



NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 9
12TH DECEMBER 2018

SMS Absence: TEXT ONLY

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

Diary Dates

13 th December	Yr 7 Graduation
14 th December	Last Day of Term 4 2:05pm Dismissal
29 th January	First Day Term 1
4 th 8 th February-	Yr 3/4 Swimming
12 th February	AGM 7pm Open Night 5:30- 6:30pm
15 th February	Student Free Day

Assembly Dates

22nd February 22nd March

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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Celebrating 2018

It is incredible how fast the year flies when working with children. They have an uncanny knack of speeding us towards their next milestone, a lost tooth, a birthday and of course... Christmas!

One of the nice things about working in a school is in sharing these milestones with students. And also, in ensuring we remember some of ours. The four term foci facilitated an extra level of learning to our classrooms and will be undertaken again in 2019. They are:

- Term 1 – sustainability (get ready with your nude food lunch boxes over the holidays)
- Term 2 Anti Bullying – a deeper focus in kindness and helping others
- Term 3 Culture – an opportunity to explore our family cultural backgrounds and to learn about others
- Term 4 Community – Learning how to work together
- Opera experience in schools
- Adelaide Youth orchestra string quartet
- Bike Ed year 4 and 5 (next year will be year 4)
- Korean International program
- STEM workshops for classes and families
- Positive Parenting sessions (to be run again in 2019)
- Redevelopment of the Indigenous garden
- Opening of the new OSHC space
- Opening of a quality canteen (well done and thank you to Jacqui McCance)
- Outdoor classroom day and an introduction to Nature Play
- Dance expos terms 1, 2 and 3 (thank you Nicole Demmrich for leading us in this)
- Choir year 5/6/7 performed at the Festival theatre and a year 4 trial choir in term 4 (thank you to Mrs Sims)
- Musical Theatre performance (well done to Mrs Schultz and the team)
- Various camps, excursions and sporting events undertaken all year
- Twilight family picnic success

As a school one of our milestones is tracking against data points and for the third year in a row we have shown achievement in all areas for NAPLAN. We are excited to have a large cohort of students in High Bands and have written our new Site Improvement Plan to ensure we continue to gain as well as retain these student levels. Our focus remains on a year's growth for a year's learning.

Ali Colbeck

2019 Classes

This year we will start the year with 16 classes and 430 children.

Staff have spent a lot of time carefully considering the feedback in placing children for next year. We are sure you will appreciate the challenges in constructing classes, in considering friendships and a balanced mix of abilities and behaviours. Children met their new class and teacher (where possible) on Wednesday 12th for a brief time.

We would appreciate all parents and carers supporting the placement and in situations where your child may be anxious about a new transition, encouraging him / her to show courage and resilience and see it as a new beginning with new friendships for 2019. Whilst we have allocated teachers to the following classes, changes may result.

Leadership Team

Ali Colbeck – Principal
Karen Matthews – Deputy Principal
Lisa Gray – Assistant Principal
Jess Mason – Special Educator

Junior Primary Teachers

Sandy Graham – Reception
Ineke Rumball – Reception
Lyndsay Sanders – Yr 1/2
Bianca Lally – Yr 1/2
Bianca Schultz Yr 1/2
Julie Giffen – Yr 1/2

Middle Years Teachers

Kate Schipper – Yr 5/6
Cheree Gordon – Yr5/6
Andrew Bentley – Yr 6/7
Trevor Gobbett – Yr 6/7

Specialist Teachers

Kirsty Sims – The Arts
Helen Lindquist – Japanese
Paul Crate – PE
Mogann Nair - Health
Judy James - Library

Primary Years Teachers

Brooke Heath – Yr 3/4
Jo Beazley – Yr 3/4
Kristen Hunt – Yr 3/4
Lisa Hunt – Yr 3/4
Julie Brown – Yr 4/5
Pete Murphy – Yr 4/5

**Last Day of
Term 4
Friday 14th
December
2:05pm
Dismissal**

**From all the staff at
Willunga Primary
School we wish all
families a safe and
happy Christmas
and New Year.
Enjoy the holiday
break to recharge
and reset for a
prosperous and
successful 2019!!**

Sue Camac's News

I would like to thank the following people from our community who were willing to donate their time in speaking to the students at our school. They talked about who they are, what they do in the community, what community means to them and what the students can do to contribute to community.

Brenda Freeman – Willunga Girl Guides

CFS

Janine Anninos – Willunga Environment Centre

Jenni Mitton – Manager of Willunga Farmers Market

Jill Trewartha – Do Bee Honey and Stallholder Willunga Farmers Market

Natasha Field – Tealicious

Police Officers - Community Engagement Project

Susan – Willunga Library

Ted and Wendy Sandercock – Members of the Anglican Church, Volunteers at the Op-shop, Meals on Wheels and Ted is involved in the National Trust.

