



PRINCIPAL: Melanie Jones

★ 247 Main Road Willunga SA 5172

☎ 08 8556 2234

✉ dl.0744.info@schools.sa.edu.au

🌐 willungaps.sa.edu.au

ABSENCE TEXT LINE: 0429 632 559

OSHC PHONE: 0438 761 656



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

## FROM LEADERSHIP

We are currently determining our class structure for 2023 based on a range of factors. These include:

- the estimated numbers of students in each year level
- staff and team teaching arrangements
- the learning needs of all students
- class locations and more

This also involves knowing about who will be teaching at Willunga in 2023 and the year levels each teacher will be taking, usually not fully confirmed until the end of the school year. Typically, there are changes to staffing each year. This involves: new teachers arriving, teachers leaving, teachers returning from or taking leave, and teachers increasing/decreasing their fraction of teaching time.

In 2023, classes will be spread across Reception to Year 6. Each year, class groupings are configured based on student numbers across all year levels. Schools are funded on the basis of 26 students per class in Reception to Year 2 and 30 students per class in Years 3 to 6. As is the case in most schools, composite

classes (e.g. Year 4/5 together) will be formed along with straight year level classes. Composite classes are no different to straight year level classes where a range of student abilities and learning dispositions exist. Teachers work closely in professional learning teams to plan learning programs catering for a range of ages and abilities in every class.

When placing students in classes there are many factors to consider, including; learner achievement, the social and emotional needs of students, behaviour, special needs and friendships.

### Friendships

- Every effort is made to place students with at least one friend. Friendships often change for many students from year to year. Students are encouraged to develop new friendships each year, which is a life skill and helps build resilience.
- In some cases, teachers find it advantageous for some students not to be placed together.
- Friendships across classes and year levels are supported and

CONTINUED NEXT PAGE

# FROM LEADERSHIP CONTINUED

encouraged at play times. Good friendships thrive and grow in these times and beyond school times. Parents are well placed to support these friendships beyond the school day.

## Parent Input

- Thank you for those parents who have given input for their children.
- Please note:
  - Requests for specific teachers were not considered in the placement process.
  - Teachers and staff are in the best position to place students according to the factors outlined above, taking into consideration parent requests.

## Note:

- Teachers and leaders factor in their knowledge of each child and how they engage in learning and interact with others to make balanced placement decisions.

- For reasons of privacy and confidentiality we are not able to share with parents and caregivers the reasons for placements.
- We expect class placements to be completed by the end of Week 8, with placements shared with students and families in Week 9.

**There will be a transition meet and greet during Week 9 and information will come home about the class your child is in for next year.**

- Staff members will not disclose the composition of proposed classes prior to this announcement.

Please rest assured, a great deal of thought, planning and time goes into forming new classes.

We respectfully ask that you trust us in making these important decisions.

Kind Regards,

*Mel Jones and Kate Schipper*

# 2022 REPORTS & 2023 CLASS PLACEMENTS

Students will receive their 2022 Semester 2 report on Wednesday 14th December. Families will also be advised of their child's 2023 class placement on this day.

# REMEMBRANCE DAY

## Lest We Forget

Many years ago they fought and died for us  
They did what had to be done  
We will always remember what you did  
At the going down of the sun  
Poppies blow at the ceremonies  
The ones that are all about you  
What you did when you did it  
And how you saw the day through  
You are thought about nowhere near enough  
It makes me so upset  
You'll never be forgotten  
Lest we forget

*Cleo – 2A*



# Diary Dates

**23rd November**  
**WHOLE SCHOOL FOOTSTEPS**  
**2023 RECEPTIONS 1:1 MEET**  
**THE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS**  
**GROUPS COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING 3:30pm**

**24th November**  
**2023 RECEPTIONS –**  
**TRANSITION VISIT 8:30 – 12:00pm**  
**LEARNING CONNECT**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING 9:00am**

