



WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DECEMBER 13, 2023



Spring Fair - more photos on page 3 >>

"Together we thrive"

Key Dates

Last Day of Term 4
Fri 15 December
EARLY DISMISSAL 2:05PM

First Day of Term 1
Mon 29 January

Principal's Quote

IF YOU **CHANGE** THE WAY
YOU **LOOK AT THINGS**,
THE **THINGS YOU**
LOOK AT CHANGE.

Wayne Dyer



Calendar

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

The year that was

By Melanie Jones
Principal

2023 has been a fantastic year for our school community. At this time of year, it is rewarding to look back and reflect on all that the year was. See page 2 for a rundown!

Across the year we have also connected our wider community through Mothers and Father's Day stalls, Salvation Army fundraiser, Assemblies, Twilight Concert, Spring Fair, Salvation Army Christmas Drive, Kyton's fundraiser and more.

This all comes about due to the hard work of our team who ensure our students have many wonderful opportunities throughout the year.

I would like to say thank you to our staff, students, Governing Council, families and community members who have all contributed to making 2023 our best yet.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on January 29th.

A fond farewell...

At this time of year we say farewell to staff not returning in 2024. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their contribution and wish them all the best for the future:

Kirsty Sims has worked in the Early Career Corporate Sector of the Dept for 15 mths and is resigning to pursue other opportunities.

Karen Schilling has been on leave for 18 mths and is now retiring. Nina Judd has been on leave for 12 months and is now retiring.

Russell Gilbert has been on leave for 15 mths and is resigning from the Dept.

Taryn Connor has been supporting students and we are unsure of her employment at our school in 2024.

Alice Uemura is increasing her time at Hallet Cove R-12 school so will not be at our school in 2024.

Kim Higgins is expecting a baby boy in Feb and her contract has ended.

Ineke Rumball is expecting a baby in January and is on leave for 2024.

Bek Price is increasing time at Willunga High School.

Donna Weetra's contract finishes up at the end of 2024.



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In addition to providing exceptional teaching and learning opportunities in 2024, our students have also enjoyed:

Bike Ed – Yr 5/6
Water Safety & Aquatics Yr 5/6
Clean up Australia Day
Special Food Days
Closing The Gap excursion
for First Nations students
Casual clothes days
Swimming R-2
Swimming – Yr 3/4
RAA Street Smart program
Cubby excursion to Belair
AFL Max camp – Yr 3
SA Migration Museum – Yr 1/2
Zoo Excursion – Reception
Arbury Park Camps
Japanese Cherry
Blossom Picnic
Bullying No Way Day
International Peace Day
Science Week
Maths enrichment program
Country Show

Book week
Book Fair
Transition to and from
primary school
Woodhouse excursion
Sports Day
Bassett Boys excursion
Remembrance Day
Footsteps
Festival of Music
Junior Choir
Kesab Incursions
First Nations Incursion
SAPSASA Football
SAPSASA Netball
SAPSASA Basketball
SAPASAS District Athletics
SAPSASA Cross Country
Masterchef
Harmony Day
Lego Masters
And so much more....



Changes are coming

School communication in 2024

Our school will be transitioning to the new Dept Management system in 2024. In preparation for this and based on the feedback of our families in relation to our communication channels, we will no longer be using Seesaw or Audiri in 2024. All communication will now come to families via email. Please ensure the Front Office team have your up-to-date email address. We are excited to offer families more streamlined communication including digital consent forms and eliminating paper forms, which will come as a relief to many families. We will continue to use the QKR app for finance and the school Facebook page.

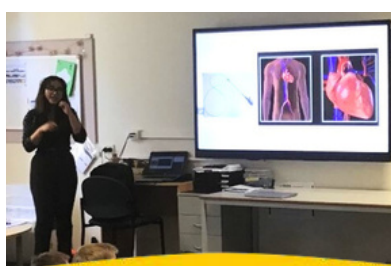


Pastoral Care Worker News

–BY SUE CAMAC

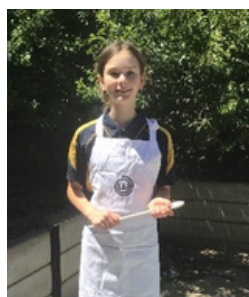
After reading an article in RAA SA Move magazine about Dr Dhani Dharmapranani and her passion for STEM, I contacted her to see if she would be willing to come and speak to our senior students. She had recently also been featured in News Corp's 25 Influential Australian Female Scientists' article. She is a biomedical engineer developing technologies to improve cardiovascular health.

You can read her long list of prizes, awards and honours on her website www.dhanidharmapranani.com.au. Dhani doesn't usually give presentations at primary schools but afterwards commented how much she enjoyed their enthusiasm. She even let the students know they can contact her via her website with any questions. As a school we were very appreciative of her time.



MasterChef winners for 2023!

Congratulations to Ben, Bodhi and Charlotte. Well done! Thanks again to Wendy for sewing the emblem on the aprons. In case you were wondering why it's sewn that way, it's Willunga Masterchef, so needs a W instead of an M!



That closes another school year! I hope you all have a Merry Christmas; a refreshing and relaxing break and we will see you all in 2024!



Spring Fair 2023





By LISA PINDER, Business Manager

2024 Material and Services Charges

Thank you to everyone that participated in our online poll regarding the Materials and Services charge for 2024.

There were 157 responses to the poll.

- 68.3% of respondents voted Yes
- 31.7% of respondents voted No

The Materials and Services charges for 2024 will be \$380 per student. Includes \$40 for incursions.

2023 Material and Services Charges

As it is nearing the end of the 2023 school year we would appreciate payment of all outstanding school Material and Services charges as a matter of urgency. Thank you to all parents/ caregivers who have paid. It is greatly appreciated. Please remember that school fees are legally recoverable. All unpaid fees as at 15th December 2023 will be forwarded to the Department for Education Debt Collector.

25D Class Overview

It's been a very busy and exciting year of school in 25D. For some of us, it was our very first year of school. There's been things to learn, friends to make and fun to share. Here are our highlights of 2023:



Charlotte and Saskia enjoyed our Halloween sensory afternoon



Ellie, Evie, Johnathon and Ashlee loved our swimming lessons.



Olive and Coby had the most fun at our bubble party



Mackenzie, Maddi and Ayla thought that our movie afternoon with popcorn and ice cream was the BEST!

STATE SAPSASA NETBALL

Charlotte Deboo recently represented South Australia in the under 12's indoor Netball National Tournament in Brisbane Nov 25th-Dec 2nd.

Charlotte had an outstanding tournament and played well. She had the honour of being named Captain of the State side. Charlotte's performances on court also won her the Most Valuable Player award for the best player in the SA team throughout the tournament.

The girls battled hard all week against strong competition and came away with some fantastic wins and very close losses, just missing out on playing in the finals.

Charlotte gained amazing personal rewards from the experience and truly led by example as team captain. The team did a fantastic job representing SA. Well done Charlotte.



2023 Year 6 Graduation Awards Lloyd Brothers Function Centre



Congratulations to all of our Year 6 students on their graduation.

The following students received awards:

Civics & Citizenship Award.....Kirrallyn S

Academic Award.....Annabel P

PE Award.....Tommy A

STEM Award.....Ben A

Music/Arts Award.....Adi O

Lorri Dillon Award.....Jackson S

Jamieson Award.....Adi O &Charlotte D

