



WAIKERIE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CURIOSITY PROBLEM SOLVING RESILIENCE

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Term 2

Wednesday May 1st 2024

Week 1

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May 14 th – 23 rd | Parent- Teacher Discussions |
| June 7th | Student Free Day |
| June 10th | Public Holiday |



Principal

Welcome to Term 2! I trust you had an enjoyable break and students are ready to get back to classroom learning.

We look forward to holding our Parent Teacher Discussions this term. These are a great opportunity to discuss your child's strengths, progress and needs this year. We will be offering discussion times throughout weeks 3 and 4. This year we will have discussion times of 15 minutes. A range of dates times will be made available through our online booking system www.schoolinterviews.com.au. A note will be posted on Seesaw and sent home shortly with further information and booking instructions. If you need assistance with booking your discussion time or have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher or myself at the school.




On April 25th our School Leaders, Skye and Nick, proudly represented the school at the ANZAC Day service, laying a wreath on behalf of our school students, staff and families. It was wonderful to see this school-community involvement and several other families at this special and important day.

Year 6 transition to high school process begins soon! Year 6 families please ensure the school has your current email addresses. The office needs parent/caregiver emails for both parents for the first stage of the high school transition process. Please contact the school if you are unsure about your current details with us.

Mighty, mighty morphemes

You may have heard your child and teacher talking about morphemes. Understanding morphology supports our focus work in Spelling as part of our School Improvement Plan.

So, what is a morpheme? A morpheme is the smallest unit of meaning within a word. These units of meaning are spelled consistently even though their pronunciation may change within words, e.g., child/children, heal/healthy. Understanding morphemes is important for understanding reading and spelling.

As children progress through the years at school, they will encounter thousands of unfamiliar words. Understanding morphemes gives children another key to independently work out both the meaning and the pronunciation of those words.

School Improvement Goal 3

Increase achievement in Phonics

Challenge of Practice

If we embed an evidence based Phonics (R-2) and Spelling Instructional Routine (3-6), informed by data, then we will increase achievement in Phonics and Spelling.



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Morphological knowledge involves understanding the different parts of words that represent meaning. This includes bases, prefixes and suffixes. For example, adding:

- prefix 'bi' (meaning two) to 'cycle' (meaning circle), makes 'bicycle'
- plural suffix 's' to 'bicycle' makes 'bicycles'.

(<https://fivefromfive.com.au/>)



This can support children in their reading and spelling....

Did you know?

'flect' means to bend or curve.... So with word building can make re-flect - tion, de-flect

Try some word building with these

'form' - means to shape

'ject' - to throw

Megan ☺



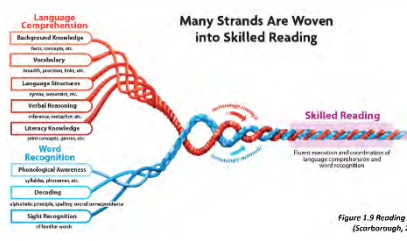
Deputy Principal

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) – Just a reminder that the PRC continues this term and finishes in Week 7 of Term 3. Children are required to read 12 books across the year. Eight of these books need to be part of the recommended texts listed



on their website and then four free choice texts. Students will be presented with a certificate and medal at the end of the challenge. Once students complete the challenge, they can hand their completed sheets up to Mrs Seabrook in the front office.

Literacy Guarantee Unit – On Monday a group of our dedicated staff attended a conference in Loxton run by the Literacy Guarantee Unit (LGU). We have had an LGU coach for the past three years who works alongside our Early Year Staff to support with the planning, implementation and delivery of high-quality practice in Phonics Instruction. Staff were highly



engaged in the learning process which included a keynote session run by Jocelyn Seamer. Jocelyn is a teacher and former leader who is passionate and determined in supporting educators to get great results for their students. Her keynote was engaging and staff were able to make connections to the learning we have been doing over the past few years including links to Scarborough's Reading Rope. Staff have taken some of the concepts learnt throughout the day to bring back to our site and build on and strengthen our current teaching practice.

Leanne ☺



Student Wellbeing Leader – Sarah Schiller

Mother's Day Stall: Our annual Mother's Day Stall is coming up early next term, on **Friday May 10th**. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help set up the stall on the Thursday from 12pm and/or to help out on the stall on the Friday anytime between 9am-1pm. If you're able to help out, please contact the office. I will then contact you via SeeSaw with further details. We are also gratefully accepting donations of small goods to sell on the stall (unfortunately we are unable to accept baked goods). If you have something to donate please drop it off at the office.



