



WAIKERIE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

A SCHOOL OF VISIBLE LEARNERS
CURIOSITY PROBLEM SOLVING RESILIENCE

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Term 4

Wednesday 30th November 2022

Week 7

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jam Band Performance	Friday 9 th December
Graduation	Thursday 15 th December
End of year early dismissal	Friday 16 th December 2.20pm



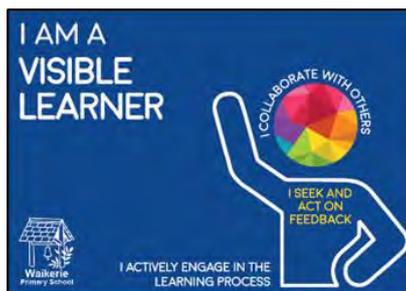
Principal

Welcome to Week 7. We know that some families in our community are experiencing some challenges I ask that you stay in touch with the school leadership team so that we can be aware of your personal circumstances and continue to support your child's education.

The term continues to be busy, with several activities and events taking place. We have managed to continue with some swimming lessons, despite the weather, and our Primary Splash carnival was a great day out with *Sturt* taking out the shield on the day. Well done to all students for their participation and encouraging their team on the day. A big thank you to Mrs Winter and the staff for their organisation and to the families who came to cheer the teams along. The Junior Primary carnival will be held next week, Monday December 5th. Final placings were: 1st Sturt, 2nd Eyre, 3rd Flinders and 4th Barker.



Congratulations to our Visible Learning and Values Award recipients.



- Room 10 Blake, Immi Spanish - Isabella
- Room 11 Elka, Cohen, Layla, Savannah, Prabh, Mia
- Room 9 Owen, Eva, Fred
- Room 5 Jesse, Ryan, Tameka
- Room 3 Jayden, Tyler, Jackson, Izzabella
- Room 6 Jessica, Shelly
- Room 7 Oscar, Sophie, Maddie, Chloe
- Room 8 Sat, Amelia, Georgette



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We are very excited to see our school website updated with the lovely images and footage from the drone late last term. Take a look at <https://waikerieps.sa.edu.au/>

Class placements are being finalised for 2023 and the planned class structures for next year are as follows;

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 3/4, Year 4, two Year 5s and a Year 6.

We will notify you of further information when staffing and student placement in classes has been finalised towards the end of the year.



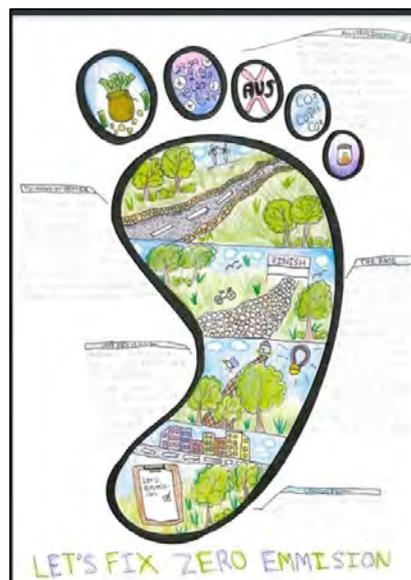
We thoroughly enjoyed having our upcoming Receptions for their School visits and last week they joined us, along with the Children's Centre and Ramco Primary, to enjoy a performance created by The PaperBoats Theatre Company called 'Especially on Birthdays'. This was a non-verbal, visual theatre performance about the joys, excitement and concerns of a pair of twins and a birthday one of them doesn't want to have. The performance explored sameness and difference.

The Year 6 students have participated in their full day visits at High School in readiness for 2023 and we look forward to celebrating their Graduation in week 9.

Our School Leaders, Lucy and Josh, proudly represented the school at the Remembrance Day service, laying a wreath on behalf of all staff and students.



Our decorated trees have been sent off for the Waikerie Christmas Tree Trail. The Christmas trees will appear in Federation Park, Waikerie between Monday 22 November 2021 to Monday 16 January 2023.



