



WAIKERIE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

A SCHOOL OF VISIBLE LEARNERS
CURIOSITY PROBLEM SOLVING RESILIENCE

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Term 2

Wednesday May 3 2023

Week 1

DATES TO REMEMBER

Assembly	May 19th
Mother's Day stall	May 12th
Student Free Day	June 9th
Public Holiday	June 12th



Principal

Welcome to Term 2!

I trust you had an enjoyable

break and students are ready to get back to classroom learning.



As part of our continuous school improvement process, we will be involved in an External School Review with a Department for Education review team in Week 4 this term. The purpose of external school reviews is to support us to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build confidence in public schools. The review team includes a review officer and a review principals. Our school review will occur on Monday May 22nd and Tuesday May 23rd. During the External School Review some students, parents, governing council members and staff will be asked to provide information to the review team in a number of ways. These include:

External School Review

Department of South Australia
Department of Education

- group discussions (with students, staff and parents)
- meetings
- visits into classrooms.

We appreciate everyone's support and time in helping us with this external school review process. If you are interested in participating in the parent discussion group on the Monday morning (22nd May) please contact me.

Please complete the reply slip or inform your child's class teacher if you prefer for your child to not be involved in discussions during the school review. If you would like more information, please contact me at the school.

External school review process – please return by: Friday May 13th.

I, _____, do not want my child _____ to be involved in the external school review discussions.

Signed: _____



We look forward to holding our **Parent Teacher Discussions** in this term. These are a great opportunity to discuss your child's strengths, progress and needs this year. Due to our External School Review in Week 4, we will be offering discussion times throughout weeks 3, 4 and 5. This year we are also trailing an extended discussion time of 20 minutes. A range of dates times will be made available through our online booking system www.schoolinterviews.com.au. A note will be sent home shortly

with further information and booking instructions. If you need assistance with booking your discussion time or have any questions please contact your child's class teacher or myself at the school.



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On April 25th our school leaders, Ben and Haylee, proudly represented the school at the **ANZAC Day service**, laying a wreath on behalf of our school students, staff and families.

A big thank you to all who supported our *Hot Cross Bun Drive*. This was quite a successful fundraiser for our Junior Primary shade, raising over \$260. A big thank you to our fundraising committee and volunteers for organising and distributing the delicious buns and of course Waikerie Bakery for supporting the school once again.

Our school is this year excited to be involved in the Way2Go program. Way2Go is a statewide South Australian program promoting safer, greener and more active travel for primary school students and their communities. It uses a whole school approach built on a partnership between local councils, school communities and the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT). As part of beginning our school's journey with Way2Go, we ask families to participate in collection of some information via a brief survey.



This survey aims to collect information on how children travel to school to help improve access and safety. Responses are anonymous and form part of a wider process being undertaken in the Way2Go program. Please follow the link to access the survey. [Way2Go Parent/ Carer Survey](#)

Year 6 transition to high school process begins soon! Year 6 families please ensure the school has your current email addresses. The office need parent/caregiver emails for the first stage of the high school transition process. Please contact the school if you are unsure about your current details with us.

Megan ☺



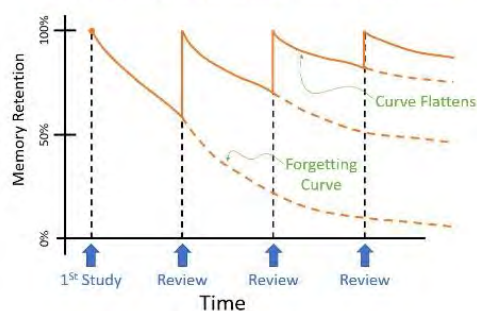
Deputy Principal

Literacy Guarantee Unit – In the holidays a group of our dedicated staff attended a conference in Adelaide run by the Literacy Guarantee Unit (LGU). We are fortunate to have a LGU coach who works alongside our Early Year teachers to help with the planning, implementation and delivery of high quality practice in Phonics Instruction. This support has been highly valuable and as a result of this change in instruction our site has seen growth in our students' phonics knowledge which has been reflected in whole school data collection.

At the conference, the keynote speaker *Bills Hansberry*, Author and consultant in Restorative Practices, Dyslexia and Science of Reading prepared a session based around **Cognitive Load Theory (CLT)**. CLT is a series of instructional recommendations based on knowledge of how humans learn and is a series of instructional recommendations based on the architecture of human memory. When students are learning new concepts the brains capacity is limited and can only take on a certain amount of new learning. This idea of CLT is important for teachers to be aware of when they are teaching new learning.

When teaching, our goal is to focus on the important elements in the new learning and practise those skills through repetition over time until students can automatize and transfer this knowledge into their long term memory. When we teach new concepts students need repeated exposures over time to allow this to happen. This diagram 'The Forgetting Curve' represents how when a new idea or concept is first learnt it can be easily forgotten but with continued review, recall and practice over time, this is less likely to occur as the curve flattens out. So keep asking those questions when your child comes home about what they learnt today as this helps to review that new learning, recall the information and eventually store it in their long term memory.

