



WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER | TERM 1, WEEK 9

MARCH 29TH, 2023



Celebrating Diversity
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"Together we thrive"

Key Dates

School Assembly
Fri 31 March

Easter Raffle Drawn at Assembly
Thur 6 April

Parent Teacher Interviews
27 March – 6 April

Reception – Yr 2 Swimming
11 – 14 April

Easter Public Holidays
Fri 7 & Mon 10 April

Last Day of Term/Casual Day
Early dismissal 2.05 pm
Fri 14 April

Harmony Day 2023

By Melanie Jones
Principal

During Week 8, our school celebrated Harmony Day, held on Tuesday 21st March, showing our support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia by wearing orange and coming together for a shared recess, eating oranges provided by SRC and enjoying Harmony Day donuts from the canteen.

Harmony Week recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. We are one of the world's most successful

multicultural countries and our cultural diversity is at the heart of who we are.

Over half of Australians were born overseas, or have at least one parent who was. This is why it is so important to celebrate our country's diversity through events like Harmony Week.

This event is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, from the Traditional Owners of the land to our most recent arrivals. Celebrating that no matter where you come from, we are united by the Australian values of freedom, respect, fairness, democracy and equal opportunity.



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Room 2D News

By Miss Barraclough Yr 6 Teacher

We have had a great start in 2A with students settling in well to Year 6. We have been learning about new classroom routines and expectations, as well as developing a positive mindset towards learning. Many students are excited to take on leadership roles within the school during their last year of primary schooling. We are excited to develop our class family and build lasting friendships before we begin preparing for the transition to high school.

In addition to new routines and expectations, settling into the school year also involved getting to know and appreciate the differences in students' personalities and backgrounds. We have been focusing on treating everyone with kindness.

Identity Potions By Jessica W, Yr 6

This term we have been learning about our identity and things that make us who we are.

Earlier this term we started to make our 'Identity Potions'. First, we had to write down our personality traits in our books. After that, we used brown paper to make it look old and began to write our potion labels. We had to write the name of our potion and warnings. For example, "Caution if you drink this potion you will: be athletic, love to draw, enjoy P.E and Maths."

We had to go over our writing in black marker to make sure we could see it, then, we slid it into a laminating sheet and decorated it with glitter and coloured tissue paper.

Harmony Day By Kirralyn S, Yr 6

In class we have been learning about Harmony Day and doing Harmony Day tasks. One of these tasks was writing and drawing where we come from on a little cut out of ourselves. We learnt about our classmates cultural backgrounds. Some of the cultures are ... Netherlands, Italian, Australian, English, Mexican, New Zealand and South African. We made a paperchain of our classmates and displayed it on our door to show that 'everyone belongs'.

School Calendar



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



Harmony Day

On Tuesday 21 March, our school celebrated Harmony Day. It was a great day enjoyed by all.





Closing The Gap

On Thursday 16 March, the First Nations students from Willunga Primary School, Willunga High School and McLaren Flat Primary School attended the Closing the Gap event at Adelaide Showgrounds.

Closing the Gap is South Australia's biggest event dedicated to improving the life outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This unique event supports people of all ages and mobs to connect with organisations that can support their needs.

Our students were able to visit and engage with over 100 different stalls, have their face painted, listen to First Nation music, participate in activities and games as well as connect and communicate with other First Nation community members.

All students and adults enjoyed their day!



Garden Club

This year Mrs Rumball and Miss Higgins are running a Garden club for years 4+. So far the work has included lots of weeding and clearing of the school vegetable plots, as well as tidying around the school. We have begun planting Autumn vegetable seedlings, and will sow some seeds for our winter crop.

Thank you to all Garden Club members for their efforts and hard yakka. They are a very enthusiastic group! We would love any donations of seeds, seedlings or plant cuttings to stretch our budget further.

Easter Raffle



We are eagerly anticipating drawing the winners for our 2023 Easter raffles. Thank you so much to our school community for your generous donations and ticket sales, we are very appreciative.

