



WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER | TERM 1 WEEK 6

MARCH 6, 2024



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"Together we thrive"

Key Dates

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Mon 11 March

Harmony Day
Thur 21 March

Colour Day Disco
Easter Raffle Draw
Wed 27 March

Student Free Day
Thursday 28 March

Easter Long Weekend
Fri 29 March - Mon 1 April

Casual Day & Last Day of Term,
Early Dismissal
Fri 12 April

Term 1 Activities

By Melanie Jones
Principal

It has been so exciting to see all of the teaching and learning and additional opportunities provided for our students across the term.

With a site-wide focus on connection and building learning communities in the first two weeks, the teaching and learning programs are now well underway, albeit underpinned by well-being.

We had a slight peak in Covid cases, particularly amongst the staff, but this has now settled. Fortunately, we have had some great relief teaching staff step in during absences and help keep things running as smoothly as possible.

We had a visit from Port Power team members, who spoke about health and nutrition and signed autographs on posters for Port Power fans.

The Year 5/6 students had a great day at the Port Noarlunga Aquatics program with perfect weather and the site was buzzing with activity last Friday, with students all participating in Clean Up Australia Day.

Coming up in a few weeks is Harmony Day where students are encouraged to wear orange. Our Colour Day will follow a few days after that, where students can wear their House Team colours and participate in chants for their team.

House t-shirts can be purchased at the Uniform shop or from local stores, including Big W, K-Mart, Best and Less. There will also be a whole school disco at lunchtime. We will be drawing our much-loved Easter raffle on this day, too.



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From the Principal's Desk – CONT.



Donations are currently being sought for our Easter raffle, which can be dropped off at the Front Office. Raffle tickets will be sent home on Wednesday 6th March for you to purchase.

The Governing Council are reviewing our Sunsafe Policy this year, and there has been a query regarding the effectiveness of the Bucket hat. These meet the criteria if they are the correct size, so please ensure your child has not outgrown their current hat and needs sizing up. For further information please go to:

www.sunsmart.com.au/downloads/resources/info-sheets/sun-protective-hats-info-sheet.pdf

Please keep an eye out as we move towards the end of term when we will have interviews with the teacher. We ask everyone to avail themselves of this opportunity to share in the progress of their child in their first term of the new school year. These interviews will be followed up at the end of Term 2 & 4 with written reports and a second opportunity for interview at the end of Term 3.

Principal's Quote of The Week

Have an attitude of gratitude

~ Thomas S Monson

School Calendar

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

Introducing our 2024 Governing Council

On Tuesday the 27th of February, we held our Annual General Meeting and elected your Governing Council for 2024 who will work with me this year to develop and approve local policies, set the broad direction and vision of the site, monitor and review the site improvement plan and be the employing authority of OSHC and canteen.

I am pleased to announce the following members for 2024:

Chairperson: **Kane Aldridge**

Vice –chairperson: **Amanda Eckert**

Secretary: **Kerryn Hennessy**

Treasurer: **Mel Owen**

General committee members: **Janet Steegh, David Dawson, Elise Nankivell**

Community representative: **Michael Lowery**

We have one vacancy for a General Member so if you are interested, please contact Belinda Aldenhoven in the Front Office to find out more, including the eligibility requirements.

The Governing Council has a number of committees for which we are seeking members. If you would like to be a member of one of the following committees, please contact Belinda Aldenhoven in the front office to register your interest.

