



WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER | TERM 2, WEEK 3

MAY 17TH, 2023



"Together we thrive"

Key Dates

Sports Day
Fri 19 May

Street Smart Program
Mon 22 May

Zoo Excursion 25A & 25 B
Thur 25 May

Reconciliation Week
27 May – 3 June

A TRIBUTE TO ALL MUMS

By Melanie Jones
Principal

Term 2 has started positively. So far, we have had our Mother's Day stall which was much loved by the students. It was lovely to see them proudly choosing gifts for their special family members. Thank you to Lisa Pinder and Sue Camac who coordinated this day and thank you to Cathy, Nicole, Amanda and Mel who were able to assist on the day with some very excited and enthusiastic shoppers.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Mums, Grandmas, Nannys, Nannas, Aunts and Mother figures a very Happy Mother's Day for last Sunday. It is one of the hardest jobs in the world being a Mum, but also the most rewarding. My Mother passed away almost 16 years ago when I was in my thirties. Even though she is no longer with us, she walks beside me every day and her strength, wisdom, kindness and love for her family continue to >>>



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A Tribute To All Mums (-cont.)

guide me always. I trust that you were able to celebrate (or remember) your Mum and hopefully you received some pampering on the day and/or breakfast in bed.

School Activities

Our Year 1 and R/1 classes, Mrs Lally and Mrs Graham, visited Belair National Park participating in cubby building with Nature Play SA for their recent excursion. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend on the day and assist. Luckily, the weather was perfect.

At the end of last term and in the first week of this term, our Reception to Year 4 students have taken part in their annual swimming lessons. Thank you to all of the staff involved in these sessions. They are exhausting for staff and students but also a very popular event each year.

Student Reports

At the end of last term, teachers and parents met for school interviews. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet and discuss how students have settled into the school year and the plans in place to support them to thrive in 2023. This term, teachers will prepare written reports and these will be coming home in week 10 of this term.

2023 Sports Day

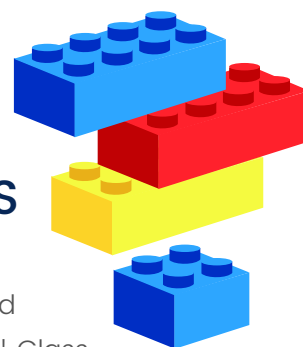
Sports Day preparations are well underway and we are looking forward to this much loved event on our school calendar. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making Sports Day a success and I wish all of the students a happy day having fun with their friends and family. Don't forget to support our school canteen, cake and Rotary Club burger stalls, as well as Liquid Delights. Thank you to everyone who has donated items to support our fundraising efforts.

School Calendar



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

Principal's Quote of the Week



LEGO MASTERS

This fun event has returned for those in Year 3 and up! Class eliminations are first then it will be the battle of the classes ending up with class winners. The individual winners win a prize, as well as a tub of Lego for their class.

Please form teams within your class of two or more and get your names into Mrs Camac by the end of Week 3 – May 19th. There will be challenges of speed as well as creativity! It all begins Wednesday Week 4.

Parent Morning Tea



Every Wednesday
in the OSHC room
from 8.50am

TERM 2 WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS – ANTI-BULLYING

BY MRS SCHIPPER

"Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm."

At Willunga Primary School we aim to provide a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment free from bullying, discrimination and violence. Our bullying policy is implemented and students are educated to understand what Bullying is, what to do if you're being bullied, or you've witnessed bullying happen.

Bullying is deliberate, hurtful behaviour to repeatedly hurt, threaten or embarrass someone.



If a student thinks they're being bullied they can do the following things:

1. **Tell the bully to STOP.** State that the behaviour is unwelcome, eg, "I feel hurt, scared and uncomfortable when you call me names. Please stop!"
2. **Seek help.** Talk with someone you trust. This may include a friend or a safe person.
3. **Report it.** You can:
 - Tell your class teacher
 - Tell a staff member you trust
 - Tell a yard duty teacher or SSO
 - Tell an adult in Student Services
 - Bring it up in community circle
 - Go to the Reset Room, tell someone or drop a note in the 'check in box'
 - Drop a note in the Red Box in Student Services, ask for a wellbeing check in with Mrs Schipper
 - Fill out a bullying report form (these can be found in all classrooms and front office)
 - Chat to Mrs Schipper or Mrs Jones at the office

Keep reporting bullying behaviours. Do not ignore bullying; it may get worse. If you are experiencing bullying you must tell your parents or safe adults.

HOW FAMILIES CAN RESPOND

Schools can be more effective when parents also talk to their child about bullying. Taking an active interest in your child's social life and helping them to build confidence by recognising and affirming positive qualities is a good start. Having regular chats about constructive responses and reporting problems to a teacher is also helpful.

Hitting back or retaliating with name-calling will not solve the problem.

Remember, some behaviour is mean or hurtful but it's not bullying if it's once or twice. Teaching your kids about what to say next time, or who to talk to, is a good strategy. Set an example by being firm but not aggressive when setting limits. If your child repeatedly reports mean, hurtful behaviour and it is affecting their wellbeing, please talk to the class teacher. If your child reports the bullying is continuing and you have spoken to the class teacher; let the office know. Please don't ignore and assume it will go away. Working together with the school is the best way to help your child resolve bullying issues. We will work with you and the other student's parents to stop the bullying.

