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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It was fabulous to experience our Book Week parade on Friday 26th of August. It was such a happy day and the efforts that families put into costumes was amazing. Thank you. The discussions around books, including characters and plots and the excitement about reading was inspiring and exciting. Thank you to our senior students who led this assembly. This group of students will participate in the regional Readers Rap competition, which will be held at Yankalilla Area School. This annual competition sees students participate in a quiz focused on books that have been selected to read over the past few months. Thank you to Nic Newbold for coordinating this for our school.

The parade was a culmination of a number of events for Book Week including a whole school performance called Story Quest on Thursday 18th August and the Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you to everyone who was able to purchase books from the fair. It was lovely

to see parents and their children looking for books to buy together which in turn benefits our school. A percentage of the purchases are returned to the school so that we can invest in new books for our library. Thank you to **Nic Newbold** for her efforts to bring the book fair to our school.



Our upcoming Colour Run has had almost 200 students registered. There is just over 2 weeks to go. Please register at:

<https://willungaprimarieschoolcolourrun.gofundraise.com.au/>

We are asking our families for your ideas on what we could spend these valuable fundraising dollars on, please go to.....

<https://forms.office.com/r/nRDL34pWZC>

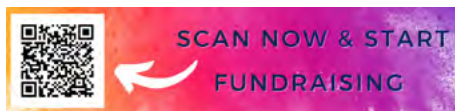
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All classes will be on the oval for the duration of the event with classes enjoying a picnic on the oval to start from 1pm. Parents and families are able to spectate on the chairs that surround the oval perimeter. Liquid Delights will be selling drinks, with a percentage of all purchases donated back to the school.

Excitement is building and we are looking forward to bringing this much loved event to our school.

Melanie Jones - Principal



R U OK?

R U Ok? Day is Thursday 8th September

It's our national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life.



CHOIR UPDATE

Last Thursday our choir attended a rehearsal at Magic Millions. It was a great success, with our choir singing together with over 300 students from all over South Australia and accompanied by a student orchestra. We are excited for our concert which will be held on Thursday September 22nd at the Festival Theatre in week 9.

GRADUATION PLANS 2022

This year we used our school value of EMPOWER to talk to our senior students about what they wanted for graduation.

Students want to celebrate their end of Primary School with a BANG!

Most students wanted food, dancing and more food.

We have decided to break from tradition this year and host graduation at Lloyd Brothers Function Centre.

There will be more information coming out in Term 4- but please save the date:

Thursday 15th December from 5pm - 9:30 pm.

2023 RECEPTION ENROLMENTS

Do you know someone who might be interested in a position in our 2023 Reception classes?

We are in the process of offering round 2 places.

Please contact the Front Office on **8556 2234** to express your interest and join our beautiful community school where **'Together we thrive'**.

Graduation will include things the students wanted: e.g. slushies, dinner, cupcakes, DJ and dance floor. We will make sure they have an absolute blast. The price will be approximately \$40 with the school subsidising this to make it more affordable for all.

Students will be able to invite up to 4 guests for this event to stay for the graduation ceremony part.

Please refer all questions and comments to **Kate Schipper**.

Thanks in advance for your support

REMINDER ABOUT BUSES

Please note the below Student Free Days and School Closure Dates for Term 3 at **WILLUNGA HIGH SCHOOL**

- Friday 9 September – School Closure
- Monday 12 September – Student Free Day
- Wednesday 28 September – Parent Teacher Conference

The **ONLY** school buses that will run on these days are Silver Sands, Sellicks Hill and Hope Forest.

Diary Dates

1st September
FATHER'S DAY STALL

2nd September
NATURE PLAY EXCURSION TO BELAIR NATIONAL PARK – 25D & 25E

ASSEMBLY

8th September
R U OK DAY?

ORCHID CLUB ADELAIDE SHOW EXCURSION

9th September
STUDENT FREE DAY

16th September
COLOUR RUN DAY

20th September
READER'S RAP

23rd September
ASSEMBLY

30th September
LAST DAY OF TERM 3
EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2:05PM

SAPSASA NEWS

SOCCER

Henry was selected for the SAPSASA State Football (Soccer) Carnival to represent Onkaparinga South. There were 74 students from across the region that attended the trial and Henry was among the final 12 chosen to be part of the team.

Henry participated from Monday 22nd August to Wednesday 24th August as he competed in 8 matches across three days. The team won 3 games, lost 4 games and drew 1 game.

Well done Henry on a great effort.



and they kicked two points in the second and third quarter. Then in the last quarter we scored 3 goals and the score was 51- 14.

Our final game was against McLaren Vale and they were the hardest team we were going to play. They put up a good fight, but we won and the final score was 36- 24, our way.

Round 2

We played at Woodcroft College and we arrived at 9:30am. The first game we played was Stirling Primary School. It was a tough game, and we were winning most of the game. Although, unfortunately they kicked three goals in the last quarter and we only kicked two points. We were devastated and we lost by four points.

The next game we played was against Woodcroft College. They were really tall and fast, although we easily won that game and won by over 30 points.

Overall, we had a fun time at SAPSASA footy and we would like to thank Mr Nair for setting it all up and Mr Crate for coaching us.

