



WAIKERIE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CURIOSITY PROBLEM SOLVING RESILIENCE

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Term 3

Wednesday September 6th 2023

Week 7

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Sports Day | Friday Sep 8 th |
| Wear Your Footy Colours Day | Friday Sep 22 nd |
| Grand-friends Morning | Thursday Sep 28 th |



Principal

I was very proud to be able to watch our Choir students perform in the Riverland School Music Festival on 25th August. It was wonderful to see them join with other schools and bring together all of their practise into a bright and entertaining performance. A big thank you to Mrs Pietsch as Choir coordinator for organising, running rehearsals and continually supporting and encouraging our WPS Choir students.



Book week was once again a wonderful week full of sharing and reading Book Week books, special activities and of course our bright and colourful dress up parade. A big thank you to Mrs Seabrook and her team of helpers for the amazing display in the library and the special book lucky dip.

We are looking forward to our Sports Day this **Friday the 8th of September**. Information has been sent home this week with a program and details for the day. Students come to school as usual, and after the roll is called we will walk up to the Waikerie Community Sports Centre. The program for the will begin at 9.20am. All students will need recess, lunch, drinks, hats, appropriate footwear and sunscreen. It is also great if students can wear a top in their team colours.

Barker Eyre Sturt Flinders

Lunch can be ordered as usual through Waikerie Bakery and will be delivered to the Sports Centre and Rotary will have a Sausage Sizzle available on the day. We thank local businesses and Rotary for their donations and support. We are looking forward to a great day!

Due to Sports Day on Friday we will be holding our assembly on Thursday this week. Our Visible Learner and Values awards recipients will be posted on Seesaw.



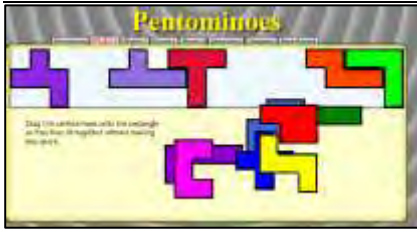
Our Student Free Day was a day filled with hands on learning in maths for our teachers. We immersed ourselves in problems solving tasks that challenged our thinking and demonstrated the ways to develop math problem solving skills for our students. This included the use of materials, open ended questions and tasks, and mathematical

discussion. We looked at some resources that you too might like to explore as home, to provide even more opportunities to discuss mathematical thinking with your child/ren. Try the visual question and link on the next page.

Megan ☺



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<https://www.transum.org/Maths/Activity/Jigsaw/Tetrominoes.asp>

Pile of oranges

How many oranges are here?

A shopkeeper builds a similar pile of oranges but with one extra layer.

How many oranges would this have?

What size of pile could you build with a box of 200 oranges?

What do you notice?

From <https://www.problempictures.co.uk>



Deputy Principal



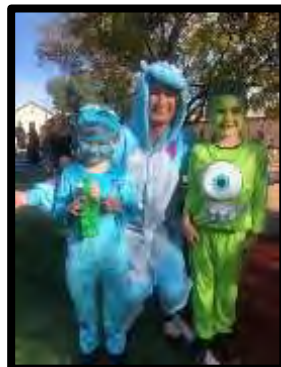
The **Premier's Reading Challenge** final days are coming up. Students need to hand up their forms to Mrs Seabrook by September 8th, the end of this week!!



Hats On! Spring is here and the sun is shining! A reminder that hats are to be worn outside during recess and lunch. Bucket hats are available for purchase from the office for \$8. Make sure you pop your child's name on it ☺



Book Week – What an amazing Book Week celebration we had in week 5 filled with fun activities, competitions and lots of READING. Reading has the ability to transport you to a new world and unlocks endless possibilities of new learning. Thank you to the wonderful Mrs Seabrook and her support crew for making Book week a magical experience. One of the fun parts of Book Week is our famous *Dress Up Parade* where families and caregivers were invited to join us for this special event. Here are some of the amazing costumes that we saw on the day.





