter for coordinating the team and the training leading up to the day.



A SAPSASA Swimming summary by Asha and Beau

On the bus trip we played eye spy and we listened to music. Once we got to Loxton Swimming Pool, Beau was up for Freestyle and came first. Asha's first stroke was Freestyle and she came first. Then others in our

team went in different races and Beau's Backstroke race was up. He came first but the person who came second

was only one second off! It was close. We were both in the Medley Relay and the team did well. Beau got disqualified for not touching the wall with two hands in Breaststroke, but would have been first. Asha came first in her Breaststroke race. Our last event was the

Freestyle Relay. It was Ashley, Hudson, Asha and Anila. We came third in our heat. Our WPS team did well and it was fun, especially since it was my Beau's first time.



We have some left over pavers in storage that we no longer need. There are few different styles and varying quantities. If you are interested, please see me at school.

Megan 😊

Student Wellbeing Leader

Social and Emotional Learning in classrooms!

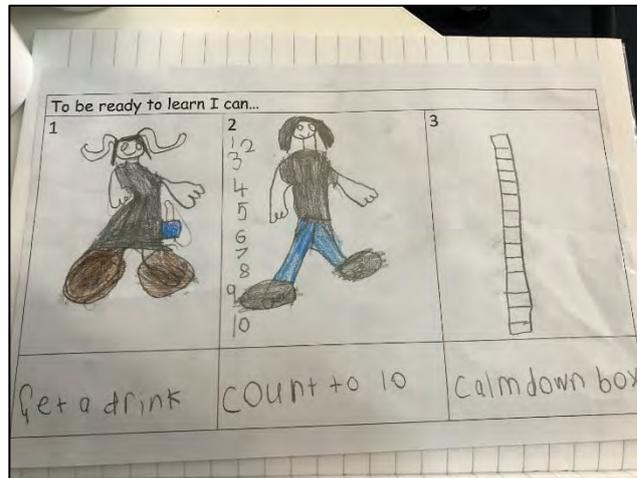
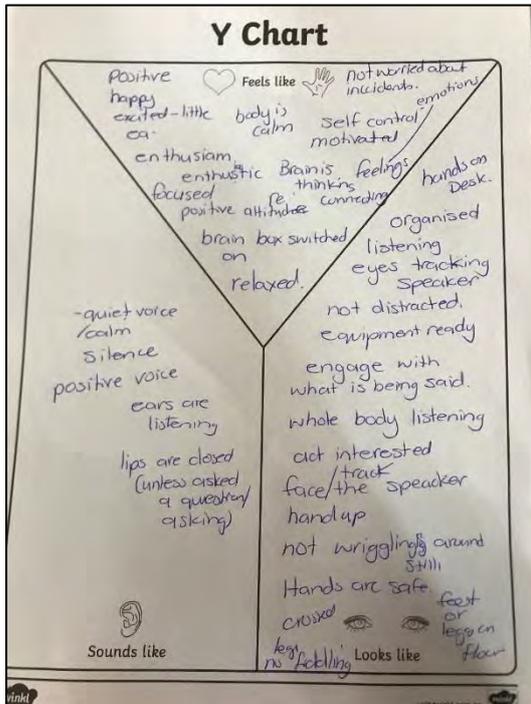
All classes began the term with a two week focus on Social and Emotional Learning. This included themes around our school values, Visible Learning and the Berry Street Education Model. Students were involved in a range of classroom activities which focussed on the following areas

- What it means to be Ready to Learn, strategies for being ready to learn
- Consistent, predictable routines in the classroom
- Values: Respect, Care, Responsibility, Persistence, Confidence, Honesty
- Visible learning: what it means to be a visible learner; our 3 dispositions – resilience, problem solving and curiosity; the importance of feedback
- Brain breaks – how they help us to be ready to learn
- Breathing & mindfulness



- Problem solving – problem scale (how big is my problem vs how big is my reaction; catastrophe scale)
- Resilience – low resilience and high resilience responses
- Kindness and empathy (“bucket fillers”)
- Stamina for learning
- Growth Mindset
- Character Strengths
- and emotions

Teachers did a fantastic job of tailoring the topics to suit their year level and meet the needs of their students. The program has supported student wellbeing and set students up for a positive start to the year!



