



WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER | TERM 1, WEEK 3

FEBRUARY 15TH, 2023



"Together we thrive"

Key Dates

Way 2 Go Bike Ed
21st & 28th Feb

Annual General Meeting
Held in the Staffroom
28th Feb, 6:30pm

Aquatics Year 5/6
1st Mar

Combined Choir Rehearsal
2nd Mar

Clean Up Australia Day
3rd Mar

STUDENT FREE DAY
17th Feb
OSHC will be open

A Fabulous Start

By Melanie Jones
Principal

There is certainly a positive feel across the site and I've been really proud of how our students have settled into their new classrooms.

It has been rewarding and inspiring to see how our students have started the new school year and I'm excited for all we have planned and will achieve this year.

This year, we welcomed 61 new Reception students and it has been lovely to see them settle into school. Watching lots of excited little students join our school community with great enthusiasm and anticipation always pulls at the heartstrings.

Thank you all for the uptake of our school dress code and the new items we have added over the past few years, including our smart new school dress. There is a real sense of pride in our school uniform for staff, students and families and I would like to thank Rachel Paterson for her passion and commitment to our uniform, we are all so appreciative of her service and delivery. You can find our school uniform shop next to the window adjacent to Student Services and be sure to check out some newly added items including our popular school beanie for \$15.



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A Fabulous Start (-cont.)

It is wonderful that Covid restrictions have now eased and we see the return of our much loved school programs and events including: PSW Morning Tea with Sue every Wednesday, the return of parents and families to the site with no restrictions and our Acquaintance Night which have all been missing from the school calendar over the past few years. I am looking forward to a great school year where "Together we thrive."

Melanie Jones - Principal



Quote of the week

Don't let your ice cream melt while you're counting other people's sprinkles!



Don't forget!

Parent Morning Tea is on every Wednesday in the OSHC room from 8.50am

School Calendar



<https://willungaps.sa.edu.au/calendar/>

Kyton's Easter Fundraiser

Orders open Wednesday 1st March

Clean Up Australia Day 2023 Friday 3rd March

Willunga Primary School has registered for 2023 Schools Clean Up Australia Day which will see all students picking up rubbish around the school and local community.

Over the past two years, we've seen severe bushfires, cyclones and floods, and increased pressures on our biodiversity and an ever-growing volume of waste leading into our natural and marine environment.

Schools Clean Up Day is a great opportunity to work together and take practical action. Students are encouraged to bring in their own pair of gloves to assist in this day.



Soft Plastics Competition - Get Your Entries In!



This term, our focus is on sustainability. Some time ago, Wendy, one of our SSO's, got me inspired to recycle soft plastics. I was then very enthusiastically saving all my soft plastics and taking them to Coles to be recycled. Now that they can't be recycled, I thought we could at least make one more use out of them before they go in the bin!

Make something out of the soft plastics you usually toss in the bin!

Things like muesli wrappers, chip packets, bread bags etc

We'll pick a winner for Reception, Year 1-2, Year 3-4 and Year 5-6

Entries need to be in by the end of Week 5 - FRIDAY 3rd March

I can't wait to see what you come up with!



Student Wellbeing

By Sue Camac, Pastoral Support Worker

For those who are new to Willunga Primary, I'm Sue Camac, Pastoral Care Worker at the school. I am here on Mondays and Wednesdays. I have a CERT IV in Youth Work, which is a requirement of my role and I'm a Chaplain with Disaster & Recovery Ministries of SA. My role at the school involves a range of activities.

Working with Kate Schipper in student wellbeing undertaking individual catch-ups, helping in classrooms, running small groups, lunchtime programs, parent morning teas and being a link between the local churches and wider community. Through that link I've been able to organise meals for people who are unwell, Foodbank vouchers, food hampers and working with the Anglican Church who now kindly supplement our Breakfast Club supplies.

I have three adult children of my own so whilst I don't understand everyone's personal story, I certainly know that parenting isn't easy and has its ups and downs! If you ever want to have a coffee and a chat, feel free to leave a message for me in the front office or email me on sue.camac616@schools.sa.edu

Community Circles

Room 2D (Mrs Brown's class) have been making the most of the lovely weather by holding our Community Circles outside at the Indigenous Garden.

In Community Circles, we learn and share strategies on how we regulate ourselves to help stay in the 'Green Zone' ready for learning. We also group problem solve which gives us new strategies to help us know how to solve social issues.



Volunteers Needed!

Ever thought about becoming a parent volunteer at our school?

We are currently looking for parents and carers to help out with the Governing Council, school committees, morning Library Support, Garden Club, excursions, camps, SAPSASA events and more.

To volunteer in a school environment, you must have:

- A current Working with Children Check. If you do not have this check and wish to volunteer, see Belinda in the front office and she can initiate the check at no cost to you. You will be required to supply your full name and DOB. Once initiated, further instructions will be emailed to you from DHS.
- RRHAN-EC Training. Volunteers must set up a PLINK account. To sign up and register your details, go to www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/signup.jsf You will then be able to undertake the online RRHAN-EC training <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/working-us/rrhan-ec/fundamentals-course-responding-risks-harm-abuse-and-neglect-education-and-care>
- Online Volunteer's Induction via PLINK: <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/working-us/volunteers/what-volunteers-need-know/when-you-start-volunteer-inductions#online-induction>
- A site induction will be provided before volunteer work. A copy of all certificates must be supplied to the school.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Please welcome our new staff members



Alice Uemura – Japanese

Konnichi wa. Hajimemashte. I'm Ms Uemura ('Sensei') and I'm thrilled to be teaching your children Japanese this year. I have a passion for sharing the Japanese language and culture. I lived in Japan for two years, teaching English and met my Japanese husband. We travel back and forth to spend time with family and friends! I can't wait to teach children at Willunga Primary all I know.