Room 8 have been learning about renewable energies, our carbon footprint and an Australian goal for zero emissions.

Students presented their researched information in creative ways, using some powerful messages about our environment.

Deputy Principal



Over the past few weeks all classes have been involved in swimming lessons with the year 3-5 at the Town Pool and the Early Years in our School Pool. The weather impacted some of the lessons but we were fortunate to have the instructors work with the students covering some water safety elements as well as some land lessons to build student knowledge prior to getting in the pool. Once students were able to get in the pool they had a great time learning and practising new swimming and survival skills. Students enjoyed their time in the pool and the Reception to Year 2 are looking forward to their Splash Carnival On Monday the 5th December.



Last week our year 3/4 classes were involved in a disaster resilience education program run by the Australian Red Cross, called the Pillowcase Program. The session was designed to support students by helping them prepare for, cope with and respond to an emergency. The workshop included a discussion about the importance of being prepared, as well as interactive activities to help students prepare their minds for an emergency and consider what to pack in an emergency kit. Each student

was given a pillowcase to decorate with their emergency items and take home to start their own emergency kit. Whether your child participated or not, Red Cross were encouraging all of us to get prepared for the



emergencies that life throws at us, particularly considering our community is faced with flooding. They also stressed the importance of not only making an emergency plan but to practise that plan with your children. Red Cross provided booklets for families that are available in the front office if you'd like one, that will help parents prepare but also about how to talk to your child about emergencies. For further guidance or to create a household emergency plan you can download Australian Red Cross 'Get prepared app' or visit redcross.org.au/prepare

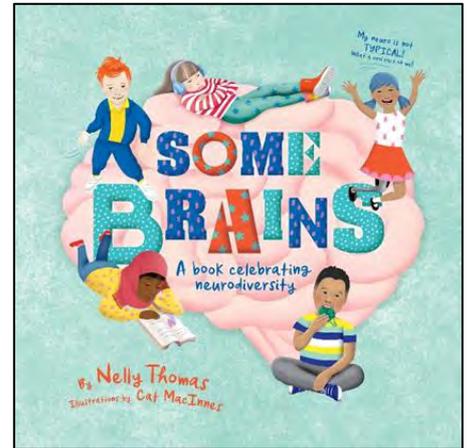


The Year 6 students spent the day at Lake Bonney for their Aquatics lessons on Tuesday the 29th November. Students participated extremely well and enjoyed a range of different activities including; Kayaking, Knee Boarding and Sailing. The weather was perfect and the students thoroughly enjoyed their day.



Student Wellbeing Leader Different Brain-types Lesson

Over the past couple of weeks, I've been in classes raising awareness about different neurotypes! What is a neurotype you say? A neurotype is a type of brain! Students have been learning about how brain types can be different! Essentially everyone's brain is different, no two brains are the same! Everyone's brain is special and unique in its own way and we all experience the world differently. Different brain types also include cognitive differences such as Autism, ADHD and learning differences such as Dyslexia. During the brain types lesson, students discussed, shared and connected prior knowledge about different brain types and middle/upper primary classes watched a short clip from the TV show "Operation Ouch" about an Autistic student. The receptions read a book called "Some Brains" and watched a Sesame Street clip about a character that is Autistic. At the end of the lesson, students had developed an understanding of inclusion and how having a different brain type can impact how a person experiences the world, communicates, acts or learns. They also developed empathy and an understanding that people with a different neurotype may have different needs. Most importantly, students learnt that having a different brain type can also be really special and have a lot of strengths!



Student Forum

A couple of weeks ago, Lucy, one of our school leaders, attended the Public Education Student Forum with other young leaders from Riverland schools. At the forum, Lucy joined in conversations covering topics such as wellbeing, student agency, curriculum and educational research. It was an opportunity the students of South Australia to share about their values and ideas for the future. The information gathered will inform the next South Australian Public Education Statement of Purpose. It was a fantastic day, connecting with other young leaders, networking with local schools and raising authentic student voice!

