



**WAIKERIE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Term 4**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Week 1**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Assembly
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Student Free Day

### Principal



Welcome back to school! It is hard to believe that we are in the final school term for 2022. This term we will welcome our upcoming Reception students and their families as the kindy transition visits begin. Our year 6 students will also participate in their transition to high school program and, later in the term, begin preparations for graduation.

We are currently reviewing and evaluating our 2022 School Improvement Plan, looking at our goals and actions and if we have met our targets in Maths, Phonics and Reading. On our Student Free Day in week 4 we will spend time determining our 2023 targets and actions to continue to improve student learning.

Teaching staff will this term undertake the important process of placement of students in their 2023 classes. The number of student enrolments for 2023 determines the number of classes that will be formed. When placing students in classes, there are several factors that are considered including year level, academic diversity, wellbeing, peer relationships, student dynamics, inclusivity and gender balance.

The configuration of classes (straight year level or composite) is dependent on year level numbers and how these can be best arranged. All classes, whether a single year level or composite class, have children with diverse learning needs, skills and abilities. Composite classes are sometimes formed when year level enrolments are varied. This can provide flexibility to ensure even class sizes and a balance of student social and academic needs within and across year levels. Combining students in composite classes have been shown to provide benefits to both the older and younger students in the class. Older students often take on a mentoring role, and benefit from helping other students in co-operative learning situations, while younger students have the opportunity of enhanced learning experiences where they are ready for it.

If you have any particular concerns about class placement 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 a great deal of consideration with this process as we want the best for every student.



**Room 3** have been designing and making Hiking Boots as part of an integrated Design Technologies unit.

Here are just a few samples of their very creative products.



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As a follow up to our Road Safety session last term, SAPOL will be running 'Crossing Monitor training' this Thursday for those year 5/6 students who are interested in participating. If your child indicated interest they will have a permission note to be signed. This training will provide the opportunity for some students to help out by taking on a role as a School Crossing Monitor in the future.

Megan ☺



### Deputy Principal

Congratulations to two of our students for making the SAPSASA Riverland Tennis Team. We congratulate you both for making the team and good luck for the tournament which will be held in November. We look forward to hearing about your experience.



Swimming Lessons are scheduled for this term. Year 6 students will take part in the aquatics at Lake Bonney in week 8. Year 3 -5 students will participate in swimming lessons during Week 5 (November 14<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>) with the Primary Splash Carnival for Year 3-7 taking place on 25<sup>th</sup> of November at the Town Pool. Early years students (Rec, Yr 1 and Yr 2) will have their lessons in week 6 (November 21<sup>st</sup>– 25<sup>th</sup>) at the school pool. More detail will come home closer to the dates for your child's class.

Leanne Jones



### Student Wellbeing Leader

#### Helping Our Kids Build Resilience

Welcome back to the school term! I hope everyone had a chance to recharge their batteries and have some quality family time over the holidays!

A couple weeks ago, I was fortunate to attend a conference hosted by the famous parenting expert and educator, Maggie Dent (if you're not familiar with her books or "Parental as Anything" Podcast, I recommend you check her out!). The conference focussed on *Calming Today's Anxious Kids* and featured guest speakers, child psychiatrist Dr Kaylene Henderson and Music Therapist Allison Davies. Throughout the term, I aim to share some of the helpful and fascinating information that I learnt, starting with resilience (fitting as it is one of our Learner Dispositions!).

To enhance resilience in our kids, Dr Kaylene Henderson suggests parents allow their child to have "self" moments (moments where they fix/solve/do things on their own) - don't jump in and fix, solve or rescue - particularly in social situations. The aim is for children to build the skills and confidence to do it themselves the next time. She suggests this simple script, asking the child:

*"What are your options?", "Which one are you going to go with?", "Ok, let me know how it goes".*

Sometimes in order to do more to help our kids, we need to do less! ☺

### Choir

Next Tuesday (27<sup>th</sup> Oct), our choir students will be singing for the Senior Citizens. They will join WLPS and Ramco Primary School students to sing 3 songs. In the last week of last term, they performed with the other two schools for the Probus Meeting at the Bowling Club. It was a great opportunity for the choir to sing in the community and the audience loved it!

### Relationships Australia

RASA are continuing to offer a children's counsellor to work with parents and children to support positive relationships and mental health. There are plenty of spots available, so please contact the school or Relationships Australia in Berri (8582 4122) to book an appointment to see Chelsea when she comes to our school (or arrange to meet at the Waikerie Hub). This is a fantastic, free service supporting our school community, so it would be great to see more people take it up!

Alison



## WAIKERIE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Waikerie Out of School Hours Care currently offers Before School Care Monday - Friday 7:00am - 8:30am and After School Care 3:20 - 6:00 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 2:30 - 6:00 Thursday To help with projected numbers for our in term WOOSHC service in 2023 please indicate if you would be interested in accessing the following

- Before School Care
- After School Care

Or contact Sandy at WOOSHC on 0419845451

Please note this is just to indicate projected numbers for 2023, it is not a commitment or booking.

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