**25th November**  
**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 9:05am**

**28th Nov – 2nd Dec**  
**YEAR 3-4 SWIMMING**

**29th November**  
**OSHC/CANTEEN COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING 2:00pm**

**30th November**  
**2023 RECEPTIONS 1:1 MEET**  
**THE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS**

**2nd December**  
**FINANCE ADVISORY**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING 8:00am**

**6th December**  
**FINAL GOVERNING COUNCIL**  
**MEETING FOR 2023**  
6pm at the Bush Inn for a 6:30pm  
dinner with all school committee  
members

**7th December**  
**WHOLE SCHOOL FOOTSTEPS**

**8th December**  
**TWILIGHT PICNIC 5:30 – 7:30pm**  
**ALDINGA PAYINTHI COLLEGE**  
**YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY**

**9th December**  
**WILLUNGA HIGH SCHOOL**  
**YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY**  
**CASUAL CLOTHES DAY**  
(come dressed in Xmas theme)  
**CHARITY DROP XMAS**  
**DONATIONS FOR ANGLICARE**

**15th December**  
**YEAR 6 GRADUATION NIGHT**

**16th December**  
**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 9:05am**  
**LAST DAY OF TERM 4**  
Early dismissal at 2:05pm



## TERM 4 MUSIC / DRAMA

This term all classes have been developing their drama skills.

The Junior Primary students have been developing story content, practicing rhythm and rhyme, working in pairs and small groups.

The Middle Primary classes have worked on improvisation and character development, as well as practicing performance and audience skills. Some dance games have also been included.

Upper Primary students have been developing improvisation, character, voice and stage presence.

In music, they have explored dance and rhythm.

As the new music/drama teacher for Term 4, it has been a pleasure to get to know the students more and I greatly value the experience.

*Kerstin Von Shearing*



## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE RECEPTION

On Tuesday 8th November, two Year 6 students, Cleo and Roisin, represented Willunga Primary School at the Premier's Reading Challenge Reception which was held at the Adelaide Zoo. Unfortunately, the Premier himself was unable to attend so Mr Blair Boyer (Minister for Education) gave the speech reminding students to keep on growing their love of books and developing their skills by always reading.

Charles Campbell College

presented a performance of 'Bad Guys' before a certificate and bag of books for each school's library was presented to the students.

School names were read by author ambassadors Rosanne Hawke and Adam Cece.

It was an honour to be invited to this Reception and every child at Willunga Primary School who participated in this challenge should feel very proud in achieving outstanding success in 2022!

*Nicole Newbold/Lisa Hunt, Library*



## PASTORAL CARE WORKER NEWS

As many of you know, eight weeks after my mum recently passed away, my dad then passed away too. On reflecting what to say at my dad's funeral I thought about a suggestion my dad had given me to write for an essay at school. I was in Year 10 and we were given free choice. I loved the idea of free choice essays but then could never think of what to write. Dad gave me the suggestion to write about collecting things. He said to start writing about when I collected Smurf figurines. At the time I was collecting them, they were 99c at BP service stations and it took me quite a while to save up with my pocket money. Dad said write about the cost of collecting them. Next, he said write about when you were collecting stamps but then you stopped because all your friends stopped as it wasn't cool anymore. Next he said, write about when you started collecting all sorts of owls but then they took over your shelves and constantly needed dusting. Finally, he said finish off with what you have collected over the years, that has not cost you anything, has not grown old, has not collected dust but is priceless and that is memories!

Looking forward into the Christmas season it's worth remembering it's great memories that are the priceless gifts we can give to our families.

**MasterChef:** 40 Year 6 students have joined in the fun this year. So far, they have performed the Taste Test challenge and **Cake Decorating**. Coming up this week for them is the **Invention Test!**

**Willunga's Got Talent!** The votes are in, winners will be announced soon.

*Sue Camac*

# FIRST NATIONS' NEWS



## Impala Performance

On Thursday the 10th of November we were very fortunate to have Impala perform for us. Impala-meaning butterfly, is a group of Aboriginal artists, who shared about their Aboriginal culture through story, song and dance. The group consisted of **Dave Booth** and his three sons who were from various First Nations countries, and they taught us about Peramangk, Ngarrindjeri and Kurna culture and language.

