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MARCH 8TH, 2023



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"Together we thrive"

Key Dates

School Assembly
Hosted by 25E & 25D
Fri 10 March

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Mon 13 March

Bike Ed
Tue 14 March

Yr 3&5 NAPLAN
Wed 15 – Fri 24 March

ATSI Excursion
Thur 16 March

Harmony Day
Tue 21 March

A Busy Term 1

By Melanie Jones
Principal

Students have settled into their classes and it has been great to see all the fantastic teaching and learning that's been happening.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Please keep an eye out for information coming home soon about parent/teacher interviews which will run in Weeks 9 and 10. You will receive information outlining how to book in for these important meetings with some older classes opting to have

three-way conferences which include the students.

Bike Ed Program

It has been great to see students happily riding around the site with their instructors, having fun with their classmates and navigating various obstacles. The students have had three sessions on site and one session on the roads, with two sessions remaining.

Aquatics Day

Our recent Aquatics Day, held at Port Noarlunga proved successful with the Year 5/6 students who participated in various water activities.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

A Busy Term 1 (-cont.)

Senior Choir

Students had their first combined rehearsal at Woodend Primary School and are learning the songs for the Festival of Music in September.

I would like to thank Casey Haasbroek, our new Music teacher, for her efforts in this space. We are pleased to advise that Casey will be staying on with us for the remainder of the year in the music role. Lucky us.

The Acquaintance Night

The night was a great success and students and families really enjoyed the Scavenger Hunt. We had lots of entries and 5 lucky students were randomly drawn, each winning a book voucher.

Thank you to everyone for joining us on the night, completing the hunt and posting your entries. It was great to finally have families back on site for this. Thank you to Trevor Garrard who set up an Orchid display to showcase the Orchid Club which runs weekly on site. Sonia from Instrumental Music was also able to come along and recruit some new students for the Instrumental Music program.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Uniform shop on the night, we were really pleased with the sales! The BBQ helpers did a fantastic job, thank you to all those who were involved.

School Calendar



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

Fundraising

Our fundraising efforts are off and running with orders open on QKR for Kyton's Easter fundraiser. Get your orders in by Wednesday 22nd March for delivery on the 29th March.

We will also be holding our annual Easter Basket Fundraiser and are now taking donations to fill the Easter baskets. Any donated items will be gratefully received at the Front Office.

2023 House Captains and Student Representative Council (SRC)

I would like to congratulate our new SRC members. The SRC was introduced at our recent assembly and candidates have two terms in the role.

Last year the SRC achieved so much together and I would like to thank Kate Schipper for her work with these students. It has certainly been a fantastic new initiative for the site aligned to our value of Empower.

Congratulations also to our 2023 House Captains. It is not easy to stand up in front of your peers and speak about yourself and then go through a voting process and I would like to thank all of the students who nominated

Melanie Jones - Principal

Kyton's Easter Fundraiser

Orders close 22 March
Orders delivered 29 March

Parent Morning Tea



Every Wednesday
in the OSHC room
from 8.50am





When the Going Gets Tough the Tough Get Creative!

By Sue Camac, Pastoral Support Worker

Recently, I saw an interview where a couple talked about the increase on their house repayments due to rate rises. The couple's repayments had gone up considerably but what stood out to me was the fact they mentioned they couldn't afford to do any family activities.

It made me think about the day that my children dubbed "the best family day ever" and it didn't cost much at all. We went to Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens and it started to rain heavily. People were leaving the park and our children were expecting for us to go as well but we said we would stay. A Park Ranger came up and said we were the only ones left in the park but looked like we were having the best fun! After getting completely wet, we jumped in the car, came home, had warm showers and hot chicken and chips and watched the football. They all look back on that as one of the best and most fun days as a family.

I'd like to share Mrs Barbara Bush's Commencement Address to the Wellesley College Class of 1990:



As important as your obligations as a doctor, a lawyer, a business leader will be, you are a human being first. And those human connections – with spouses, with children and friends – are the most important investments you will ever make.

At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, winning one more verdict, or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a child, a friend a parent. Your success as a family, our success as a society, depends not on what happens in the White House, but on what happens inside your house!

So, why not compile a list of no-cost or little-cost activities that you do as a family and I'll add them to upcoming newsletters. Leave a message for me at the front office with your favourite activities or you can email me at:

sue.camac616@schools.sa.edu.au

COMBINED CHOIR

On Thursday 2nd of March, the Choir had the opportunity to go to Woodend Primary School for a combined rehearsal with other schools. The rehearsal was run by Cathy, one of the Directors for the Festival of Music. Our students had a great afternoon and learnt 5 of the songs in preparation for the concert series in September.



