



# WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER | TERM 3 WEEK 6

AUGUST 30TH, 2023



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**"Together we thrive"**

## Key Dates

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**  
Mon 4 September

**Junior Primary Country Show**  
Fri 8 September

**Parent Teacher Interviews**  
12-21 September

**Willunga High Transition Visit**  
Tue 19 September

**Adelaide Zoo Excursion**  
25A & B Thur 21 September  
23A, B & C Fri 22 September

## Book Week 2023

Melanie Jones  
Principal

Term 3 has certainly been eventful with the highlight being our much-loved Book Week Parade. It is a wonderful celebration of books and characters, thank you to everyone for your efforts with costumes.

It certainly is a fun day with lots of laughter and conversations about books. Thank you to Nic Newbold, our passionate librarian and lover of all things books for

sharing her love of reading and literature for the benefit of everyone at our school. Nic was ably assisted during Book Week with the parade, the book fair and the visiting author, Mandy Foot, by our Enrich team including Rachel, Lisa Hunt and the Library captains.

Congratulations to everyone who won prizes in the draw of the gnome hunt phrase challenge. This was a great hide and seek game enjoyed by all students R-6.



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# From the Principal's Desk (cont.)

## Year 5/6 Camp

Our Year 5/6 and Year 6 class returned from camp on Wednesday bringing our third camp for the term to an end. I would like to thank the staff and parents who were able to attend and support these great experiences for our students.

## Cherry Blossom Picnic

Thank you to Sensai for organising our whole school Japanese Cherry Blossom Picnic with individual Bento boxes and blossom trees made by each class. The Pre-School were able to join us for this event and the weather was kind, making for a lovely chance to get together and share in the experience of a Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival and to learn the significance of the cherry blossom. More photos on pages 6 & 7..



## SSO Week

Each year in August we celebrate our SSOs. Their roles are many and varied and very much valued at our school. We have a fantastic team who all bring varying strengths and skills to our school from Administration, Breakfast Club, Finance, First Aid, Student Support, Grounds, Maintenance, Intervention, Library, Yard Duty, Regulation Support, School Events, Speech, ICT... the list goes on. Thank you to our SSO team who, without them our school would not function: Lisa, Belinda, Deb, Jason, Kelly, Jodie, Taryn, Brooke, Alyse, Nic, Rachel, Adam, Ray, Wendy, Tanya and Holly.

## Mrs Jones on Leave

I am taking long service leave to travel overseas with my family from Friday 25th August. Kate Schipper will step into the Principal role and Anna Aldridge into the Deputy Principal role. I hope everyone has a happy end to the term and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 17th of October for the busiest term on the school calendar.

## Principal's Quote of the Week



## School Calendar



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





## Book Week In The Canopy

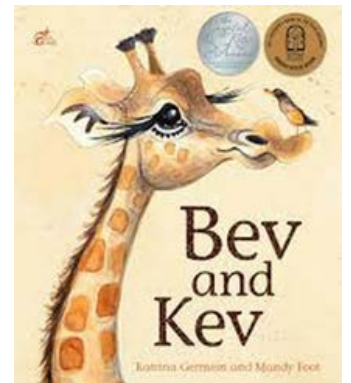
By Canopy Classes 21A, 21B & 20

We were really lucky to be visited by illustrator Mandy Foot. During her visit, Mandy explained her process for creating characters. We also had an opportunity to design our own seahorse character. Friday was our Book Week parade! In preparation for this, we read the book *Frank's Red Hat*, an inspiring story about celebrating uniqueness and never giving up on your dreams. We all designed and created our own hat out of different materials to be one of Frank's creative friends!



## Book Week Incursion

This year to celebrate Children's Book Week, we invited Mandy Foot (who has illustrated 27 books) to come and speak to us. Mandy shared a little about the process she goes through to create a book, she read the shortlisted story she illustrated (*Bev & Kev* written by Katrina Germein) and then did a drawing demonstration for them in which the students could draw with her. We were excited to share the news with Mandy that 'Bev & Kev' received an Honour Award.



## Book Week Parade



The Book Fair has been a very busy place to come and purchase a book (or two). Thank you for your support in helping us to raise funds to purchase/replace books in our school library. This year's theme was Read, Grow, Inspire and it has been fun watching our library 'grow' into a garden over this term and see students begin to challenge themselves in borrowing new genres or try a different author. On Friday, the parade was a fun way to end the celebrations of Children's Book Week. Thank you to everyone for the amazing efforts that were put into costumes - one of our best years in seeing all students joining in!



## Konnichi wa from Japanese!

Japanese this term has seen our students immersing themselves in the beauty of cherry blossom culture, dabbling in the art of Kanji, and discovering captivating words to describe nature.

Thursday 10th August marked our inaugural whole school cherry blossom picnic, or "Hanami" in Japanese. We were blessed with clear skies for the event and the picnic proved to be a delightful and educational experience for everyone involved, with the kindergarten also joining us for the much-anticipated event.

