



WAIKERIE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

A SCHOOL OF VISIBLE LEARNERS
CURIOSITY PROBLEM SOLVING RESILIENCE

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Term 1

Wednesday March 13th 2024

Week 7

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday March 25 th	Family Night
Friday March 29 th	Good Friday
Monday April 1 st	Easter Monday



Principal

The term is certainly flying by and school has continued to be a hive of activity! We enjoyed our assembly last week where we announced our Student Voice representatives and Youth Environment Team, and presented Visible Learner, Values and SAPSASA awards. We also enjoyed a 'spotlight on learning' with Room 10 Reception students who shared with us about *bucket filling* ☺



Room 10 - We are Bucket Fillers



Visible Learner and Values Awards

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

Room 10 Japneet, Evie
Room 12 Charlie, Georgie, Mason
Room 11 Skylar, Arley, Meg, Ethan
Room 6 Blake F, Kaitlyn
Room 5 Layla B, Vincent

Room 3 Eva, Ethan, Fred
Room 4 Tyler B, Jarryd, Eli, Sophie, Brooke
Room 7 Zavier, Ryan, Travis, Jessica
Room 8 Archie, Paige, Daniel



We are very proud
of you!



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2024 Youth Environment Team



2024 Student Voice Representatives

We are looking forward to seeing families at our [Family Night](#) on Monday March 25th. This will be an opportunity for parents to visit classrooms and talk to teachers. We will have a sausage sizzle for staff and school families. We hope to see you there!

Many thanks to those who attended our **AGM and School Governing Council** meeting in Week 5. The 2023 School Annual Report was presented and will be available on our school website. The School Improvement Plan for 2024 was introduced, with goals focusing on **Phonics, Spelling, Reading and Numeracy improvement**.

Our positions have been elected and our Committees are formed. The 2024 Governing Council members are

- Chairperson:** Deb Schutz
- Treasurer:** Denae Paschke
- Secretary:** Abby Neideck

Continuing council members are Rebekah Wallace, Tanya Starling, Deb Schutz, Denae Paschke, Phil Valentine, James Hodson, and Maddie Gleed. We also welcome new member Abby Neideck. We thank retiring members Rachel Wills, Karen Collins and Rachael Thomson for their time and commitment throughout their terms on council. Committee members are listed below and we remind parents/carers that you are welcome to join committees without being a Governing Council member. Please contact me if you are interested. I look forward to working with the council on our continued school improvement.

WOOSCH Committee-
Maddie Gleed
Tanya Starling
Maddie Leske (RPS)
Belinda Ebert (WLPS)

Policies Committee
Rebekah Wallace
Deb Schutz

Fundraising Committee
Rebekah Wallace
James Hodson

Finance
Denae Paschke
Phil Valentine
Maddie Gleed

Megan 😊



Deputy Principal

Thank you to those of you who have registered and paid the \$5 to become a Children’s University Member. Memberships are now closed and I have created a Seesaw page dedicated to this group of students to communicate with you all. Passports will arrive at school soon and students learning can begin. You will receive login details for the portal where you can find a range of activities that your child may be interested in. There is also the Facebook page which is handy for additional ideas. Each term

during week 8, I will ask that students bring their passport to school, so that I can accrue their hours and link this with any activities they may do online.



WAIKERIE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

This year we were fortunate to get through both of our SPLASH carnivals without a hitch. The students demonstrated great individual skills that were learnt during lessons as well as some incredible team support and encouragement during relay races. There were students cheering each other on, supporting one another and demonstrating great sportsmanship. Well done to everyone on your participation.

Results for the Year 3-6 Splash Carnival were as follows:

FLINDERS – 1st Place

STURT – 2nd Place

BARKER – 3rd Place

EYRE – 4th Place

Results for the Reception – Year 2 Splash were as follows:

STURT – 1st Place

EYRE – 2nd Place

FLINDERS – 3rd Place

BARKER – 4th Place

All results were really close and we commend all the students who participated earning points for their house. Congratulations to all the House Captains in their first official role who supported their Teams at both events. Thank you to all the families for coming along and a big thank you to those that helped out on the day. Thank you to the Early Years staff and Jeany Winter and her team of helpers who prepared and organised the events.





