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## From the Principal



On Thursday 11/11 we held a whole school Remembrance Day assembly. Our Senior School students did a

fantastic job leading the Assembly, including the one minute silence. Thank you to the class teachers and the students who all produced some magnificent wreaths to lay at

the assembly. The students were very respectful during the school assembly and were a credit to our school. Thank you to Trevor Gobbett and Kristen Hunt, who took students to the local memorial to lay the wreaths there afterwards.

***“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.”***

***Melanie Jones, Principal***



# 2021 REPORTS & 2022 CLASS PLACEMENTS

Students will receive their 2021 End of Year report on Wednesday 8th of December. Families will also be advised of their child's 2022 class placement on this day.

## HOW DO I INTERPRET MY CHILD'S REPORT?

At the end of term 2 and 4 each year you will receive your child's school report. Teachers take into account the learning and assessments your child has taken part in for the whole semester (two terms) to grade them. They work closely with the other teachers at the school who teach the same year level to moderate and form judgements about your child's achievement against the standards in the Australia Curriculum. In the SA Department for Education, grading begins in Year 1. In Reception, your child progress is communicated through comments.

If your child is demonstrating satisfactory achievement of what is expected at their year level, they will be graded at a C. This means that your child is at just the right level for their year level, not above and not below. This is a little different to when you may have been at school, when an A may have been 'satisfactory'. If your child demonstrates a C one year and a C a year later, it indicates that they have shown a year's growth in their learning, which is what is expected. Sometimes, children show more than a year's growth for a year's schooling and this would be reflected in their grades between years (eg. a D to a C). Every child's progress is closely monitored by the teacher and leadership team and if your child shows less than a year's growth (and has gone from a C-D, for instance) or are achieving below standard, extra supports are put in place.

The comments in the reports give detail about what your child



can do and what their next steps of learning are, particularly in English and Maths. It can be difficult to tell by reading the comment if your child is at, below or above standard, as these are not comparative comments, rather comments about your child's learning. To ascertain if your child is performing at, below or above standard, you will need to check the grade.

In the classroom, teachers are skilled at 'differentiating' the curriculum to support and stretch all learners; they make subtle changes to the curriculum or expectations so that all children can move ahead at their own level and speed. Because every child is stretched at their level, some of the time children do not know themselves if they are at, below or above standard in their learning. This empowers your child in their learning and supports their growth mindset.

Please let your child's classroom teacher know if you have any questions about the reports!

*Lisa Hunt*

## Diary Dates

**18th NOVEMBER**  
**KINDY TRANSITION VISIT**  
1:45 – 2:30  
**LEARNING CONNECT MEETING @ 9:00AM**

**19th NOVEMBER**  
**ASSEMBLY**

**22nd NOVEMBER**  
**NON WILLUNGA PRE-SCHOOL KINDY TRANSITION VISIT**  
9:00AM – 12:00PM

**25th NOVEMBER**  
**TWILIGHT PICNIC**  
5:30 – 7:30PM

**26th NOVEMBER**  
**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

**30th NOVEMBER**  
**YEAR 6/7 FOOTSTEPS SPECIAL FOOD DAY - LUNCHTIME**

**GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING @6:30 PM**

**2nd DECEMBER**  
**WHS TRANSITION YEAR 6**

**3rd DECEMBER**  
**ASSEMBLY**

**WHS TRANSITION YEAR 7**

**7th DECEMBER**  
**YEAR 6/7 FOOTSTEPS**

**9th DECEMBER**  
**YEAR 6 AND YEAR 7 GRADUATION**  
5:30 – 7:00 - YEAR 6  
7:30 – 9 - YEAR 7

**10th DECEMBER**  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2021 - CASUAL DAY**  
**ASSEMBLY**  
EARLY DISMISSAL 2:05PM

*'You can't be right by doing wrong, and you can't be wrong by doing right.'*

# MATHEMATICS – WHAT HAPPENED TO USING VERTICAL ALGORITHMS?

It is tempting to just show your child how to 'borrow' or leave a '1' at the doorstep especially if they are struggling to perform operations. It may be easier to just model a vertical algorithm BUT this can undermine the deep understanding of place value needed to work with subsequent concepts. This understanding is critical to an individual's ability to think multiplicatively and flexibly work with decimals, fractions and ratios later in their schooling.

