



**Term 4 Week 8**

**6<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**SMS Absence: TEXT ONLY**

**0408 727 632**

***Must include student's  
name, date, reason, class***

**DIARY DATES**

8 <sup>th</sup> December	PRC Recognition Ceremony
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 7 Footsteps
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Special Ice Cream Day
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Volunteer Morning Tea
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reports Home
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 7 Graduation
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term

**EARLY DISMISSAL 2:05pm**

**Last day of term**

**15<sup>th</sup> December**

**ASSEMBLY DATES**

**15<sup>th</sup> December-Final Assembly**

**Principal**

***Ali Colbeck***

**Deputy Principal**

***Karen Matthews***

**Assistant Principal**

***Lisa Gray***

**Business Manager**

***Michelle Collins***

**OSHC Program**

***Director: Belinda Filkin***

***Bookings: 0438 761 656***



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# **WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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## **Volunteer Thank You**

So much of what we undertake at school would not be possible without a range of volunteer personnel. This has been made harder in recent years with changes to volunteer requirements, but even with all these changes in place, we have had a continual stream of people from our community willing to assist us at school.

- A runaway volunteer success this year was around fundraising with over \$4000 raised by volunteers running special food days each term.
- Volunteers have given their time to assist in the garden and to ensure spaces are cleared and mulched.
- Volunteer support for reading and support programs in classrooms have ensured students undertake daily reading.
- Cooking activities and some art activities are only made possible through volunteer participation!!!
- The library requires a constant flow of volunteers to prepare resources ready for borrowing.
- SAPSASA sporting events would not be possible without volunteer supervision, support and coaching.

One of the nicest things about having volunteers on site is for people to see how much goes on in a school to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. Being part of this is a great thing to do. We will recognise volunteers with a thank you card and morning tea next Wednesday in the staff room. All are welcome.

## **Goodbyes**

It is that time of the year when we say goodbye to several staff members. You may like to catch up with this person to let them know of the impact they have made on you or your child's life:

- Mrs Linda Evans. Linda has taught at Willunga Primary for 4 years and has been pivotal in the changes made to curriculum delivery in Junior Primary. Retiring in 2018.
- Mrs Schandra Verzi. On a one year contract at Willunga, we have loved having Schandra and appreciate her focus on learning and wellbeing in the early years. Schandra has won a permanent position at Waldorf Primary.
- Miss Kathleen Best. On a one year contract at Willunga. Kathleen dazzled us all with her passion for Science and STEM. Kathleen has been appointed to a one year position at Clarendon Primary in a STEM / garden role.

We thank them all for the efforts they have put into their time at Willunga Primary and wish them all the best for their future.

***Ali Colbeck***

**Principal**

## SAPSASA News

### **CRICKET AND TENNIS CARNIVALS BRING THIS SAPSASA YEAR TO AN END**

SAPSASA Onkaparinga South District Teams have completed a week of cricket and tennis State Carnivals.

Congratulations to our boys District Cricket Team, a highly-skilled group who won every match but their Grand Final, and finished worthy runners-up after a great week of competition. **Seb H and Jasper R** were part of this team.

Three athletes from our district schools were selected for the Southern Metro Regional Girls Cricket Team (combined districts). In a close round-robin carnival, the team finished equal 4<sup>th</sup>. Two of the three were from Willunga – **Lily H and Violet H**.

Our District Tennis team did a great job to finish 6<sup>th</sup> and maintain their spot in Division 2, where they were promoted-to this year. The group was a mix of experienced and very-young athletes. We look forward to this team's progress and achievements in 2018. Four Willunga students were part of the tennis team – **Tom W, Alexander B, Abby T and Natalie W**.



Thank you to all student athletes, team manager/coaches and families for their support in SAPSASA. The upper-primary athletes in our schools are great ambassadors for their chosen sports. SAPSASA is appreciative of the on-going dedication and input of our school-based staff representatives. We have great co-operation from the various sports clubs in our district, who are always seeking juniors to become involved in their local area.

For any information about the SAPSASA Onkaparinga South District, email: [kevin.barclay@bigpond.com](mailto:kevin.barclay@bigpond.com).