Vivienne Michaelis -Tribe FM

The most
important
things in life
aren't things



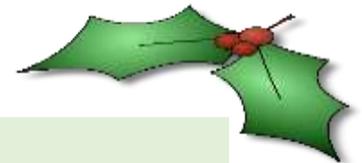
A friend of mine struggled a lot growing up with her relationship with her mother. Her mother battled from her own dysfunctional upbringing, which in turn made it difficult for her being a mum. A few years ago then on my friend's birthday, her mother asked her what she would like as a present. My friend decided that what she wanted was for her mother to write her a letter with what she liked about her. She always knew her dad loved and cared for her but was unsure of her mum's love. Her mum wrote her a letter. In this, she was able to express her love for her in writing, something that she found so hard to display or say.

This gift was worth more than any present my friend could have received. In years to come, your children probably won't remember many of the presents they receive this Christmas but what will last is if they know, you love them.



This year it has been great to see our regular **Parent Morning Tea** grow with some new mums come along. This week we were able to sort out all the prizes from the **Colour Run** and enjoy some reindeer cake from Jenny Arculus! It is a great time to connect, find out what is happening around the school and share ideas.

Enjoy a wonderful holiday break and we will see you in 2019!



Students doing great things

After successful auditioning Francesca S has gained a position in SA Public Primary School Choir. The SAPPS choir perform across the state as assisting artists at the Primary School Festival of Music, at events such as Remembrance Day and their own concerts. Well Done Francesca!

Natalie W has been awarded an 'A' with Honours by the Australian Music Examinations Board for her Grade 1 Piano Exam. This is an impressive achievement as she had only been learning piano for just over a year when she took the exam. Well done Natalie!

Farewells and staffing 2019

It is always a bittersweet time as we get to the end of the year, as we farewell some and welcome others.

Mogann Nair will teach a specialist subject in 2019 and will be farewell his class role. Mogann is very excited to be 'digging in' to the health role and incorporating the vegetable garden in his curriculum planning. A number of other teachers will be changing year levels as we work to ensure consistency across our classrooms. They are all quite excited about the changes, except for the moving part!

The following staff are leaving our school, we wish them all the best and thank them for their work while they were with us. We know we will see many of them again.

- Thank you Di Caris, who stepped in to cover Nicki Bulger on her maternity leave. Stepping into any role part way through a year is challenging and we thank Di for working so well with our staff and student teams.
- Hayley Rochford has been working with us on contract for a number of years as a part of the Bentley / Rochford year 6/7 team and will be leaving to explore Australia with her daughters. We will miss her, but look forward to hearing all about the trip. Andrew Bentley will be working full time in 2019.
- Michelle Potter is a permanent member of staff who will be taking leave for 2019. She also aims to travel to a warmer climate and tick off some more personal goals (I believe some of them may have a lot to do with car racing)
- Anna Raff has worked with us this year on contract in a 1/2 classroom, but will not be returning next year as she is having a baby. We wish Anna and her family well and can't wait to meet the new addition.
- Sarah Viney worked on a Friday in Mogann Nair's room, Sarah has been contracted to a full time position in a year 6 class at another school. We know they will benefit from her calm and friendly manner.
- Liam Kilner worked with us to support our Aboriginal students in 2018. He has a host of commitments that mean he will not be able to return to Willunga in 2019.
- Saskia Gerhardy has run our environmental program for the last few years, but will not be returning as she won a scholarship for her full time University degree. We know the community will benefit from this for years to come, and will continue to promote an environmental focus at the school.
- Emily Downing has been working with us as an SSO this term; working with students in intervention, intercession and in class. We wish her all the best with her teaching career.

I would like to acknowledge Lesley Earle who will be retiring at the end of the year. Lesley has taught at our site for the past 10 years, but worked in public education for 37 years. A remarkable achievement that would have created impact to countless students. It is often said that a teacher cannot measure their immediate impact, because their effect may alter futures in countless ways. We know students benefited from having Lesley as a teacher over the years and wish her well with her retirement.



A huge thank you once again, for your support of our Anglicare donations fundraiser. I always have so much pride in seeing the huge range of goods donated. I especially enjoy watching the children's pride as they donate their item.

Dec/Jan 2019 Vacation Care program is out! Get in quick to secure your Days!

You can receive your copy of the program from the OSHC room, school front office, online and skoolbag app. Bookings received by Wednesday 12th Dec will be at the reduced rate.

Please note: bookings cannot be accepted until your account is up to date.

Payments must be within 7 days of invoice.