In the lessons preceding the event, students reflected on the significance of almond blossom within our local Willunga community and compared this with the Japanese notions of cherry blossom. Students have been guided towards developing intercultural understanding by comparing these concepts with their own experiences and have come to realise that cultures around the world hold unique values and perspectives. This newfound understanding fosters empathy, curiosity, and a sense of interconnectedness with people from different walks of life.

Preparations for the event included each class decorating their very own cherry blossom tree with paper flowers. What made these decorations even more special was the incorporation of Kanji characters. Every paper flower bore the Kanji character for "sakura," bringing a meaningful touch to the hanami picnic. This activity allowed our students to experience the creative fusion of language, art, and nature, as they collaborated to transform their trees into vibrant displays of Japanese culture. This event was also an opportunity to learn about "obentou" lunchbox culture, traditional picnic customs in Japan and the beautiful concept of "itadakimasu". Itadakimasu roughly translates to "thank you for this food" and is said before each meal in Japan; however, it is more than just a customary phrase and it encapsulates a sense of gratitude and mindfulness for the food we receive.

Students had the chance to decorate their own obentou lunchboxes with vibrant designs and Japanese words, enhancing their understanding of language through creative expression. I want to express a special thank you to all the families who prepared such delicious obentou lunches for our students on the day. Your dedication to providing nutritious and delightful meals allowed our students to fully embrace the concept of "itadakimasu", and instil in them a sense of appreciation for the efforts that go into preparing food. Your support is truly invaluable in nurturing a culture of gratitude and togetherness. We are excited to continue our exploration of Japanese language and culture relating to seasons and festivals in the coming months. .



Our students will have the chance to learn about different kinds of festivals and celebrations throughout the year, and further enhance their vocabulary through interactive games and activities. I encourage families to continue supporting their children's language learning by engaging in conversations about these experiences at home. Your involvement nurtures a sense of curiosity and a lifelong love for languages and diverse cultures.

Kore kara mo yoroshiku onegaishimasu. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our students' growth. Let's look forward to having more enriching adventures together.

## Pastoral Care Worker News BY SUE CAMAC



Masterchef is well underway. The teams have completed Taste Test and Cake Decorating. As it has been Book Week, I thought the teams could try turning a cake into a 'Book! Kirrilyn turning hers into a 'Phone Book! Next week is Invention Test.

For the Spring Fair the Parents are having their own stall and selling various items. One of the items we will be selling is Beeswax Wraps. Two of the mums from our school, Janet and Airlie, are coming along to Parent Morning Tea Week 8 September 12th to get us started. Join us for a cuppa, morning tea and make some Beeswax Wraps for the Spring Fair!

Junior Primary Country Show is in Week 7 Friday the 8th. The Junior Primary students can use the student free day to work on their projects.

Book week may be over but sitting reading with your child is for any day of the week. Nicole and Rachel have the library set up as a wonderful space for the students to borrow books, that can transport them to all kinds of worlds.

What are some of your free or budget friendly ideas? Don't forget to email them in! [sue.camac616@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:sue.camac616@schools.sa.edu.au)



## 12 YEARS & UNDER STATE FOOTBALL



Tommy, one of our talented young footballers, was recently selected from a District side to play in the 12 Years & under South Australian state football team.

The U12 South Australian team played in numerous matches at Lavington NSW from 5th August – 11th August and came second at Nationals, losing to Victoria by 7 points. Their team was awarded best sportsmanship for the week. Well done Tommy.

## Tommy's reflection

My name is Tommy and I made the South Australia Football Team. Our team flew to Sydney and then on to Aubry on August 4th. Our first day was a fun day where we went bowling. The next day we had our first game against Northern Territory, we won by 154 points. We had another game that day. It was against ACT and we won by 143 points. The next day we played against Queensland and won by 97 points. Following this we played against WA and won by 90 points and then we vs NSW and won by 104 points.

Our last game was against Victoria. They were about even with us. Everyone was very nervous. The first quarter we were down by a bit and by half time we were down by 5 goals, however in the last quarter we made a comeback but unfortunately, we still lost by 11 points. We placed second in Australia. At the end there were six people who were selected for the best sportsmanship award and I was one of those people.

### Leaving Willunga Primary School?

If your child/ren will not be continuing at Willunga Primary in 2024, contact Belinda in the front office on 8556 2234 to advise. This helps us to plan class configurations for 2024.



## SAPSASA FOOTBALL

Willunga Primary School's SAPSASA Football team enjoyed further success in their recent semi-final at Willunga in the state-wide school's competition. The win puts them through to the grand final where they will play at Barrett Reserve West Beach on Friday the 31st August. Good luck boys!

**My name is Tommy. I am the captain of the Willunga school football team.**



We played against Highgate school on Friday the 18th of August at the Willunga oval. At quarter time we were up by 2 goals and at half time we were up by 4. The 3rd quarter was probably our best quarter. The last quarter we went really well and we won the game which means we are into the state grand final where we will play against Grange at Westlakes.

## SAPSASA BASKETBALL

The Willunga Primary School Girls SAPSASA basketball team played on 11th August at Morphett Vale Stadium. They enjoyed great success on the day which placed them into the Grand Final of the state-wide school's competition which they will play at the Lights Sports Community & Sports Centre on 15th September. Good luck girls!

