



# WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER | TERM 2 WEEK 3

MAY 15, 2024

Our students raised \$5470 for the Heart Foundation. A fantastic effort!



*"Together we thrive"*

## Key Dates

Volunteer Morning Tea  
22 May

Jam Band Performance  
24 May

Reconciliation Week  
27-31 May

Room 2A&2B Wirraway Camp  
27 - 29 May

Kidzbiz (Year 5/6)  
18 & 25 June  
2 July

Last Day of Term  
Early Dismissal  
Fri 5 July

## Term 2 Staff Updates

By Melanie Jones  
Principal

This term we welcomed new staff members, Rhiannon Hale and Simon Pobjoy. They have been an asset to our staff team, both having come to us as experienced educators from interstate. I am sure you will join me in making them feel welcome.

### Fond farewell

Kate Schipper, who has been our Deputy Principal over the past few years has moved to Flagstaff Hill Primary School. Kate has been an exceptional and valued leader at our school and it comes as no surprise that she was successful in winning a higher-level Deputy Principal role at a bigger site.

I thank Kate for being a trusted, capable and inspiring leader and wish her all the best in her new role which is closer to home.

Every cloud has a silver lining and we have successfully recruited a new Deputy Principal by state wide advertisement. **I am pleased to announce that Julie Dunn will be our new Deputy Principal.** Julie is currently a leader at Whyalla Town Primary School and will commence with us on May 20th, 2024.

Julie is an experienced leader and I know she is looking forward to relocating to the Fleurieu Peninsula after living and working in Whyalla for many years.



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# From the Principal's Desk (cont.)

## A Busy Start

The term is looking busy and we have already checked off Year 3/4 swimming!

Our Mother's Day stall was a success and I would like to thank Sue and the team of volunteers who consistently support our fundraising efforts. Their time and efforts are certainly appreciated and without this small but valued team we could not bring you these events.

This year, the theme of 'Local and Sustainable' was well received by students and their parents. On the gift list were Beeswax wraps, Bracegirdle chocolates, candles, plants and decorated biscuits.

I hope all the Mum's, Nanna's and Grandmas had a fabulous Mother's Day with their families.

## Site Projects

Over the holidays, we were excited to see plans for site works come to life. The area between the music room and Room 20 has been an eyesore and we were pleased to finally extend the deck to create a useable learning space but also provide better access to the greenhouse and our much-loved orchid program. In addition, after a number of years of varying ideas being proposed we decided on the development of a Bush Tucker Garden. We are waiting on some additional elements to be added which include signage and a leaf themed shelter structure. This space will be officially opened during Reconciliation Week with a First Nations Smoking Ceremony for students and staff.

## School Calendar

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

## Principal's Quote of The Week

You cannot do kindness too soon, for you never know how soon will be too late.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



## 2024 MATERIAL & SERVICES CHARGES

Thank you to the many parents/caregivers who have made contact, applied for school card and/or made payment. It is appreciated.

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. Payment can be made via QKR, Direct Credit, EFTPOS or Cash. Any queries please contact Lisa Pinder for more information.

## SCHOOL CARD

**\*\*Families Need to Apply Each Year\*\***

The School Card Scheme is available for families needing financial assistance. Eligibility is not dependent on any member of the family receiving Centrelink benefits. Application can be completed online <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-andgrants/school-card-scheme> or a form can be obtained 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. If you require further information please call Lisa in the Finance Office.

Lisa Pinder - Business Manager

## Build and Play Club

Join us every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during Recess in Breakfast Club for the Build and Play Club, all are welcome. Check out the masterpiece's made by students.





## Welcome to our new staff members



### Rhiannon Hale – Year 6 Teacher

My family and I relocated from Darwin in January this year with our two boys, who have also joined Willunga Primary School. Having grown up in the Adelaide Hills, it has been lovely to move closer to my family and into the gorgeous Willunga area. I have over 18 years experience working within school settings in Darwin and Adelaide. I am passionate about teaching and delighted to be part of guiding students in their final year of primary school and preparing them for their exciting next step. At home, I love spending time with my boys, reading fictional novels, going to the beach and seeing my family. I would like to thank all the wonderful families who I have already met for making me feel so welcome and look forward to getting to know more of you.



### Simon Pobjoy – SSO

Hello everyone, thank you for my warm welcome to Willunga Primary School. My family and I have recently moved back to Adelaide after 25 years living in Brisbane. I am a qualified chef, but I left the industry 18 years ago to become a stay-at-home dad. That is when I fell into being an SSO, after volunteering at my son's school. So, I have been an SSO for 17 years working in all areas of school.

