



WAIKERIE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

A SCHOOL OF VISIBLE LEARNERS
CURIOSITY PROBLEM SOLVING RESILIENCE

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Term 3

Wednesday July 16th 2023

Week 4

DATES TO REMEMBER

Book week	Aug 21 st -25 th
Student Free Day	Sept 1st
School Closure	Sept 4th
Sports Day	Sept 8th



Principal

Welcome to Week 4. My heartfelt thanks for the kind words and gestures I received as part of Principal's Day. I was so thrilled with the array of lovely cards, pictures and messages from so many students.



There is plenty going on with lots of special activities including Hot Shots Tennis, SAPSASA Basketball, Hub Band and next week our Choir students will participate in the Riverland Festival of Music and of course we look forward to many special activities for **Book Week**. On September 9th we will hold our **Sports Day** and classes will be busy practising for their events. Details will be coming out soon.



We look forward to this week's assembly and will share our Visible Learner and Values award recipients via Seesaw.

Our Term 3 **Student Free Day** will be on Friday September 1st. Primary schools in the area will collaborate for Professional Learning workshops facilitated by Maths Association of SA with a focus on Problem Solving and Reasoning in Maths, to support our School Improvement Goal.

If you require WOOSH for the day please contact Sandy on 0419 845 451.

School Improvement Goal 1

Increase high achievement in Maths

Challenge of Practice

If we design numeracy tasks that incorporate opportunities for stretch through **Problem Solving and Reasoning**, as part of an evidence based high impact lesson structure, then we will increase high achievement in maths.



I can ... solve mathematical problems with reasoning

Problem-Solving

- make choices
- interpret, model and investigate problems
- communicate solutions effectively
- investigate solutions
- give approaches to solving problems
- apply strategies to seek solutions
- verify that answers are reasonable

Reasoning

- develop logical thought and actions
- analyse, prove, investigate, explain
- explain and generalise
- explain thinking
- justify strategies used and conclusions
- adapt the known to the unknown
- transfer learning from one context to another
- prove that something is true or false
- compare and contrast related ideas

Monday the 4th September is a School Closure Day for the Royal Adelaide Show, in line with Waikerie High School and other local primary schools.

PARENTS AND CARERS

We want your feedback!



Parent survey

A friendly reminder that the 2023 annual parent survey closes soon. The survey takes less than 10 minutes and will help us understand:

- what we're doing well
- where we can improve
- what's important to you.

Families should have received an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey. If you did not receive an email or SMS with your

unique survey link you can contact education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au and include our school's name in your email. The survey closes midnight Sunday 27 August. For more information visit [Survey on parent engagement with schools \(education.sa.gov.au\)](http://Survey on parent engagement with schools (education.sa.gov.au)). Please remember that you are also welcome to contact us at any time throughout the year if you have any questions or things you would like to discuss about school and your child's learning.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Free Cyber – safety workshop for parents and carers.

On Wednesday 23 August at 6pm, Waikerie High School is hosting a free, cyber-safety workshop for parents. This workshop, facilitated by 'Families growing together' provides current information about cyber-safety to support parents to keep their children safe as they navigate with their child through today's digital technologies. A flyer with more information is included with this newsletter. This is a one off 2.5-hour workshop. Please contact the Waikerie High School to secure your spot at the workshop.

Please be reminded that medication cannot be administered in an education or care service without a written medication agreement (with the exception of emergency medication for anaphylaxis and asthma). This includes panadol/paracetamol and ibuprofen. A registered health professional (ie medical consultant, specialist nurse, GP, Dentist) must complete the 'Agreement' section for any Controlled Drug (S8) (including morphine, dexamphetamine and codeine) or where pain relievers (paracetamol or ibuprofen) are required to be administered regularly or for more than 72 hours.

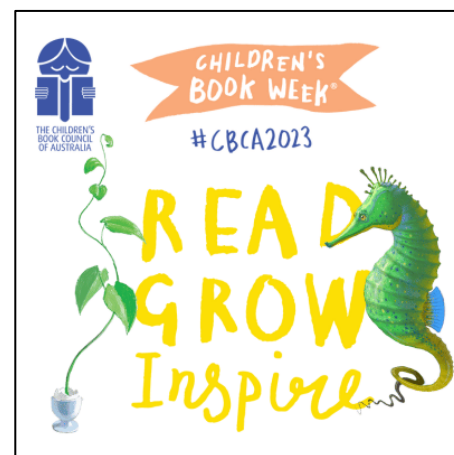
Megan ☺



Deputy Principal



Book Week - This term we will be celebrating Book Week in *week 5 from the 21st – 25th of August*. Book week has been running since 1945 and is a week to celebrate books and Australian Children's authors and illustrators. Mrs Seabrook has been busy preparing the library and activities for our students in preparation for next week. There will be a dress up on **Friday the 25th of August** where students can dress up to the theme of 'Read, Grow Inspire' or as their favourite book character. Students will be involved in the parade which will be held at 9:00am on the turf, parents are welcome to attend.



