



# Hats off to Teachers

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Every year in October, we celebrate World Teacher's Day. This year the theme is "Hats off" to teachers.

I personally, have been teaching for 34 years and feel so fortunate to have chosen a career path in my late teens that I loved and enjoyed so much, for so long. Teaching is a passion and our life's work. It gives us the opportunity to work with a diverse range of staff, students and their families. For me, teaching has given me the opportunity to teach and live in a broad range of communities, including in the far north of the state and regional areas and outer metropolitan Adelaide. I have had opportunities that I am so grateful for including experiencing life in a remote community and learning so much about our First Nations people in communities such as Leigh Creek, Nepabunna and Davenport Mission, located near Port Augusta. It is a profession where each day you learn and grow and that is the

exciting part of the profession. My own son and my niece (who I was lucky enough to teach in Year 2) have also entered the profession and are now teaching. I feel proud and privileged that they are some of the next generation of teachers.

I feel so fortunate to be now leading the Willunga Primary School community. Each day I pinch myself that I am so lucky to be leading this beautiful community school and having the opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of students and their families for that is why we enter the profession, to make a difference. At Willunga Primary School we have a dedicated and passionate group of teachers who work hard together to ensure that our students have every opportunity to succeed. We work together in teaching teams to plan for our students, "go fast go alone, go far go together". There is so much strength in working together and the opportunity for individuals to work together allows everyone

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to bring individual strengths to the team. "Together we thrive."

So this World Teachers Day, I say "Hats off" to our wonderful team here at Willunga Primary School, who work hard to make a difference each and every day to positively impact our students and 'Hats off' to the profession that "makes all other professions possible."

## ATTENDANCE

For students who are enrolled in school, it is mandatory that they attend from 8.45am to 3.05pm. We monitor student attendance, lateness, and early departure. We have noticed that a number

of families collect their children early and for some families, this is frequently. We ask that early departures are kept to a minimum. Often we need to call classrooms multiple times for early pick-ups which disrupts the class and is unfair to the other students and the class teacher who are trying to teach and learn. All early departures need to have a valid reason provided by the parent. If there is a pattern of early departure without a valid reason, families will be approached to apply for an exemption by the Principal as per the Attendance Policy which may or may not be approved, depending on the validity of the reason.

*Melanie Jones - Principal*



# Diary Dates

**3rd November**  
**SCHOOL SPORTS DAY**

**4th November**  
**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

**7th November**  
**LEARNING CONNECT MEETING**  
9:00am

**8th November**  
**FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
8:00am

**9th November**  
**WHOLE SCHOOL FOOTSTEPS**

**10th November**  
**ATSI PERFORMANCE**

**WILLUNGA PRESCHOOL TRANSITION VISIT**  
1:45 – 2:30pm

**11th November**  
**REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

**15th November**  
**GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**  
6:30pm

**NON - WILLUNGA PRESCHOOL TRANSITION VISIT**  
9:00 – 10:30am

**WILLUNGA PRESCHOOL TRANSITION VISIT**  
1:45 – 2:30pm

**2023 RECEPTIONS PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**  
9:00 – 10:30

**16th November**  
**WHOLE SCHOOL FOOTSTEPS**

**23rd November**  
**WHOLE SCHOOL FOOTSTEPS**

**2023 RECEPTIONS 1:1 MEET THE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS**

**GROUNDS MEETING**  
3:30pm

# FOLK FESTIVAL

On the 21st October, nine Year six students and one Year five student performed in the 2022 Fleurieu Folk Festival.

We all performed on stage to an audience with half of us performing solos. All of the songs we performed, except for one, were written by Peter Combe.

There was one song produced by a narrator who provided snippets of information about Peter Combe throughout the show. **Dave**, the instructor, taught us these songs

over the past few months. We sang a song that we performed as an introduction, where we informed everyone attending which school we were from and how we had worked together on the songs for the show. This particular song was the only one that wasn't by Peter Combe.

We all had lots of fun and felt privileged to have the opportunity to be a part of the festival.

*Addi & Cushla*



# ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

If your child will not be attending Willunga Primary School in 2023 in a Reception - Year 6 class, can you please contact the front office on **8556 2234** or email **belinda.aldenhoven628@schools.sa.edu.au** to advise upon your movements. It is important to know how many students we have enrolled to finalise classes for the year ahead.

# PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations Willunga Primary School on being selected to attend the Premier's Reading Challenge Reception.