## Year 3 & 4 Swimming

We had a wonderful time learning and improving our swimming strokes in the water. We learnt how to do survival breaststroke, survival backstroke and more. We had an amazing time. **Erin W**

At swimming, we had to practise taking clothes off because if you fall into deep water your clothes will get heavy and hold you back. We also learnt how to throw things to someone to save them, things like kick boards and ball floats. **Bridie H**



## SAPSASA Softball

On Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th March, Nox D played in the Onkaparinga South District Softball team at the SAPSASA State carnival held at West Beach. The team were undefeated and won the gold medal.

Well done, Nox!



# Sport & PE

## SAPSASA Athletics Day

Last term in Week 11, we were lucky enough to take a group of 21 students to Tatachilla College to compete in the District Athletics Day. The students all competed in their chosen sports which consisted of the 100m, 200m, 800m and 1500m running races, long jump, high jump, discuss and shot put. The students all competed hard against the other schools and did an amazing job. We had some great results across the day and all the students tried their best and should be very proud of their effort. A big congratulations goes to the following students for being selected to compete in the Onkaparinga South District Team at state day. Naz T for 100m and relay, Savannah Y for relay and Nate R for high jump.



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**Reconciliation Donuts**

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For delivery at Recess on 30/5



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## SAPSASA Cross Country

On Thursday 9th May, 29 Willunga Primary School students attended a cross country day at Noarlunga Downs Primary School.

The students competed against a number of other schools and ran either a 2km or 3km race. Our students all tried their very best and made the school very proud.

A big congratulations to the following students who all finished in the top 6 of their races to qualify to compete at the state cross country day in June: Jack K, Mitch S, Luca S, Eloise P and Patrick K.



# Term 2 PE & Health

## R-2 Classes

In PE this term the students will be focusing on gymnastics and body movement. The classes will learn skills such as forward rolls, handstands, tumbling, safe jumping and landing, walking on a balance beam and partner/group balances. In health lessons the focus is on safety. We will explore road safety, sun safety, pool/beach safety, community safety, and school safety.

## 3-6 Classes

In PE this term we will be focusing on volleyball and netball as our main sports, along with challenging ourselves, building team work and learning the rules to help score and umpire. Those classes participating in health lessons, will be focusing on healthy eating. We will be learning about the food groups, daily food intake, how to read food labels and then designing a healthy menu.

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# RECONCILIATION WEEK 2024

**Students will be involved in:**

- A Smoking Ceremony
- Opening of our Bush Tucker Garden
- Creating First Nations Class Artworks and Acknowledgement of Country
  - Yarning Circles
- Making and eating Bush Tucker biscuits
  - First Nations Storytelling
  - First Nations Music
  - First Nations Games

**22ND MAY - 3RD JUNE**

Donuts for pre-order on QKR for delivery on Thursday 30th May for \$2.80



# Free home internet access for students


Search School Student Broadband Initiative | Student Home Internet Program

Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

## Free home internet access for students

**There are currently 2 options available**

- wireless internet access from the Department for Education through the Student Home Internet Program
- NBN internet access until December 2025 from the Australian Government through the School Student Broadband Initiative




Scan to find out more

**You might be eligible if you**

- have a school aged child
- don't have reliable home internet access or have no active NBN connection

[education.sa.gov.au/student-home-internet-program](https://www.education.sa.gov.au/student-home-internet-program)



Students and families who have inadequate or no access to internet at home are eligible to apply for a free internet connection to support learning.

**There are two options available to eligible families:**

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2. NBN broadband internet access until Dec 2025 from the Australian Government via the School Student Broadband Initiative.

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Find out more the options available and how to apply by visiting the department's website

[https://www.education.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/814578/school-student-broadband-initiative-family-information.pdf](https://www.education.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/814578/school-student-broadband-initiative-family-information.pdf)

"We are proud to present a celebration of cultural diversity through art."



Gold coin donation upon entry

## AN EXHIBITION OF ART FROM AROUND THE WORLD

WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE  
OPEN TO FAMILIES FROM 2:00PM TO 5:00PM





# WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



Monday- Friday  
8:20-8:40 am  
Nurture Space/ Breakfast Room

**Breakfast Club**



Monday  
Lunchtime  
School Greenhouse

**Orchid Club**



Monday- Friday  
Recess time  
Nurture Space

**Quiet Inside Play**



Monday Lunch with Sue Camac  
Asphalt outside Canteen

**R-2 Skipping**



Tuesday  
12:05-12:55pm  
Nurture Space

**Nunga Group**



Wednesday Lunch with Sue Camac  
Nurture Space

**Year 2-6 Connect**



Monday and Wednesday  
Lunch time  
Library

**Bookbites and Drawing**



Tuesday and Thursday  
Lunch time  
Library

**Tech Time**



Friday  
Lunch time  
Library

**Fun Fridays**



Monday- Friday  
Lunch time  
Hardcourts

**Structured Yard Games**



Thursday  
Lunch time  
Nurture Space

**Art Club**



Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
Recess time  
Nurture Space

**Build and Play**