



WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER | TERM 3 WEEK 9

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2023



"Together we thrive"

Key Dates

School Assembly

Hosted by Room 2B
Fri 22 September

Nunga Tag Event

Wed 27 September

Adelaide Zoo Excursion

25A & B Thur 21 September
23A, B & C Fri 22 September

Last Day Term 3

2.05 pm dismissal

Casual Day - wear footy colours!
Fri 29 September

SPORTS DAY

Fri 3 November

SAVE THE DATE

Year 6 Graduation
Tue 12 December

Term 3 Highlights

Kate Schipper
Acting Principal

Term 3 has certainly been a busy one. We've had many camps, excursions, incursions, shows, and our second round of parent/ teacher interviews. This is the first time we have offered twice yearly interviews to help teachers and parents work as a team to support each child. We received feedback and the connection has been successful and appreciated so far.

The remainder of the term still has various high school transitions,

Adelaide Zoo excursions and our Casual Clothes day planned for the last day of term.

A huge acknowledgement to Sue Camac for all her work around the JP show. It was amazing to see the enjoyment on the students faces participating in this event.

On Wednesday 8 November in Week 4, we will be hosting a Parent Morning Tea to discuss fundraising ideas for 2024.

This event will be held from 8:45- 9:30am and all parents will have an opportunity to share ideas either in person or via a FORMS survey.



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From the Principal's Desk (cont.)

Grounds

We have finalised our decision on the new playground element. Our remaining fundraising money from 2022/23 will go towards a wooden ship and rock river! This will be situated in the Nature Play area in the empty space next to the playground.

End of year Events

Our Term 4 is certainly looking to be a busy one. Starting with our rescheduled Sports Day, Footsteps dance program, and various other incursions; finalising the school year with our Spring Fair and Twilight Concert, Year 6 Graduation and End of year Assembly. We are going to be asking for parent volunteers for a lot of these events and appreciate and acknowledge those parents who contribute within our school community.

School Calendar



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

Thank you

I have enjoyed taking up the opportunity to be Acting Principal and appreciate the support of colleagues and parents as I've stepped into this role. A big shout out to Anna Aldridge who has been amazing in stepping up to support me as Deputy. Learning together, and leading a school is a privilege... however, I know for one, my family will be welcoming Mel's return in Term 4.

BY – Kate Schipper, Acting Principal

Principal's Quote of the Week

**YOU DON'T BECOME WHAT
YOU WANT, YOU BECOME
WHAT YOU BELIEVE.**



SUPPORTING EDUCATION BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The Department for Education, South Australia is now hiring in-school support roles including:

- finance
- administration
- marketing
- business leadership
- grounds and maintenance
- student support

Join us for an information session to find out more about non-teaching career opportunities in the Department for Education and the application process.



Wed 4 Oct 2023



6.00 - 7.00PM



Brighton Secondary School
305 Brighton Road,
North Brighton, SA 5048



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Keeping Our Kids Cyber-Safe

Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that there is inappropriate use of technology outside of school hours by some of our students.

Social media platforms like TikTok and Snapchat are becoming ever so popular and parents need to keep an eye on what is being posted by their children.

Many of these platforms have an age limit of 13 years for children to be able to make an account. Photos of students wearing school uniform cannot be posted on social media without consent of the parent. Any photos of other students with hurtful messages or images of other students must not be sent.

Please visit the eSafety website for some valuable information to have these discussions with your children.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

What does Cyberbullying look like?

- hurtful messages, comments or images
- messages, posts or comments that say someone will do something mean
- leaving you out or ignoring you online
- spreading lies about you online
- creating fake online profiles in someone's name to trick you
- sharing something online that can hurt you or make you feel bad, like a picture you don't want anyone to see
- threatening to share something online that will hurt you or make you feel bad
- making you feel very sad, very scared or very upset



No one deserves to be hurt online.

Be kind to yourself and to others – report any unkind online behaviour

What to do if you feel there is negative content about your child online:

1. Students seek help from a trusted adult – talk to your parents and the school.
2. Get help from the police if you are in immediate serious danger.
3. Try not to say anything back – it could make things worse.
4. Keep evidence – an adult can help you take screenshots or keep a journal in case you need evidence to report it.
5. Block or report them – most games and apps have a way to block or report someone. See The eSafety Guide for links.
6. Report to eSafety
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Students are responsible for their actions outside of school hours where it has an impact on the wellbeing of others and the school environment.

Remember, students can be suspended or excluded by the school for behaviour that threatens the safety or wellbeing of a student, employee or another person associated with the school.



