



WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we thrive NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome back

Welcome back to the 2022 school year. It is great to have everyone back at school and it was lovely

to see happy and excited faces for the return to school on Monday. The new logo looks so lovely on all of the uniforms. I would like to say a big thank you to Rachel Paterson for her time and effort to coordinate the new uniforms which take us into a new era as an R-6 school. It has been many hours of work but well worth the hours or time and effort.

This year we begin the school year with 365 students in 14 classes. I would like to extend a warm welcome to new students and their families and especially our 45 new Reception students who begin their Education journey with us at Willunga Primary School in Mrs Ineke Rumball's class and Mrs Lyndsay Sander's class.

This week we welcome Anna Raff back to the school. She will be

working on Fridays in Room 23 E with Anna Aldridge. We are still in the process of appointing an Inclusive Education Leader and I hope to announce this next week. COVID continues to present challenges for our staff, students and families. The annual Acquaintance Night is an opportunity to connect with your child's class teacher and the specialist staff.

This year we will be hosting the Acquaintance Night on Webex from Monday 21st February. A note came home to all families on Tuesday this week. There is information on how to connect to the meetings. Most teachers are using the same Meeting Room and number as they used for online learning.

We hope that despite the current restrictions, you are able to connect with the teaching staff and get to know them and the program they offer.

To help teachers prepare for the meeting, we are asking you to complete a survey about your

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child to help to connect home and school. At the end of the survey you have an opportunity to pose questions for the teaching staff.

Please complete the survey by this Friday 18th February for each of your children at the following link:

AGM

Our AGM will be held on March 1st at 7pm and we will hold our first Governing Council meeting immediately after. Please join the meeting at:

AGM
Tuesday March 1st
7.00pm
Via Webex
<https://signin.webex.com/join>
Meeting number 782 788 541
Our first Governing Council meeting will immediately follow the AGM.

2022 MATERIALS & SERVICES

The Materials & Services charges for 2022 have been approved and set by Governing Council at \$310.

A Tax Invoice relating to Material and Services Charges for this school year, **has been posted to your home address**. Please advise if you have not received the invoice/s.

Thank you to the many parents/ caregivers who have made contact, applied for school card and/or made payment. It is appreciated.

Payment or arrangements for payment or school card application needs to be received by Thursday 14th April 2022. Payment can be made via QKR, Direct Credit, EFTPOS, Centrepay or Cash. Any queries please contact **Lisa Pinder** for more information

SCHOOL CARD

The School Card Scheme is available for families needing financial assistance. Eligibility is not dependent on any member of the family receiving Centrelink benefits. Application can be

completed online <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme> or a form can be obtained from the Finance Office.

PLEASE COMPLETE SCHOOL CARD APPLICATIONS ASAP

The eligibility criteria for the 2022 School Card Scheme is based on the applicant's combined family gross income for the 2020/2021 financial year, being within the School Card limits which are listed below.

Number of Your Dependent Children	2020/2021 Annual School Card Income Limit	2020/2021 Average Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$62440	\$1201
2	\$63555	\$1223
3	\$64670	\$1245
4	\$65785	\$1267
5	\$66900	\$1289
Each additional dependent child	\$1115	\$22

FAMILIES NEED TO APPLY EACH YEAR

If you require further assistance, please call Lisa in the Finance Office.
Lisa Pinder, Business Manager

Diary Dates

18th February
ASSEMBLY

19th – 20th February
2022 CHILLI FEST
WILLUNGA

22nd February
LEON BIGNELL TO PRESENT
NEW FLAGS @ 2:30PM

1st March
GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

14th March
ADELAIDE CUP
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

15th March
YEAR 5/6 AQUATICS

15th – 18th March
R-YEAR 2 SWIMMING

18th March
BULLYING NO WAY DAY

21st March
HARMONY DAY

22nd March
RAA ROAD SAFETY INCURSION
SA POLICE CROSSING
MONITORS TRAINING FOR
YEAR 6 STUDENTS

NEW STAFF & ROLES



KATE SCHIPPER

My name is Kate Schipper. Although I'm not new to the school; I am new to the role this year. This year I am the Assistant Principal at Willunga Primary. My role is to oversee school operations; Wellbeing and Site Improvement. I have been at Willunga Primary School for 5 years now,

and have been teaching for many years. Building relationships with students is my passion. I would like all students to have a sense of belonging and feel they are in a safe, secure and supported environment. Kindness and respect are also very important to me and something I value high on my list.

At Willunga Primary School students have many ways they can access support if they are struggling with their wellbeing. Regular community circles, access to the RESET room, access to staff including myself and Sue Camac are all available. This year we will also commence SRC members to give students a chance to have a voice when making school decisions.

I look forward to sharing our new SRC members next Newsletter with you.



SIOBAHN CONNERY

Hello, I'm Siobahn Connery. I may be a familiar face as I live on the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula with my family.