| | Representatives | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 |
|---|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| CURRICULUM AND POLICY Melanie Jones and Lisa Hunt | Amanda Eckert Elise Nankivell | Week 7 Policies to be reviewed for calendar year developed | Week 3 Meet to review policies Week 7 Drafts sent to GC if required Ratify at Week 9 GC meeting if readyTime TBA | Week 3 Meet to review policies Week 7 Drafts sent to GC if required. Ratify at Week 9 GC meeting if ready. Time TBA | Week 3 Meet to review policies Week 7 Drafts sent to GC if required. Ratify at Week 9 GC meeting if readyTime TBA |
| CANTEEN Melanie Jones Lisa Pinder | Janet Steegh Amanda Eckert | Week 7 Tuesday 12/3 @ 2pm | Week 3 Tuesday 14/5 @ 2pm Week 7 Tuesday 11/6 @ 2pm | Week 3 Tuesday 6/8 @ 2pm Week 7 Tuesday 3/9 @ 2pm | Week 3 Tuesday 29/10 @2pm Week 7 Tuesday 26/11 @ 2pm |
| OSHC Melanie Jones Lisa Pinder | Janet Steegh Amanda Eckert | Week 7 Tuesday 12/3 @ 2.30 pm | Week 3 Tuesday 14/5 @ 2.30 pm Week 7 Tuesday 11/6 @2.30 pm | Week 3 Tuesday 6/8 @ 2.30 pm Week 7 Tuesday 3/9 @ 2.30 pm | Week 3 Tuesday 29/10 @ 2.30 pm Week 7 Tuesday 26/11 @ 2.30 pm |
| FINANCE Melanie Jones Lisa Pinder | Mel Owen | Week 7 Thursday 14/3 @ 2:15pm | Week 3 Thursday 16/5 @ 2:15 pm Week 7 Thursday 13/6 @ 2:15 pm | Week 3 Thursday 8/8 @2:15pm Week 7 Thursday 5/9 @2:15pm | Week 3 Thursday 31/10 @2:15 pm Week 7 Thursday 28/11 @2:15pm |



Pastoral Care Worker News

BY SUE CAMAC

This term, our focus is on **Sustainability**. Last year I ran a soft plastics competition but this year I thought we could have a **First-Class, Freaky, Funky, Futuristic, Fun & Downright Fabulous Fashion Competition!** You can use all those recyclable pieces and turn it into a new piece of clothing or accessory! Don't just think plastics and cardboard, maybe you have some old shade cloth or garden hose lying around at home? **Only rule: You can't use anything NEW.** It MUST be made from something that would have gone in the rubbish. **Entries to be in by Thursday Week 9 April.** Adelaide Fashion Designer Kalila from Kalila & NaMOI designs will be judging the event!

Parenting tip from www.parentfurther.com: thank the adults who take an active interest in your child.

It's good to encourage your child to show thankfulness to those adults as well. We made our children (much to their disgust at the time!) not only thank their coach after playing each game of sport but to go up and thank the umpire as well. One Saturday we baked some biscuits together and wrote thank-you cards to those who have helped us. We then took off on a road trip to deliver all the goodies. I'm sure your family could come up with your own creative ways to show gratitude.

Don't forget – Parent Morning Tea every Wednesday – OSHC room 8.50am



Cultural Studies

–by NICOLE NEWBOLD, Cultural Studies Teacher

The Reception to Year 3 classes have had a festive start to their Cultural Studies lessons. Students have enjoyed singing different songs, learning how to greet each other in different languages, looking at family and school community celebrations and sharing ways some of these events are important to us.

The first Asian celebration the students have enjoyed learning about is the Chinese New Year - learning some of the customs and traditions about this 15 day event. Reception classes made colourful red lanterns (colour of luck), Year 1's made a bright and colourful dragon, Year 2 classes made Red Envelopes and the Year 3's made an origami fortune cookie.



PORT POWER SCHOOL VISIT

On Tuesday 13th February, our students received a visit from Port Power players including Jordon Sweet, Aliir Aliir, Kane Farrell, Travis Boak and Trent Mckenzie.

There was much excitement amongst the students and staff and we are very proud of how everyone conducted themselves, asking many questions and being an attentive audience throughout the visit.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Our SRC are working hard on our journey to make Willunga Primary School a place where students embrace responsibility and role model important values to others.

Clean up Australia Day was held on 1st March and it was a great opportunity for our students to show pride in our beautiful school and be responsible for keeping it beautiful.

We promoted a successful Clean Up Australia Day with all students contributing, pulling on their gloves and working together to achieve a rubbish free school, something that we encourage not just on Clean up Australia Day, but every day.

Well done to all, if everyone makes it their responsibility to keep our school clean, it becomes a part of our everyday routine. Many hands make light work.



CLASS 23E – GEMBOREE 2024

Thank you to members of the Gemboree committee who visited Willunga Primary on Wednesday 28th February and kindly ran sessions on gems and minerals for our Reception-Year 2 students.

The students loved looking through the microscope at sand and rocks, touching and feeling rocks and gems and opening samples of petrified wood to name a few of the activities.

You can join in the fun at the National Gem and Mineral show, the 60th Gemboree Festival, on the Easter long weekend 29th March-1st April 2024 at the Willunga Recreation Park.