OSHC 2019 - If you wish to use or continue to use OSHC for 2019 please complete an enrolment and booking form to confirm your sessions for 2019. If your child has any health care plans (including dietary), please provide us their health plans.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe festive season!

Belinda Filkin and the OSHC Team

LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE: Congratulations to our 340 PRC award recipients – 55 Certificates, 43 Bronze medals, 44 Silver medals, 51 Gold medals, 39 Champion medals, 38 Legend medals, 37 Hall of Fame medals, and 33 Readers for Life certificates. If anyone has any queries about the awards please see Ms James before the end of term.

END OF YEAR RETURNS

All student library books and readers are now due back to school. This is the only holiday break when we get everything back to sort. If you are unable to locate a library book, we will request payment so that we can replace it in 2019, but if you do happen to find it over the holidays I will happily refund your money if the book is still in good condition.

HOLIDAYS

Don't forget the Onkaparinga Public Libraries run a great holiday programme to keep students involved with their reading. They host a Summer Reading Club, which also includes free craft activities, storytelling and STEM activities (bookings essential). Library membership and use of all resources is free – unlimited books, games, magazines, audio stories, DVDs. Perfect for those hot days! Call into your local branch or see Ms James for details.



MILLIONAIRE'S CLUB:

Great reading and persistence from 20 of our students to reach Millionaire's Club this year. We will be treating them to a movie morning in acknowledgement of their fantastic achievement.

Elani P	Emma S	Zac W
Alex G	Sahara B	Olivia W
Kaitlyn M	Violet H	Riley N
Eddie L	Guen L	Alice P
Serena L	Lucas P	Stella H
Hamish B	Maibelle R	Max S
Summer T	Isobel R	



First Day back for Term 1 2019 is Tuesday 29th January

School uniforms will be available to purchase from the canteen (or pay on QkR! and collect from the canteen) from Wednesday 23rd January to Friday 25th January open 9am to 12pm.



Medications

Medications will be returned to students on Friday 14th (the last day of term). If you would like to make other arrangements for your child's medication to be returned please contact the front office. Please keep in mind that if medication is required to be kept at school for your child next year, that new or in date medication will need to be returned.

WPS Governing Council Annual General Meeting 2019 Tuesday February 12th at 7pm

This is your opportunity to be part of the Governing Council and have your say in the Governance of the school.

Willunga Primary School Governing Council will:

- Give leadership in issues affecting Willunga Primary School in consultation with the whole school community
- Foster and encourage the activities and participation of parents, students and teachers and positively promote the role of Governing Council through our wider community
- Further the interested welfare of students and their educational outcomes, from reception to year 7 and beyond.

Final Assembly Friday 14th December

Please join us to celebrate our final assembly for the year.

The Year 4 choir will perform, the Christmas raffle will be drawn and we will acknowledge the recipients of Willunga Primary School Awards and say farewell to our graduating year 7's as they move onto high school.

9am in the Gym

Next year we will have a new look newsletter. This electronic newsletter will be available via the Skoolbag app.

The instructions for downloading the app are below. If you have the app installed, please ensure you update the app to the latest version for 2019.

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



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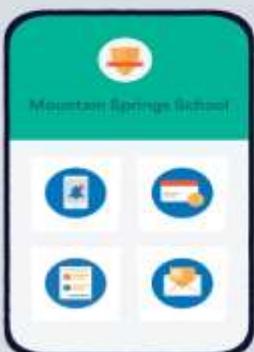
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Twilight Family Picnic

What a fantastic celebration of our school community!

The ideal weather we ordered arrived, along with so many of our families. All the classes sang proudly regardless of how many of the students attended the evening.

Thank you to all the staff for providing the opportunities to rehearse and practise the Christmas songs – there were a few new ones. Thank you to all the families, immediate and extended, who came along to share a meal and celebrate our school.

With it being such a success it is likely to return in 2019, with a few tweaks!



Festival Orchestra Auditions 2019

To book an audition please follow the link <https://booking.appointy.com/PSMF?st=283705>. More information about the Audition process and Festival Orchestra is available on our Website; <http://www.festivalofmusic.org.au/orchestra.html>

Auditions are being held on Sunday 9 December at 28 Hay Street, Klemzig from 11.00 – 2.00pm

LOCATIONS AVAILABLE ALL OVER ADELAIDE!

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The Summer Reading Club is led by State Library of Queensland in partnership with the Australian Library and Information Association and Australia Public Library Alliance.



What a wonderful year it has been and more wonderful with holidays coming up! Have a great holiday and sleep in as often as you can. In Japan, people will be going to the Bounenkai-End of Year Party. Traditionally families will aim for a complete Fresh Start for the New Year. So, bills should be paid, garden tidy and the house totally cleaned-ready for a fresh start! In our Japanese lessons, we have been doing various things-here's a few. Enjoy your holidays.





