

WELCOME TO WAIKERIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We trust that you find the following information useful. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any further enquiries.

ATTENDANCE

The Education Act states that children of six years and over are compelled to attend school regularly. Please contact the school if your child is going to be absent for sick or family reasons. If a student is absent and a message has not been received, a text message will be sent from the school requesting a reply. If the student is away for 3 days or more due to illness a doctor's certificate should be provided. If a student will be absent from school for 3 or more consecutive days for a family holiday, an Exemption Form must be completed by the parent/caregiver. Exemption Forms can be requested from the Office.

If your child is late, please ask them to go to the Office to sign in before going to the classroom. If your child is to leave during the school day, a parent/caregiver must sign them out at the Office.

ACQUAINTANCE EVENT

During the first few weeks of the year, the School Governing Council together with the teaching staff, hold an acquaintance event. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, other parents/caregivers and the Waikerie Primary School staff.

ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Children who attend Waikerie Children's Centre are involved in transition, in Term 4, each year. Enrolment forms need to be completed and returned to the office before your child commences their orientation to school.

ASSEMBLY

Assemblies are held in the school hall or gym at 9.00am on a Friday, every 3 weeks. It is a time when the whole school gets together to hear school news, recognise special achievements and view class presentations. Visitors are always welcome at our assemblies.

BANKING

Banking is available with Bank SA. Banking day is Tuesday. Bank wallets are given to the class teacher. New accounts can be opened upon application to the bank.

BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROCESS

The school has a Behaviour Support Process that is aligned with Department for Education policy on Managing School Behaviour. In this policy students and teachers are considered equally with the underlying premise being that teachers should be free to teach and students free to learn without disruptions from others. We appreciate the support we receive from families in supporting our Behaviour Support Process, and we keep parents/caregivers informed wherever necessary. More detail is included in the information pack.

BULLYING

Along with other schools, Waikerie Primary School supports the goals of the National Coalition Against Bullying. Please read our enclosed Anti Bullying Policy in the information pack and if you have any concerns please see your child's class teacher.

BUSES

Students living further than 5km from the school are eligible for free bus transport if they reside on or near a school bus route and do not by pass another local school. New families can collect a Bus Application Form from the Office and will need to wait for approval to travel.

For safety and courtesy reasons, good behaviour is expected when travelling on the buses. At the beginning of each year we meet with bus students to explain expectations and provide a copy of Bus Expectations.

We are not in a designated bush fire zoned area so therefore are open on extreme or catastrophic fire alert days however the school buses will not run. Information can be accessed after 4pm the day before on the Department for Education Parent hotline – 1800 000 297, ABC Radio 891, WIN and ABC TV and the Department for Education Website: www.education.sa.gov or www.cfs.sa.gov.au to let you know if a catastrophic day has been declared in the Riverland.

CAMPS and EXCURSIONS

Our school does not have a formal agreement on conducting these events. The decision to organise such an event is entirely at the discretion of the teacher. Teachers make decisions based on a number of things – their personal family circumstances, availability and the educational value of activities, organisational time and 24 hour duty of care. The value and costs of excursions are carefully considered and every effort is made to keep costs to a minimum and arrangements can be made for parents/caregivers to pay by instalments upon application to the school. We use CAP (Country Area Program) funds to subsidise camps and excursions.

Information and consent forms are sent home to parents/caregivers prior to the excursion or camp.

When enrolling, parents/caregivers are asked to give their permission for children to participate in short, local excursions, within walking distance of the school without a separate notice being given.

Where your child is required to travel in a private vehicle for the purpose of a school excursion or sporting event, you will be notified and the appropriate permission note will need to be completed.

CHRISTIAN OPTIONS

Sessions are offered once a term for approximately 1 hour. This is organised by the Pastoral Care Worker and provided by local church groups or Christian youth groups. The sessions cover themes such as values, Easter, Christmas as well as interactive performances by bands all with a Christian perspective.

COMMUNICATION BOOK / SEESAW

Waikerie Primary School has communication books for Reception to Year 2 and a school diary in some Primary classes. SeeSaw, is a primary communication tool between home and school that all classes utilise.. Teachers will use SeeSaw to keep families informed of their children's learning and classroom events. We understand that you may wish to communicate with the teacher, please restrict this to normal working hours 8:30am – 5:30pm Monday to Friday. Staff will endeavour to respond within 48 hours. If your child is in a class that has two teachers please be aware that messages can only be viewed by the teacher it is sent to. Please continue to contact the office to inform us of absences or other important daily messages eg. change to arrangements for getting home after school, medical appointments etc.

