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Term 4

Wednesday November 8th 2023

Week 4

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Friday 10 th Nov | Student Free Day |
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Principal

Our Kindy transitions visits began this week and we welcome our new students and families as they get ready to join us in 2024. The last two weeks has seen classes enjoy some excursions and performances and we look forward to BluEarth activities

in Week 6. A reminder that this Friday, November 10th, is a Student Free Day. Staff will be undertaking a Mental Health First Aid training and reviewing of our WPS School Improvement Plan in readiness for 2024.



Congratulations to our Visible Learning and Values Award recipients



- Room 10** Ethan, Lucas, Aubree
- Room 12** Ben, Travis
- Room 11** Eleanor, Jaxton, Aria
- Room 5** Louise, Maddi, Esther, Luke
- Room 6** Anna, Charlie

- Room 3** Siena, Sophie, Summer, Noah
- Room 4** Jayden, Jack S, Te ana
- Room 7** Liam, Baldip, Payton, Ryan
- Room 8** Lane, Jess, Indy, Allira



On Monday 30th October Ryka Ali in Kadul performed in front of our whole school. Ryka shared with us his Torres Strait Islander culture through dance, visuals and humour. It was an engaging, interactive and highly energetic performance with the whole school participating for the whole hour. He shared with us various instruments, artifacts and costumes specific to the Islands. Painting up with Ochre and throwing the boomerang on the oval were also enjoyed. It was such a fun and informative way to start our week. Thank

you to Mrs Golding for organising this special performance.





A reminder that the WPS and Department for Education’s **Student Use Of Mobile Phones and Personal Devices Policy** requires all students at all department schools to keep personal devices ‘off and away’ between the start and end of each school day, and while they are attending school activities offsite, such as camps and excursions.

The phone or device needs to be handed into the office at the beginning of the day and collected by the student at the end of the day, or when being signed out by a parent/carer. Phones and devices are to remain turned off until the student is off school grounds. During the school day students are not permitted to access or use their mobile phones or other personal devices. The WPS Mobile Phone Policy is available on the school website and information from the Department for Education can be found at <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/safety-and-wellbeing/bullying-and-cyberbullying/using-mobile-phones-and-personal-devices-school>

Thank you to those parents who completed the Department for Education parent survey this year. The results help us to identify some positives about our school and provide feedback about areas to improve. We had 28 responses this year. The results are listed below based on questions where parents are asked to give a *strongly disagree, disagree, don’t agree or disagree, agree or strongly agree response*.

- People are respectful - 96% agree/strongly agree
- Teachers and students are respectful - 96% agree/strongly agree
- My child is important to the school - 96% agree/strongly agree
- Education is important - 96% agree/strongly agree
- Knows standard of work - 67% agree/strongly agree
- Receives useful feedback - 82% agree/strongly agree
- Receives enough communication – 74% agree/disagree
- School communicates effectively – 72% agree/disagree
- Has useful discussions – 75% agree/strongly agree
- Encouraged to help child learn – 86% agree/disagree
- Receives learning tips – 72% agree/strongly agree



Morphology is the study of words and their parts. Morphemes are the smallest unit of meaning in a word. Morphemes are important for phonics in both reading and spelling, as well as in vocabulary and comprehension. Morphemes include;

- prefixes such as *un, re, dis*
- suffixes such as *s/es, ed, er, ing*
- base words such as *help, form*
- roots such as *rupt, port, ject*

Did you know that ‘tract’ means *to draw or pull*?
Try word building using the morpheme ‘tract’ ☺

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|-----|---------------------------------|------------|
| dis | tract to draw or pull | s |
| re | | ed |
| de | free | ing |
| sub | | or |
| | | ion |
| | | able, ible |

Take care,
Megan ☺



Deputy Principal

The Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) are a reading and maths test that students sit online annually. This is a form of assessment that teachers use to support knowing where students are at and what their next steps might be. The tests run for 45 minutes and students results are immediate once they have completed the test. This allows staff to support students in receiving immediate feedback and teachers to plan learning intentions based on whole class and individual results. This year we collected data from Year 2-6 and had 82% of year 3-6 students reach the educational standard Reading and 84% in maths. We were pleased with these results and can continue to put strategies in place to further increase our results in the future.



Splash Carnival for year 3-6 students will be held in the Town Pool on Friday the 24th November. Students will bring home further information from their classroom teachers in the coming weeks. We hope to have amazing weather and wish all the children a wonderful event.

Leanne Jones ☺

School Card Applications for 2023 – Please note that applications for the 2023 School Card Scheme close on Friday 24th November. Applications can be completed online at www.sa.gov.au or pop into the school office for a form.



WAIKERIE GOLF CLUB



Free golf lessons available for
ages 6-15 years on **November 12th**
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