



**WAIKERIE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

A SCHOOL OF VISIBLE LEARNERS  
CURIOSITY PROBLEM SOLVING RESILIENCE

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Respect Responsibility Persistence  
Confidence Care Honesty

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Term 1

Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> 2024

Week 4

### DATES TO REMEMBER

February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Primary Splash Carnival (at town pool)
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Primary Splash Carnival (at school pool)
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Student Free Day
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Adelaide Cup public holiday
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Family Night



### Principal

It's unbelievable to think it is already Week 4! I am very proud of all students who nominated for leadership positions this year. You all did an amazing job with preparing and presenting your speeches. It was wonderful to announce our 2024 School Leaders, Skye and

Nick, and introduce our House Captains at our first assembly last week. Well Done!

Several students also received awards for demonstrating values and learner dispositions of Problem solving, Resilience and Curiosity.

Congratulations to you all!



## Congratulations to the following students for their Visible Learner and School Values awards

**Room 10** Ivy, Maggie, Billy

**Room 3** Louse, Benny, Zander

**Room 12** Torin, Annalise

**Room 4** Grace, Cooper, Oscar, Izzabella

**Room 11** Freya, Riley, Liam, Ella

**Room 7** Tas, Darren, Addy, Billie-Lee

**Room 6** Harrison L, Alby, Mia

**Room 8** Alby, Lucas K, Tameka, Peyton

**Room 5** Jaxton, Maddison, Prabh, Cohen



We are very proud  
of you!



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## WAIKERIE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

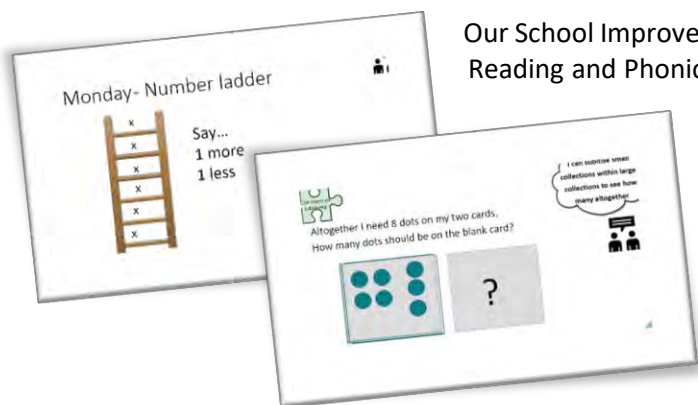
Classes have been working on developing their class expectations based on our school values and it has been wonderful to see the students engaged in a variety of learning experiences so far this year. It has been a hive of activity with the Life Education 'Dome', swimming lessons and JAM Band performance. We look forward to our upcoming Splash Carnivals too.



Later in the term we hope to see lots of you at our **Family Night**. This will be an opportunity to have a look in classrooms and chat with staff and other parents. Our proposed date for this is Monday March 26<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out for details.



Our School Improvement Plan work is well underway with continued goals in Maths, Reading and Phonics. You may hear about **Maths Reviews and Maths chats**. These routines are part of our focus to consolidate conceptual understanding in maths and to improve students' long term retention of learning. Maths chats and reviews are a daily 10-minute routine, providing multiple exposures of same content throughout the week to reinforce concepts. Maths chats and reviews are in addition to 'topics' in maths.



Our school **Annual General Meeting** is on Monday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Library, followed by the first Governing Council General Meeting. Governing Council meet twice a term and parents can also be involved in sub-committees including Finance, Fundraising and Out of School Hours Care without being a Governing Council member. If you are interested in joining our School Governing Council or a sub-committee, please return the nomination form in this newsletter, contact me at the school or speak to our Governing Chairperson, Deb Schutz.



### National Ride to School Day

The **Way2Go** program encourages all schools and families across South Australia to join with more than 350,000 students across the nation who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school on National Ride2School Day - Friday 22 March 2024. It's all about being active on the journey to and from school and leaving the car at home. Where distance or time is a barrier why not try parking further away from the school and walking in from there. Our involvement with Way2Go will see us purchase new bike and scooter racks as well as getting involved in Bike Education program later in the year. Explore <https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/Way2Go/families/home> for tips and resources to help you plan your family's active travel to and from school.