Andrew Weatherill – Year 5/6 2B

I'm teaching a wonderful Year 5/6 class this year. I taught at Goolwa Primary for 10 years and other schools for 9 years prior. In 2020 my family and I travelled to Canada on a teacher exchange. Yard duties in minus 19 degrees were one of the many memorable experiences! I'm married with two high school-aged kids. I live at Middleton and love to surf. I'm passionate about teaching and expect high standards from myself and my students.



Casey Haasbroek – Music/Performing Arts

I'm delighted to be teaching Performing Arts (Music, Dance and Drama). I grew up in Balaklava, a small town north of Adelaide and moved to the city to study music teaching at Uni. This is my second year of teaching and I'm excited for the term ahead as we foster a love for the Performing Arts. I'm enjoying getting to know my students and the school community.



Ellin Fulford – 21A Year 3

Hello! I'm extremely excited to be teaching Year 3 at Willunga Primary this year. I have recently moved to South Australia from Melbourne, Victoria and before that, I lived and taught in England. I'm looking forward to sharing my love of reading, science and the environment and learning more about this incredible community. I can't wait to meet you.



Nicola Broadhead – Year 4/5 2C

Hello, I'm excited to be here! For the past 10 years I've been teaching at Woodcroft and Morphet Vale Primary Schools where I have taught each year level from Reception to Year 5. I've had a wonderful start here with supportive staff, parents and a great group of Year 4/5 students. I look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone more.



Kimberley Higgins – Science

I've been teaching for 10 years and spent time teaching across the school last year. This year I'm teaching science and I've loved building connections with staff, children and families. I'm thrilled to be part of such a wonderful school community. I've been teaching for 10 years. I have an interest in gardening so I'm looking forward to helping to run the Garden Club at Willunga.



Tayla Heinrich – Year 5/6 2B

I'm excited to begin my teaching career at Willunga Primary. I was fortunate to complete my second year teaching placement here, and later be employed as an SSO. To work at a school with such a wonderful community is something I am very grateful for. I'll be teaching students in Year 4, 5, & 6 this year and I am excited to watch them grow in their learning.



Health & PE in 2023

In Term 1, the Receptions and Year 1/2s will practise and perform fundamental movement skills and movement sequences including balance, locomotor (different ways to move from A to B) and object control (throwing and catching). The Year 3/4s, will refine their fundamental movement skills and be introduced to Badminton, learning the basic skills. They will also be engaged in Athletics activities in preparation for Sports Day. The Year 5/6s will practice specialist movement skills and apply them specifically to Badminton and Athletics. They will also be actively be engaged in Invasion games and other modified games.

Mogann Nair – PE Teacher

Building a Positive School Community For All

By Deputy Principal – Kate Schipper



Hello everyone, my name is Kate Schipper and I am very grateful to be the Deputy Principal and Wellbeing leader at Willunga Primary. My passion is to assist all children to build positive relationships and develop a sense of belonging in a safe,

secure and supported environment.

"In education, wellbeing is important for two reasons. The first is the recognition that schooling should not just be about academic outcomes but about wellbeing of the 'whole child'. The second is that students who have higher levels of wellbeing tend to have better cognitive outcomes at school."

The Student Wellbeing Leader is a proactive role, providing help and support for students and the wider school community to help manage things that are happening in their lives. My role is to help students to develop the skills and confidence to be able to do so more independently in the future.

Teachers and parents are able to refer a student for wellbeing support. We also give students many opportunities to seek support through community circles, Reset room and teaching social and emotional programs. When we partner closely with families and the community we are best positioned to support children's wellbeing.



Priorities within my role include:

- Overseeing the RESET room and Zones of Regulation
- Helping students develop an ability to self-regulate
- Working with Sue (Pastoral Care) to provide individual and small group wellbeing check-ins
- Making sure our teachers are trained in current, research based wellbeing programs including trauma informed practises, What's the Buzz and Positive Behaviour for learning
- Teaching social and emotional development skills through community circles and 'What's the Buzz'
- Instilling a strong sense of belonging, school pride, and community where every voice is valued
- Fostering students' resilience and growth mindset
- Monitoring student attendance
- Developing student leadership capabilities and running our SRC
- Supporting children who are experiencing difficulties
- Working together with families and teachers
- Creating personalised 'Ready to Learn' plans to help individual students be ready for learning, and more!

I encourage you to contact me regarding any wellbeing issues and talk to your child's teacher about referring them for wellbeing support. Here's to a fantastic 2023!

Kate Schipper – Deputy Principal and Wellbeing Leader

2023 Materials & Services Charges

The Materials & Services charges for 2023 have been approved and set by Governing Council at \$360. This includes an incursion cost of \$40.

A Tax Invoice (and statement) 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. A \$100 rebate has been applied.

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 the Friday 14th April 2023. 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 2023 School Card Scheme is based on the applicant's combined family gross income for the 2021/2022 financial year, being within the School Card limits which are listed below.

****Families Need to Apply Each Year****

Number of Your Dependent Children	2021/2022 Annual School Card Limit	2021/2022 Average Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$66412	\$1277
2	\$67598	\$1300
3	\$68784	\$1323
4	\$69970	\$1346
5	\$71156	\$1369
Each additional dependent child	\$1186	\$23

If you require further information please call Lisa in the Finance Office.

Lisa Pinder
Business Manager