SHOWBAG STALWART DECLARED A SHOW LEGEND

Showbag operator Ed Veale was recognised at the 2018 Royal Adelaide Show as a 'Show Legend'.

The managing director of New Concept Import Services, Ed has been involved with the Royal Adelaide Show since 1974. He has championed the showbag division of Hunter Leisure Group and has been responsible for bringing much joy to generations of South Australian show-goers.

The Society has recognised an elite number of people as Show Legends – these people have given outstanding service and devotion to the Royal Adelaide Show over a period not less than 30 years. Six Show Legends have been recognised in the Society's history. Nominations are considered by the Show Legend Committee.

Speaking at Ed's declaration, RA&HS president Rob Hunt said that Ed has been devoted to the showbag industry and has encouraged strong brands to participate and provide quality product.



"Ed is a true Royal Adelaide Show Legend," he said.

"He has been responsible for the development of international brands such as Mars, Marvel, Warner Bros and Disney, and high-profile bags like Spice Girls, Michael Jackson and Frozen. Ed's bags have consistently been amongst the most popular at each Royal Adelaide Show."

Mr Hunt said Ed has been a great partner of the Royal Adelaide Show for over 30 years and contributed significantly to the delivery of an outstanding showbag offering for our patrons.

"The showbag industry is uniquely Australian, emerging from free sample bags of branded product in the mid-20th century, the opportunity to buy a showbag became an integral part of a child's visit to the Royal Adelaide Show and remains so today."



SCHOOL ORCHID EXPERTS TAKE THE STAGE

Students from five metropolitan schools took to the Horticulture stage in the Goyder Pavilion during the Show to give presentations on growing orchids.

The schools were all involved in the Orchids in Schools program, which sees members of the Orchid Club of South Australia work with secondary school students to cultivate orchids for exhibition at the Royal Show.

The coordinator of the Orchid Competition, Trevor Carnac, said the students did a great job of demonstrating the skills they had learned over the year and answering questions from the public.

Well done to the students from Woodville High, Willunga High, Kildare College, Willunga Primary and Valley View Secondary School, who also won the Richard Fishlock Trophy for Champion School Orchid.



25 things to do in summer



- 1 Explore a reef or rockpool and see how many sea creatures you can spot!
- 2 As a family, choose a new natural place to visit and set out with picnic in tow for a day of discovery and adventure
- 3 Discover seasonal food: learn when different summer fruits come into season and then harvest from your garden, at an orchard or farm
- 4 Get up early and go for a bushwalk, listening and spotting wildlife along your way!
- 5 Make a nature craft decoration to hang from the Christmas tree
- 6 Make a sand sculpture – or a sand city! – and decorate it with natural treasures you have found along the shore
- 7 Enjoy the waves: body surf, boogieboard or learn to surf this summer!
- 8 Paint pictures on cement with a container of water and a paintbrush
- 9 Spend a balmy evening by the river or sea: swim, play frisbee or cricket, enjoy a casual dinner and watch the sunset with your family
- 10 Explore a Botanic Garden and enjoy the cool shade of the trees
- 11 Try your luck at fishing, crabbing or yabbing! Measure your catch to see if it is large enough to keep, or if you should return it to the water
- 12 Plant a summer garden or pot plant (try strawberries, lettuce and cucumbers!)
- 13 Kayak or stand-up-paddleboard on a river, lake or the sea
- 14 Find a beach known for cockling and do the 'cockle twist' – feel the waves lap against your feet, locate the cockles with your toes then see if you can scoop them up!
- 15 Go camping and look up at the night sky (head somewhere wild or pitch a tent in your own backyard)
- 16 Create a summer nature play journal to record your adventures and natural finds
- 17 Look at the world from a different perspective: take off your shoes and climb a tree!
- 18 Water your summer garden first thing in the morning or as the sun sets – what changes can you notice from the day before?
- 19 Snorkel at the beach and see what lies beneath the surface
- 20 Create a nature boat from natural materials - such as seed pods, bark, washed up cuttlefish, sticks, seaweed and leaves - then float or race them in a creek or the sea!
- 21 Discover the world at dusk! Head out for a walk with your family, and see what you can discover as day turns to night
- 22 Enjoy the freedom and sensory delight of mud play at home – then run through the sprinkler to clean off!
- 23 Build a cubby or natural shelter in your garden, at the park or somewhere wild
- 24 Get an adventure backpack ready with food and cool water, then head out on a family geocaching mission – locate caches in your neighbourhood or venture to somewhere new
- 25 Make homemade iceblocks or lemonade and enjoy them outside on a hot day!