We ask that all tickets are returned to the front office by **Tuesday 4th April** and Easter donations by **Wednesday 29th March** so that baskets can be assembled ready for the raffle.

The raffle will be drawn **Thursday 6th April** at our Easter Assembly. Good luck to all ticket holders!

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all families who made appointments via the School Interview site. We look forward to sharing your child's educational journey with you.

If you have not yet made a booking, please contact your child's teacher directly to book a time that is convenient to you both during Week 9 or 10.



Ride2School Day

Friday 24th March

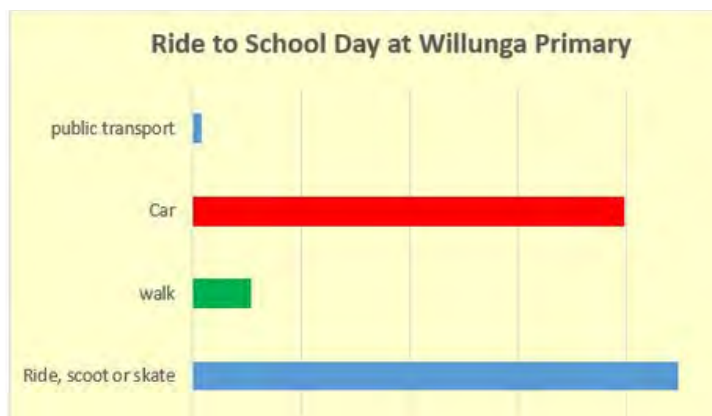
We had an impressive percentage of our students participate in Ride2School Day. It was fantastic to see so many students ride, scoot or skate to school!

It was also great to see all those families who live further away brainstorm solutions by parking a little further away and riding the rest of the way to school. 'Part way is okay', for families who live too far to actively travel the whole distance.

Not only is active travel good for your health, it's good for the environment too!

Riding, walking, scooting or skating to school means there are fewer cars on the road, which results in a:

- Reduction in noise pollution
- Reduction in energy use
- Reduction in carbon emissions



For every kilometre you actively travel instead of driving, you save 243.8 grams of carbon emissions. But what does that actually mean?

Last year on National Ride2School Day, students across Australia saved 28 tonnes of CO₂ by actively travelling to school- the equivalent of planting 39,000 trees!

Every little bit helps in our endeavour to live more sustainably. Thank you!



Library News

Year 6 Library Captains

This year we have introduced Library Captains for Year 6's to show their leadership skills and promote a love of reading to others. This requires an application to be submitted and approved, stating why they believe they would be an asset to the library.

We have 12 students who are very excited to step into the role. We have already heard a local author, Nell Harris, promote her book, set up library displays, receive a donated parcel of lego from Deadly Science to use on our Thursday Lego days and most importantly, help classroom teachers return books.

2023 Library Captains: Jessica W, Kirralyn S, Annabel P, Logan V, Charlotte D, Tayla I, Adi O, Daisy L, Charlotte V, Mason W, Sage W, Daisy S



Nights of Reading

This year each class from Year 2 is working towards 'watching their reading garden grow'. Mrs Brown's class is well on the way to a healthy, thriving garden with 18 students in the class recognised for 25 nights of reading.

The Premier's Reading Challenge turns 20!

To commemorate this milestone, an additional Challenge is in place where students can challenge themselves to read 20 books instead of the usual 12. Successful students will receive a bonus certificate. The additional 8 books are free choice. Student records of books read will be managed by their classroom teacher at school, but they are more than welcome to add to this list books they read from their home library or public library.





2024 Specialist Netball Program

**Applications are
NOW OPEN!**

Join our specialist program at Willunga High School for the opportunity to develop your netball skills at high school.

Registration of Interest closes:
Friday 12 May 2023





2024 High Intellectual Potential Pathway

**Applications are
NOW OPEN!**

Join the Willunga High School specialist program (HIPP) designed specifically for students with high intellectual potential.

Registration of Interest closes:
Thursday 11 May 2023