Remember the **Premier's Reading Challenge** continues with books to be read by September 8th, the end of Week 7. It is open to all students from Reception to year 6. Students are required to read **12 books** and record the titles and authors of the books they read on the Student Reading Record. This needs to be 8 books from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist at an appropriate literacy level. They may also read 4 books of their own choice at a similar standard to titles featured on the booklist. This year there is also a special challenge for students who read 20 books instead of the 12 and they will receive an extra certificate to celebrate the 20th Year of the PRC. A teacher, librarian, parent or carer must sign each entry on the Student Reading Record to indicate that the student has read (or shared in the reading of) a book at an appropriate literacy level. Last year we had 126 students participating. An amazing effort. Ask your child's teacher for more information or a reading record if you need one. Let's get Reading!!

SAPSASA Basketball – On Friday the 4th of August, some of our year 5 and 6 students represented our school by participating in the SAPSASA Basketball carnival held in Loxton. Students competed against schools from all across the Riverland. Congratulations to all our students for showing great sportsmanship, teamwork and representing Waikerie Primary School with pride. A big thank you to Rachel Sparrow, Luke Exton, Julia Golding, Sharna Linke and Bryanna Hales for coaching. Thank you to all the parents who helped in the carnival, came to support our students and helped with scoring on the day. Your support and help does not go unnoticed.



Leanne Jones ☺





Student Wellbeing Leader – Alison Pietsch

As a school, our current overall attendance rate is 88%. We would like to see this improve. Every day counts!



Year to Date (2023)

The average daily attendance rate; Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 01/08/2023



Every day counts – Missing just one day a fortnight can amount to four weeks of lost learning over a year. Over their school life, this can equal one year of missed learning. Regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options.



Father's Day Stall – Our Father's Day Stall is coming up in a couple of weeks! This year it will be on THURSDAY 31st August (as there is a student free day on the Friday). We will have lots of goodies that students can purchase for the special person in their lives as we celebrate Father's and those in a Fathering role. Gifts will range from 50c - \$10.00. Donations of small items (no baked goods sorry!) are gratefully accepted and can be dropped at the office over the next couple of weeks. We are also seeking volunteers to work on the stall on the day, so please phone the school 8541 2733 or send me (Alison Pietsch) a See-Saw message if you're able to help out for an hour or so. The stall will run from 9am – 1pm.



Our **Fundraising committee** are holding a **Father's Day Raffle** this year with some amazing prizes on offer. An enormous thank you to the several local businesses for your generous donations. There are sure to be some very happy winners! Tickets will be available at the office and winners drawn after the Father's Day stall.

Grand-Friends Morning!

Pop it on your calendar and let the Grandie's know!
Thursday 28th September (Thursday, week 10), 8.50am – 10.40am.
 Open classrooms, book-fair, short performance
 (more details to come).
 We look forward to sharing our morning with you!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cyber Safety

... a workshop for parents and caregivers about raising children in a digital age.

Cyber Safety is a FREE workshop designed to help parents and caregivers build a better understanding of the online world.

Our workshops are full of helpful information with a choice of simple, practical strategies that each family can adapt for their own parenting situations.

Topics to support your parenting include:

- The "big issues" in the online space such as grooming, cyberbullying, social networking, sharing images, games and apps
- Where to go to get up to date, reputable information and support
- Positive approaches to guiding children's behaviour in a digital world

Our workshops are based on the latest parenting research and use information from Parenting SA.

Light refreshments provided.
(Bookings essential)

Where: Waikerie High School
As a collaboration of all local schools.

When: Part 1&2 – Wednesday 23rd August 2023

Time: 6.00pm – 8:30pm

To book: Phone WHS on 08 8541 2533
OR email Janine (WHS PCW) janine.frost335@schools.sa.edu.au

Everyone is welcome, bookings essential.
Please arrive 10 minutes early to register.
Delivered by the Department of Human Services.

FREE Parent Workshop
Understanding reading difficulties - Why some children struggle and how to help

- Develop an understanding of reading difficulties, including dyslexia
- Develop a practical understanding of the associated characteristics and difficulties
- Explore ways to support your child

This 2 hour workshop is a great first step to gaining a better understanding of reading difficulties and practical strategies that can help your child.

Monday 4 of September, 4:15pm-6:15pm

Renmark West Primary School

BOOK ONLINE at: spetdsa.org.au/regional-parent-workshops

Thank you to the Department for Education for supporting this initiative.

Meet Sarah Mitchell our Oral Health Therapist.

Sarah will be visiting our Tankard Dental Waikerie Practice on Tuesdays from 25th July 2023. Sarah loves working with children and believes that positive dental experiences in early childhood sets children up for a lifetime of excellent oral health

Are you eligible for the CDBS?

The Child Dental Benefit Schedule (CDBS) provides basic dental services to children aged between 2 and 17 years. It gives eligible children access to up to \$1,052 in benefits per child for dental services over two consecutive calendar years

You can check your child's eligibility and balance through your Medicare online account at my.gov.au or call 132 011 or give us a call and we can check for you.

Tankard Dental Riverland Bulk Bill CDBS for the first \$1052 excluding OPG's
Waikerie 08 85413166 Berri 08 85822796 Loxton 08 85847434

Official Opening at 11.30am

SPECIAL ALIVE DAY

Saturday, 2nd September
10am - 4pm

Operating Exhibits

- Blacksmith, Shearing & Printing Demonstrations
- Whip Cracking
- FREE Horse & Cart rides
- FREE Balloon art (11am-1pm)
- Special displays
- Food & Market Stalls
- Kids Activities & more ...

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