COMPUTERS / iPads

Waikerie Primary School has a Computer Room (Room 2) in the Primary building. We also have computers in classrooms and internet access throughout the school. Older students have access to laptops and ipads are available for use across R-6.

CURRICULUM

The Reception to Year 10 Australian Curriculum is implemented in all states and territories of Australia. It includes learning areas, general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities that together support 21st century learning and improves learning outcomes for all students. Learning areas include English, Maths, Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS), The Arts, Technologies, Health and Physical Education and Languages (Spanish).

CUSTODY

Please be aware staff are unable to provide any written information in custody disputes. This is a Department for Education Regulation.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

At the beginning of each year you will be asked to notify us of any updates to Student Information forms. It is important to indicate **four** emergency contact telephone numbers (grandparent, uncle, aunt, neighbour, friend) in the event your child needs to go home or to the doctor whilst at school and you cannot be contacted. If these numbers or your own phone numbers change throughout the year please contact the Office.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of a fire or other emergency in the school, student and staff safety is the prime objective. To ensure that everyone is familiar with the correct procedure for evacuating buildings, practise drills are conducted every term.

EXTREME WEATHER PROCEDURES

All areas of the school are air-conditioned. When the estimated temperature is 37 degrees and over, students do not play outside. In wet weather students will also remain in classrooms. In both cases staff share the supervision of students. We are not in a designated bush fire zone area so therefore we remain open on extreme or catastrophic fire alert days.

FACILITIES

Waikerie Primary School boasts some excellent facilities; including a swimming pool, computer room, gym, nature play, playgrounds, library and a host of other features.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/OPPORTUNITIES

Some of the opportunities offered include a Swimming & Aquatics Program, Instrumental Music Tuition, Primary Choir, SAPSASA Sport and Youth Environment Team (YET). In addition, a Primary and Junior Primary Student Voice operates whereby all classes are represented by nominated students.

FEEDBACK & COMPLAINTS

Let us know if you have feedback or a complaint, or if you want to give us a compliment. Feedback is valuable as it helps us shape our services to meet your needs. The following links can be found on our school website under the *Contact Us* tab.

[Raising a complaint with the Department for Education](#)

[More information](#)

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Governing Council is a parent elected body whose function is to involve the school community in the governance of the school. Although the school Principal has the responsibility in managing the school and its resources, parents/caregivers play a vital role in shaping outcomes that may result from discussions or ideas put forward. Councillors are elected with meetings being held in the evening twice a term. There are a number of sub-committees that operate under council for which members are co-opted. These committees are headed by an elected council member who reports back to the rest of council on the activities, suggestions and recommendations of these sub-committees.

The school urges you to consider the vital role you can play in joining council and encourages you to become involved. Experience is not necessary and your contribution will be valued.

The Annual General Meeting is held in term one and is advertised in the school newsletter.

HATS

Students are required to wear a wide brimmed or bucket style hat throughout the year. Any student who does not have an appropriate hat to wear will sit in a designated shaded area during playtime.

HEADLICE

If your child has headlice please let your child's teacher know and treat your child before sending them back to school. The information pack has a 'Headlice Prevention and Treatment Brochure' and the school's 'Headlice Procedure'.

HEALTH CARE PLANS

If your child has a medical condition eg. epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, the school will require a health care plan and a Medication Agreement Form completed by a doctor. You can obtain the relevant forms from the Office.

HOMEWORK

At Waikerie Primary School we believe homework is a task that is set by the class teacher and is to be completed by students outside of normal school hours.

As a part of homework all students are encouraged to complete home reading as it is considered an important part of the learning process. In the early years students are also encouraged to practise sight words to assist with their reading. Students who do not read regularly are significantly disadvantaged in their skill development. Spelling word lists, number facts practise and preparation of oral talks are also seen as beneficial activities.