*Thank you to our school community for the generosity shown during last week's Random Casual Day.*

*All the donations were collected by Vinnies to be used for families in the local southern area.*

## Orchid club News

On Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> November the Willunga Primary School Orchid Club had to use their orchid knowledge to save some orchids that had been knocked out of their pots.

Four club members Charlie, Leah, Jackson and Lachlan showed great resilience and worked tirelessly through the lunch orchid session to repot the affected plants.

I am proud to mentor this group of students as they have shown me not only their skills in growing orchids, but also their ability to bounce back when needed. They worked so well they even had time to record the shade house temperature, weekly rainfall and light meter readings as they do every week. To reward their efforts I will bring them some more plants that will see them become more competitive against the other 'Orchids In Schools' high school groups.



## Sue Camac's News



One time at high school my class had to write an essay and the topic was free choice. I spent ages trying to think of what to write my essay on. My dad then gave me the idea of doing it on collecting things. So I wrote about collecting things and why I had stopped collecting particular things. One was I grew out of liking it, one was that it was costing too much money and one was it took up too much space and collected dust. At the end of the essay I wrote that the one thing I had collected over the years, which I never grew out of, didn't collect dust and didn't cost but was priceless was memories. This Christmas season I hope you have a wonderful time connecting with family and friends and creating some memories that in the end will be the best things to collect.

***Look forward to seeing you all again in 2018!***



**KEEP  
CALM  
IT'S THE  
LAST DAY OF  
TERM**

**15<sup>th</sup> December last day of term.  
Early Dismissal 2:05pm**

## Important Dates for the last week of term

8/12/2017	PRC Recognition Ceremony	9:30am
13/12/2017	Special Ice Cream Day	\$3 per ice cream
	Reports Home	
	Class placement letter	
	Volunteer Morning Tea	9-10am
	Last day to return Raffle Tickets (and money)	
14/12/2017	Year 7 Graduation	
15/12/2017	Final Assembly	9am
	Christmas Hamper Raffle Drawn	
	Last Day Of Term	2:05pm
	Early dismissal	



**Ice Cream Day Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Our final food celebration for the year!**

Vanilla Ice Cream cones with optional sprinkles, or Dairy Free Ice blocks (limited) \$3.00 per ice cream

***No pre-orders please bring your money on the day.***





### PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

We will be acknowledging all our successful Premiers Reading Challenge recipients on *Friday 8th December at 9:30am* on the small school oval.

Some students may wish to wear their previous medals for this, but please be aware that this will be at their own risk. Any queries relating to the awards can be directed to Ms James in the library.

Parents are welcome to come along and watch this presentation.

Please see Ms James in the library if you have any PRC award queries.

### LIBRARY

Please start the big hunt at home for any school resources that may be on bookshelves, hiding under beds or in wardrobes (library books, readers, text books etc.) and return them to school. We get everything back at the end of each year to ensure we are ready for the next school year with all our resources. Any lost library books will be invoiced for payment so that we can replace the books; however if you pay and then later find the books in good condition you will be refunded.

A great holiday activity is a visit to your nearest public library where it is free to both become a member and borrow any of the resources. They provide a wide variety of items to suit all in the family - books, games, DVDs, CDs and magazines.



Medications that we have in the sick room will come home on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> with students unless you would like to make other arrangements. Please call the front office if you have any questions.

### Planning Ahead

**First Day of Term 1 2018**      **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

We have approval for the first Student Free Day of the Year. It will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. This will give an extra day for the Easter Break. Willunga will be hosting the Gemboree in 2018 over the Easter Break.

### OHSC News

## ***Willunga Vacation Care program is out now!***

The program is available on the Willunga Primary School website; copies from the School's front office or the OSHC room and on the Skoolbag App. *Bookings received by Wednesday 13th December will be reduced to \$55 per session.*

### 2018 enrolments and booking updates

**Please fill out a 2018 booking form for the session times that you require.**

**Please inform us of any changes to your personal details and any health care plans for your children.**

### Change in fees

The OSHC Advisory Committee have agreed for a slight increase that is needed in fees to sustain the 2018 budget.