Let's work together to stamp out Bullying!

[Click here to read our Bullying Policy](#)



PASTORAL CARE WORKER NEWS – BY SUE CAMAC

Another rate rise was announced last week! In a previous newsletter, I wrote how, 'when the going gets tough, the tough get creative' when it comes to having family time on a tightening budget, one of our teachers, Julie Brown, gave me a great list of free family activities, many she has done with her own family. I have included some below with more to come in the next newsletter.

- Geocaching
- Picnic at the beach, and taking cricket bats and frisbees etc
- Australian Space Discovery Centre in the city which is free
- Walking the trail to the first falls at Morialta falls or Ingalalla falls (Normanville)
- The Boardwalk at Hallett Cove or Happy Valley Reservoir

Got any free or budget friendly ideas? Email them to me at sue.camac616@schools.sa.edu.au



National Volunteer Week (NVW) is a chance to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you. We extend a big thank you for all that you do for our school. We will be celebrating with our regular volunteers on Wednesday the 24th May with a Morning Tea at 9:00am in the OSHC Building. Please feel free to join us.

We are grateful for our volunteers who support our school in a variety of ways including:

Providing Baked Goods Propagating Orchids Committees Covering Books
Governing Council Excursions Tree Pruning Coaching Sport Donating Items
Library Assistance Assisting at School Events Planting Gardens And so much more

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members: Kelly Walker in 25B Student Support, Brooke Falzon (previously Hutchinson) as student support and Taryn Connor as student support. They have been a lovely addition to our staff team and we are grateful for their warmth, positivity and support of our students. Welcome also to Donna Weetra, our Aboriginal Community Education Officer. Donna is a very experienced First Nations person who is an asset to our staff and our school community. We feel very lucky to have Donna join our team and she is very much looking forward to supporting our First Nations students and their families.



Taryn Connor



Kelly Walker



Brooke Falzon



Donna Weetra

YEAR 6 REGISTRATION OF INTEREST FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN 2024

In 2023, Year 6 students will apply for and enrol in secondary schools to start in 2024.

Transition packs were sent home in Week 1 along with an email which contained a unique URL to the online form to enable families to register their interest at their chosen Secondary School.

If you are intending to send your child to a non-government school, we still require you to complete the form as a position will be held at your child's zoned site.

If you do not have access to the online facility via the URL, please contact Belinda at the front office and she will provide you with a hard copy of the form. This will need to be completed and returned to the front office at Willunga Primary School where it will be entered into the transition portal.

All registrations of interest must be completed by 26th May 2023. If you are having difficulty with this process or have any questions, please call Belinda at the front office.

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!



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

HIGH SCHOOL CHILD STUDIES WITH 25A & 25B

Classes 25A and 25B visited Willunga High School to participate in some fun healthy cooking activities.

The Yr 12 Child Studies class collected our students and walked us to the high school to cook in their home economics kitchen.

This term they will be leading us in a fun zoo excursion. We enjoy collaborating with the high school and connecting with our community.



SWIMMING LESSONS

Rooms 2C and 2D



The Year 4s had a great time at the water safety lessons at Noarlunga Swimming Centre. They learned crucial skills for survival in and around water as well as working on different swimming strokes. They learned about and practised how to enter different bodies of water safely, removing clothing in the water, floating to save energy when struggling in the water and safely saving someone else who is in trouble in the water. A very tiring but fun week!

CROSS COUNTRY



Cross country was held at Noarlunga Downs Primary. Many students from different schools, up to the ages of 12, competed in boys and girls races. The track ran down the side of the oval then along the path next to the school and up a big grassy hill back onto the school oval where the crowds were waiting. Students had to do this three times then at the end of the third lap, cut onto a smaller path and through to the finish line. During the last two races, the rain came down making it difficult for the big slopes and at one point it started hailing! Students who came first go to nationals and students who came second or third go to states. Students returned to school at 2pm very wet at the end of the school day.



SPORTS DAY!

THIS FRIDAY 19 MAY

Come and support our teams Jarbada (red), Baxendale (yellow), Atkinson (green) and Bassett (blue)!

SAPSASA FOOTBALL



Charlotte, Oscar, Tommy and Tyler have all been selected to represent the Onkaparinga South District SAPSASA Football Teams. The students will participate in the Metro Australian Football SAPSASA State Carnival in Adelaide 17th to 19th May. We wish them the best of luck!

SAPSASA DISTRICT SWIMMING



Emily represented Onkaparinga South, in the SAPSASA Metro Swimming State Championships on Thursday 4th May at the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre, Marion. Emily competed in the Girls 11yo 4x50m Freestyle Relay. The girls fought hard, resulting in a 3rd place also smashing her 50m freestyle PB by a massive 6 seconds! Well done Emily, a fantastic effort! Onkaparinga South came 2nd overall in the District 2 competition.

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.

Thank you to the many parents/caregivers who have made contact, applied for school card and/or made payment. It is appreciated.

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.

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