Building number sense is key to developing an understanding of place value. All children need to understand that ten 'ones' (that's right, ones.....not units!) equals one ten and that ten 'tens' is one hundred. They need to be

able to visualise this to work with numbers flexibly. With vertical algorithms, you never actually need to add more than 9 and 9 (which means you only need to be able to add to 18!). It also encourages children to think of all of the digits in a number as 'ones'. Children need to understand that the 9 in 928 is 9 'hundreds'. We want children to be able to use the most efficient strategy when performing operations. They should not need to get a pencil and paper to work out 398 add 402. We want them to recognise the difference in the ones and simply think double 400. We also need children to understand that in the number 5702 there are 570 tens in total or you could think



about the number as 5 thousands, 70 tens and 2 ones. If you need to subtract 20 you could just think 70 tens take 2 tens..... the answer must be 5 thousands, 68 tens and 2 ones....5682. To support your child at home here are some great online activities

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/place-value>

## SUE CAMAC PASTORAL CARE WORKER NEWS

Last assembly our Willunga's Got Talent winners were finally awarded!

### Encouragement Awards

Joshua & Harper, Charlotte, Sage & Faith, Grace L & Grace B.

**People's Choice Junior** - Kiera,

**People's Choice Senior** – Pellion & Seth,

**Most Entertaining** – Michael

**Rising Talent** – Bejay

**Special Award the Titanium Award** – ess

MasterChef Winners will be announced soon!

I was talking to a mum at transition who was saying she was feeling more nervous than her daughter about starting school. I was talking to her then about my eldest when he started school like it was yesterday, even though he was in his brother's wedding on the weekend. How true is this quote? Sometimes sleepless nights, tantrums and waiting for teenagers to come home seem to last a lifetime but then looking back it, all seems to have gone by so fast.

*Sue Camac*



## TWILIGHT FAMILY PICNIC

**Thursday 25th November**  
**5:30pm (for 6 start) – 7:30pm**

Please join us for an evening of celebration and community.

This year we will be holding a sausage sizzle at the twilight family picnic

**Sausage in bread**  
**\$1.50**

**Sausage in bread w/onion**  
**\$2.00**

Sauce available

Collection from bbq stall  
from 5:15pm

**Pre order only via QKR by**  
**mon 22/11/21**

BRING A DECK CHAIR OR A RUG,  
PACK A PICNIC DINNER AND JOIN  
US AS WE SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

# 2022 MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGES

This charge is to be presented for approval at the next Governing Council Meeting being held at Willunga Primary School on Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 6:30pm.

All enquiries about the charge may be directed to the Front Desk. A Department for Education approved watermarked notice has been included for your information.

In lieu of attendance at the Council meeting, parents/caregivers can express their views in writing, addressed to the Chairperson Nicky Brunning, via [dl.0744.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0744.info@schools.sa.edu.au)

**Lisa Pinder, Business Manager**

# 2021 MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGES

As it is nearing the end of the 2021 school year we would appreciate payment of all outstanding school fees as a matter of urgency.

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have paid in full or applied for school card, or are paying fees off via Centrepay. It is greatly appreciated.

Please remember that school fees are legally recoverable.

**All unpaid fees as at 10th December 2021 will be forwarded to the Department for Education Debt Collector.**

**Lisa Pinder, Business Manager**

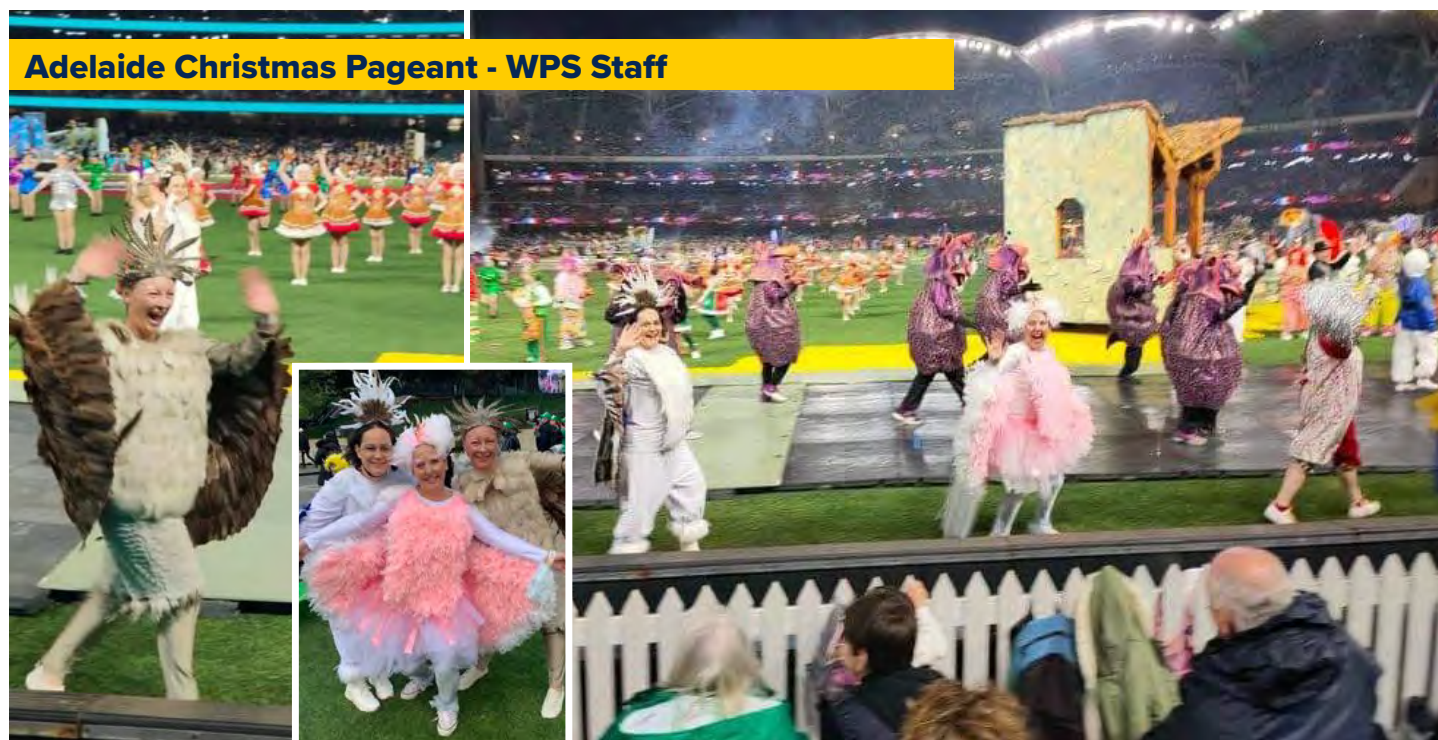
Willunga Primary School - 0744		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2022		
Notice of Charges for Reception - Year 6		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$27.50
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$0.00
	Photocopied Material	\$37.50
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$70.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$52.50
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$32.50
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$60.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>	
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$30.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)</b>		<b>\$310.00</b>

