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Term 4, Week 2 Wednesday 20th October 2021

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 4 Thursday 4 November	Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion
Week 5 Friday 5 November	Student Free Day
Week 6 Wednesday 17 November	Year 6 Orientation day at the High School
Week 7 Friday 26 November	Year 7 Orientation day at the High School
Week 9 Thursday 9 December	Year 6 and 7 Graduation and presentation assembly

Principal

I am pleased to announce that Megan Higgins will be in the principal's position at Waikerie Primary School in 2022. Sometime in 2022 the position will be advertised across the state for a new tenure beginning in 2023. Jill Darling has informed me that she will be retiring and will not return to Waikerie Primary School in 2022. Jill has been a valued member of staff and her expertise will be missed.

We are currently reviewing and evaluating our 2021 School Improvement Plan. We are looking at our goals and seeing if we have met our targets. We will use this information to look for our 2022 goals to improve student learning.

I would like to welcome Sandy Hodson as our new Director of WOOSHC. Sandy has been settling in to her new position and getting to know the students and staff. A big thank you to Kristy Schutz who was the acting Director until we could fill the position, your time and support was greatly appreciated. Sandy will also take over the role of playgroup leader on Friday mornings.

Everyone is looking forward to our Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion in week four. This will take place on our school oval. We will have a track with some obstacles marked out. There will also be two water misting stations to run through and four colour stations run by staff. On the day students may come in casual clothes, a light coloured t-shirt is recommended. Students catching the bus will need a change of clothes. Each year level runs separately beginning with receptions at approximately 11:30, year 1 11:45, year 2 12:00, year 3 12:15, year 4 12:30, year 5 12:45, year 6 and 7 at 1:00. Lunch and recess we be at slightly different times. On the day students receive a headband and glasses for the run. If you do not wish your child to participate please return the consent form that was distributed in week one or contact the classroom teacher directly. We will have an area marked out for parents with a QR code to sign in. Please remember social distancing and masks.

One important process that teaching staff need to undertake this term is the placement of students in their 2022 classes. The number of students for 2022 determines the number of classes that will be formed and reflects the funding we receive. As we are losing both the year sixes and sevens this year we will reduce to nine classes in 2022. When placing students in classes teachers consider the year level, academic ability, wellbeing, student dynamics and gender balance. If you have any particular concerns I encourage you to speak to your child's teacher, however please remember that you cannot request a particular teacher and we cannot guarantee that all requests will be met but we will do our best. We take this process very seriously as we want the best for every student.

This term Sharna Linke and Sarah Schiller will begin to distribute information about the year six and seven graduation and presentation assembly. This will be held in our school gym on Thursday 9 December at 9:30am. If the COVID restrictions remain each student will be able to have 6 family members at the assembly, this does not include siblings at the school. A note will be sent home with more details regarding this as the event gets closer.

Deputy Principal

Swimming Lessons are scheduled for this term. This has been challenging to coordinate due to pool access and instructor availability so the structure will look a little different. Year 6/7 students will take part in the aquatics at Lake Bonney in week 7. Year 3 -5 students will participate in swimming lessons during Week 6 (November 15, 16, 17, 18) with the Primary Splash Carnival for Year 3-7 taking place on the Friday, 19th November at the Town Pool. Early years students (Rec, Yr 1 and Yr 2) will have their lessons in week 8/9 (December 3,6,7,8) at the school pool. At this stage we are will not be holding a junior primary Splash Carnival due to limited dates. More detail will come home closer to the dates for your child's class.

In Week 6 and 7 our year 6/7 students will participate in their full day High School transition visit. Information will come home through your child's class teacher. The latest Year 7 to High School update from the Department for Education will be sent home via Seesaw.

At this stage restrictions remain the same with minimising the number of people coming on site. Volunteers will therefore not be on site. We continue to ask that wherever possible, please drop and collect your child at the gate and maintain the appropriate physical distance from other adults. If you do need to come on site please use the QR code and wear a mask.

Last week the students enjoyed a performance by Music Viva. The band, Eastwinds performed to the whole school, including some interesting instruments and some interactive participation from both staff and students. An engaging event, enjoyed by all.



WOOSHC NEWS

I would like to introduce myself as the new director of WOOSHC. My name is Sandra Hodson, although I prefer to be called Sandy. I have worked within the childcare industry on and off over the past 20 years. For the last 3 years I have been working as an Educator at the Waikerie Children's Centre, where I have had the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with children and their families. As sad as it was for me to leave it was equally as exiting to take on this role as Director of WOOSHC.

I look forward to meeting all the families I have not met and will enjoy reconnecting with those I already know. I am very excited to start my new journey as Director and I look forward to working with you all to provide a friendly workplace and the very best quality of care. Please feel free to come and have a chat with me if there is anything you would like to discuss with me about your child or anything you would like to see introduced into our afterschool program.

Sandy

School Dress Orders

Waikerie Primary School is offering parents the opportunity to purchase our school dress. Sample sizes of our dresses are in the office for your child try on to ensure the correct size is ordered. Dresses are \$25 each which is required at the time of completing your order form. Please come into the office to place an order. Orders are due by Wednesday November 3rd

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Waikerie Neighbourhood Watch

Invites you to join us at the Waikerie Hotel

Thursday 28th October at 12 noon

Celebration lunch for 30 years of NHW in Waikerie

Guest speaker, presentations to members

Lunch will be your own choice from menu

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