

NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 9
28TH MARCH 2018

SMS Absence: TEXT ONLY

0408 727 632

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

Diary Dates

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| 29 th March | Student Free Day |
| 30 th March | Good Friday |
| 2 nd April | Easter Monday |
| 3 rd & 4 th | 23A Zoo Snooze |
| April | |
| 6 th April | Casual Clothes Day |
| 10 th & 11 th | 23E Zoo Snooze |
| April | |
| 13 th April | Last Day of Term 2:05pm Dismissal |

Assembly Dates

6th April

Principal

Ali Colbeck

Deputy Principal

Karen Matthews

Assistant Principal

Lisa Gray

Business Manager

Michelle Collins

OSHC Program

Director – Belinda Filkin

Bookings – 0438 761 656



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

On Thursday March 29th Willunga Primary School is having its first student free day of 2018.

Writing has been identified on the schools improvement agenda and our data informs us that students need explicit instruction on: how to develop a sense of audience, broaden their vocabularies, develop their ability to use paragraphing and utilise both persuasive devices and figurative language in their writing.

We are very excited to welcome our presenter Chris Killey who has a wealth of experience in education, a Masters in Special Education, owns 'Learning Made Easier', providing professional development opportunities for teachers across Australia in writing, grammar and spelling and is also the co-author of 'Words Their Way', a spelling program aligned to the Australian Curriculum.

Chris will be guiding our teachers through a range of writing skills and techniques and modelling how to support our students to develop these within their own writing. Chris will be addressing the following areas:

- The importance of oral language
- Vocabulary
- Audience
- Sentence Starters
- Wow words
- Paragraphing
- Questioning

This term teachers have collected a persuasive and narrative text from each student years 1-7 and have been using the Brightpath Assessment tool to assess, moderate and identify next steps of learning for our students. This process requires teachers to make a 'holistic judgement' taking into account both the students ability to manipulate language to achieve a purpose and the extent to which they adhere to the conventions of writing. They then work with strategic partners to develop consistent judgements.

Chris Killey's input will be critical in supporting our teachers to identify strategies to support the next steps of learning for individual students. The learning undertaken on this student free day will be utilised over the next two terms in preparation for measuring the impact our teaching has had when undertaking our next Brightpath writing assessment.

Lisa Gray

Assistant Principal

Parent teacher interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held in week 2 next term. Information for booking these through the online tool will come home via skoolbag and email in the first week of term. This is an important time to catch up with your teacher around your children's ability level, attitude and involvement with learning. Some teachers will coordinate three way interviews by including the student in the process. These are valuable in ensuring students are aware of their learning goals and next step of learning. If you would also like a private chat with the teacher, you may request this.

Toilet Upgrade

We are very excited to be moving ahead with our toilet upgrade over the school holidays (we have approval we are just waiting on contractors). All 4 toilets will be upgraded to include improved tiling with waterproof grout, new mirrors in most, some upgrades to toilet cisterns, some upgrades to door locks, new soap dispensers, painting and most importantly, ventilation. We thank the Governing Council for their support with this.

OSHC building

We are in! We are very excited to be running the service from our brand new space. We feel very fortunate to be able to offer a high quality service with the space to match. Thank you to the parents who supported the Ikea manufacturing! It is nice to not only have a new building but also some new furniture items.

Playgroup

Would you like to join a playgroup?? Are you interested in meeting other mums in a social setting? Do you want to ensure your child has access to great resources and some starting literacy and numeracy points? If so, then we are the playgroup for you!!

Our playgroup will be facilitated by Anna Aldridge. Anna's background in education will assist her to facilitate this role successfully. This playgroup will be open to all families in the community, so please pass on details to anyone with children birth to 5 who might be interested in attending. Playgroup will be held starting term 2, each Tuesday 9.00am to 11.00am. Please ring the front office on 85562234 to express your interest.

Nature Play

Following our meeting with Jason from Nature Play SA we are feeling more inspired, with broader thinking of what is possible in our school grounds. A nature play space is an outdoor learning environment – a place for children to learn in different ways.

See Meredith Riley, Nadine Carroll or Karen Matthews if you can help along the way: earthmoving, carpentry, landscape supplies, time to help planting and raising plants etc. Keep your eye out for our parent survey.

Make a date over Easter or in the upcoming holidays to visit Morialta Conservation Park Nature playground

<https://playandgo.com.au/index.php/new-morialta-nature-playground-open>, or book into the holiday workshops through Nature Play SA <https://natureplaysa.org.au/events>.

School Sport SA (SAPSASA)

Term 1 sports are almost done – Cross Country at Noarlunga Downs Thursday April 5. In terms 2 and 3 **Knockout Sports** take over with an **AFL Football team, soccer team and netball team** from our school. How many games each team plays depends on winning – you win, you continue in the competition; you lose, the team is knocked out of the competition. Games are spread out over the terms and happen in various locations. There is always room for parent volunteers to support the teams with training, scoring, umpiring, transporting and barracking! Drop your name to Karen Matthews if you can help out with any of the teams.

Students will be asked to nominate for trials before the end of term 1.

