



WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER | TERM 2, WEEK 9

JUNE 28TH, 2023



"Together we thrive"

Key Dates

Crazy Hair + Socks/Casual Day
Fri 30 June

Whole School Assembly
Fri 30 June

Salvo's Clothes Pick Up
Fri 30 June – Wed 5 July

NAIDOC WEEK
Sun 2 – Sat 8 July

Year 5&6 Kidzbiz
Tue 4 July

LAST DAY OF TERM
Fri 7 JULY

We're going green!

By Melanie Jones
Principal

Rubbish in our school yard is an ongoing issue and one that despite our best efforts we are unable to get on top of. With the support of Governing Council, we will be transitioning to a rubbish free school as we head into 2024.

We have introduced Nude Food Wednesdays but this will be encouraged 5 days a week. Any food sent to school will need to be in reusable containers or beeswax wraps. If families choose to send packaging to school, this will be placed back into the lunch box after eating time and taken back home.

The canteen is moving to biodegradable packaging, which can be placed in green bins. If items can't be recycled, students can place this packaging from the canteen in the classroom bin ie. foil containers.

In addition, any 10c recycled drink containers sold at the canteen can be dropped into the new bottle recycling containers located outside of Student Services. All items appropriately dispensed into these House Colour bins will accrue House Points.

To support this initiative, all classes will be eating indoors. We thank you for your support as we phase out rubbish and non-recyclable options at our school and maximise rubbish free options from the start of 2024.



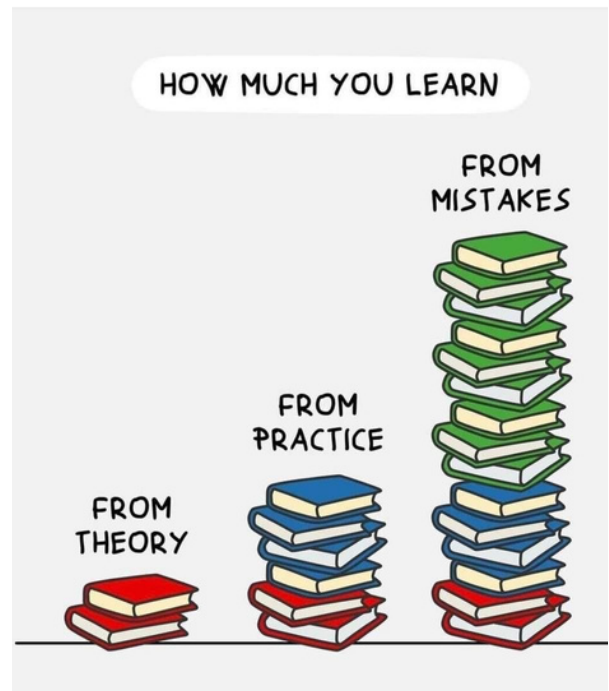
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Students Made a Working Vacuum Cleaner

I was so thrilled to have three very excited students visit me last week and share the working vacuum cleaner they had designed and made in their class! It was very impressive and the students were rightly proud. I even tested it out in the office and I was impressed by all of its features the students had made, fan, handle, circuits... the works. Thank you for sharing, Jaziyah, Naz and Harry and thanks to Mr Weatherill for introducing our students to circuits. What an outstanding result!



Principal's Quote of the Week



Did you lose something...?

We have a large amount of lost property in the Front Office so we have placed two hanging racks outside of Student Services. One rack is NAMED lost property, the other is for UNNAMED items. Please take a moment to look through these racks before the end of term, even if you think you haven't lost anything. We encourage all families to take any unnamed items you can use as they are otherwise donated to goodwill at the end of each term.

Please be vigilant in naming your child's items.



**Salvos Clothes Pickup
Fri 30 June until before
school on Wed 5th July**

School Calendar



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





Pastoral Care Worker News

BY SUE CAMAC

I'm certainly no Masterchef but I do love making soup in the cooler months and sitting by the fire. I did however see this great quote the other day. 'As they say in the movie Ratatouille, "Anyone can cook!" Planning and preparing meals are important life skills that even elementary-age kids can learn'.

Lego Masters is now finished as the Championships have taken place. Winners will be announced at Assembly. The final challenges were held over recess and lunch. At recess, the challenges were unknown and were of speed and creativity but at lunchtime they were given a topic they knew ahead of time. The Year 4/5s & 5/6s were given the topic of 'Mrs Schipper'. Several of the teams researched their 'subject' well in the lead up. Finding out she plays the saxophone, barracks for Port Power and has a Labrador were some of the items represented.

What are some of your free or budget friendly ideas? Don't forget to email them in!

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Have you heard of 'Spoon Theory'?

BY KATE SCHIPPER, WELLBEING COORDINATOR

Spoon Theory is a metaphor that is helpful in understanding the lived experiences of people with invisible illnesses and disabilities. In the theory, each spoon represents a finite unit of energy. Healthy people may have an unlimited supply of spoons, but people with illnesses or disabilities have to ration them just to get through the day. Spoon theory has become a shorthand for people to explain how they're feeling and coping day-to-day. Below are a couple of great explanations of Spoon Theory that will give you some insight into understanding all children.