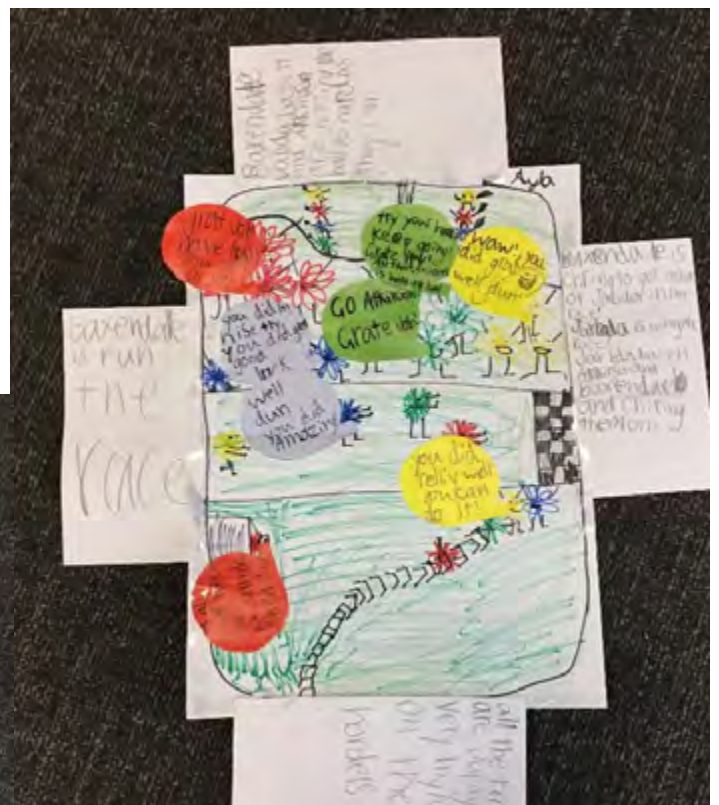
We were one of 55 high achieving schools to be invited to this event out of 650 schools that completed the challenge. More information to come next newsletter.

*Mrs Newbold (Library)*

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN 23C

With Sports Day fast approaching we based some learning around this much anticipated event. Firstly, we drew scribble characters performing sports day VERBS. We then wrote positive comments in speech bubbles. These comments reflect our school's CARE values. Finally, we wrote some really detailed sentences including a verb, adverb, noun and an adjective. I have randomly selected one example from each Sport's Day Team.

Our class hopes you have a wonderful day on Sports Day.



# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN 23E

"We have been revising how to tell the time for o'clock, quarter-past, half past and quarter-to and now we are going into the five minute intervals. This picture is when we made a time on the clock and told our partner, but didn't show them, and then our partner had to draw it on the picture of the clock and write the digital time."

**Milly**

"In HASS we were doing a Powerpoint presentation on a special community. My community was Aldinga. Kai was doing the same".

**Jaxx**

"In Art we have been learning about Pete Cromer and his artwork. We got to make our own bird collages. Mine is the blue bird".

**Joel**

"In writing we have been learning about information reports and we had to pick an animal and then research it. Next we got to write an information report about the animal".

**Sage**

"In Science we have been learning about animals and we made a book about the animal that we chose and then made a diorama to show the habitat of the animal."

**Patrick**

We have started learning how to pick a book and get ideas from it. I used the book "Koalas Eat Ice creams" and have written my own book about kookaburras. It's called "Kookaburras Eat Rats". We are now drawing a storyboard about what happens in the story. We are going to turn it into a Stop Motion video".

**Olivia**



# NUNGA GROUP AT WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every Thursday all Aboriginal and Torres strait island students of our school meet with **Bek** and **James** for 'Nunga group'. This time is where students have the opportunity to learn about their culture and connect with other Aboriginal people. Activities involve; learning Kurna language, painting, weaving, indigenous games, boomerang throwing, making damper and working in the garden. Students have developed positive relationships with each other by acknowledging their country and collaborating on different art works and games.

On Thursday of week 4 all students are invited to an Aboriginal Cultural Performance. The performance will involve traditional song and dance. It will be a great opportunity for all students of our school to be immersed in Aboriginal culture.

Our older students share their thoughts on 'Nunga group'.

*'we call it Nunga group because Nunga is Nunga for Nunga'*

*'I like going to nunga group to hang out with Bek and James and throw the boomerangs.'* **Michael.**

*"We get to do cultural stuff and play indigenous games."* **Monique**  
*We get to play games, paint and we get to see other Aboriginal kids. Its good that I'm aboriginal.* **Tyler.**

*If's fun in Nunga group, we get to hang out with each other.* **Emmie.**



## ATSI PERFORMANCE

As part of our Aboriginal cultural experience at Willunga Primary School, we have invited Aboriginal artist David Booth and his sons to perform and share about their culture.

All students are invited to attend the performance in the hall on Thursday the 10th of November (week 4) at 9:30.