There has been an increasing rise in phone calls to the school for student pick up arrangements in the afternoons. Although we are happy to assist in an emergency, please ensure you organise with your children before school what they are required to do after school.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for one of the [Student Action Teams](#):

| Sustainability | Learning | Promotions | Theatre |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ryan H ○ Flynn M ○ Baxter O ○ Jakayla L ○ Shanika R-Y ○ Jorja A ○ Amaliah H ○ Grace W ○ Mya H ○ Lola M | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oliver G ○ Zac C ○ Sahara B ○ Ayana D ○ Mya H ○ Emily H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emma S ○ Lennon R ○ Charli R ○ Eva A ○ Ishtah T ○ Holly B ○ Lilly M ○ Kashy R | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Holly W ○ Daisy B ○ Mia M ○ Paige B ○ Kadence B ○ Stella H ○ Jorja A ○ Kapri S ○ Isabelle C ○ Olivia H ○ Acacia H ○ Holly B ○ Dakota B ○ Oceana H |

They will be presented at the Week 10 Assembly.

Introducing your Governing Council

We are pleased to be moving ahead in 2018 with a full council and would like to introduce your Governing Council Members.

Chairperson: Sarah Moore, **Deputy Chairperson:** Sarah Boerth, **Treasurer(s):** Olivia Auricht and Jo Allchin, **Secretary:** Amanda Jones, **Community Member:** Don Leinfelder, and sitting members: Deb Saunders, Karen Martin, Nadine Carroll and Kimberley Penney. Governing Council is happy to raise issues or ideas from the community and you can contact them through the school email link dl.0744.info@schools.sa.edu.au Governing Council in the subject line.

Sub Committees, meeting times and convenors:

Canteen – weeks 2 & 6 at 9.30 am on MONDAY-Sarah Boerth

OSHC - weeks 3 & 7 at 9.30am on MONDAY-Karen Martin

Parent Connection – weeks 2 & 6 at 9.30am on WEDNESDAY-Kimberly Penney

Finance – weeks 3 & 7 3.30pm on WEDNESDAY-Olivia Auricht & Jo Allchin

Grounds – weeks 2 & 5 9.00am on FRIDAY-Nadine Carroll

Learning – weeks 2 & 6 at 6.00pm on TUESDAY-Amanda Jones

If you have an issue, problem, opportunity or feedback relating to any of the Sub-committee areas above, please take the time to introduce yourself to the convenor of that subcommittee as they will be able to bring information back to the Governing Council meetings for discussion.

'Gastro' Bug

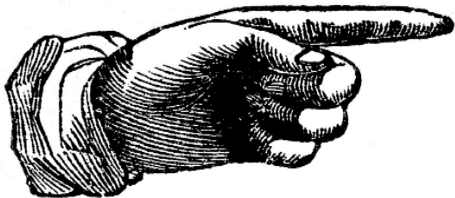
There have been a number of reports of children experiencing nausea, vomiting and mild temperatures. Please do not send your child to school if they are experiencing any of these symptoms, as 'gastro' bugs are extremely contagious.

If your child has been vomiting or had diarrhoea, they need to be excluded from school for a full 24 hours after completion of the virus.

Please encourage your children to follow good handwashing procedures to help reduce the transmission of infection.



Please Notice This



Student Free Day Thursday 29th March.

OSHC available.

Casual Clothes Day Friday 6th April.

Gold coin donation (fundraising for Nature Play areas)

OSHC News

STUDENT FREE DAY THIS THURSDAY, 29th April, OSHC is available all day.

If you require care for this day, please let us know by stopping in and adding your child/ren to the list or contact us on 0438761656.

On this day, we may go for a walk to the Willunga Rose Garden and park if the weather and staffing arrangements permit.

The April Vacation Care program is out now.

Please return your completed enrolment form by Wednesday 11th April to receive the reduced fees.

We can only accept bookings with a completed enrolment form and when your account is up to date.

You can find a copy of the program online, in the OSHC room or the school's front office.

We are very excited to have finally moved into the OSHC Building. Thank you to those parents who helped with assembling the furniture...your help is greatly appreciated!

We are still settling in and creating play spaces inside the room. Children have commented on how much they love the new soft rugs and sensory cushions, great to sit, lay and relax on.

The outside verandah space is a hit especially in the mornings with music, dance and playing chasey on the grass.

If you have a spare moment, feel free to pop in and have a look.

Belinda Filkin
Director

FINANCE NEWS

The date for School Fee Payments to be completed is fast approaching. If you are having trouble with School Fee payments, please make it a priority to contact Michelle Collins in the Finance Office at your earliest convenience. Legislation allows Governing Council to legally pursue the standard sum as per our Debt Collection Policy through the DECD Central Debt Collection Department from the beginning of Term 2. There are a number of ways to make payments :-Cash or Cheque, EFTPOS (Visa/Mastercard or Savings), Direct Deposit BSB 105 108 Acc 394083140 or through the QKR App.