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<https://youtu.be/EMLrQEgzbwM>

Here's a new way to earn 10 house points



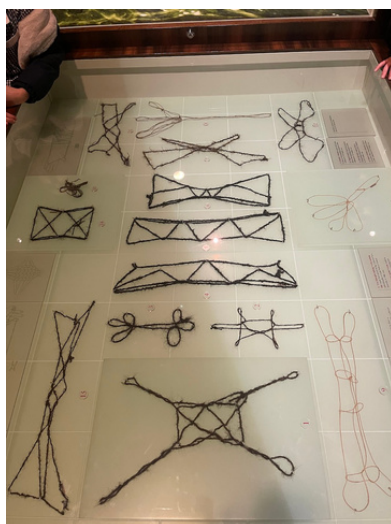
We've introduced 10 cent recycling at Willunga Primary. Place your recyclable containers in our new house colour bins located outside of Student Services and every lid-free, straw-free 10 cent recyclable container will receive 10 points for your house. Points will be calculated once each bin reaches full capacity. Any rubbish found in these bins will attract a 10-point deduction. Happy recycling!

Register here

Expressions of interest in our 2024 Reception classes at our beautiful community school are now open.

Migration Museum Excursion – 23A/B/C

On Friday the 23rd of June, 23A, 23B and 23C went on an excursion to the SA Museum and the Migration Museum as part of our learning in History. At the Migration Museum, we enjoyed dressing up in some outfits exactly like students did in the past, having a go at writing in cursive on slate and looking at old utensils that were used in the past. At the SA Museum, we enjoyed learning from Mrs Price about Aboriginal culture and exploring all the different exhibitions.



Willunga Festival Cookery Competition



The Willunga Almond Blossom Festival is calling for entrants for the festival cookery competition. Organiser hope to get a record number of entries in 2023!

To enter the cookery competition ...

[CLICK HERE](#)



Reminder to keep collecting bread bags and sending them to school with your children. Competition closes 7th July and the winning class gets the rewards. More information available at

Wonder Recycling Rewards

Spreading Kindness at Willunga Primary

(Anti-bullying Theme)

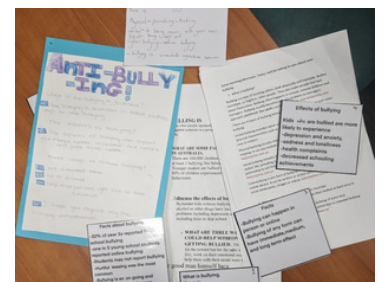
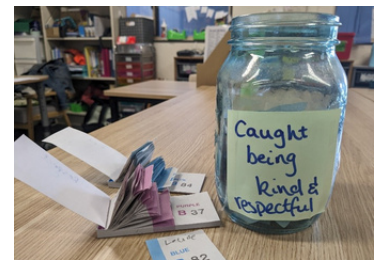
Room 25A have been learning about kindness. The students participated in an activity where they had to crinkle their paper heart every time someone said something mean. Afterwards when the person said 'Sorry' they had to make the heart look straight again. The children said they were learning about kindness and not being mean because the hurtful words can stay in the heart forever.

In the Reset room students have been learning about Friends. They have been identifying what makes a good friend, some friendship skills they value and some ideas to fill buckets.

Ethan from Room 21A says, "We have raffle tickets we give out to students who are showing our class expectations, kindness and respect for everyone and everything. When we get a raffle ticket we feel proud of ourselves. When the jar is full we get a class reward. One ticket is also pulled out for a special individualised reward."

Neve and Flynn from Room 2C say "We have been learning about anti bullying and we have been working on a research project. We had to do an Oral Presentation in front of the class about the different types of bullying and the effects of bullying on others. We learnt that 90% of Australian students in Year 4-9 have reported bullying at least once."

Kiera from 21B says "We have a jar of coloured rice. Every time someone shows an act of kindness, we put a handful of rice in the jar. Once the jar is full we get a whole class reward. The rice has made us go out of our way to show kindness to others. Usually we have a pretty full jar which makes me feel proud."

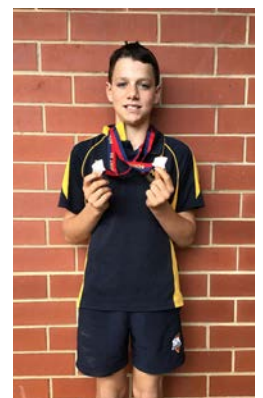


South Australian Junior Soccer Association














Nazareth Thiel from 2B represented the Noarlunga Districts Junior Soccer Association in the under 12 team at the South Australian Junior Soccer Association State Championships on the June long weekend. The under 12s missed progressing to the final round by 1 goal and finished 5th overall. Nazareth was the top goal scorer for his team.

Onkaparinga South State Cross Country

Hi my name is Tommy and this year I represented Onkaparinga South in state cross country. It was at Oakbank Racecourse on Thursday 8th June. It was a very cold and rainy day and before the race we all lined up at the start line for about 10 minutes. It started pouring down with rain, midway through the race I found myself running together with my friend. I finished in 3rd place and my time was 00:11:16.89.



Mrs Schuppers
FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE

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Enter with a correct answer to go in the draw to win a family pass to the Almond Blossum Festival.

Family Maths Challenge



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Lisa Pender's
FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE

An elderly grandad lives on the 55th floor and hates taking the stairs. Every day he takes the elevator down to the lobby floor to go babysit his grandkids. When he comes home from babysitting his grandkids, he takes the elevator to the 35th floor and walks the rest of the way up, except on days when it rains.

Those days he takes the elevator all the way home. Why does he walk the last twenty flights of stairs if he hates it so much?



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What does your spare room mean to you?



We are currently building our homestay family network and seeking families to host International Students.

Discover a family activity that is deeply satisfying and emotionally rewarding.

Take an International Student under your wing, care for them, make them feel welcome and give them a taste of Aussie life.

Intrigued?

Request to speak with one of our Willunga High School Homestay Program staff on 8557 0100 or visit www.internationalstudents.sa.edu.au

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