YEAR 5/6 AQUATICS

On Wednesday of Week 5, we went to Port Noarlunga for a day of aquatic and water safety activities. Students in Year 5 focused on water safety and aquatic activities including surfing and body boarding. Year 6 students participated in snorkelling, body boarding, surfing, kayaking, and stand-up paddle boarding. Whilst it was an exciting day, students were very tired by the end. It was great to receive positive feedback from the instructors about the fantastic behaviour they witnessed from our students.



YEAR 5/6 CONQUERING BIKE SKILLS



The Year 5/6 students have been enjoying Bike Education lessons. All students have been learning about the roads, traffic environments and road laws. They have been practising responsible behaviours, attitudes and decision making. It has been great to see non riders conquer the skills too.



THANK YOU Ian & Jane Humphrey

We would like to say a huge thank you to Ian & Jane Humphrey for their generous donation of a brand new FENDER DREADNAUGHT ACOUSTIC GUITAR with hardcase & accessories. Ian and Jane won the beautiful instrument at last year's Fleurieu Folk Festival and it is stated to be valued at \$900. Not being musically inclined, Ian & Jane were kind enough to gift the guitar to our music program for the students to enjoy. The guitar has become very popular with Casey, our music teacher, and her students.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Friday 3rd March was Clean Up Australia Day for Schools and our SRC are working hard on our school's journey to make Willunga Primary a place where students are heard and can make change. Our first mission is to clean up the school!

We promoted a successful Clean Up Australia Day and have voted to bring back NUDE FOOD WEDNESDAY.

We continue to talk about our school focus for this term being SUSTAINABILITY and are getting prepared to show the whole school at our next assembly some information about rubbish and what goes in what bin.

We are proud of our Nude Food decision and will be awarding HOUSEPOINTS for students who bring in 'nude lunch boxes'.

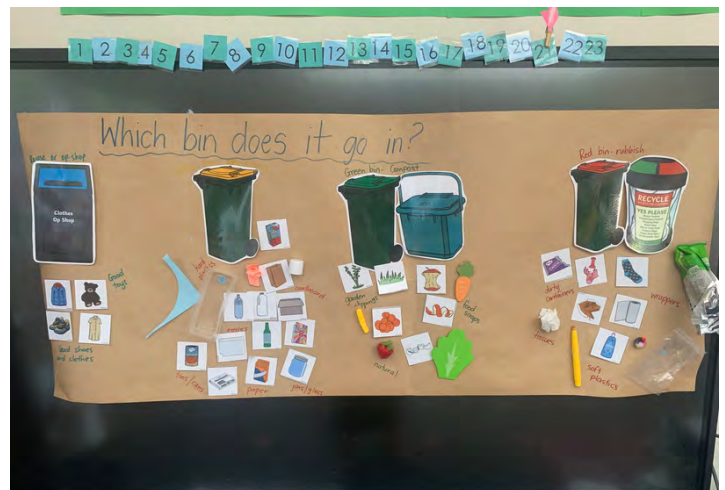
What is nude food? Well, that's easy enough, it's food without excess packaging. The more natural and less processed the food, the better – think vegetables, fruit, homemade muesli slices, salads, noodles, sandwiches...

Waste is choking our planet and we need to change our ways.

Did you know:

- Australia produces around 76 million tonnes of waste every year
- Australia rates amongst the top most nations in the world
- only 3% of plastics are recycled

By Mrs Schipper and the SRC students



NUDE FOOD WEDNESDAY

We're bringing back NUDE FOOD WEDNESDAY at Willunga Primary School!
Leave your rubbish at home and help us do our part to help our Environment!





5 House points

***SRC are awarding HousePoints to students with no rubbish in their lunchboxes**

MAKERS EMPIRE KIDS IN SPACE NATIONAL PROJECT – STAFF TRAINING

Kate Schipper, Airlie Barraclough and Julie Brown.

On the 23rd and 24th of February, we attended the Maker's Empire professional development days on behalf of Willunga Primary. Only 8 schools were accepted out of 400 in SA, and were lucky enough to be selected! As part of this program, our school will also be receiving a 3D printer.

The first day was held at the Australian Space Discovery Centre in the city and the second day took place at the Space School at Hamilton Secondary College.

Maker's Empire partners with the Australian Space Discovery Centre and the Andy Thomas Space Foundation. Their vision is for 'every child to become a creator, innovator and problem solver so they can make their world better'. They aim to develop children's design thinking skills using their 3D design software.

We learnt about the emerging space industry and the exciting opportunities available to Australians. This will help us to inspire our young people about the ever-growing opportunities for their future jobs, now available to them here in Australia.

We learnt how to operate a 3D printer, discussed how the Maker's Empire software connects to the Curriculum, and how we will be implementing it throughout the year. Students will participate in a 3D-printing design project to solve a hypothetical problem in space. At the end of Term 2, a group of students will have the opportunity to present their finished projects at a showcase at the Australian Space Discovery Centre with other schools. We left the training feeling enthused to start the program and excited for the opportunities available to our students at Willunga Primary.



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