SCHOOL CARD – Threshold has increased considerably this year and I encourage you to go online to assess if you could be eligible to receive School Card for 2018.



masterpass

TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How can I keep track of my Qkr! payments?

A. Itemized Qkr! eReceipts provide a record of purchase and are a convenient way to keep track of your Qkr! payments.

To view your eReceipts:

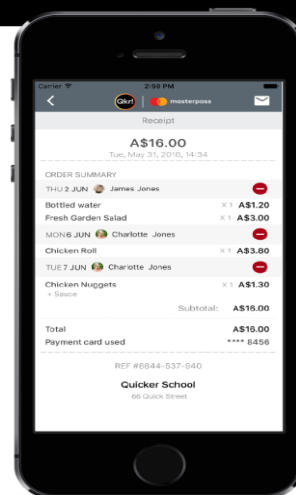
1. Open Qkr! and tap 'Activity'.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and tap 'Receipt' to view eReceipts.





Never lose a receipt: email receipts to your account:

1. Select the eReceipt you wish to email to yourself.
2. Tap on the mail icon at the top right of your screen.
3. Tap 'Send' to email the eReceipt to your email address, or enter another email address, and tap 'Send'.

Use an eReceipt to cancel a food order you have paid for:

1. Select the eReceipt for the order you wish to cancel.
2. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
3. Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.



| Monday 26 th March | Tuesday 27 th March | Wednesday 28 th March | Thursday 29 th March | Friday 30 th March |
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| Gemboree Competition Due HOT CROSS BUN WEEK \$1.50 FROM THE CANTEEN | |  NO OVAL PARKING P.M | Student Free Day  Gemboree | Good Friday  Gemboree |
| Monday 2 nd April | Tuesday 3 rd April | Wednesday 4 th April | Thursday 5 th April | Friday 6 th April |
| Easter Monday  Gemboree | NO OVAL PARKING A.M Zoo Snooze 23A ACCESS TO OVAL PARKING P.M | | | Assembly Casual Clothes Day |

GEMBOREE 2018
54th National Gem and Mineral show

Willunga – South Australia
30 March – 2 April 2018



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Incorporating the National Lapidary Competition

CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

Thank You to all of the students and their families who entered our Gemboree competition to win a family pass to the event.

We received some amazing research projects on Gem and Minerals and a lot of time has been spent creating great posters and projects.

Congratulations to the winners:

Ella, Matilda, Sophie & Liam B
Aarron A
Oliver G
Ryan H

We hope you and your family enjoy a day at the Gemboree over the Easter Break.

District SAPSASA Athletics

Events I competed in: High jump came 1st, long jump came 4th and 800m came 3rd.

The District Athletics was held at Tatachilla, 7 or 8 schools from our district were there and a lot of Willunga Primary Students competed on the day. The 1st event of the day was 100m sprint. Myles A, Jack B, Ishtah T, Mia M, Emily H, Sam O, Hunter F and Geun L all competed in the event and 2 Willunga students got into the final.

My favourite event was high jump and it was my main event. In the 800m I came close, it was a tight race right to the end of the last straight.

The team performed well, everyone tried their hardest at every event they went in.

Caleb M

I competed in 3 events: 800m came 4th, 100m sprint came 4th and long jump came 3rd.

There were a lot of schools there on the day and I got a chance to see my friends from other schools but I didn't get a chance to compete against them.

It was a very windy day on the day which made some of the events harder to compete in.

McLaren Vale won the day, and Tatachilla came 2nd, We came 3rd. Well done to everyone from Willunga for a great day.

Mia M

SPORTS DAY 2018

Baxendale - 1050

Atkinson - 1045

Bassett - 1005

Jarbada - 860



Rooms 21A and 21B

Sustainability Learning

Mrs. Schipper's and Mr. Murphy's classes are participating at differing times and levels with a number of activities to grasp the theme of Sustainability this term and throughout the year. Both classes are involved with:

Paper and card recycling

General waste issues

10c recycling

Wipe Out Waste program and Audit from Onkaparinga Council

Environmental aspects of Sustainability themed lessons with Saskia Gerhardy, our Environmental focus SSO

Excursions locally to The Environmental Centre in High St., and to the SA Water building in Victoria Sq., Adelaide city.

Accompanying photos are from activities happening at school already this year.

The school is examining waste handling practices at present, and will make timely changes after the Council Audit. We can see how once a week we have had paper and card collection from around the school to fill the skip in the enclosure at the bottom of the school.



Students remove any unwanted items. (We have food, stationery, plastic, wrappers, waxed backing from stickers, plus more, and even a stop watch (!) arriving to be taken away.) We keep these out, because contaminants like these may mean that the truck has to take the load to landfill instead of the recycling depot.

Spot the wrong items in the pics above.



Saskia's sessions have been about sustaining our environment. We are finding how good choices for planting often involve native plants, so we're germinating Wattle, Yacca, Native Lilac, Native Apricot, Eucalyptus, Old Man's Beard and Purple Daisy. We have experiments going with starting seeds by boiling water, cold water, freezer, scratching, fertilizer and dark and light.



Voila! We have generated new plants ourselves. Great Sustainability practices.