Student Voice

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to represent their class as *Student Voice*. We will have our first meeting this Friday to discuss positive changes to the school and community, and plan an activity/event for the term. Harrison Lehmann, Mia Martin, Ben Sparrow, Louise Griffiths, Tyler Gale, Emy Ahmed, Tasman Venning, Izzabella Spokes, Ivy Nettelbeck, Taj Liebich, Sabrina Kafexholli, Parveen Singh, William Casaretto, Eva Leske, Joshua Jones, Tameka Lane, Ceara Salt, Tom Moxham

Relationships Australia – Children’s Counselling Outreach service at Waikerie Primary School

Relationships Australia (Berri) are continuing to provide a fortnightly outreach service based at Waikerie Primary School. The types of support they can provide parents and children include:

- Counselling support for children experiencing social and emotional difficulties
- Support for parents/carers around parenting strategies
- Post-separation support for children

This is a free service and an exciting opportunity to offer extended support to families within our Waikerie Primary School community. There are currently 1 spot available for a new client and will create a waiting list if required. Please contact Alison Pietsch (8541 2733) or email alison.butterfield579@schools.sa.edu.au to express your interest and I will pass your details on to Relationships Australia. Alternatively, contact Relationships Australia (Berri Office) 8582 4122 and let them know that you would like to make an appointment for your child to be seen at Waikerie Primary School.

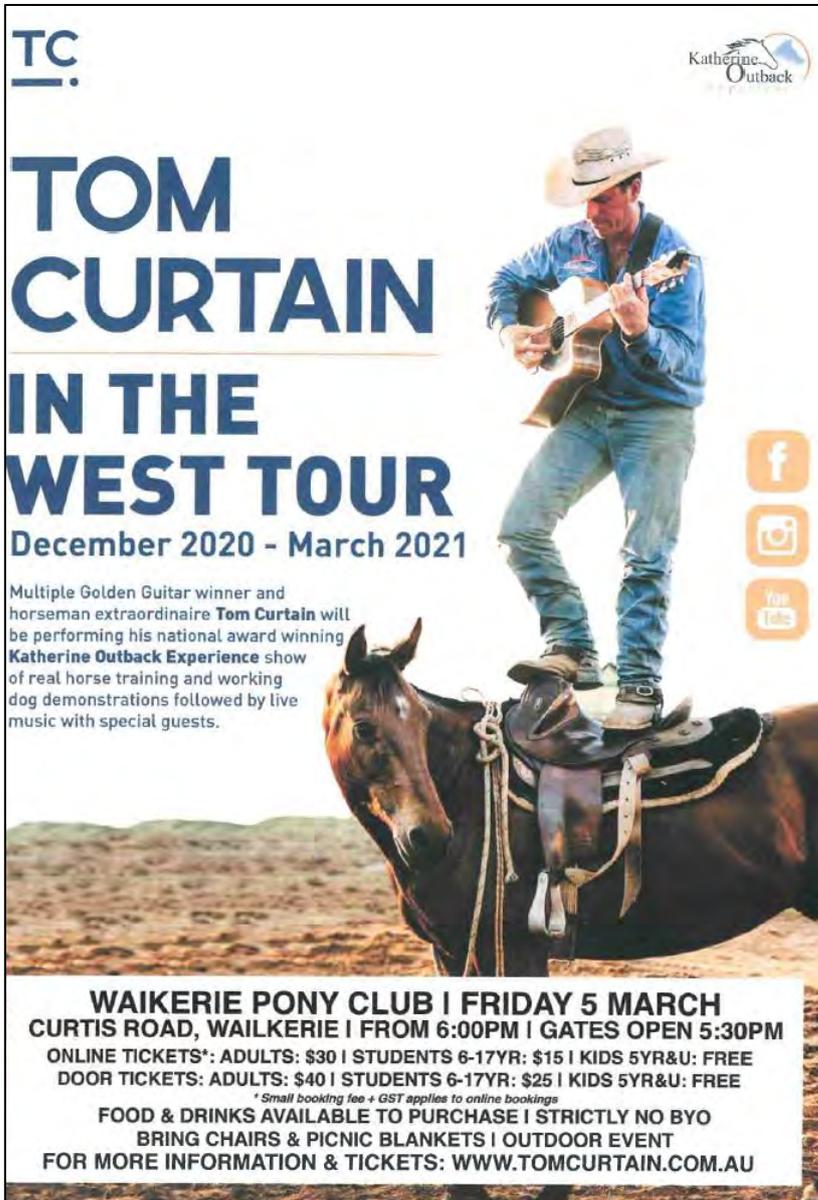
School Uniform Orders – Dress and Long Sleeve Polos

If you would to place an order for either a school dress or a long sleeve polo shirt, please come to the office to complete the order form and pre-pay.

