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NEWSLETTER | TERM 3 WEEK 6

AUGUST 28, 2024



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Book Week
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"Together we thrive"

Key Dates

Father's Day Stall
Thur 29 August

Assembly Host Class 21B
Fri 30 August

Assembly Host Class 23A
Fri 20 September

School Closure Day <<<<<<<
Mon 2 September

RU OK Day
Tue 10 September

Festival Choir
Thu 12 September

Colour Fun Run
Fri 13 September

Parent Teacher Interviews
16 - 27 September

Term 3 Activities

By Melanie Jones, Principal and Julie Dunn, Deputy Principal

It's been an exciting and busy few weeks with engaging activities across the school!

Bullying No Way Week

Our classrooms participated in Anti-Bullying activities focused on raising awareness about the impact of bullying. Students explored strategies for supporting friends and learned the appropriate channels for reporting concerns. The week provided valuable insights and strengthened our commitment to fostering a safe and respectful environment.

National Science Week

Students celebrated National Science week and explored the theme Species Survival - More than just sustainability.

Students were engaged in a variety of topics to investigate and were able to dive into issues of particular interest to them: disease-causing organisms, life-saving chemicals, clean water, photosynthesis, genetic screening, physics of building structures, artificial intelligence, and microplastics.

Magic Millions Choir

Our choir students have been hard at work rehearsing for their upcoming performance. We are excited to see them represent our school and showcase their talents at this special event.

Book Week Parade

The library was buzzing with excitement during Book Week! Students and families enjoyed a range of engaging activities, making this week a truly memorable one.

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From the Principal's Desk (cont.)

The highlight was our Book Week Parade, which was once again a fantastic success (see page 5 for all the fun photos). Many staff and students embraced the 'magic' by dressing up as their favourite book characters.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our parents, carers, and the broader community for helping to bring this magical event to life. Book Week is always a cherished time for our school community, and we are grateful to everyone who contributed their time and effort to make it such a success.

Be Active Program

Our Be Active program continues to thrive during lunchtime, with many students enthusiastically participating. A big thank you to our Sports Captains and Miss Jeffrey for their ongoing dedication in helping our students achieve their fitness goals and fostering a spirit of teamwork.

REPORTING ABSENCES

Please make a note and update your contacts as the number for reporting absences has changed to 0400 056 704. The older number 0429 632 559 will continue to report for a short time.

NO DOGS ALLOWED

A reminder to all parents and caregivers that **NO dogs are allowed at school or on the oval from 8.30am until 3.30pm**. The school has exclusive access to the oval between these times, which is signposted around the oval.

School Calendar

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

Principal's Quote of The Week

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

- B.B. King

Colour Fun Run



Our Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun will be held on Friday 13 September 1:30pm to 3pm. Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem prizes.

All funds raised from the Colour Fun Run will go to improving the ICT devices and play options we have at our school for our students to access.

Magic Millions Choir



In Week 5, the choir travelled to Morphettville for their first rehearsal with other schools, the hosts, the orchestra, and the troupe performing at the Festival of Music Concert. Students were excited to witness how all the elements of the concert are coming together. They worked hard in both their singing and dancing, with a special highlight being the opening song, Beautiful Creatures. This piece featured Willunga Primary student Bodey J as part of the Rhythmic Rumlbers ensemble. We eagerly anticipate the big day in Week 8 and wish everyone the best of luck!

THANK YOU

Our school received a large donation from the Willunga Ladies Auxiliary. We really appreciate it!



Pastoral Care Worker News –By Sue Camac

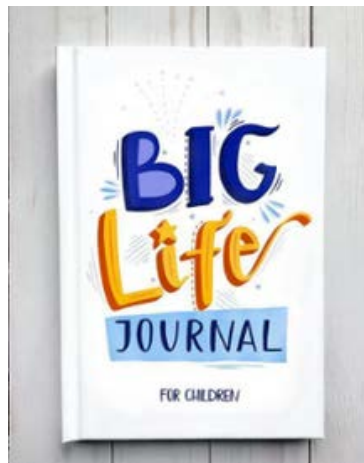
Cybersafety

On Wednesday of Week 3, Sergeant Matthew Robinson came and spoke to the parents with the informative, Think U Know cybersafety session. For those who were unable to attend the presentation, the website has lots of parent resources www.thinkuknow.org.au plus the www.carlyryanfoundation.com. Well worth a look. One thing Mathew reminded us is that once you post a photo to platforms such as Instagram, they belong to that platform whether you

set your profile to private or not. I can speak from personal experience. My niece had one of her photos published in The Advertiser without her knowledge until a family member saw it in the paper. Whilst it was only a scenery photo, it had her first name and the suburb where she lived listed with her photo. No approval was sought because once you post a picture on Instagram it belongs to Instagram!