- o Morning session no change and all casual surcharges stay the same
- o \$27.50 Permanent Afternoon sessions - Starts beginning 2018
- o \$55 Vacation Care – Starting from 2017 Xmas holidays, when bookings made by the last Wednesday of the term - (\$60 for bookings after this day).

We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday and a Merry Christmas!

Belinda Filkin,  
Director.

### CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER



Have you purchased and returned your raffle tickets? Last day to return tickets is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The raffle will be drawn at the final assembly on the last day of term, 15<sup>th</sup> December.

***Have you made your donation to create the hampers?***  
Can you please leave your donations for the themed hampers with your classroom teacher by Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

# GEMBOREE 2018

## 54th National Gem and Mineral show

Willunga – South Australia  
30 March –  
2 April 2018



Incorporating the National Lapidary Competition



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## MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE

### TREE LOCATIONS

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## WARRIPARINGA COMMUNITY EVENT

**Wednesday  
10 January, 2018**

**LIVING KAURNA  
CULTURAL CENTRE**  
Warriparinga Way  
(Off Sturt Road)  
Bedford Park SA 5042

**Cost per workshop  
\$11.25 per person**

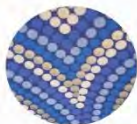
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**Warriparinga  
Morning Tour**  
10am-11.30am  
This gentle stroll  
through Warriparinga  
will be sure to enlighten  
you! Come and learn  
about the History  
and significance of  
Warriparinga pre and  
post settlement. Learn  
about the Wetlands,  
the Native Animals and  
Bush Tucker/Medicine  
plants around the site.  
*Suitable for all ages*



**Weaving with the  
Southern Elders  
Weaving Group**  
12pm-1pm  
Meet the lovely  
Southern Elders  
Weaving Group and  
have fun whilst learning  
the incredible art of  
weaving.  
*Suitable for Ages 7+*



**Aboriginal Art  
Workshop**  
1.30pm-3pm  
Do you want to learn  
about the symbols in  
Aboriginal Art? This  
workshop will give  
you an introduction to  
Aboriginal Art and you  
will be able to create  
your own masterpiece  
to take home with you.  
*Suitable for Ages 7+*

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## ADELAIDE Thunderbirds SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

PRICELINE STADIUM

**5-7 Years**

**Monday 15 January 2018  
9.30am - 11.30am // Cost: \$45**

**8-10 Years**

**Monday 15 January 2018  
1pm - 4pm // Cost: \$55**

**11-16 Years**

**Tuesday 16 January 2018  
9am - 3pm // Cost: \$80**

- Adelaide Thunderbirds and Netball SA accredited coaches
- Develop netball skills
- Learn about fitness and nutrition
- Boys and girls welcome

### Register now!

Visit [i.mp/schoolholidayclinics](http://i.mp/schoolholidayclinics)  
to secure your spot! Register  
before 10 December and  
receive a **10% discount!**





## Preparing your child for high school

by Sharon Witt



*Entering high school can be just as daunting for parents as it is for a child. It is a huge time of change, and coupled with the fact that starting secondary school often coincides with the onset of puberty, it can be quite a roller-coaster ride!*

Spend as much time as you can reassuring your child that they do not have to face this change alone and that it will be, for the most part, a positive experience. Avoid sharing any horror stories you may have experienced as a teenager in high school – these will not help your child. Rather, recall any positive experiences you had, especially if you made life-long friends at high school.

Organisation is crucial to helping your child cope well with entering high school. Those students that are well organised have a much better chance of settling in those first few weeks of secondary school.

**Here are 6 tips for preparing your child for high school:**

### **1. Ensure your child has everything they need for high school well before school starts for the year**

Having items missing at the beginning of the year will frustrate not only your child but the teachers. Ensure they have enough books to write in for each subject and always have spares on hand at home.

### **2. Practise using public transport if your child is using it for the first time**

For many students, changing schools means they may now have to travel on buses or trains for the first time. Help them to familiarise themselves with the bus/train timetable and offer a contingency if they miss their transport. If possible, practise the trip during the holidays.