Both the dress and the polo shirt are a poly/ cotton blend. The dress is \$25.00 and the long sleeve polo \$37.00

Sample dresses and polo shirts in sizes 4 - 16 are available to try on to ensure the correct size when placing your order.

Orders and payment due by Wednesday 3rd March.



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Katherine Outback

TOM CURTAIN

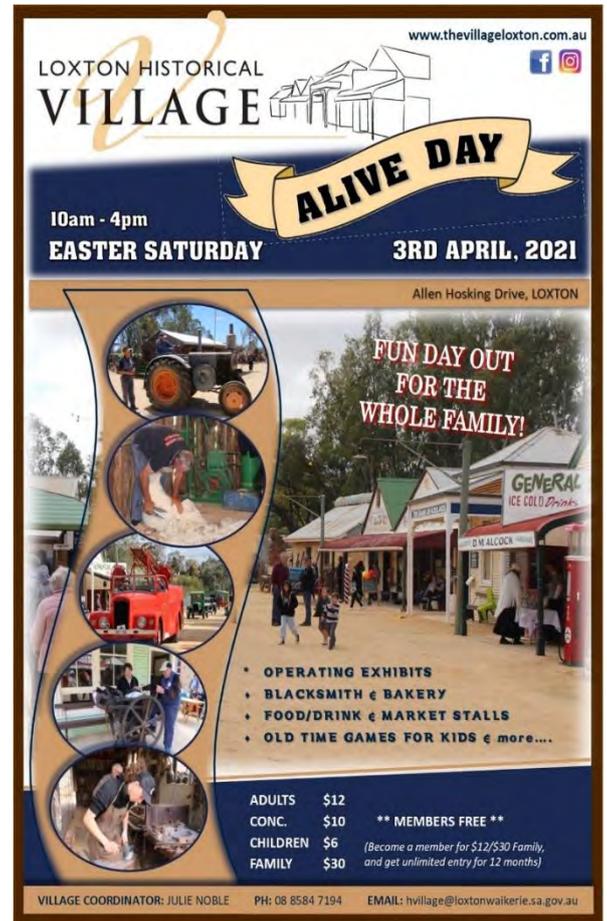
IN THE WEST TOUR

December 2020 - March 2021

Multiple Golden Guitar winner and horseman extraordinaire **Tom Curtain** will be performing his national award winning **Katherine Outback Experience** show of real horse training and working dog demonstrations followed by live music with special guests.

Facebook, Instagram, YouTube icons

WAIKERIE PONY CLUB | FRIDAY 5 MARCH
CURTIS ROAD, WAIKERIE | FROM 6:00PM | GATES OPEN 5:30PM
 ONLINE TICKETS*: ADULTS: \$30 | STUDENTS 6-17YR: \$15 | KIDS 5YR&U: FREE
 DOOR TICKETS: ADULTS: \$40 | STUDENTS 6-17YR: \$25 | KIDS 5YR&U: FREE
* Small booking fee + GST applies to online bookings
FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE | STRICTLY NO BYO
BRING CHAIRS & PICNIC BLANKETS | OUTDOOR EVENT
FOR MORE INFORMATION & TICKETS: WWW.TOMCURTAIN.COM.AU



www.thevillageloxton.com.au

LOXTON HISTORICAL VILLAGE

ALIVE DAY

10am - 4pm
EASTER SATURDAY
3RD APRIL, 2021

Allen Hosking Drive, LOXTON

FUN DAY OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

- OPERATING EXHIBITS
- BLACKSMITH & BAKERY
- FOOD/DRINK & MARKET STALLS
- OLD TIME GAMES FOR KIDS & more....

ADULTS	\$12	
CONC.	\$10	** MEMBERS FREE **
CHILDREN	\$6	(Become a member for \$12/\$30 Family, and get unlimited entry for 12 months)
FAMILY	\$30	

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