Parent Morning Tea

Thanks to Janet and the parents for getting us started on stall preparations, we now have some of the beeswax wraps made and ready for the Spring Fair! We still have more to make, so please feel welcome to join us for morning tea on Wednesdays at 9am in the OSCH building.

Junior Primary Country Show Friday 8th September

This event was a big hit with the Junior Primary Students. Well done to all the students who entered the show! I would like to thank the following people and organisations who donated goods to the students showbags:

- ♥ Datacord
- ♥ Parenting tip from Parent Further
- ♥ Australian Conservation Foundation
- ♥ CFS
- ♥ Leon Bignell
- ♥ Epilepsy Action

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

**'You are not alone.
In reality, all
families face
challenges, and it's
a lot easier to deal
with the obstacles
when we have
supporters, allies,
and friends who we
can turn to.'**

**This is so good to
remember, no matter
what age or stage
your children are at!**



Registrations for new enrolments in 2024, Years 1 to 6, now open

To complete the registration of interest form click below or go to <https://forms.office.com/r/CCcYcjrnm0>

[Register Your Interest here](https://forms.office.com/r/CCcYcjrnm0)



We welcome both 'in zone' and 'out of zone' registrations. Families will be notified in Term 4 if there is a position available in a 2024 class.

Full information is available on the Willunga Primary School website at <https://willungaps.sa.edu.au/>

Leaving Willunga Primary School?

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

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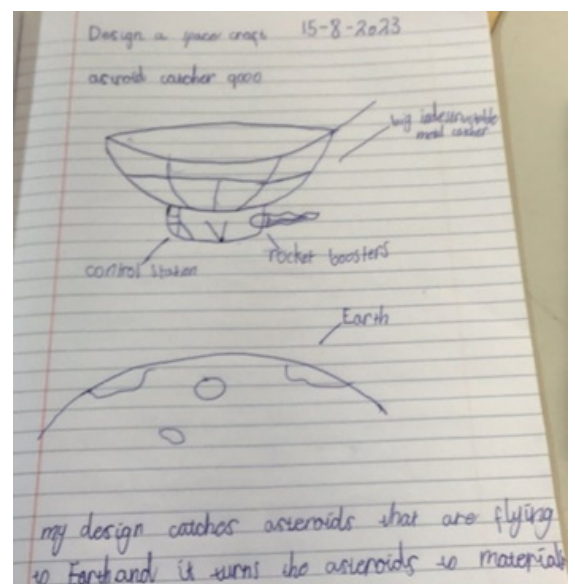
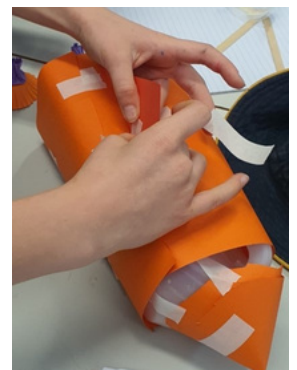
BY – Kimberley Higgins

National Science Week took place from Saturday 12th until Sunday 20th August. People across Australia participated by taking part in in-person and online events, virtual tours, DIY science and more.

At Willunga Primary School, students took part in activities that fit with this year's theme of Innovation: Powering Future Industries.

As we are focusing on Earth and Space Science from Reception – Year 6 this term, students had the task of designing and building a high-tech spacecraft. Students had the further challenge of making a spacecraft that helps our society, by finding a solution to a problem we have on Earth or creating jobs for people working in space.

Once they had finished their design, students had the option of building their spacecrafts from recycled materials, or making it digitally on Maker's Empire or Minecraft. Students enjoyed the challenge, worked well collaboratively, came up with some impressive solutions to real-world problems and had a wonderful time!



SAPSASA FOOTBALL

On Thursday week 3 we had our SAPSASA footy Grand Final. Before the game everyone was really nervous. At quarter time we were winning by two goals, we really hoped that we could win, and our good luck kept going into the second quarter.

By the third quarter the good luck had run out, with the opposition kicking goal after goal, putting them right behind us on the score board but we fought back and kicked a goal at the end of third quarter.

We had a big chat at three quarter time and really wanted to win so we took our positions on the field. They kicked a goal then we got one back, putting us in the lead with a minute to go. It was really exciting but the opposition kicked a goal just before the siren went, making the final score Willunga 54 to Grange 59.

Although we didn't win, everyone was proud of their efforts. Well done to all!

BY – Brax and Tyler



SAPSASA ATHLETICS



It was a hot and windy day for SAPSASA Athletics on Wednesday 6th September. A lot of the contestants were nervous but we encouraged them to do their best, even if they didn't win.

We all tried very hard and we ended up winning the shield, coming first place.

All the students who participated on the day should be very proud of themselves. Well done!

BY – Lola Saunders