### **3. Set up a designated study space in the home**

This tip is so important as so many children don't have a specific area set up to allow them to quietly complete their homework. The bedroom is not recommended as this is purely a space for sleeping and relaxing. Use any area that is reasonably quiet and well lit. Set up a desk with a computer, if possible, along with stationery items.



### **4. Set up a high school parent folder**

This will be a place to file all correspondence so that you can know exactly what is happening for your child at high school, including important dates. If you know what is going on at school, you will be able to help your child feel in control and stay organised. I cannot recommend this highly enough. As a parent you really need to stay on top of school information, at least until your child has established their own routine and systems for staying organised at school.

### **5. Encourage healthy sleeping patterns at least one week before starting high school**

If your child has got into a holiday habit of staying up late and waking up at lunch time, they will get a rude shock come first day of school when their sleeping patterns are all out of whack! Get your child into 'school routine' for sleeping during the final week of the holidays.

### **6. Keep your child's high school in the loop**

Inform your child's new school if they have special needs or learning difficulties. Teachers will benefit from being made aware of any particular needs or special circumstances that will help them in working with your child. If there are any specific family issues that might affect your child's ability to settle into high school, communicate these to your child's class or home-room teacher as soon as you know who they are. Never underestimate the importance of keeping the lines of communication open with your child's school.



**Sharon Witt**

*Sharon Witt has been immersed in teen world for over two decades in her role as a Secondary teacher, Author and Presenter. Sharon is one of Australia's leading book authors for young people. She has written 12 books for young people to help guide them through many of the issues they face in early years and help them develop key strategies in building resilience. [www.sharonwitt.com.au](http://www.sharonwitt.com.au)*



Congratulation to the following students who have been awarded 5 house points for demonstration of **stretch, stamina, teamwork, enthusiasm & planning** in their learning and in their classrooms.

### Atkinson

Ben A  
Isabelle W  
Jasmine C  
Jessica W  
Kaydnce F  
Alfie A  
Lola M  
Jack B  
Will G  
Shaylee S

### Bassett

Ben M  
Tilly P  
Mitchell J  
Jackson C  
Angus M  
Kirralyn S  
Flynn W  
Alexander B  
Zeke D  
Jorja A  
Ryder S  
Audio T  
Noah T

### Baxendale

Hayley N  
  
Alex M  
  
Oliver M  
  
Mackenzie P  
  
Emily S  
  
Alicia A

### Jarbada

Daisy S  
Summer T  
Violet H  
Liam R  
Eden M  
Tegan J  
Hermione L  
Luka W  
Ollie B  
Oscar A  
Grace W

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### FINANCE NEWS

Look out for the QKR App in the App Store. We will be posting home 2018 Invoices mid January 2018 with information on how to download and set up the QKR App.

Please note that Year 3/4 students have their Swimming week in Week 2 (5<sup>th</sup> February to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018). This information will be included with the Invoices and will be available for payment through QKR or the Finance window through the variety of payment options already available.

2018 School Card has been set at \$235.00 with the increased eligibility criteria. Our School Fees will be \$285.00, this leaves a voluntary gap of \$50.00 per student.

*Michelle Collins*  
*Finance Officer*



# State SAPSASA Rugby Tag 2017

Boys team - Alex M, Harrison O, Jake D, Keely D, John F, Alexander B, Tyson W, Nicholas S, Seb H, Ryder L

The boys played very well at Barrack Reserve winning 8 out of the 8 games they played and they won the whole boys competition taking home 2 trophies for the school and a medal for each team member thus becoming **State Champions for 2017**.

Girls team – Ruby L, Tallula B, Hannah W, Phoebe C, Chloe S, Ada A, Mia M, Anya H, Hermione L.

The girls also played well, unluckily only taking home a trophy for championship runner up but they did put up a great fight and never gave up even though they were short a player on the day.



We would like to give a special thanks to Mr Crate for organising and making this all happen, and also thank you to Kate and Kayn for coming along and helping Mr Crate with the coaching.