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Term 4

Wednesday November 29th 2023

Week 7

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday Dec 1st	Assembly
Thurs Dec 14 th	Year 6 Graduation
Fri Dec 15 th	End of Term 4
Jan 29 th 2024	Term 1 begins



Principal

We have certainly had an eventful couple of weeks with the **BluEarth** activities last week being thoroughly enjoyed by all. Even the teachers were put through a session of team building activities and bodywork.



The weather has presented us with some challenges and although it was a tough decision to cancel our Year 3-6 Splash Day, the students thoroughly enjoyed the **House Competition** last Friday. The teamwork, encouragement and participation by students was so wonderful to see and the healthy competition through a variety of team games was a lot of fun!



It was an absolute pleasure taking a group of students to participate in the *Waikerie Community Christmas Pageant* last week. A fun time was had by all involved as I was proud that Waikerie Primary School was represented at this special community event. Thank you to the students and staff involved, the families who supported this and everyone who waved at us all along the way!



Our School Leaders, Ben and Hayley, proudly represented the school by laying a wreath at the Waikerie **Remembrance Day** service.

We thoroughly enjoyed having our upcoming Receptions for their school transition visits and welcome all of our new students and their families in 2024. The Year 6 students have participated in their full day visit at the High School in readiness for 2024 and we look forward to celebrating their Graduation in Week 9.

Class placements are being finalised for next year and the planned class structures are still being carefully considered as we confirm our expected enrolments. We will notify you of further information when staffing and student placement in classes has been finalised towards the end of the year.

Megan ☺



Deputy Principal

Earlier this term, Jack Sparrow was selected to represent the Riverland at the **SAPSASA Cricket Carnival**. He attended a number of trials and trainings up river, prior to the event, and set individual goals for the carnival, which he managed to achieve. Players are able to bowl 2 overs and must retire once they reach 20 runs as a batter. Jack was given the responsibility of opening the bowling each match, a great opportunity against strong batters.



The Riverland team had an awesome Day One with Jack contributing in both games. Riverland 4/125 defeated Murraylands 2/113, with Jack taking 2/11 and making 6 not out. In the afternoon, Riverland 5/112 defeated Whyalla 11/75, with Jack bowling a tidy 0/5, and reaching the retirement score of 20. On Day Two, Riverland met more experienced and skilled cricketers from Para Districts, before also losing to Murray Mallee. Jack hit a solid 17, before being run out in the latter overs, and then returned the favour by running out an opponent while fielding. The final day was a play off for 3rd place, Riverland lost a close game with Kangaroo Island where Jack made 9 and retired early so all players had a go. Congratulations Jack on a successful week with the Riverland team.



Last week saw the state **SAPSASA Tennis carnivals** held across 6 locations in Adelaide. Indy Venning and Chloe Collins were both selected to represent the Riverland. Sadly, Chloe had to pull out but we congratulate her for making the team. Thursday was unfortunately cancelled due to the rain, but play continued on Friday and Indy along with her Riverland SAPSASA Tennis Team came home with a Division 3 Runner up Medallion. There was great tennis skills displayed, amazing sportsmanship on display all while having fun, making memories and lots of new friendships made along the way. Congratulations Indy on your success.



Junior Primary SPLASH

On Friday of week 8, the Reception to Year 2 students will participate in the Junior Primary Splash Carnival in our school pool. Students will have a land lesson to refresh some of the water safety concepts earlier in the day with Michelle Frost. This will help remind students of the skills and important safety elements about swimming. The carnival will commence at 12.30pm and conclude by 2.30pm. Families are welcome to come and watch but be mindful of the limited space and shade options. We will have shelters set up for the students when they are not in the pool and will make sure they apply sunscreen before the carnival begins. We look forward to sharing this fun event with families. Finer details will be sent home with students. As always, we will monitor weather conditions and if required, make the best possible decision we can at the time.

Due to the UP Slash Carnival being cancelled last week we are looking at providing the students with the opportunity to use the school pool on Wednesday of next week. We will let you know if this is able to go ahead. Keep an eye on Seesaw for details.

Leanne Jones ☺

Hot Shots Tennis 2023 Country State Final

As winners of the Waikerie Regional district Hot Shots Tennis Carnival, 8 year 3/4 WPS students participated at the Clay, Memorial Drive Tennis Courts Adelaide, in the Country State Final. Teams from around the state collectively travelled 3400km to participate in this event. Our team did fantastic winning 4 and drawing 1 game in the minor round. This meant we played off for 3rd position, which we also had a tie in, so on count back we came 4th by 1 point, out of 14 teams from across regional SA. A great achievement. What a wonderful experience it was for our team. A fun day was had with great teamwork (rotating doubles partners), sportsmanship, determination and resilience on show. Thank you Jacki Venning for your help with trainings and coaching and to the Waikerie Tennis club for supplying the tennis racquets as well as the parents who supported this wonderful opportunity.

Congratulations Tas, Jacob, Zac, Ben, Fred, Chloe, Esther and Calvin.



Julia Golding

Student Wellbeing Leader – Alison Pietsch



Children’s University:

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Children’s University program this year, achieving at least 30 hours of learning in their own time! These students will be attending a Graduation ceremony in Renmark this Thursday evening, with many other schools from around the Riverland. Hours of learning are accumulative for every year that a student participates in the program and for some of our students it’s their 6th year of being a Children’s University member!

Students receiving the National Bronze Award for 30 hours of learning: Louise Griffiths, Matilda Hodson, Savannah Hodson, Nic Human, Jacob Isaacson, Eva Leske, Cody Pietsch, Declan Sperling, Kaitlyn Sperling, & Elka Valentine.

Students receiving the National Silver Award for 65 hours of learning: Sophie Schutz, Rory Wallace, & Lachlan Willoughby.

Receiving the National Gold Award for 100 hours of learning: Jack Wallace.

Receiving the National Bronze Certificate for 130 hours of learning: Joshua Jones.

Receiving the National Silver Certificate for 165 hours of learning: Oscar Hill.

Receiving the National Silver Diploma for 265 hours of learning: Angus Hill.

Receiving the National Bronze Degree for 330 hours of learning: Chloe Collins.

Well done to all these children and thank you to their families for supporting and encouraging their love of learning.



Carols by Candlelight:

On Sunday 10th Dec, our students have the opportunity to sing at the Carols by Candlelight community event, to be held on the Waikerie Primary School oval from 6pm. Around 30 of our students will join with Ramco and WLPS to sing two Christmas song. We look forward to a wonderful evening of connecting with our community and spreading some Christmas cheer!



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Carols by Candlelight

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2023
WAIKERIE PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL

ACTIVITIES AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM 6PM
CAROL SINGING FROM 7PM

SAUSAGE SIZZLE | COFFEE
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