Megan 😊



### Deputy Principal

NAPLAN will take place beginning week 7 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and concludes on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March for the year 3 and 5 students. Year 3 students will complete the writing component on paper and all other areas will be conducted online using the NAP platform. Students will complete four components. Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. These tests are snapshot in time and are in no way meant to place pressure on your child but are used to help provide information on how your child is progressing against national standards over time. NAPLAN is just one aspect of the schools assessment and reporting process. Anyone can access the Public Demonstration Site on the NAP website to support your child at home in helping to prepare them. This link can support you with further information <https://nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>. Next week on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> February, all year 3 and 5 students will participate in a non-assessed practice test to confirm the ICT infrastructure of the NAPLAN platform nationally. This is an opportunity to familiarise students with the online platform providing them with the opportunity to ask questions and



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navigate the technical side of the test. Please see your child's class teacher if you have questions or I am happy to support you with any questions you may have. The parent information brochure was sent home last week to help provide an insight to families about NAPLAN, if you did not receive one please see the front office staff.

**Swimming** - This year all students in Reception to Year 5 have or are in the process of completing their swimming lessons for the year. These sessions have covered both theory and practical components of swimming. Students learn water safety skills and develop swimming skills and concepts at their level, with the instructors guiding them through step by step. It was fantastic to watch confidence grow across the week from our students across the board. We thank the instructors and the town pool staff for their support in helping this year be smooth sailing.



**SAPSASA Swimming** – Julia Golding and Rachel Kratopoulos had the pleasure of taking a group of our students to the SAPSASA swimming carnival held in Loxton on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Congratulations to all 19 students for making the team and representing our school with pride. A big mention to Archie Thomson for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Breaststroke, Will Casaretto for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Breaststroke and Nick Thomson placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Freestyle which has earned him a place on the Riverland Relay Team to compete later in the term. In the Open Relay Event, Nick and Archie Thomson, Ella Schutz and Skye Golding swam their hearts out achieving 6<sup>th</sup> place overall out of a field of 12. A day full of encouragement, fun, determination and friendly competition was had by all. Thank you to all the staff and parents who supported and assisted in any way on the day. It is very much appreciated.





### General use adrenaline autoinjectors (EpiPen®)

All Department for Education preschools and schools must have a general use adrenaline autoinjector so they can provide emergency medication to treat anaphylaxis. The department specifies that preschools will keep an EpiPen® Jr (0.15mg adrenaline) and schools will keep an EpiPen® (0.3mg adrenaline).

*The 'general use' adrenaline autoinjector is not a substitute for children and young people who are at high risk of anaphylaxis, and who have been prescribed an adrenaline autoinjector. In these cases, you need to notify the preschool or school that your child is at risk of anaphylaxis and provide an Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) action plan.*

Adrenaline autoinjectors for general use are most likely to be used when:

- an individual who is known to be at risk of anaphylaxis does not have their own device immediately accessible or the device is out of date
- a second dose of adrenaline is required before an ambulance has arrived
- an individual's device has misfired or accidentally been discharged
- a previously diagnosed individual with mild allergy who was not prescribed an adrenaline autoinjector has their first episode of anaphylaxis
- less commonly, an undiagnosed individual has a first episode of anaphylaxis and was not previously known to be at risk (eg a child having their first reaction at school).

### Keeping your child safe

Our school must have sufficient staff on site with:

- current first aid training (that includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and how to administer emergency asthma and anaphylaxis medication)
- training through the ASCIA anaphylaxis e-training course for schools and childcare
- practical training in how to use an EpiPen® In an emergency, if there is no other person nearby who has had basic training in the use of an adrenaline autoinjector, it is reasonable that someone without specific training will administer adrenaline by following instructions on the device. Where there are reasonable grounds for believing an individual is having an acute allergic reaction, adrenaline will be administered.

**Taking Precautions** - An ambulance will be called in all cases where adrenaline is administered and care for the person will be transferred to the ambulance officer. The patient will be taken to hospital to remain under observation until symptoms have resolved. No serious or permanent harm is likely to occur from mistakenly administering adrenaline to an individual who is not experiencing anaphylaxis. Temporary side effects of adrenaline may include increased heart rate, trembling and paleness. For further information Contact your preschool or school for further information.

Leanne Jones ☺



**Student Wellbeing Leader – Sarah Schiller**

**Life ED-** Over the last two weeks we have been lucky enough to have had the Life Ed team in our school with Jack, Emily and of course Harold educating us about making good choices and keeping our mind and body healthy. Big thanks to the Life Ed crew for all their efforts.

