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Term 2

Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024

Week 4

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Student Free Day
Monday June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Public Holiday



### Principal

Nearing half way through the term already and there has been some wonderful learning opportunities and experiences happening here at school. We heard about our achievements in SAPSASA at assembly last week and proudly presented several awards. We are so proud of all our students representing our school and thank those involved in organising and supporting our involvement. Room 5 shared their learning about ANZAC Day and the news team kept us up to date with school happenings.

### Congratulations to students who received Visible Learner and Values Awards at our Week 4 Assembly. We are very proud of you!

Room 10	<i>Bryan, Oliver H, Subhreet</i>	Room 5	<i>Taite, Mason, Hugh, Nic</i>
Room 12	<i>Eli, Benji, Savannah</i>	Room 3	<i>Hunter, Declan, Josh, Chloe, Ben</i>
Room 11	<i>Evelyn, Travis, Ryder</i>	Room 4	<i>Justin, Summer, Billy</i>
Room 6	<i>Jacob, Logan</i>	Room 7	<i>Skye, Jack S, Jesse, Jacob</i>
Room 8	<i>Liam, Daniel, Constance, Paige</i>		



SAPSASA Athletics Team



SAPSASA Netball Team

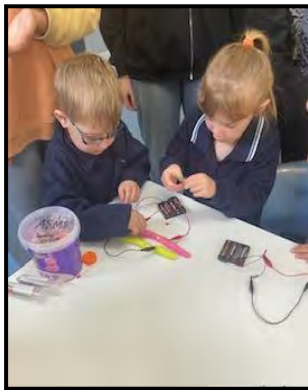
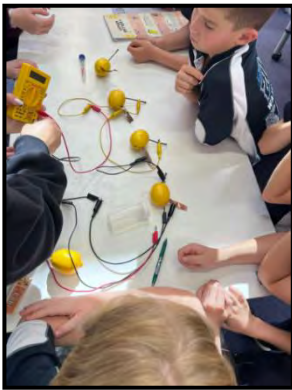


Our Mother's Day stall was well supported in week 2 and we thank those that donated gifts and helped with running the stall. This week we celebrate and acknowledge the contribution of our amazing volunteers as part of National Volunteers week with a morning tea. We thank all our wonderful volunteers for being such a valuable part of our Waikerie Primary School community!



Week 6, Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> will be our **Student Free Day**. We will be spending time on collaboratively reviewing and planning in our School Improvement Plan focus areas, as well as delving deeper into unpacking the Department for Education Strategy, Learn and Thrive. Our Upper Primary Student Representatives have also been involved in student forums working with the strategy in student workshops linking with students all over the state!

Last week we had a visit from students and staff from the **Australian Science and Mathematics School**. They visited each class and in groups engaged in various science activities and discussions. This included Lemon Battery, Build a Lung, Germ Busters, Balloon Rocket and Puff Cars. Students enjoyed the opportunity to get hands on with science.



Our Fundraising committee have been busy organising our **2024 Pie Drive!!!** Thanks to Waikerie Bakery for supporting us again this year to give families the opportunity to purchase some delicious, fresh baked pies. They're perfect for those cold winter days coming up and come in a range of savoury and sweet flavours. Get your orders in and support our fundraising efforts for the Junior Primary Shelter that is going up now! Forms have been sent via Seesaw and are also attached to this newsletter.

Megan ☺



### Deputy Principal

**National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)** is held every year by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously around the country. It is a fun, vibrant, event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6. This year the picture book is called 'Bowerbird Blues' written by Aura Parker. Students listened to the story being read at 11.30am today and some classes followed up or will complete an activity connected to the book.







Kira Mader from **Stomp Dance Company** brought her energy and enthusiasm to Waikerie Primary School on Tuesday the May 21<sup>st</sup>. Students joined Kira in our school gym where they engaged in a dance routine that was perfected in a 30-minute block, outstanding! Students were highly engaged, smiling and working hard to practise the choreography Kira developed and delivered for each group. It was incredible to see how quickly students picked up the moves and were able to complete the dance routine to music in such a small amount of time. Well done everyone for your amazing dance skills and engagement in this session. We can't thank Kira enough for this wonderful opportunity.



### Riverland Festival of Music

A number of students from Waikerie Primary tried out for solo parts for the Riverland Music Festival. We were blown away to have three successful students who all won a solo part each. This is outstanding for our school. We would like to congratulate Ella, Skye and Ivy who were our successful participants and we wish you all the best on the night.

Leanne Jones ☺



### Student Wellbeing Leader – Sarah Schiller

#### Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart kicks off this term at Waikerie Primary School!

Jump Rope for Heart is the Heart Foundation's primary school skipping challenge that helps kids move more, have fun and raise funds for lifesaving research and programs. This year we've got an audacious goal to see our student Heart Heroes at Waikerie Primary School to log 40 hours of skipping throughout the program!



Register your child online, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started. [www.jumprope.org.au/parents](http://www.jumprope.org.au/parents). Students will be skipping throughout the term in PE lessons and in break times, during this time you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause. We will hold our school Jump Off Day on **Wednesday the 3rd of July** this will mark the end of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip and show off their newly learned skills.

Keep an eye out for more detailed information on Seesaw. Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!  
Sarah ☺





At Waikerie Primary School we are very fortunate to have many wonderful volunteers! There is 'Something for Everyone' when you volunteer at Waikerie Primary School and we truly appreciate our wonderful school community that take the time to make our student's schooling experience successful.

If you have been thinking about volunteering, we have many different opportunities for you. Our volunteers assist with sports by coaching and driving, we have volunteers that listen to reading or work with spelling tasks. You can assist with fundraising or even join our Governing Council. Lots of parents and care-givers have been involved in setting up and working on our Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls and we have even been lucky enough to receive lots of donations to sell from our volunteers.

Our school is a very busy place and there is always something to do. We truly appreciate the time and effort that our volunteers are able to give to us, after all it does 'Take a village to raise a child!'

On Thursday we celebrate our wonderful volunteers with a morning tea, we look forward to seeing you all there.