Additional homework activities will complement and reinforce classroom learning and they will be appropriate to the students' skill level and age. Students will clearly understand what has to be done, when it is due and should be able to complete the task unaided. The task will be corrected by the class teacher and feedback and support provided. In the older years homework assists students to develop organisation and time management skills in preparation for High School.

INJURIES

When a student has taken ill or is injured they are sent to the sickroom in the Office where, in the case of a minor injury, the student is treated and sent back to class. Where the injury is more serious, the student's parent/caregiver is contacted and arrangements made for the student to be taken home or to attend the Medical Centre. Where an ambulance is required, our duty of care requires us to ensure the student is safely in the hands of trained hospital staff after which the parents/caregivers will be contacted immediately. It is recommended parents/caregivers have Ambulance cover.

Where students are feeling ill, it is school procedure that they go home and a parent/caregiver will be contacted to collect them.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

In most cases parents/caregivers make the decision about when their child is well enough to attend school. There are a number of conditions where the school is obliged to exclude the child for a given period due to the infectiousness of the condition. The following table contains relevant information.

Disease	Exclusion Period
Chicken Pox	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least five days after the spots first appear and all blisters have dried.
Cold sores	Sores to be covered by dressing, where possible.
Covid-19	As per SA Health directions
Conjunctivitis	Exclude until discharge from eyes has stopped.
Diarrhoea / Viral Gastro	Exclude for at least 24 hours after systems have stopped
Diphtheria	Exclude until medical certificate of recovery is received.
Giardiasis	Exclude for at least 24 hours after systems have stopped Exclude until diarrhoea stops.
Hand, foot and mouth disease	Exclude until all blisters have dried.
Head lice	Exclude until day after appropriate treatment started.
Hepatitis A	Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is received, and at least seven days after the onset of jaundice or illness.
Hepatitis B, C and D	Exclusion not necessary
Hepatitis E	Exclude for 2 weeks after illness onset or for 7 days after onset of jaundice.
Influenza	Exclude until there has been no fever for at least 24 hours.
Influenza B	Exclude until person has received antibiotic treatment for 4 days.
Measles	Exclude for at least four days after onset of rash or for 14 days if unvaccinated.
Meningitis	Exclude until well
Meningococcal infection	Exclude until appropriate antibiotic treatment is completed and until well.
Mumps	Exclude for five days after onset of swelling
Ring worm	Exclude until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced.
Rotavirus	Exclude until no vomiting or diarrhoea for 24 hours.
Rubella (German measles)	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least four days after the onset of rash.
Salmonella	Exclude for at least 24 hours after systems have stopped
Scabies	Exclude until day after appropriate treatment started.
School Sores (Impetigo)	Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores not covered by clothing must be covered with a watertight dressing.
Shingles	Exclude until blisters have dried.
Tuberculosis	Exclude until medical certificate from SA Tuberculosis Service of SA Health
Whooping cough	Exclude the child for five days after starting antibiotic treatment

LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTS (NAPLAN)

These National tests (NAPLAN) are completed by Year 3 and 5 students. Results indicating child progress is measured according to bands and the national benchmarks are provided to parents/caregivers. Year 2 – 6 students also participate in PAT Maths and PAT Reading assessments each year as directed by Department for Education. The school analyses the data from these tests, along with other forms of assessments to inform teaching and learning and to set and measure site goals.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours. If a student needs to leave during the day for any reason, please contact the teacher or Office and sign the student out. A student will not be permitted to leave the school grounds alone. If a person other than a parent/caregiver is to collect the student, please send written permission or make a phone call to the school.

LIBRARY

The Resource Centre is another learning area within the school. Classes visit the library and students are able to borrow books for reading at school and home. When books are overdue a computer print out is issued and presented to the borrower who is unable to borrow again until the overdue loans are returned. When books are lost a letter is sent home to the Parent/Caregiver requesting payment for the missing items.

LOST PROPERTY

Every year we amass a great quantity of lost clothing. Parents/caregivers are strongly urged to **clearly label** all items of clothing, lunch box, drink bottle, etc. All unclaimed clothing is put into the lost property box in the Office and is displayed for students during the term. If you are missing clothing, you are welcome to come to school and look through the lost property box. When our supply of clothing becomes too great and students have had ample opportunity to claim it, it is donated to charitable institutions like the 'Op Shop'

LUNCHES

Students can order their lunch, supplied by a local bakery, each day of the week. Lunch bags and order lists are available in each class. Students place the money and their completed order in the class lunch box. Change cannot be given. The menu follows the South Australian governments 'Right Bite' healthy food policy.

