



**WAIKERIE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

A SCHOOL OF VISIBLE LEARNERS  
CURIOSITY PROBLEM SOLVING RESILIENCE

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Term 2

Wednesday May 24th

Week 4

### DATES TO REMEMBER

May 23- June 2nd	Parent teacher Discussions
May 26th	Yr 6 to High School forms due
June 9th	Student Free day
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Public Holiday



### Principal

Our External School Review has taken place this week with the review team visiting classrooms, talking to parents, staff and students about their learning. The review has been a valuable process for us to acknowledge strengths and provide directions moving forward. Thank you to those who have been involved and supporting the school throughout the review.



Congratulations to our Visible Learning and Values Award recipients



**Room 10** Aubree, Tate, Benji, Alex  
**Room 12** Kaitlyn, River, Immi  
**Room 11** Casey, Evie, Marcus  
**Room 5** Declan, Harley, Benny, Zander  
**Room 6** Kobi, Vincent, Anna

**Room 3** Paige, Addy, Eddie  
**Room 4** Taj, Archie, Lucas  
**Room 7** Deegan, Constance, Shelley, Lucas  
**Room 8** Hayden, Xavier, Mackenzie, Beau, Elise



A note from your Governing Council

Over the past few years road safety and footpaths around the school has regularly featured on our governing council agenda. We have advocated on the school community's behalf for improvements to road safety around our school such as a greater SAPOL presence at school drop off and pick up time, frequent messages in the school newsletter regarding pick up/drop off etiquette and speeds and of course the new wombat crossing on Stanley Street.

This year our school is fortunate to be included in the **Way2Go** program which has a focus on road safety and advocating for a safer, greener more active way for students to travel to school. Road and footpath safety are included in this.

We encourage you all to click on the link below and complete the 'way to go' short 2minute survey. [Way2Go Parent/ Carer Survey](#) the more input we have as a school community the greater the opportunities to make it safer around the school for our children



### Year 6 to High School Transition

Registration of Interest forms were emailed to parents early last week. Cut off date for submission online is Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>. Please advise Di Warner or Sarah Schiller if you haven't received an email as yet and a hard copy can be provided for completion.

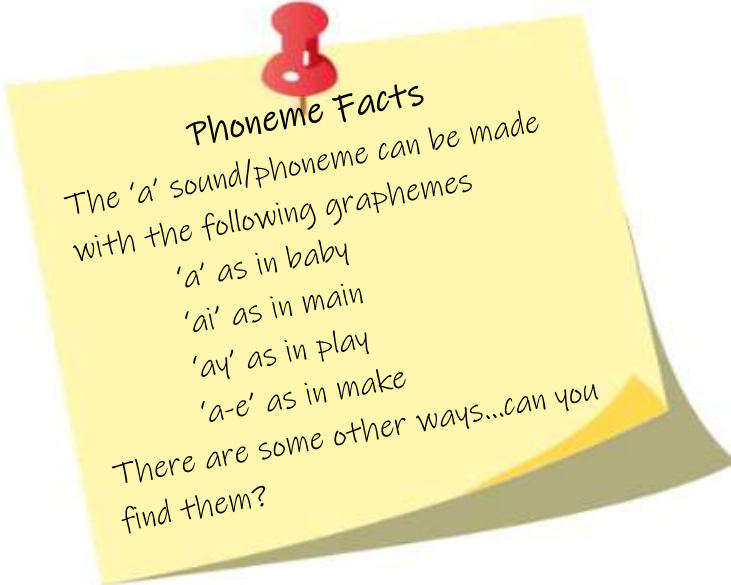


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Our upcoming *Student Free Day on Friday June 9<sup>th</sup>* will involve teacher working with our Literacy Lead on reading assessments and responding to reading data, identifying the skills to focus on, to support student's reading development. We will be collaborating with partnerships schools on this day.

Megan 😊





**Phoneme Facts**

The 'a' sound/phoneme can be made with the following graphemes

- 'a' as in baby
- 'ai' as in main
- 'ay' as in play
- 'a-e' as in make

There are some other ways...can you find them?

