



WAIKERIE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 3 Week 1

Wednesday 27th July 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 2 nd August	Pie Drive orders due
Thursday 4 th August	School Photos
Friday 9 th September	Sports Day



Principal

Welcome to Term 3! I hope families enjoyed the holiday break and have managed to stay well. The term is sure to be a busy one and already there are several special events coming up including Photo Day, Book Week, Just Add Music and of course, Sports Day! Some COVID recommendations remain in place including the recommendation for wearing masks all adults and year 3 -6 students while indoors. We will update you of any further information from the Department for Education as it is provided.

Our work on Phonics, the Big 6 of Reading and Math continues and our **School Improvement Plan** posters have been developed in consultation with School Leaders and Governing Council.

During phonics lessons at school, students learn to **connect the phoneme** (or sound) to the letter of the alphabet or group of letters that is used to represent it (**grapheme**). You can help with phonics learning at home by...

- Teaching your child to write their own and others' name. Use a capital letter at the beginning and lower case for the rest of the letters. For younger children you could write it for them and let them trace it, copy it, make it from play dough or draw it in sand.
- Pointing out words and letters when reading together. 'Can you see the S that says sss for Sam?'
- Encourage children to find the letters in their name or the names of family members and in other places such as books, signs, product packaging.
- Noticing different ways that sounds/phonemes can be represented –'it's interesting that the 'e' in bread is made with an E and an A'

Pie Drive – A friendly reminder that you still have time to order delicious pies, freshly made by Waikerie Bakery. Order forms were sent home last term and posted on Seesaw but please contact the office if you need another one. **Order forms and payment are due by Tuesday August 2nd** and pie collection day is Thursday August 11th. What a wonderful winter warmer! Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts.



You may have noticed that the **Crossing on Stanley Street** is now complete. Emu crossings are placed within school zones and a speed limit of 25 km/h applies to drivers when children are present. Drivers must stop for pedestrians using or



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about to use the crossing. Please use and encourage your child to use this crossing if arriving or leaving school at the Stanley Street side. Next week we are having a visit from SAPOL to run sessions for our classes - Keeping safe on the road – introduction to road safety (R-Yr 3) and Road safety with SA Police (Year 4 to Year 6).

The 2022 Department for Education **parent survey** is now open and runs from 1 August to 28 August. In the week beginning Monday 1 August you will receive an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey. If you do not receive an email or SMS with your unique survey link, contact education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au and include our school's name in your email.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes and will help us understand:

- what we're doing well
- where we can improve
- what's important to you.

It has been coordinated centrally so that added administration workload isn't placed on the school. Your answers will not identify you or your child. Only collated feedback will be provided to our school. Information collected will inform school improvement planning and activities at the school. The survey closes 5pm Sunday 28 August. Visit the [department's website](#) for more information.

☺ Take care, Megan



Deputy Principal

Book Week - This term we will be celebrating Book Week in *week 5 from the 22nd – 26th of August*. Book week has been running since 1945 and is a week to celebrate books and Australian Children's authors and illustrators. This year we will be holding the Book Fair and Book Week in the same week. The Book Fair will be held in the JP side of the library and will be open to families each morning before school and open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school. There will be a dress up on Friday the 26th of August where students can dress up to the theme of 'Dreaming with eyes open...' or as their favourite book character. Students will be involved in a school parade on the day.



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School. Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019). Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability. The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>). Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>). If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

School Photo Day

Thursday the 4th August is school photo day. Students are expected to be dressed in school uniform, no hoodies or SAPSASA windcheaters. Individual photo envelopes are being sent home today, family envelopes are available from the school office. Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheque and money order only (sorry no credit card accepted)
- Online orders can be made via www.msp.com.au (you will require the unique *shoot key* displayed on each order envelope)

Leanne Jones ☺

COMMUNITY NOTICES



CARERS SA INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR Wednesday Waikerie SA PEER SUPPORT GROUP

Please join us for a coffee and a chat to meet Wednesday's Waikerie Peer Support Group

WHEN: 10am – 11:30am, 03rd August 2022

WHERE: Viewpoint Café
12905 Sturt Hwy, Waikerie SA 5330

Tea and coffee provided

See you there! Hannah Birch (Facilitator)
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4:15pm- 5:45pm
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