Seesaw continues to be our main source of communication between school and families. If you are having any trouble accessing the app, please see me for any support in helping you gain access to your child's journal. We would like to remind parents to regularly check the app, particularly if you have turned off notifications so you don't miss out on any valuable information. Teachers will endeavour to check and get back to private messages within 48 hours. Staff are unlikely to check seesaw whilst they are teaching so for any urgent matters, please call the front office.

School is a place of learning for our children but it can also be a whole lot of learning for us as parents too. Here is a handy cheat sheet for some of the jargon schools are using to help you unpack what some of these terms may mean. If in doubt ask your child and see if they can explain them to you or come and chat to a staff member who will be more than willing to explain some of the new terminology. Thanks to Bill Hansbury from Hansbury Educational Consulting for this great resource.

Leanne ☺

Cheat Sheet for Parents

Phoneme: The smallest unit of speech sound in a word. The word 'shark' has three phonemes (sh) (ar) (k).

Grapheme: The letter/s that spell the sounds in words. The word 'shark' has three graphemes: sh, ar, k. The word dog has three graphemes: d, o, g.

Phonology: The study of the sound structure in language.

Phonics: A method of teaching people to read by matching sounds (phonemes) with symbols (letters). Phonics has the strongest evidence base there is when it comes to teaching reading and spelling.

Morpheme: The smallest unit of meaning in a word Eg: 'sharks' has 2 morphemes shark + s. The base word is 'shark' and the suffix 's' indicates plurality.

Morphology is the study of meaningful word parts

Sounding Out (decoding): Saying the phonemes (sounds) out loud to get to an accurate pronunciation (and recognition) of an unknown word.

Blending: Saying the sounds quickly, or stretching the sounds to hear the word.

Segmenting: Hearing a word and breaking it into its separate phonemes (sounds) to spell it.





Student Wellbeing Leader – Sarah Schiller

Second-hand Uniforms- I am currently on the hunt for some second-hand uniforms, particularly t-shirts. If you have any you would like to donate, I would love for you to drop them off at the front office for me.

Harmony Week- Is celebrated next week so that it coincides with March 21st, which is the United Nations International Day of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Harmony week is about inclusiveness for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. The theme this year is **‘EVERYONE BELONGS’**. Throughout next week students will be participating in a variety of activities both inside and outside of the classroom based on the theme ‘Everyone Belongs’. We will be creating ‘Everyone Belongs’ logos for Waikerie Primary School, learning how to say hello/good morning in a different language each day when doing the roll plus many more activities that allow us to get to know and include everyone in our school community.

On Friday March 22nd we will be holding a wear **orange** or other cultural dress day. During recess and lunch time there will be games and sports from around the world being played. I am hoping to use our new Student Voice Leaders to assist with the running of these games, but would love to hear from anyone else that might be able to help out with the running or teaching of different games. So if you happen to be a Bocce or Finska expert or have any games from your childhood that you would be keen to pass on please let me know.

SAPSASA Football- Last Tuesday our year 5/6 boys joined with students from Ramco, Morgan and Waikerie Lutheran to form our District SAPSASA Football Team. Despite the hot conditions the boys started off well and were dominant in their first game against Barmera coming out with a convincing win. The next two games were a little more challenging with Berri and Loxton both having very strong sides. The boys kept their composure and worked hard all game, but were defeated in both games. Coaches Andrew Sparrow and Jim Thomson got the boys geared up and thinking positively for the last game. They were evenly matched against Renmark and worked hard all game despite being on their fourth game in a row. Renmark were the eventual winners in a nail biter by a couple of points.

All boys showed resilience and good sportsmanship throughout the day. They had the opportunity to play different positions and learnt a lot from their coaches. Great job fellas!

Congratulations Jack Sparrow, Archie Thomson and Nick Thomson who have been selected to trial for the District SAPSASA AFL Team.

Huge thank you to Andrew Sparrow and Jim Thomson for their coaching excellence, we really appreciated your knowledge and the time you gave to coach and encourage the boys. Thanks also to Jacki Venning for the fabulous photos, much appreciated. Lastly thank you to all the parents who helped with transporting the kids to Berri.

Well done to Peter Saf and his helpers for a well organised District Day once again!



Sarah ☺



National Ride2School Day is on Friday March 22nd . It’s all about being active on the journey to and from school. On Ride2School Day you could try riding, scooting or walking to school, even if it is just part of the way. We are encouraging active travel to school through our involvement with Way2Go program which has supported the upgrading of Stanley Street, purchasing new bike and scooter racks as well school involvement in Bike Education later in the year.