A note from Student Voice....

This term, on the last day of school we will have a casual day for charity. Our chosen charity is the Make a Wish Foundation. We have thought long and hard about this and all of the Student Voice agreed. We hope to see everyone in casual clothes! Please send along a gold coin donation with your child/ren to support the charity, but if you forget or don't have one, that's completely OK. We are looking forward to the day and hope everyone has an amazing and safe break over Christmas and we all look forward to seeing your faces next year!

From Chloe and Eli, Room 7 Student Voice representatives.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Adelaide 36ers Summer [Holiday Clinics](#) supported by [HomeStart Finance](#) are back. Hosted by Hall of Famer's Brett Maher and Scott Ninnis, these clinics are the perfect way for children to develop skills, make new friends and learn from some of the biggest stars of the game these school holidays. These school holidays all purchased allocations will receive a double pass to an Adelaide 36ers home game. Allocations are going quick so secure your child a spot here:

December Clinic:

Wednesday 22nd – Thursday 23rd December, 9am-3pm Daily.

Location: St Clair Recreation Centre

January Clinic:

Tuesday 17th January – Wednesday 18th January, 9am-3pm Daily.

Location: St Clair Recreation Centre



SCHOOL HOLIDAY Clinics

\$210 PER PERSON | **OPEN TO ALL AGES** | **MEET THE TEAM**

WITH HALL OF FAMERS BRETT MAHER & SCOTT NINNIS

ST CLAIR RECREATIONAL CENTRE
109 WOODVILLE ROAD,
WOODVILLE SOUTH, SA, 5011

21st - 22nd December
17th - 18th January
9am-3pm Daily

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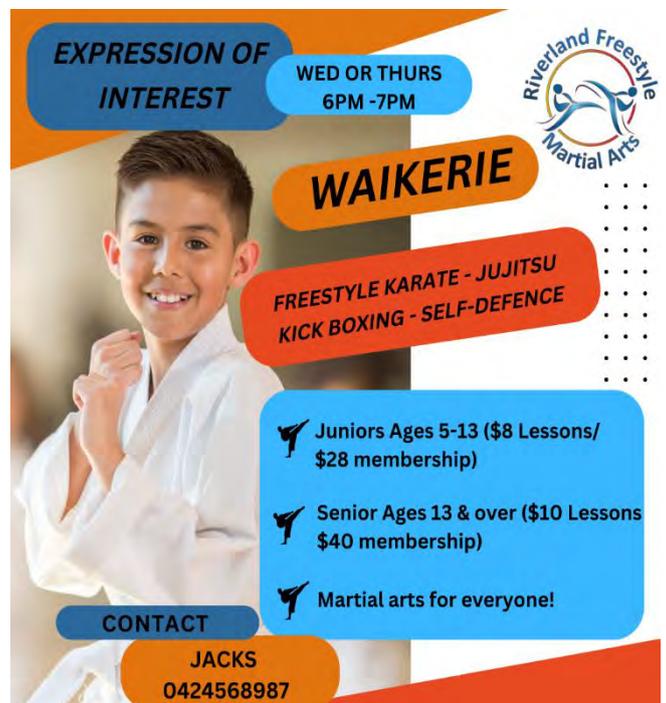
SUNDAY DECEMBER 11
WAIKERIE PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL

ACTIVITIES AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM 6PM
CAROL SINGING FROM 7PM

SAUSAGE SIZZLE | COFFEE
KIDS ACTIVITIES | FREE ICE BLOCKS

SMART LIGHT CANDLES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

BYO CHAIRS AND RUGS



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

WED OR THURS 6PM -7PM

WAIKERIE

FREESTYLE KARATE - JUJITSU
KICK BOXING - SELF-DEFENCE

CONTACT: JACKS 0424568987

- Juniors Ages 5-13 (\$8 Lessons/ \$28 membership)
- Senior Ages 13 & over (\$10 Lessons \$40 membership)
- Martial arts for everyone!