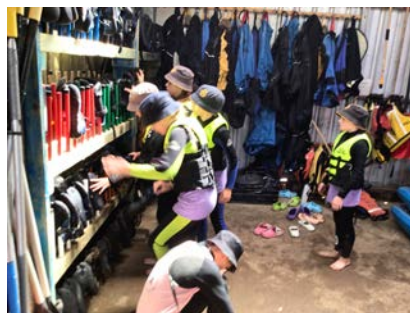


Year 5&6 Aquatics Day – Student Reflections



I got off the bus and the sun was blazing in my eyes and the waves were crashing like thunder. We got in our groups and sprinted to our first group like cheetahs. My first activity was surfing and I was ready, I was in the water getting thumped after every wave. Then I thought about giving up but I went again and it was a big wave! I was paddling, the wave crashed and I did it.

By Luca



When I got off the bus, we all sat down then we got in our groups and went to the first activity which was bodyboarding. We got our boards and went in the ocean and surfed waves. Then we had our recess, I saw my friend Chase, he goes to Galilee, they were doing aquatics as well. Then we went snorkelling. We couldn't go off the platform but we put our heads in the water and it was amazing. We saw massive fish and starfish and an angler fish.

Then we went on kayaks. They were really fun but we had to put on these weird spare shoes. We jumped off the kayaks and swam in the lake. We paddled around and it was probably my favourite activity of the day. Then we dried off and got our clothes on, then we went on the bus and got back at 4:30. It was so much fun. I'm glad I went, thanks for r activity of the day. Then we dried off and got our clothes on, then we went on the bus and got back at 4:30. It was so much fun. I'm glad I went.

By Hector



On Wednesday the 5 and 6s went to Port Noarlunga beach for aquatics. Each group did 3 fun events, my group did kayaking, surfing and snorkelling. My favourite was snorkelling because it was really relaxing and there was a man sitting cross legged on the sea floor with a lap full of food and fish surrounding him. It was a great day.

By Daniel



On Wednesday the 5 and 6s went to Port Noarlunga beach. We went kayaking and I fell in the water but I got to have a swim as I was trying to get in my kayak. Then I went to see fish and there were a lot of them. We went to the river but there were no fish so we were allowed to swim.. We went to the river but there were no fish so we were allowed to swim.

By Noah



As we jumped off the bus, I saw the waves crashing against the bank and I felt very excited for the day. Our first activity was surfing and we had to walk all the way down the beach to the boards. Eddie and I got the skinny boards then we ran out into the waves. They weren't very big but we could still shred the waves. It was so fun we even managed to jump on each other's boards.

By Vili



Finance News

By LISA PINDER, Business Manager

2024 Material and Services Charges

The Materials & Services charges for 2024 have been approved and set by Governing Council at \$380. This includes an incursion cost of \$40. 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.

Thank you to the many parents/caregivers who have made contact, applied for school card and/or made payment. It is appreciated. Payment or arrangements for payment or school card application needs to be received **by the Friday 12th April 2024**. 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.

Applications can be completed online at:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

<https://online.forms.sa.edu.au/content/forms/af/public/application-for-school-card.html>

or collect a from the Finance Office. **PLEASE COMPLETE SCHOOL CARD APPLICATIONS ASAP.** The eligibility criteria for the 2024 School Card Scheme is based on the applicant's combined family gross income for the 2022/2023 financial year, being within the School Card limits which are listed below.

PLEASE NOTE: FAMILIES NEED TO APPLY EACH YEAR

| Number of Your Dependent Children | 2022/2023 Annual School Card Income Limit | 2022/2023 Average Weekly School Card Income Limit |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | \$70994 | \$1365 |
| 2 | \$72262 | \$1390 |
| 3 | \$73530 | \$1414 |
| 4 | \$74798 | \$1439 |
| 5 | \$76066 | \$1463 |
| Each additional dependent child | \$1268 | \$25 |

Garden Help

Across Science, we have been working hard in our garden but we would love some extra help! If you have your current WWCC, RRHAN-EC training and online volunteers induction (via PLINK) and would like to help out, please reach out to me via email. I will provide you with the timing of your child's Science class.

brooke.heath730@schools.sa.edu.au

Brooke Hocking

Open Night

Wednesday 13 March 2024

5.30pm - 7.30pm

Join us to experience our extensive curriculum opportunities, meet our Leadership team and view student displays & demonstrations

Bookings essential via our website