MEDICATION at SCHOOL

If medication needs to be taken at school students will be supervised by office staff.

- Medication provided must be prescribed by a relevant health professional and in the original pharmacist container with the directions on the label.
- The student's name must be on the original label.
- The medication must be delivered to the Office by an adult.
- Medication will be stored securely in a cupboard or in accordance with the products instructions
- Medication must be within the expiry date and a week's maximum at the most (except in long term continuous care arrangements).
- A medication plan / written instructions must be provided by the parent/caregiver or doctor.
- No first dose of a new medication will be given at school in case of an allergic reaction.
- In long term continuous care cases, a medication authority form may need to be completed by the prescribing doctor.

As much as possible, we encourage students to take medication outside of school hours, eg. three times per day can be taken – in the morning before school, afternoon straight after school and at bedtime.

At all times we encourage parent/caregivers to approach the school to discuss any health care needs their child may have. Panadol, Aspirin and Ibuprofen are NOT permitted at school.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Students

- Personal phones need to be handed into the office at the beginning of the day and collected by the student at the end of the day. Phones are to remain turned off until the student is off school grounds.
- Mobile phones are brought to school at the owner's risk. The school will not be involved in disputes and/or investigations over damage, loss or theft regardless of the circumstances.

If these procedures have not been followed:

- The phone may be confiscated from the student and the parent/caregiver will be asked to collect it from the school office.
- A consequence may be given and / or the student may be banned from bringing a mobile phone onto school grounds.

If parents/caregivers need to contact their child they can ring the school on 85412733. Staff will inform the student.

Parents/caregivers, visitors and contractors:

- All users are to switch their phones to mute or discreet when in classrooms, assemblies, including meetings and interviews.
- All parents/caregivers and visitors are to take and make mobile calls away from teaching and learning areas.

MUSIC

Students may learn to play a variety of different instruments through Department for Education instrumental program. These are offered to students in Years 5 and 6. It is the parent/caregiver's responsibility to source a musical instrument for your child. If there is a difficulty with this, please discuss with your child's Music Teacher. Choir, for students in Year 4 and above, starts in term one and culminates in the Riverland Festival of Music concert.

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are produced four times per term and will be sent home via hard copy and Seesaw. They are one of the most important forms of communication between the school and the parent body. The newsletter reports on school activities and events, and provides updates affecting education and in particular Waikerie Primary School. Important dates and activities are highlighted and parents/caregivers are reminded of upcoming events. The newsletter is also a forum for promoting student achievement and recognising excellence both in and out of the classroom. Our Newsletter can also be found on our website – www.waikerieps.sa.edu.au

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT THREE WAY CONVERSATIONS

Parent/teacher/student discussions are conducted each year. You will receive an email link from your child's teacher. Parents/caregivers need not feel restricted to these occasions to speak to teachers. Where parents/caregivers have particular concerns please contact the school and arrange an appointment. The first contact for parents/caregivers with concerns is to the class teacher. These discussions are welcomed in the best interests of your child.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parent/caregivers may become involved with the school in a number of different and rewarding ways. As classroom helpers, parent/caregivers can listen to students read or support individual students who need extra help in other curriculum areas. Assistance is also appreciated in the library or with fundraising activities. Parental involvement plays a valuable role at our school and any offer to volunteer is gratefully received. Apart from the obvious benefits for the school, parent/caregivers who are regular helpers gain great enjoyment from seeing the positive effect it has on their own children. Please refer to Parents - Volunteers section for requirements.

PARENTS - VOLUNTEERS

When parent/caregiver and volunteer support is required for reading, baking, excursions or other school activities. Volunteers need to sign in and out at the Office and collect a nametag to wear while on site. All volunteers must have completed the Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education Care (RRHAN-EC) volunteer training and non-parent volunteers must have a current history screening/ Working with Children Check. All volunteers must have the screening for overnight camps. Information regarding volunteer requirements is published in newsletters and is available through the Office.

PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Our school has the services of a part time Pastoral Support Worker. A Pastoral Support Worker is a Christian who has a pastoral role with young people and their families in the school community. They work in collaboration with Leadership, Student Wellbeing Leader, teachers and parent/caregivers to support students in a number of ways:

A Pastoral Role

- supports the school in its aim to be a safe and caring environment
- on request, provide initial support or information to students, staff and other school community members
- with written, informed parental consent, provide on-going personal assistance to individual students, subject to duty of care, consent, confidentiality, disclosure requirements and the Code of Conduct
- offers support or information with regard to critical situations, grief, family breakdown
- is available to provide ongoing support to individuals and/or families
- provide additional opportunities for families to feel supported

PHOTOGRAPHS

On the school consent form there is a section in relation to school photos taken by a commercial photographer. Photos are taken once a year and involve a class photograph, individual, family and group photos. The group photos may include school sporting and SAPSASA teams, etc. You must consent to these photos being taken. We request that children wear their school uniform on the day. From time to time Waikerie Primary School may wish to utilise photographs taken during school hours for media and promotional purposes. Once again please refer to the consent form for permission for local paper, school newsletter, school website and Facebook page.

PLAYGROUND

Our school is divided into a Junior Primary and Primary play area for safe play. Equipment such as the adventure playgrounds, nature play and cubby house have been designed to allow maximum usage with students' safety an important priority. Soft fall has been provided to reduce risks of injury if a student falls.

REPORTS

Reporting to parent/caregivers about student achievement is one of the most important functions of any school. There are a number of different ways teachers report to parent/caregivers, ranging from an informal chat to a detailed written document.

- At the start of each term, teachers send home a class newsletter outlining the learning overviews to be covered and plans for the term.
- Written reports are issued during Term 2 and 4 and sent home with the students. This is a record that follows them through their primary school years.
- Teachers or parent/caregivers can initiate parent/caregiver teacher conversations at any time.
- 3 Way Conversations

SAPSASA

Students who turn 10, 11, or 12 during the year have the opportunity to participate in Riverland representative teams in a wide variety of sports. These may include swimming, cricket, tennis, basketball, football, netball, hockey and athletics.

SCHOOL CARD

Families in financial difficulty or on a low income may apply for assistance with school fees through the School Card Scheme operated by the State Government. Information is available at the Office or from the [School Card](#) website. Parents are encouraged to apply for this assistance if they believe they may be eligible and are urged to do so online in the first two weeks of term 1 to ensure that the information is processed quickly and to establish eligibility. School Card must be applied for every school year.

SCHOOL LEADERS and HOUSE CAPTAINS

These students are elected on an annual basis by the student body. Their role is to represent the school, and support the student body.

SCHOOL MATERIAL AND SERVICES CHARGE

Students are issued with their stationery supplies on the first day of the school year and while the school makes every attempt to keep the fees as low as possible, it must be remembered that this charge is levied for other supplies as well, including art and craft materials, sports equipment, library books, printing, reading resources, classroom supplies and computer studies. So that the school is not disadvantaged with its purchasing, it would be appreciated if the fees are paid in the first fortnight of the term in which your child is enrolled. If financial difficulty is being experienced, arrangements may be made for payment by instalments upon application to the school. Payment of the Material and Services Charge can be made by cash, credit card or direct credit to the school's bank account.

SCHOOL TIMES

School commences at 8:50am with recess time being from 10:40 – 11:15 am. The students eat their lunch from 1:00pm – 1.10pm. A siren rings at 1.10pm to signal playtime with the end of play being at 1:40pm when the siren is rung again. Dismissal is at 2.30pm on Thursdays and 3.20pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. On the last day of each term school finishes at 2:20pm. Please note that teachers are not on duty to supervise students who arrive at school before 8:30am. If students arrive before 8:30am they are expected to sit at the table outside the Office.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We understand that some parent/caregivers may wish to photograph or film their child's participation at school events. In order to ensure the privacy of all students, please be aware that any vision or photographs taken must be for personal use only. Images taken of students other than your child should not be placed on public forums such as *Facebook* or *You Tube*. Inappropriate comments on social media can cause hurt or embarrassment to others.

SPLASH CARNIVALS

A Splash Carnival is held annually at the school pool for Junior Primary students and at the town pool for Primary students. Competent primary age swimmers are able to compete in some longer distance races that test their ability and endurance. Parent/caregivers are most welcome to attend either as spectators or helpers, which are always appreciated. Students are reminded to have protective clothing (T-shirt, broad brimmed hat) and to wear sunscreen.