The performance will involve a traditional dance in full traditional attire. We will listen to a traditional story, see a Yidaki (didjeridoo) explanation and demonstration and watch and participate in a dance.

The cost for the incursion will be \$5 per student as per the parent consent notice sent home on Wednesday 26th October.



# SCIENCE NEWS

The Oliphant Science Awards is an annual competition for South Australian school students that aims to support, encourage and celebrate science education within South Australian schools.

The competition is open to students in Reception through to year 12 and includes a range of categories to suit a wide variety of abilities and interests.

The Oliphant Science Awards embraces the notion of inclusivity, providing all South Australian

students with the opportunity to explore, participate and engage in science.

Learning science encourages students to develop a range of skills such as observation, prediction and communication as well as expanding their knowledge within and between the diverse domains of science. A huge congratulations to 2 of our senior students who were invited to accept their award last Friday night.

Well done to Evie and Angus who won an award for their work on

weather balloons.

We are proud of your efforts representing Willunga Primary School.



# RESET ROOM TERM 4 FOCUS – RESILIENCE

Each term our Reset room has a focus for learning. The reset room is a space in our school where students can go to 'reset' and regulate their emotions. It is also a place where they can learn some skills to better manage when they are in the Blue, Red, Yellow or Green Zones.

Some students have scheduled time to learn these skills whilst they are in the Green zone, and some students use the room when they are needing a place to reset and regulate. Once in the room, and checked in; students are given opportunities to regulate and learn about how their brains and bodies work. All learning is based on the Zones of Regulation and are related to our school CARE values. Students then do some learning

based on the Personal and Social Capabilities from the Australian Curriculum, as well as the Health and Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum.

**This term in the RESET room we are learning about RESILIENCE.**

How do you bounce back when you are faced with a problem?

Having problems, making mistakes, stressful situations, accidents and bad things do happen.

How can we train our brains how to cope and manage these difficult situations?

Who are your support people?

What strategies do you use when a difficult situation presents itself?

Do you have any strategies to pass on to your children?

It's important as parents that we

ask ourselves these questions before expecting our kids to know how to cope appropriately when a problem arises. Do we model resilience? Are there positive role models around? Do we rescue our kids or do we let them problem solve and learn strategies to help themselves?

There are many benefits of teaching resilience skills. Learning resilience skills helps manage challenge, change, stress and improves wellbeing.

One definition of Resilience: "Resilience is the ability to adapt to difficult situations. When stress, adversity or trauma strikes, you still experience anger, grief and pain, but you're able to keep functioning — both physically and psychologically."

# MATERIALS AND SERVICES 2023

Please find the notice attached regarding the Materials and Services for 2023.

We are inviting parents and caregivers to attend the Governing Council meeting on 15th November at 6:30pm where we will be seeking final approval to charge \$360 in 2023.

In lieu of attendance at the meeting, parents and caregivers can express their views in writing to the Chairperson of the Governing

Council prior to the meeting.

We are introducing an Incursion levy of \$40 that will cover whole school incursions. This reduces the number of events we are seeking payment for across the year and which are a compulsory requirement in the Curriculum such as Footsteps Dance, Book Week performances and other whole school visiting performers. In future years we plan to include Swimming and Aquatics in the levy.

As well as minimising request for payment by families across the year it also reduces the impact at the site in relation to processing of payments for events that all which all students are participating. An incursion levy is a common practice in schools and one that supports streamlined processes for our Administration team.

I am sure you will agree that \$360 is certainly an excellent investment and is money well spent.



Willunga Primary School - 0744		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2023		
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	\$25.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$0.00
	Photocopied Material	\$35.00
	<b><i>SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)</i></b>	<b><i>\$60.00</i></b>
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$70.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b><i>SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)</i></b>	<b><i>\$70.00</i></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	\$60.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$30.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$70.00
	Incursions	\$40.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b><i>SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)</i></b>	<b><i>\$200.00</i></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><i>SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)</i></b>	<b><i>\$30.00</i></b>
<b>Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)</b>		<b>\$360.00</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
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00

## WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL 2022 SPORTS DAY TIMETABLE PRIMARY



TIME	23E	19	20	21A	21B	2A	2D
9.00AM	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>						
9.10AM	<b>HOUSE CHANT &amp; HEALTH HUSTLE</b>						
9.30AM	HIGH JUMP	SPRINTS	NOVELTY RACES	RUGBY	ACCURACY THROW	HURDLES	MARATHON
9.55AM	SPRINTS	NOVELTY RACES	RUGBY	ACCURACY THROW	HURDLES	MARATHON	HIGH JUMP
10.20AM	NOVELTY RACES	RUBY	ACCURACY THROW	HURDLES	MARATHON	HIGH JUMP	SPRINTS
10.45AM	<b>RECESS</b>						
11.15AM	RUGBY	ACCURACY THROW	HURDLES	MARATHON	HIGH JUMP	SPRINTS	NOVELTY RACES
11.40AM	ACCURACY THROW	HURDLES	MARATHON	HIGH JUMP	SPRINTS	NOVELTY RACES	RUGBY
12.05PM	HURDLES	MARATHON	HIGH JUMP	SPRINTS	NOVELTY RACES	RUGBY	ACCURACY THROW
12.30PM	<b>PACK UP</b>						
12.35PM	<b>LUNCH EATING</b>						
12.45PM	<b>LUNCH</b>						
1.20PM	<b>CHAMPIONSHIP SPRINTS, RELAYS &amp; TUG-A-WAR</b>						
2.00PM	<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>						
2.10PM	<b>CLOSE</b>						

### EVENTS (25MINS PER ACTIVITY)

PRIMARY		
EVENT	AREA ON MAP	LEAD BY
HURDLES	OVAL – HURDLE TRACK	CLASS TEACHER
HIGH JUMP	OVAL	MOGANN
NOVELTY RACES	OVAL	CLASS TEACHER
ACCURACY THROW	HARD COURT	CLASS TEACHER
MARATHON	OVAL	CLASS TEACHER
SPRINTS	OVAL – RUNNING TRACK	CLASS TEACHER
RUGBY	SMALL OVAL	RUGBY CLUB

- INCLUDE FRUIT IN SECOND OR THIRD EVENT
- 25 MINS PER ACTIVITY – INCLUDES MOVEMENT BETWEEN ACTIVITIES
- THERE ARE 7 EVENTS – EVERYONE WILL MISS ONE EVENT

## WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL 2022 SPORTS DAY TIMETABLE JUNIOR PRIMARY



TIME	25A	25B	25D	25E	23A	23B	22C
9.00AM	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>						
9.10AM	<b>HOUSE CHANT &amp; HEALTH HUSTLE</b>						
9.30AM	SOCCER	DANCE	NOVELTY RACES	TAG CHASEY	HURDLES	TENNIS	NETBALL
9.55AM	DANCE	NOVELTY RACES	TAG CHASEY	HURDLES	TENNIS	NETBALL	SOCCER
10.20AM	NOVELTY RACES	TAG CHASEY	HURDLES	TENNIS	NETBALL	SOCCER	DANCE
10.45AM	<b>RECESS</b>						
11.15AM	TAG CHASEY	HURDLES	TENNIS	NETBALL	SOCCER	DANCE	NOVELTY RACES
11.40AM	HURDLES	TENNIS	NETBALL	SOCCER	DANCE	NOVELTY RACES	TAG CHASEY
12.05PM	TENNIS	NETBALL	SOCCER	DANCE	NOVELTY RACES	TAG CHASEY	UP HURDLES
12.30PM	<b>PACK UP</b>						
12.35PM	<b>LUNCH EATING</b>						
12.45PM	<b>LUNCH</b>						
1.20PM	<b>CHAMPIONSHIP SPRINTS, RELAYS &amp; TUG-A-WAR</b>						
2.00PM	<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>						
2.10PM	<b>CLOSE</b>						

### EVENTS (25MINS PER ACTIVITY)

JUNIOR PRIMARY		
EVENT	AREA ON MAP	LEAD BY
HURDLES	OVAL	CLASS TEACHER
DANCE	SHOW HALL	KERSTIN
NOVELTY RACES	OVAL	TIFFANY
TENNIS	WILLUNGA TENNIS COURTS	WILLUNGA TENNIS CLUB
SOCCER	GYM	SAM
NETBALL	WILLUNGA NETBALL COURTS	WILLUNGA NETBALL CLUB
TAG CHASEY	OVAL	CLASS TEACHER

- INCLUDE FRUIT IN SECOND OR THIRD EVENT
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Rec - 2  
Netball

Rec - 2  
Tennis



High Jump

Rec - 2  
Hurdles

Atkinson  
House

Bassett  
House

UP Hurdles

**Marathon**

**Gym**  
Rec - 2 Soccer

Show Hall  
Rec - 2

Rec - 2  
Tag Chasey

Jarbada  
House

Baxendale  
House

Sprints

Liquid Delights  
drinks/food



Rec - 2  
Novelty Races

Year 3 — 7

Scoring  
First Aid

Music & Sound

Playground

Hard Courts



Canteen

Playground

Small  
Basketball  
court

Nature Play

Playground



Year 3 — 6  
Rugby

Playground

**Sports Day!**

**2022**