The performance involved students learning about traditional song, dance and story-telling and the significance to traditional Aboriginal culture.

David introduced the Yidaki from Arnhem land (English name = didgeridoo). Students learnt how the wood was traditionally found, carved and hollowed.

David explained that the yidaki is a men's instrument and showed students the breathing and playing techniques required to create different sounds. Everyone enjoyed naming the sounds that they heard.

David showed us different types of boomerangs and their uses and described different hunting techniques. We learnt that the boomerang was the first aerodynamic design, which were developed by First Nations people.

Students learnt about the many properties of different plants, particularly the wattle tree, and that their seeds produced the first types of bread.

All students were engaged for the duration of the performance and enjoyed the music and dance.

***Bek Price, ATSI Teacher***



## CHARITY DROP XMAS DONATIONS FOR ANGLICARE

We all know Christmas is a time for joy but for those doing it tough – it is often challenging, heartbreaking and isolating. By collecting and donating food or gifts, you can help us make sure we leave no one in need this festive season.

Every year at Willunga Primary School we choose to help those who need support at this time of year. We will be having our final Casual Clothes Day on Friday Week 8 (9th of December). Instead of the regular gold coin donation, Anglicare are asking our school community for assistance in the following ways:

- Collection of non-perishable food item
- Collection of new toys, new games or new clothes for children
- Gift Vouchers

We are asking students/families to please bring all donations to the front office prior to school commencing on Friday 9th December. Anglicare will then collect and distribute to people in need.

We thank you in advance and hope you can help support this valuable cause.



# 2022 SPORTS DAY

The 2022 school sports day was a huge success, enjoyed by students, staff and families. The weather conditions were perfect for the occasion and although Atkinson took first place, scores were close throughout the day. The final scores were:

<b>ATKINSON</b>	<b>1155.00</b>
<b>BASSETT</b>	<b>975.00</b>
<b>JARBADA</b>	<b>1046.00</b>
<b>BAXENDALE</b>	<b>880.00</b>

Well done to all the students for their participation and good sportsmanship and a big thank you to all of our helpers, many hands made for a successful and fun day.



## 2022 SPORTS DAY



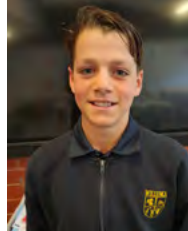




## 2022 SPORTS DAY



# SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA 12 YEARS AND UNDER TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS



We were excited to have Tommy selected to represent School Sport SA at the School Sport Australia 12 years and under track and field championships, held in Brisbane, Queensland, Thursday 17 to Monday 21 November, 2022. Tommy performed very well finishing 11th in Australia for Under 11's 800m.

Well done Tommy on a fantastic effort.

## TWILIGHT CONCERT

Thursday 8th December  
5:30pm (for 6 start) – 7:30pm

Please join us for an evening of celebration and community.

Bring a deck chair or a rug, pack a picnic dinner and join us as we sing Christmas Carols for family and friends.

Pre-ordered sausages in bread available from 5.15pm from the Canteen

Pre-orders only available in QKR  
Canteen will be selling drinks and ice blocks on the day.

### GOOD NEWS!

We are running additional come and try sessions for our junior girls teams - Under 13 to Under 17!  
We are also exploring at fielding all girls miniroos teams (Under 7 to Under 11)

We are after players of any experience, girls who used to play, have played other sports or are curious to come out and give a new sport a go. If you missed out on a spot at another club, or if you are unhappy with experiences at a past club, then you are welcome to come experience things at Noarlunga United Soccer Club.

**Saturday 12th - 10am to 11am (all age groups)**  
Noarlunga United Soccer Club - Wilfred Taylor Reserve,  
Sports Park Dr, Morphett Vale

To register - email:  
[leighmichaelmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:leighmichaelmatthews@gmail.com)