**School Leaders and House Captains-** As Mrs Higgins has already mentioned our School Leaders and House Captains for 2024 have now been selected by our student community. It was exciting to have so many candidates this year for all positions, with 17 students taking on the challenge to apply for the School Leaders positions. This is by far the largest contingency we have had for a very long time.

Speeches were given by all of these students at the end of Week 2 and we were astounded at the quality of the speeches and the confidence displayed by all candidates. Well done everyone!!

House Captains prepared speeches and delivered these to their House Teams before voting took place in Week 3. Our selected House Captains have a very busy time in the next two weeks with both Primary and Junior Primary Splash Carnivals about to take place.

We wish all our newly elected Leaders the best of luck in their new roles.

**Assembly-** Last week was our first afternoon assembly. We are trialling this time of 1.45pm on Thursdays and we would appreciate any feedback you have. We had an excellent turn out from school community to see our award winners.



Sarah ☺

**Nomination for Governing Council or Committee**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Room \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle Governing Council and / or the committee of interest**

Governing Council

Finance

Fundraising

Waikerie Out of School Hours Care (WOOSH)

**Interest to attend AGM – Monday, February 26th 2024**

I am interested in attending the Waikerie Primary School AGM

Name \_\_\_\_\_





# WAIKERIE OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE Newsletter

23 Coombe Terrace, Waikerie, South Australia, 5330  
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## WOOSHC Vacation Care Recap



Rocket launching

Australia Day celebrations with a game of Cricket



Fashion Parade and Lunch at the Hotel



Dodge Ball



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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WAIKERIE BOWLING CLUB  
FRINGETIX  
www.fringetix.com.au 1300 621 295

Presented with the support of Country Arts SA and the District Council of Waikerie Loxton

♥♥♥ 2024 TRIALS ♥♥♥

Waikerie Netball Club invites all players to the 2024 trials (open for all past, present and prospective players)

Please send all apologies to the Secretary via email [waikerienetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:waikerienetballclub@gmail.com)

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**  
All intending players need to be registered for Trials by Friday Feb 23rd.

This is a free registration via the below link <https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/de8a60>

Once the trials are complete then 2024 Season Registration will be released which includes the WNC, RNA, Netball SA and Netball Australia fees. RNA AGE GROUPS for 2024 Season

- Juniors
- U11 and Under – 2013 + 2014
- U13 and Under – 2011 + 2012
- U15 and Under – 2009 + 2010
- U17 and Under – 2007 + 2008
- Seniors Anyone else that wants to play.

**Ramco Auskick Season Information  
NAB AFL Auskick - Community, 2024**

01 May 2024 - 03 Jul 2024

**Ages 5 - 12 Years Old** Age is calculated as at 31/12/2024  
**Pricing information** NAB AFL Auskick is FREE with the use of the ORSR Sports Voucher or \$100 without. To utilise a valid voucher for NAB AFL Auskick select 'I have a government voucher' at the 'payment & summary' screen and enter your 11-digit voucher code (medicare number + child's ref number) in the field provided, select apply and the price of your order will reset to \$0 Please read through the terms of participation: <https://play.afl/terms-of-participation-players>.

Registered players can choose the club team indigenous training top and hat, football, pump and stickers.

For any queries: [aflauskick@afl.com.au](mailto:aflauskick@afl.com.au)

**Additional information** This Auskick Centre is scheduled to operate in Term 2 of 2024. The program will run on WEDNESDAY'S from 3:45PM - 4:30PM at RAMCO FOOTBALL CLUB. Auskick Coordinator and main contact for the program is BRETT HILL. P: 0428 108 880

E: [hillba16286@gmail.com](mailto:hillba16286@gmail.com)



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Are you struggling with distractions while studying at home?

The Murray River Study Hub offers free support and quiet, purpose designed study space to help you achieve your study goals without leaving the Riverland

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charging points, kitchen facilities

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Contact Wendy at  
[wendy@mrsh.org.au](mailto:wendy@mrsh.org.au) or 8539 4202



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**2 Day Standard Mental Health First Aid  
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Fri 23rd & Sat 24th February 2024  
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Increases mental health literacy
- CONFIDENCE**  
Increases confidence in providing  
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Decreases stigmatising attitudes
- SUPPORT**

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