Masterchef

Three challenges have now been held. Taste test, sausage roll making and Bento box. For Bento box, students were all given the same ingredients and had to arrange them into a lunchbox to be judged by the junior primary as to which one they would most like to have.



From THE BIG LIFE JOURNAL - the next 6 of the 50 Powerful Ways to WISH A GOOD DAY to your child:

- 19. Remember who you are
- 20. Make a new friend today!
- 21. Believe in yourself!
- 22. Today is a new day
- 23. You've got this!
- 24. Learning is your superpower

REMINDER

The Junior Primary Country Show

This fun event is for all of our Reception to Year 2s and will be held on **Friday 6th of September.**

Clementine Talks Orchids



On Friday, August 23rd, Clementine was invited to speak at our local radio station, Tribe FM. Clementine shared her experiences as part of our Orchid Club, which meets every Monday at lunchtime. We are incredibly proud of how confidently she spoke and her impressive knowledge of orchids. Clementine will also be representing Willunga Primary School at the Royal Adelaide Show, where she will be repotting orchids and answering questions from the public.



Bake a Book Competition

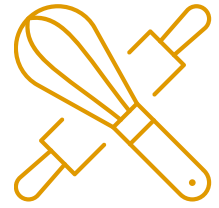
We held our first 'Bake a Book' Competition with 43 entries judged according to criteria for 3 different categories. It was VERY hard for our judges to make a final decision! Well done to everyone who participated.

Competition Criteria Winners:

Rec: Harris S, Hector B, Pippa F, Jai S, Wyatt
Year 1: Carter C **Year 2:** Ellison R **Year 5:** Freya G

Book Week Theme Winners:

Year 2: Tavish M **Year 3:** Finlay M
Year 4: Bridie H **Year 5:** Adele



Creative Award Winners:

Year 2: Mia M **Year 3:** Everly R **Year 6:** Lola S



Author / Illustrator Sally Heinrich Visit



On Monday and Thursday of Book Week, students enjoyed a session listening to a local author/illustrator, Sally Heinrich. Sally has illustrated more than forty books as well as writing and illustrating her own picture books, non-fiction information and activity books and novels. Besides publishers, her clients include advertising and environmental agencies, design studios and Government departments. Her commissioned artwork has included a mural for the Singapore and Melbourne Zoos!

Book Fair



Thank you to those who supported our annual Book Week Book Fair. The money we raise from your purchase of books/items, allows us to keep our library up to date with new titles as well as replace copies of book series.

THANK YOU



The library staff take this opportunity to thank all the parents, teachers, SSOs and students for supporting such a busy week in order to grow the love of reading within our school community.

Book Week Parade 2024



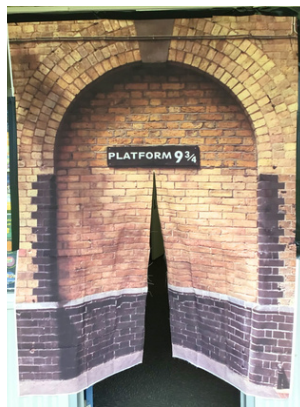
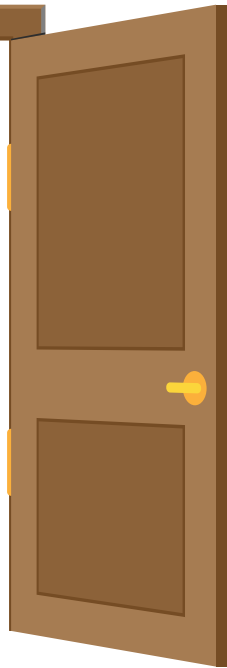
This was a very well attended event and students across the whole school put in an astounding effort to come dressed as their favourite book character. The staff also looked incredible. The Library Captains presented a great parade, reciting "Reading is Magic" by Mike Lucas, then leading the classes to begin their cat walk. It was such a great experience to have a whole school event where everyone displayed the magic and power of reading.



Decorate A Door Competition



On the final day of Book Week, all classes put in a remarkable amount of effort to present a wonderful door display of a chosen book. Can you guess any of the titles?



Bullying, No Way!



During National Bullying No Way Week, every class engaged in anti-bullying activities each morning during Wellbeing CARE group.

Learning about bullying is crucial because it helps students understand the impact of their words and actions on others. By raising awareness, we empower students to stand up against bullying, support one another, and create a safe, inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

To celebrate the week and foster community, we held a shared lunch with our Buddy class on the Nature Play Oval on Wednesday. We believe that bullying is everyone's responsibility, and together, we can make a difference.



If you need help please reach out and connect with your child's teacher to discuss your concerns.

There are also some useful resources and information available to access:

- Kidshelpline www.kidshelpline.com.au 1800551800
- Headspace www.headspace.org.au 1800650890
- Online bullying www.esafety.gov.au