By Riley, Kaleb and Henry

FOOTBALL

Round 1

We arrived at the oval at 9:15am and began warming up for our game against Seaford Rise. When the game started, we got the ball to the forward lines. **Tyler** got the ball and passed to **Henry** and he kicked the first goal of the game. After that goal, the ball was mostly near our fifty line, then **Tommy** took a mark and he scored a goal. At that point, we were three goals up. After that it was quarter time, then when we got back out there we had not the best quarter, we only kicked 2 goals. That was about the same for the second half of the game. The score was 40-2, our way.

Next we played Port Noarlunga. In the first quarter we kicked 5 goals,

NETBALL

Well done to the girls who participated in the Netball final on Tuesday 31st August. They all worked really hard to get to this point in the competition. They ended up winning 1 out of 4 games and came 4th out of 120 competitors.

Great effort girls!



HOOK INTO BOOKS FOR BOOK WEEK!

Did you realise that a child's brain is not 'hardwired' for reading? Research undertaken by neuroscientists has revealed that reading is possibly the most challenging task we expect the 'young brain' to undertake. Reading must be 'taught' it cannot be 'caught'.

So, why is Reading, listening, and telling stories to children of any age so powerful?

Why?

- It supports positive self-esteem and prosocial behaviour. It builds confidence and resilience, nurtures empathy, creativity and allows for relaxation and escape.
- It is an important mental health protective factor in the adolescent years.
- It supports academic achievement across the school

years – school attachment and retention, one of the most protective factors for children, now and for their futures.

At Life Without Barriers, we are committed to providing learning opportunities to children and young people in out-of-home (OOHC) who experience additional barriers to educational engagement as opposed to their peers.

Do you enjoy reading? Telling and sharing stories?

Kids love to copy adults, and if they see you cuddled up with a good book, telling stories around the dinner table at night or taking time to read the newspaper over a coffee on a Sunday, they may want to join in!

We want our children and young people to enjoy and be motivated to connect to stories.

We can all do simple everyday things to encourage children to read. Creating excitement around literacy can start by reading to them and with them, or by a fun activity like a trip to the library where they can select their own books.

There are so many ways to connect to stories, and from August – October, Life Without Barriers is getting Hooked into Books!

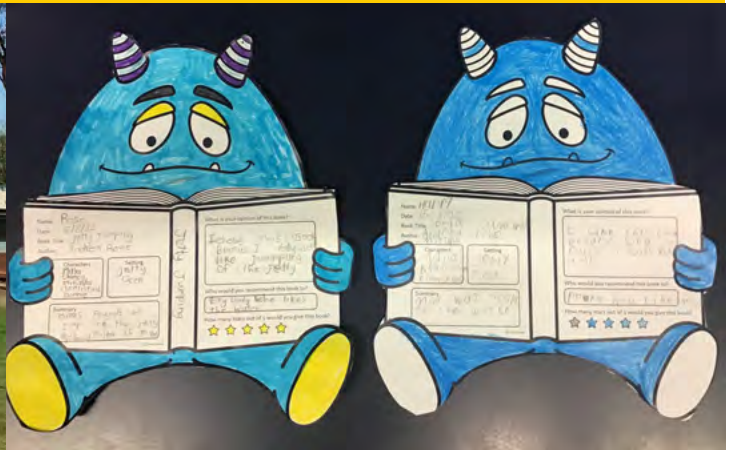
This is a fun campaign of the Life Without Barriers Education Unit – aiming to get everyone telling, sharing, and reading stories!

5 ways to get involved during August. Go to – Hook into Books | Life Without Barriers (lwb.org.au)

We can't wait for you to Hook into a Book with us in 2022!

"There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book."

– Frank Serafin



BOOK WEEK INCURSION

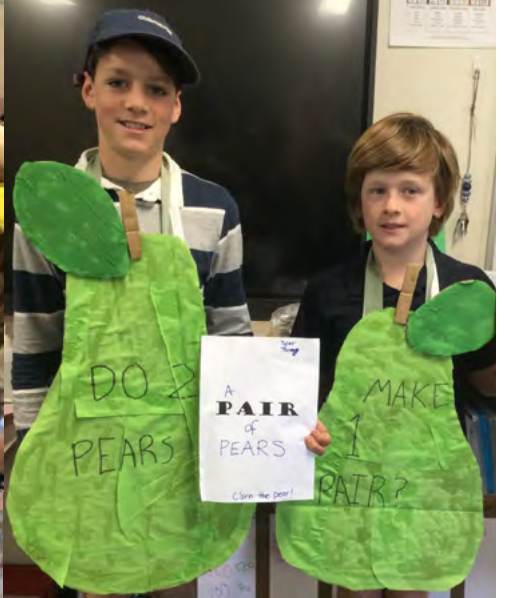
Our whole school incursion for Book Week was a performance by Perform Education, "Story Quest".

It began with Marley wanting to take us on her adventure to find "Happily Ever After", after her dream of having written the most marvellous story. However, together with her best friend Henry, they realise the road to creating her story was much more

difficult than it first seemed.

In fact, they came to understand that sometimes Happily Ever After is more than just an ending - it is also the start of a new beginning, a moment in a never ending storyline. Excited by the possibilities for themselves and for everyone through their new understanding of storytelling and stories old and new, rather than

simply finish the quest with 'happily ever after', they announce 'The Beginning.' The shortlisted books, "Blue Flower", "The First Scientist", "The Boy and the Elephant" and "The Inheritance" helped Henry on following Marley's adventure to reach the destination where dreams come true, even when we need to overcome some pretty significant obstacles.



BOOK WEEK 2023