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

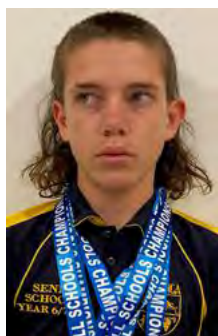
Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
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	\$0.00

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Just a reminder that Issue 8 Book Club orders close on Monday 22nd November.



# VIVA ALL SCHOOLS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



**Jack** recently represented Willunga Primary School at The Viva All Schools State Championships on the 23rd & 24th October.

Jack was very successful and came away with 3 Gold and one Bronze.

He has been selected in the state team to represent South Australia.

**Well done Jack!**

**Contributed - Fiona & Russ Brown**



**Applications are open**  
**Volunteer to mentor in 2022**

## WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will go home with the youngest child in each family today. There are 16+ hampers to be won.

Tickets and money to be returned to the Finance Office by Wednesday 8th December 2021.

The raffles will be drawn at the final assembly for 2021, Friday 10th December.

**Good luck!**



**BE SAFE THIS SUMMER!**

**Download a copy of YOUR BUSHFIRE TRAVEL COMPANION**

<https://tinyurl.com/e9y6e78u>

## 2021 YEAR 6/7 GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Year 6/7 Graduation Ceremony is fast approaching, taking place on Thursday 9th December. Once again the ceremony will be at the Willunga Rec Park Hall, however this year there will be a slightly different format.

The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will be held from 5:30 – 7:00pm and the Year 7's from 7:30 – 9:00pm.

Families are welcome to attend but numbers will be capped at 4 attendees per graduating student.

Whilst there will be no formal dinner organised by Willunga Primary School, families are encouraged to make their own individual or group dinner arrangements as required. Instead, there will be a lunch time celebration organised for the graduating students. Lunch will be available for students to purchase from Chimichurri Grill Catering.

More information around the Graduation Day schedule and lunch celebration will be communicated with families towards the end of the week.

## SPECIAL FOOD DAY

### Aussie BBQ Sausage Sizzle



**BBQ Sausage in Bread with a Fruit Box, Cinnamon Donut and End of Year Surprise.**

*(Vegetarian and Gluten free Sausages and Bread options available –*

*Contact Jackie or Rachel in the Canteen)*

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (Week 8)**

**\$6.50**

**\*Extra BBQ Sausage in Bread \$1.00 - ONLY when you purchase the Special Food Day Lunch Pack\***

Payments can be made via the QKR App or at the Canteen.

All Orders Must be placed and paid by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

This will be the only lunch item available on this day.

# SPRING FAIR

Thank you to Kate Schipper, Taylah Sanders and Trevor Gobbett and their year 6/7 students for the amazing Spring Fair which was the culmination of their work with the Economics and Business learning area. It was a wonderful day, enjoyed by staff and students alike and raised \$1,600 which will go towards new sports equipment for each class for play times.