**Phonemes (sounds)**

You can see some learning at home lessons with the 'ai' and 'ay' here... [Learning at Home - Phonics \(education.sa.gov.au\)](http://learning.at.home.sa.gov.au)



**Deputy Principal**

**SAPSASA Netball**

Congratulations to our Waikerie Primary Netball Team: Indy, Georgette, Chloe, Haylee, Isabelle, Paige, Constance, Skye and Shelly for competing in the Riverland SAPSASA Netball competition at Loxton Friday Week 2.

We finished 5th overall out of 16 teams winning 2 games and closely losing 2 games.

- Waikerie 22 d Monash 9 (Best: Isabelle)
- Loxton15 d Waikerie 11 (Best: Paige)
- St Alberts Lutheran 19 d Waikerie 10 (Best: Indy)
- 5th place play off Waikerie 22 d Berri 8 (Best: Indy)

All 9 players were wonderful representatives of our school displaying teamwork, position versatility, determination and great netball skills making the top teams work hard for their wins. It was an enjoyable day of netball and we send out a massive thank you to Stella Thomas for umpiring all day for us as well as Jacki Venning for scoring all our games. A big congratulations to our 3 players Indy, Georgette and Paige who were selected in the SAPSASA Riverland team that will compete in Adelaide next term. This is a huge achievement and we wish them all the best.

**Julia Golding**



**SAPSASA Hockey**

Last term, Sarah Schiller took a group of our students to compete in the SAPSASA Hockey held in Berri. The students played well and came away winning four of their 5 games. Our school finished equal first drawing in the 1<sup>st</sup> v 2<sup>nd</sup> playoff. Congratulations to all the athletes on a tremendous effort and a big thank you to Coach Sarah Schiller and all the parent helpers for their support on the day.



**National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)** is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 23rd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6. This year the picture book is called 'The Speedy Sloth' written by Rebecca Young. Last year was the biggest and most successful NSS to date with over 2.18 million participants at over 59,000 locations!

Leanne Jones ☺

Wilabalangaloo Youth Environment Leaders Forum

All the schools around the Riverland went to Wilabalangaloo for YEL. Firstly when we got there, we ate our recess, a learnt about the area.

After we had recess, we were introduced to all of the people that take care of Wilabalangaloo. Then all of the 8 schools were split into two groups and we did activities.

*Daniel*



At Wilabalangaloo on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April we met Bill the Murray Darling carpet python. This species likes to live in trees and long grass. The python doesn't need to eat for 5 – 6 months.



Wilabalangaloo is open for public to see. It is run by volunteers. We met the Aboriginal Rangers and they took us on a bush Walk. We learnt about how they made canoe trees and ring trees.

*By Isabelle*

*This was at the end of our bush walk and excursion.*

Here are some of our students participating in the reading of the story and others involved in Reading and activities linked to the National Simultaneous Storytime text.



From your Pastoral Care Worker...

Hi everyone! For those of you who haven't met me yet, my name is Sara Bayha and I'm the Pastoral Care worker here at Waikerie Primary School. I'm at school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and I love catching up with the children in their classes, out in the playground at recess and lunch, and doing colouring-in club and games in the library at lunchtimes as well.

**A big shout out to our amazing school volunteers!** Last week was national Volunteer Week and we were delighted to be able to invite all of our volunteers to join us for a morning tea in the school gym to thank them for all the hours of work they put into supporting our school in hundreds of different ways! Thank you all so much – you are very much appreciated by both the staff and the students, and you make all of our lives here at Waikerie Primary School so much richer for sharing your talents, skills and love with us! And anyone thinking of volunteering at school – we would love to have you on our team so please let us know 😊 !



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Music/Dance/Arts students across the Riverland are invited to audition as **Assisting Artists** for the **Riverland Primary Schools' Music Festival** to be held at **the Chaffey Theatre**, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023. We are particularly interested in showcasing excellence from our primary school students as well as providing a prestigious performance opportunity for talented secondary students. Assisting Artists will be required to perform on one of these nights and attend a short rehearsal and sound check on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August.  
**Please ask at the office for an application form or for further information.**