The Forgetting Curve with Spaced Repetition

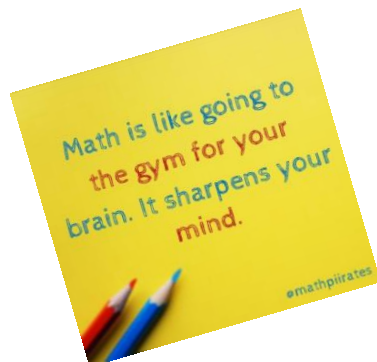


Premiers Reading Challenge Just a reminder that the Premiers Reading challenge continues and finishes on September the 8th. This year the Premiers Reading Challenge turns 20 and there is an additional challenge to read 20 books. Students who read 20 books will receive an extra special certificate later in the year. If you would like an additional recording sheet they are available on the website or you can ask your child's teacher for one. Once completed these can be handed to Mrs Seabrook at any time.



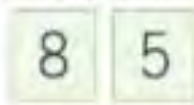
Leanne Jones ☺

Maths Matters

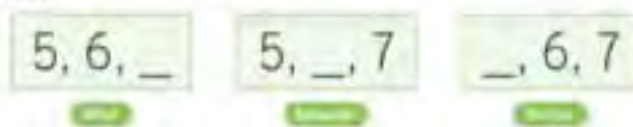


Developing number sense – Which number is larger?
Which is worth the most? Which number is missing?

1. Identifying which is the larger of two numbers. For example, "Which is bigger, meaning is worth the most things?"



2. Being able to identify a missing number in each of these positions:



TIP 3

Students need to identify which is the bigger number and can work on how many in between or a single number between the two.

Junior primary, numbers to 100

Primary students use larger numbers and decimals numbers. Using the zero as a place value can trick students so I would suggest working towards using numbers with a zero holding a place value.

Nina Rayner – Maths Support Teacher



Student Wellbeing Leader

Mother's Day Stall: Our annual **Mother's Day Stall** is next **Friday 12th May**.

We have received an abundance of generous donations this year, so THANK YOU to all of the people that have kindly donated, it is greatly appreciated! It's not too late to pop your name down to volunteer on the stall - just call the office and let them know. The stall runs from 9am-1pm, so any amount of time that you can give is greatly appreciated.



Gifts will be available for students to purchase from 50c to around \$10.00. Children may bring money to buy gifts for Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunties, friends or any special person in a mothering role. Classes will have an allocated time to visit the stall. If children are heading out to SAPSASA that day, they will have a chance to visit the stall before school.

The **fundraising committee** is running a **raffle** leading up to Mother's day with multiple prizes on offer. Tickets can be purchased for \$1 at the front office with prizes on display there from next week. Winners will be drawn on Friday 12th May. Proceeds will go towards the Junior Primary shelter.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE GREAT WAR AT HOME

R.S.L. Museum

Display 1 st to 31st May

History Trust of S.A.

This pictorial display shines a light on the experiences of South Australians during the first World War with a special focus on the home front activities.

It brings this period of history to life with South Australian specific information and stories, particularly concentrating on the work of women and children but also the highlighting the work done by men too old to enlist, and the battles that returned soldiers found themselves fighting at home.

Consisting of five pull up banners. The display covers the following themes: South Australians on the eve of war, Mobilisation on the home front: If not fighting for King and Country...; Continuing work after the troops came home, and Stories and profiles of various key individuals who were left 'Holding the Fort'. It was produced in 2017 and supported by the Anzac Day Commemoration Fund.

Please phone Michael Cox Museum Curator if you require more information on 0458365971

TERM 2 IN WAIKERIE RIVERLAND YOUTH THEATRE

WEEKLY CLASSES

MONDAY
6-11 YRS TASTE TESTERS: FROM RESIN ART TO BISCUIT DECORATION, WE'LL TEST IT ALL
 Waikerie Scout Hall, 4pm-5pm, **FREE**

12-17 YRS CREATE IN CLAY: SCULPTURE AND SHAPE WITH LI
 Waikerie Scout Hall, 5pm-6.30pm, **FREE**

14-17 YRS DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: THE CURSE OF STRAHD
 Waikerie Scout Hall, 4pm-6pm, **FREE**

WEDNESDAY
13-18 YRS ONLINE CREATIVE CLUB
 Online through Discord, 5.15pm - 6.45pm, **FREE**

THE FORTNIGHTLY ONE

SUNDAY
9-14 YRS TAKE IT APART CLUB: BREAKING & RE-MAKING TECHNOLOGY
 Waikerie Scout Hall, 2pm-3.30pm, **FREE**
 May 21, June 4, June 18, July 2

SOMETHING FOR THE GROWNUPS
SIP AND SCULPT PLAY WITH CLAY
 Waikerie, TBC, June 11 4pm-6pm, \$15

FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS

Football SA is hosting high quality football experiences across the Riverland during your school holidays.

- ✔ Skills and ball techniques
- ✔ Footwork exercises
- ✔ Strategy and teamwork exercises
- ✔ World Cup competition.

CAMPS

Advanced Multi Day Training Camp
 Date: Wednesday, 19 April to Friday, 21 April.
 Time: 9am to 3pm (all three days).
 Venue: Barmera Soccer Club
 Ages: 9 to 12 and 13 to 17.

COMPS

Futsal World Cup Carnival
 Date: Monday 17th April.
 Time: 9am to 3pm (dependent on number of teams entered).
 Venue: Birri Recreation Centre.
 Ages: 9 to 17.

SINGLE DAYS	Berril	Lexton	Renmark
	Tuesday, 18 April	Wednesday, 26 April	Thursday, 27 April
	9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm

More information
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