SPORTS DAY

This is an annual event held in September at the Waikerie Sports Complex and gives students an opportunity to display skills learnt during PE lessons. The emphasis is on participation and enjoyment with students competing against set standards as well as each other.

The students compete as members of their 'House' teams and are encouraged to dress in the team's colours, which are: Flinders – Red Barker – Green Eyre – Yellow Sturt – Blue.

The afternoon is devoted to sprint and relay championships with ribbons being awarded to place-getters. It is a fun day with parent/caregivers being invited to watch their children or assist as timekeepers, judges, etc.

STUDENT VOICE

Waikerie Primary School has a commitment to student participation. This is achieved through the formation of Student Voice who meet regularly to discuss ideas for positive change. Each class has two elected members (a boy and a girl) who attend either the Junior or Primary meetings. The representatives take information back to the class for further discussion and approval.

STUDENT WELLBEING LEADER

Waikerie Primary has a Student Wellbeing Leader. The Student Wellbeing Leader works within the framework of the Preventative and Developmental model of school counselling. This involves:-

- Working co-operatively with the whole school community to create a safe and supportive learning environment and to bring about change in negotiated areas
- Leadership in the implementation of the Behaviour Support Process
- Leadership in the area of Child Protection and students at risk
- Leadership in teaching and learning to assist others in the management of students behaviour, wellbeing and safety
- Appropriate intervention and case management

SUN SMART POLICY

Sunscreen

The school supplies SPF 30, water resistant sunscreen for staff and students' use.

HATS

All students and staff are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears e.g. legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hats. Baseball or peak caps are not acceptable.

Shade

The availability of shade is considered when planning excursions and all other outdoor activities. Care is taken during the peak UV radiation times and outdoor activities are scheduled outside of these times or in the shade where possible. Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside. Students who do not have hats are asked to play in a designated shaded area.

SWIMMING LESSONS/AQUATICS

Swimming lessons are an important part of the Physical Education curriculum. The students in Reception to Year 5 will receive swimming instruction through qualified personnel and staff. Year 6 students attend Aquatics. The cancellation of lessons due to the weather conditions will be at the discretion of the Swimming Instructor in Charge in consultation with the school. If students have a genuine reason for not swimming (illness, allergy, etc) a note must be provided. Where a student forgets to bring bathers she/he will be asked to continue working either at the pool or in another class. Parents/caregivers that wish to view swimming lessons are welcomed to spectate.

TERM DATES

South Australian State Schools Term Dates

	2023	2024
Term 1	30 th January to 14 th April	29 th January to 12 th April
Term 2	1 st May to 7 th July	29 th April to 5 th July
Term 3	24 th July to 29 th September	22 th July to 27 th September
Term 4	16 th October to 15 th December	14 th October to 13 th December

UNIFORM / DRESS CODE

At Waikerie Primary School it is expected that all students will wear school uniform as defined in the Uniform / Dress Expectations handout. 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, Student Voice, Leadership positions and SAPSASA teams.

VISITING PERFORMANCES

During the year students have the opportunity to attend visiting music and drama performances. Parent/caregivers are notified through the newsletter or by special leaflets sent home. The school receives many requests to accommodate such shows, so any performance selected has been very carefully considered by staff for its educational value.

WAIKERIE OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (WOOSHC)

Our excellent Out of Hours Care program provides quality care from 3.20 pm – 6.00 pm Monday to Friday, every day except Thursday. On Thursdays, WOOSHC opens at 2.30pm. WOOSHC is usually open for Student Free Days. Before School Care is currently available from 7am to 8:30am Monday to Friday. A vacation care program also operates each holiday break. Vacation care programs are distributed with the school newsletter towards the end of each term and is advertised on the WOOSHC Facebook page. For further WOOSHC information please refer to the WOOSHC brochure included in this pack, telephone, 0419 845 451 or visit their Facebook page.

YET (Youth Environment Team)

The Youth Environment team is made up of students from Years 6 and 7. They participate in environmental activities in the school and local community (KESAB, Water Watch, recycling, worm farms and chickens) and run peer teaching in classrooms.