Sarah ☺

Riverland SAPSASA Athletics

On Wednesday, 29 enthusiastic Waikerie Primary Students competed in the Riverland SAPSASA Track and Field Athletics Carnival held at the Renmark High School. This day was a long time coming with students showing great dedication giving up multiple lunch times to practise leading up to the event. Their commitment certainly paid off as there were amazing results achieved with so many personal bests and placings throughout the day. Every student gave it their all and due to this our school achieved our highest result for a long time, placing 2nd overall in the large schools award to Loxton Primary by only 6 points. Our improvements were acknowledged as we were awarded the 'Most Improved' shield at the end of the day. This is something the whole team should be proud of. Exceptional Results were achieved by many Waikerie Primary Athletes, Congratulations to record breaker Chloe Golding in the 1500m with a time of 6:04.82. 2 seconds faster than the previous record. Amazing result Chloe. Three of our students were in the top 6 (out of 479 students) in points gained for their school (the maximum possible is 30 points) A huge achievement by these 3 athletes. Congratulations go to Chloe Golding, Skye Golding and Zac Liebich.



Many students received top three placing which was a wonderful achievement.

First place achievements were awarded to Peyton Fitzgerald: U12 Girls Shot put, Lucas Zimmermann: U12 Boys 200m, Ben Sparrow: U10 Boys High Jump.

Second place achievements were awarded to: Peyton Fitzgerald: U12 Girls Discus, Jayden Gale: U11 Boys Shot Put, Ben Sparrow: U10 Discuss, Relay: U12 Boys Nick Thomson, Archie Thomson, Jack Sparrow, Lucas Zimmermann.

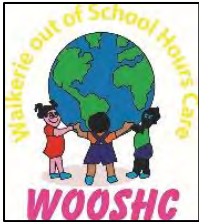
Third place achievements were awarded to: Zavier Magain: U11 Boys 1500m, Adele Paschke: U10 Discus, Ben Sparrow: U10 Boys Long Jump, Constance Zarmbalas: U12 Girls Discus, Eva Leske: U10 Girls High Jump, Brooke Martin: U11 Girls 200m, Kobi Cryer: U11 Boys High Jump (on a count back to Taj Liebich 4th), Taj Liebich: U11 Boys Long Jump, Relay: U12 Girls Skye Golding, Ivy Nettelbeck, Paige Zarmbalas, Constance Zarmbalas.

That's a total of 25 placings! Amazing WPS. I am so proud of every single Waikerie Primary Student. It was a pleasure watching and coaching you all



. Julia Golding





WAIKERIE OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Families would have recently heard that our WOOSHC director Sandy has sadly tended her resignation. Whilst we are sad to see her leave the position of director, we understand her decision. We certainly appreciate all the time and effort that she had dedicated to WOOSHC to make it the service that it is today, in particular the recent upgrade of facilities and assessment and rating process. We thank Sandy and wish her well in her new endeavours.

We also would like to assure the WOOSHC families that we are committed to continuing to provide a WOOSHC service to our community with recruitment for the director position underway.

Deb Schutz - on behalf of the Waikerie Primary School Governing Council



Now in its 25th year, **National Walk Safely to School Day** is an annual campaign and event which encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers, to walk safely and regularly to school. It is important for children and young people to be active every day. Physical activity has many social, emotional, physical and mental health benefits. Walking to school is a great way to incorporate physical activity into a daily routine to support healthy development. Regular physical activity, especially walking, can improve self-esteem and confidence, help concentration and improve overall fitness. Encouraging kids to be active each day establishes good habits that can stay with them throughout their lives. National Walk to School Day is on May 10th. Think about if you can walk to school, even part of the way and get involved.

Reflections

by your PCW Sara Bayha



It's just the beginning of another term – and already I feel tired, when I look at what's on the schedule for the next few months! The challenge for me, and I suspect most of us, is all about living in the moment, instead of worrying about what happened yesterday, or living in anticipation (or dread!) of what's coming up in the next days or weeks or months.



A great quote which sums this up is by Alice Morse Earle :

“Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That is why it is called the present.”

My encouragement to you (and myself!) at this time is to look at and enjoy each day as it comes. Stop and smell the roses. Have a coffee with friends. Play a computer game with your children. Laugh at someone's silly jokes. Give someone some positive feedback. Look around you and notice some small details about your environment or the person you are with. Live in the moment ! Cheers, Sara

School Uniform Orders – Long Sleeve Polos and Dresses

If you would like to place an order for a long sleeve polo or a dress, please complete and return order form below. Samples can be viewed at the office. Form and payment will need to be returned by **Thursday 9th May**.

Parent/ Caregiver name:.....

Phone number.....:

Student.....

Room number.....



| | Size | Quantity | Price | Total Owning |
|------------------|------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Long Sleeve Polo | | | \$40.00 each | |
| School Dress | | | \$25.00 each | |

Total amount paid: \$.....



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