Reflections

Hi everyone!

We're well into the new year and I haven't gotten around to saying Hi yet – so here it is!

For those of you who are new at the school, my name is Sara Bayha and I'm the Pastoral Care Worker (PCW for short) here at Waikerie Primary School. I'm at school on Tuesdays and

Wednesdays, and I'll usually pop up at special school events. A Pastoral Care worker is a person at school who is present to provide some extra care, support, and friendship to our students, staff and families. I am also interested in encouraging connections between the school and families – so please say hi if you see me around



– I'm always up for a chat!

I've called this little snippet "Reflections" because hopefully it will be a spot where I can highlight some thoughts or current issues that affect our Children, school, families and community life. Let me know if there's anything you'd like to hear about. (You can leave a message for me with the office staff)

Cheers, Sara

Waikerie Primary School

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

We are continuing to raise funds for a shelter for our Junior Primary students. Thanks to **Waikerie Bakery** we are excited to be able to offer you packs of 6 big, fresh, delicious HOT CROSS BUNS to make Easter extra special! Grab some to eat straight away, and some more to pop in the freezer. Collect some orders from family, friends and neighbours – they'll thank you and every order helps. Don't miss out!



So...HOP TO IT and place your order on the form below and return with the correct money (cash or card) to school by Friday March 22nd.

Orders will be ready for collection on Tuesday March 26th, just in time for Easter.

Thank you for your support, WPS Fundraising Committee 😊

HOT CROSS BUN – Order Form

Please return with the correct money (cash or card) to school by Friday 22nd March

Parent/caregiver name: _____ Ph: _____

Number of Packs with fruit _____ @ \$7.00 per pack = \$ _____

Number of Packs without fruit _____ @ \$7.00 per pack = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED = \$ _____

I will collect my order between 2:30-3:15pm on Tuesday 26th March, from the school library.

I am happy for my child to bring my order home from school.

Child's Name: _____ Room: _____



COMMUNITY NOTICES



2024 SEASON LAUNCH

- Meet the Coaches of all grades
- Short Training session
- Get Registered/Pay subs
- WFC Merchandise for sale/order
- Order Warm Up/Training Tees
- Senior player photos
- WFC Boot Bank
- Sausage Sizzle
- Tours of the new build

SATURDAY MARCH 23RD AT 10AM



MINI MAGPIES UNDER 7S & UNDER 9S

Mini Magpies is a great place to start your child's love of football, while making new friends and becoming a part of the WFC Magpie family.

Mini Magpies is for players who are of school age. The age cut off is the same as government schools, April 30th. (essentially the child must be 5 at the start of the Mini Magpie Season).

Boys and Girls welcome.

Mini Magpies is run throughout Term 2 on a combination of Friday nights and Sunday mornings.

Everything you need to know about the upcoming 2024 Mini Magpies season will be available at the WFC 2024 Season Launch Saturday March 23rd from 10am.



WFC SEASON LAUNCH 2024 SATURDAY MARCH 23RD AT 10AM




FREE Dental for Children!

Did you know eligible children (0 to 17 years of age) can receive up to \$1095 of basic children's dental services over two consecutive years at no out of pocket expense to parents!

Regular dental check-ups are very important to your child's future smile, health and well-being.

If you haven't scheduled a dental check-up recently, for you and your children, be sure to give us a call today!

At Berri Dental, we are passionate about helping your family grow a bright and healthy smile, assisting you in developing and maintaining positive oral health habits.

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LOXTON HISTORICAL VILLAGE

ALIVE DAY


EASTER SATURDAY
30th March, 2024

10am - 4pm

Allen Hosking Drive, LOXTON

- Operating Exhibits
- Blacksmith, Shearing & Printing Demonstrations
- Stationary Engines
- FREE Horse & Cart rides
- Whip Cracking
- Food & Market Stalls
- Kids Activities
- & more

SPECIAL DISPLAY



FUN DAY OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



ADULTS	\$12	** MEMBERS FREE **
CONC.	\$10	(Become a member for \$15/\$35 Family, and get unlimited entry for 12 months)
CHILDREN	\$6	
FAMILY	\$30	

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