Leanne Jones ☺



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Student Wellbeing Leader – Alison Pietsch

Thank you so much to our wonderful volunteers who helped out at this year's Father's Day Stall! We thank Emma Hodson, James Hodson, Maria Karapanayiotis, Jax Isaacson, Lauren Scheichl, Courtney Bryant, Amanda Micke and Amandeep Kaur Sran. Thank you also to Tina Frost, Maria Treble and Jenna V for setting up!

Student Voice – Wear Your Footy Colours Day

Our Student Voice have chosen to host a 'Wear Your Footy Colours Day' to raise money for the Fight Cancer Foundation. On Friday 22nd Sept, for a gold coin donation, students may come dressed in their favourite footy (or any sporting team) colours.



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, assembly (choir singing!) & tea/coffee.

We look forward to sharing our morning with you!

Move n Groove Mornings!

Miss Marks and I are running some organised movement sessions before school on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8.30am on the turf. Students can opt to join in a group game and get their bodies and brains ready for learning. We will change the game/activity weekly and the idea is that it's just a bit of fun, exercise and socialisation before the school day starts. All students are welcome and can come and go as they please. Children's University members can bring their passport and get 30minutes of learning for their participation.



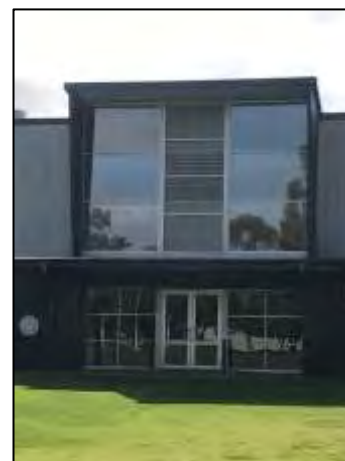
Reflections – from your Pastoral Care Worker (PCW)

Since moving to Waikerie at the beginning of last year I noticed the big windows on the school Gym that face across the oval, and how they reflect the light and the sky as I'm walking past.



I also had the opportunity to enjoy a kayak paddle on the river on Friday, and it was so calm that you could see the reflections in the water there because the river, too, is a great reflector of the light.

So I thought that I could call these little snippets (when I remember to write them!) 'Reflections' as a nod to our amazing school and town, and also as a reminder that we both encourage and challenge ourselves as we take the time to reflect on the things that happen to us, and around us!



Cheers, Sara





**BLAST CRICKET
COME & TRY**

AGE: 5 - 12 YR OLD

WEDNESDAY 6TH & 13TH SEPT
4:00 - 5:00 PM

@ WAIKERIE CRICKET CLUB

WAIKERIE RAMCO CRICKET CLUB

RIV. JUNIOR CRICKET



1ST TRAINING

AGE: 10 - 16 YR OLD

THURSDAY 14TH SEPT
4:30 - 6:00 PM

@ WAIKERIE CRICKET CLUB



**SACA
CRICKET
CLINIC**

FOR KIDS WITH A DISABILITY

Sunday 10 September
2.00pm - 3.30pm


Karen Rolton Oval, Adelaide

This **FREE** Clinic for kids aged 5 - 15 years will be delivered by SACA and members of the Australian Cricket Team for Cricketers with an Intellectual Disability.

Register by Monday 4 September



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



COME AND TRY DAYS

Tuesday 19th September 4:30pm
Tuesday 26th September 4:30pm

Waikerie Community Sports Complex Oval

Age Groups U6 - U17
Tiny Tots (2019/2020)

All registered athletes will receive a **FREE** fruit box after the come and try days, thanks to



BBQ available for purchase after each meet.

Please register online before or on the day (**FREE**)
Committee members will be available to help on the day with registrations.

Contact: Nissa Fitzgerald (President) littleathletics.waikerie@gmail.com 0490 021 758



**BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION
AND PRESEASON
TRAININGS**

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| GIRLS / WOMEN | BOYS / MEN |
| TUES 12TH AND | WED 13TH AND |
| 19TH SEPTEMBER | 20TH SEPTEMBER |

U12s and U14s - 4pm to 5pm
U16s and U18s - 5pm to 6pm
Seniors - 6pm to 7pm



IF YOU CANT MAKE ANY OF THESE TIMES PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR INTEREST IN PLAYING



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Tankard Dental Riverland

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
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