You will see me throughout Willunga Primary School teaching students with diverse needs. I specialise in delivering the curriculum using flexible learning options,

individualised engagement strategies and nature-based learning.



ANNA HAGELIN-RAFF

Hi I'm Anna, I enjoy being out in nature, swimming in the ocean, keeping active and coffee! I look forward to being a part of lovely Willunga Primary School again this year and seeing some familiar faces.



AIRLIE BARRACROUGH

Hi, my name is Airlie Barracrough (Miss B to the students). I am new to Willunga Primary School this year and will be teaching Year 6. I am very excited for the year ahead and can't wait to meet all the students face-to-face. I grew up on a sheep station in NSW and moved to

Adelaide to attend Flinders University. I love spending time with family and friends, being outside in nature and eating good food. I am very thankful for the opportunity to teach at Willunga Primary School and I look forward to getting to know the wider community.



ANNA ALDRIDGE

My name is Anna Aldridge and I am thrilled to be teaching Year 3 at Willunga this year. I live in the community and my three children have been Willunga Primary over the last 6 years. I did a Bachelor or Junior Primary and Primary teaching many years ago, and while

my children were little, I did my Masters in Education. Over the last 15 years or so, I have been working in Adelaide at Westbourne Park Primary School. I absolutely loved my time at Westbourne Park, but am really excited to work close to home and in a new school setting. I look forward to meeting you at some stage in the near future!



JAMES SEXTON

Hello, my name is James Sexton and I would like to introduce myself to the school community. In my spare time I play football, do weekend running, and explore the outdoors in general. I have come to teaching with previous studies in engineering and science

and enjoy teaching them to my students. I'm excited to begin this new role at Willunga Primary School and look forward to developing students who embrace challenge and value innovation.

JAPANESE

Konnichiwa Minnasan.

Hello everyone! Welcome to Japanese.

Is it too late to say **Shinnen omedetou gozaimasu?**
Surely not?

Happy New year - well, one way to say it in Japanese.

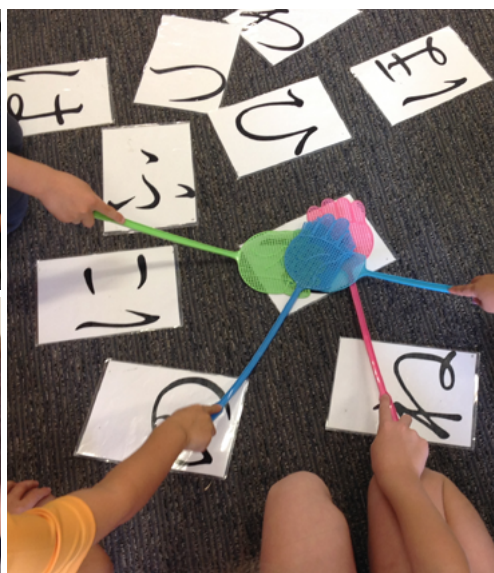
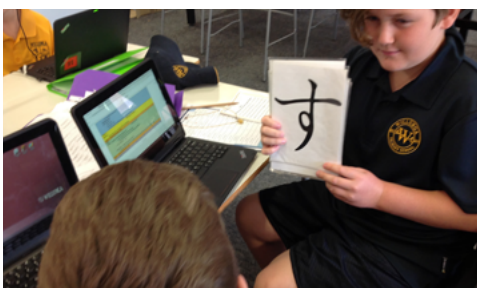
Learning another language can be tricky, as are lots of things, but if we approach it with a positive mind set, and give the learning a go, it will usually become easier. (This is not happening with my IT skills but I will keep trying!). Surprisingly, the best language learners are not always the “smartest” students. They are the students who are confident to have a go, don't mind too much if they make a mistake, are problem solvers and who look at a mistake as a learning curve. I look to each student trying their personal best. So, please

encourage your child with resilience and confidence. In the Japanese classroom, we do a range of activities so that children build confidence in trying to use Japanese. Games, songs, skits, plays, pair work. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Resilience Confidence

These are two very important things about language learning, and life in general. Confidence to have go with new words, work and experiences. Resilience- because we will get things wrong, and we need to have the strength to have another go. Language learning if full opportunities to get things wrong! But how nice is it when we finally get it right?

Helen Lindquist



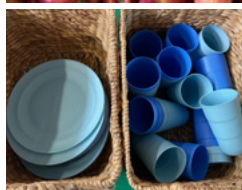
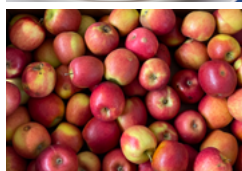
PASTORAL CARE WORKER NEWS

Willunga Primary School is excited to announce that we have started a **BREAKFAST CLUB**.

Breakfast Club is located in the red brick building closest to the front office and entry is via the door opposite the library entrance. All students are welcome to join us before school until 8:40am. There will be toast, fruit and water available.

I hope to see you there for a morning snack, ready to kick start your day of learning.

Sue Camac



You never regret being kind.

NICOLE SHEPHERD