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**Term 3, Week 4**

**Wednesday 11 August 2021**

**No**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 6	Book Week – Friday 27 August dress-up Book Week parade 9:10am school oval
Week 7 Friday 3 September	Father's Day Stall
Week 8 Monday 6 September	Student Free Day
Week 9 Friday 17 September	Sports Day
Week 10 Friday 24 September	Last day of school term, 2:20pm dismissal

### Principal

On Monday the 2 August you should have received an email from the Department for Education regarding their annual parent engagement survey, it is a voluntary survey for parents and caregivers. It aims to gauge the level of parent engagement within our school. The survey asks families about how you perceive our school, including how well we:

- support your child's learning and wellbeing
- communicate with students and families.

If you would like more information please use the following link: [survey on parent engagement with schools](#)

The survey will be open for 4 weeks, from Monday 2 August to Sunday 29 August and takes less than 10 minutes to complete.

We have recently worked with the Governing Council to update our school uniform dress requirements. The updated version is accompanying this newsletter. Uniform is promoted so that all students show a sense of school pride and belonging. All students are required to wear school uniform when representing the school and attending public events, performances, excursions and for school photos. This is also an expectation in order to be a part of choir, YET, SRC, Leadership positions and SAPSASA teams. There are a considerable number of uniform options in our school colours of navy and grey.

In June this year our WOOSHC Director left the position and we currently have an acting Director. The position advertised in the Riverland papers last term was not filled. I am working with the Governing Council and WOOSHC Committee to cover all possible options. WOOSHC is a valuable resource for our community, not just Waikerie Primary and we would not like to see our service closed. The Director needs to be a Qualified Educator and hold a qualification approved by ACECQA. I have a list of those qualifications if you know of anyone who may be interested in this type of career.

Our Governing Council chairperson Rachel Wills recently received information about the Department for Education's updated Strategic Plan – *Towards 2028*. The information outlines the steps the Department are taking to build a world-class public education system. Rachel has left the 'Map to world-class' resources at the office if anyone would like a copy.

COVID update: Please restrict coming on school grounds whenever possible, continue to wear face masks, use the QR code and maintain social distancing.

### Deputy Principal

Week 6 is Book Week and we look forward to lots of activities throughout the week, exploring the shortlisted books and celebrating the 2021 theme *"Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds"*.

Our ever favourite **Dress Up Day** will take place on **Friday August 27<sup>th</sup>** and students are invited to dress up in the Book Week theme or perhaps a favourite character. The parade will be held on the oval at 9:10am, parents are welcome to attend but please QR code, wear a mask and adhere to social distancing. To help with our library display and activities we are looking for any 'olden day' items. Please contact Megan or Cheryl if you have something we may be able to borrow for the week. Thank you.



Remember the **Premier's Reading Challenge** is nearly at an end with the books to be read by **September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the end of Week 7**. It is open to all students from Reception to year 7. Students are required to **read 12 books**, record the titles and authors of the books they read on the Student Reading Record and submit it to their teacher or Mrs Seabrook by this date.

### Student Wellbeing Leader

#### Father's Day Stall

Our annual Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (Week 7). There will be a variety of small gifts available for students to purchase. We gratefully accept donations of small plants or gift items suitable for fathers (however unfortunately cannot accept baked goods at this time due to Covid-19 restrictions)! If you would like to contribute, please contact the school to let us know about your donation.

#### Student Voice

Student voice have decided to run a footy colours day on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September (Term 3 Week 8) they have decided to raise money for the charity Fight Cancer Foundation. The Fight Cancer Foundation run an annual footy colours day to raise money for children living with cancer. There will be a gold coin donation on the day but there will also be an opportunity to donate online if your family feels this is something you would like to contribute more to (more details in the next newsletter. On the day there will be competitions that the students can compete in such as longest kick and most accurate handballs. We are looking for businesses to sponsor this event with prizes for these competitions if you would like to be involved please contact the school to let us know.



#### **As part of the high school transition program, collaboration with Primary Schools and accessibility to mental health services**

Waikerie High School invites Year 6 and 7 students and their families to access Relationships Australia at the High School if your child or family are in need of support. Counsellors are available once a fortnight on a Tuesday at Waikerie High School and Wednesdays at the Waikerie Community HUB. To book an appointment please contact Relationships Australia on (08) 8582 4122 or speak with your school about support with accessing the service. All sessions are free of charge.

Relationships Australia provide support with;

- improving your relationships
- separation and divorce
- conflict resolution within the family
- making step-families work
- problem gaming or gambling behaviour (yours, your partners, or your child's)
- domestic violence and controlling relationships

#### Governing Council Fundraising

Very soon all students will receive an order form for family and friends to purchase personalised drink bottles! The bottles are super tough yet lightweight – so ideal for work, home, travel, sport and being thrown around in the roughest of

school backpacks! These will be perfect gifts for children for the new school year, for absolutely everyone for Christmas, and to pop away in your 'gift cupboard'. Orders will need to be returned to the school by week 10 this term so that bottles can be personalised, ready for delivery and collection in Term 4. Shoppers will be able to choose from: 2 sizes, a range of colours, a selection of images and you can add a name as well eg Alice, Grandpa, Boss etc for no extra cost. We will have a sample on display in the office.



We are planning a Colour Fun Run for Term 4, week 4 Thursday 4 November. Stay tuned for more information this term.

The Rain Moth Gallery is celebrating SALA (South Australia Living Arts) with an exhibition title Into The Blues. A number of students from the WPS have entered artwork into the exhibition all of which are eligible to be in the running for a



People's Choice Award valued at \$300. The exhibition/competition sponsored by the Waikerie Rotary Club encourages everyone to drop in and vote for their favourite piece of art during the months of August and September. All items are up for sale with the proceeds from the student's work going to the gallery for future student projects. Please see the invitation attached to the official opening.



Come and celebrate our latest SALA exhibition, 'Into the Blues', opening 8 August 2021. Enjoy with us some wine, nibbles and the fabulous work of our SALA artists. Included in our exhibition will be works from multi award winning artist Alan Louis Ramachandra. Also there will be unique handmade instruments from blues artists Daniel Filmer and Ken McDowell. Award winning local artist Lyn Anstey will present some blues inspired paintings. Many more entries will also be on display. Pieces range from jewelry, ceramics, digital art, traditional paintings and watercolors. We are pleased to have the Waikerie Primary School and Waikerie Scouts also get involved and contribute to our exhibition. Visitors will be able to vote in the People's Choice award sponsored by the Rotary Club of Waikerie. Exhibition runs from 8 August 2021 till 30 September 2021.