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NEWSLETTER | TERM 3 WEEK 9

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024



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Key Dates

Parent Teacher Interviews
16 – 26 September

Last Day of Term 3
Early Dismissal 2.05pm
Fri 27 September

Student Free Day
Mon 14 October

First Day Term 4
Tue 15 October

Geocaching Excursion 23A & 23C
Fri 18 October

School Photo Day 2024
Tue 22 October

Term 3 Recap

By Melanie Jones, Principal

As Term 3 draws to a close, we want to take a moment to reflect on some of the amazing events that have taken place.

One of the standout highlights was our major fundraising event: the Colour Fun Run. What a fabulous day! Thanks to the incredible generosity of our families and friends, we managed to raise over \$20,000! These funds will go towards nest swings which we hope to have installed by the end of the school year. Staff and SRC are working closely with Climbing Tree to design these exciting upgrades to our nature play area and we are also working together with them on a master plan to enhance this space for years to come.

This day does not come without the hard work and preparation of the staff team and I would like to thank Sam Jeffery, Julie Dunn, Jason Brown and our Admin team for working hard to make this event a reality.

There were other fantastic events and opportunities throughout the term, including Book Week and our much-loved parade, visiting author, decorated doors, Bake a Book, the Year 4/5 Mylor Camp, Father's Day stall, the Country Show, parent-teacher interviews, special food days, and our participation in the Primary Schools Music Festival.

These events wouldn't be possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff or the support of families. We are so grateful to be able to make these opportunities available to our students.

As we head into the break, it's time to rest, recharge, and get ready for the busiest term on the school calendar! We are looking forward to upcoming events like Sports Day on 8th November, Twilight Concert on 5th December and Graduation on 10th December, to name just a few!

Enjoy a well-deserved break, and we will see you refreshed and ready to go for Term 4.



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Enrolments for 2025

If your child will not be attending Willunga Primary in 2025 in a Reception - Year 6 class, please contact the front office to advise us of your movement on 8556 2234 or email belinda.aldenhoven628@schools.sa.edu.au

It is important to know how many students we have enrolled to finalise classes for the year ahead.

2024 School Photos will be held on Tuesday 22nd October in Week 2 Term 4

Please be advised that 2024 school photos will be held in Week 2 of Term 4 - Tuesday 22nd October. Please see online ordering instructions where you can look at package option/costs etc and place your orders prior to the day. Envelope orders will be sent home in week 9, however online ordering is the preferred method. We require families to ensure that students are in full uniform on the day, long hair tied back, no hair colouring, inserts or extensions, no makeup – as per the Dress Code Policy which can be found at: <https://willungaps.sa.edu.au/policies/>

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Principal's Quote of The Week

"The only difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra."

- Jimmy Johnson

Principal's Tour

If you know of any families interested in enrolling at Willunga Primary School in 2025, please advise them that there will be a Principal's Tour in Term 4 where families will have the opportunity to come and have a look around our wonderful site, meet the Principal and see the amazing teaching and learning happening at Willunga Primary School.

The Principal's Tour will be held on Monday 28th October at 9:30am.

Bookings can be made via the following link:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/azc7e>

School Calendar

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



Primary School Music Festival

On Thursday 12th September, 31 Willunga Primary School students performed on stage at the Adelaide Festival Theatre as part of the Public Primary Schools Festival of Music.

The Primary Schools Festival of Music is an iconic South Australian tradition, we engage our students in artistic excellence, cultural diversity and social inclusion through performance in Music and the Arts.

The Festival of Music concerts feature Year 5 & 6 students singing together in a mass choir of just over 300 students. This year we commissioned Robyn Habel and Adam Page to compose a set of four songs entitled "State of the Arts". The audience participation was fun and something very different.

During the concerts there were several Guest Artists from public primary and secondary schools, other choir items that presented different musical genre, and two pieces that specifically showcased the talents of the orchestra.

This year Festival of Music included the ABBA song 'Waterloo', to mark 50 years since ABBA had won Eurovision with that song.

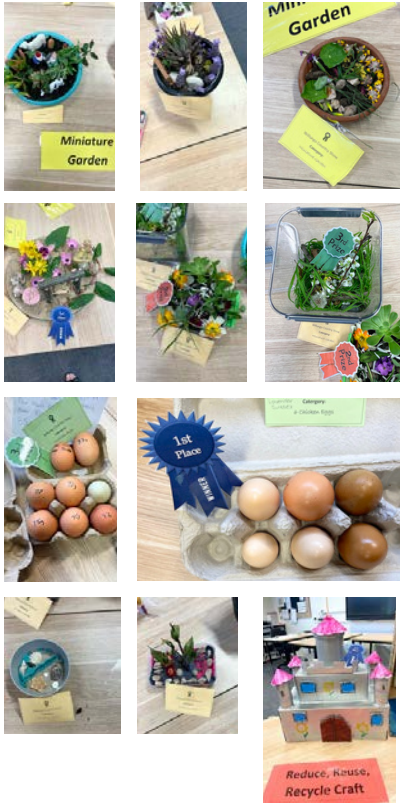
Congratulations to the choir students on your outstanding performance. Well done to Bodey J on your solo performance and Rhythmic Rumlbers opening number, you represented our school admirably. It was a spectacular event that our students enjoyed being a part of.





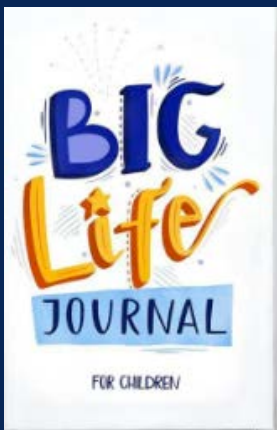
The Junior Primary Country Show

This fun event for Reception to Year 2's was held on Friday 6th of September. Our thanks and appreciation go to the following organisations who generously donated items for the showbags for our Junior Primary students: Datacord, Leon Bignell MP, SAPOL, Neighbourhood Watch, Australian Space Agency, Colgate and RAA.



Masterchef

5 challenges have now been held. Taste test, sausage roll making, Bento box, scones and cake decorating. For the cake decorating challenge the winning team got to celebrate with cupcakes from Tealicious. The winning cake was the pumpkin Halloween cake. One challenge to go!



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

- 25. Use kind words and actions
- 26. I believe in you!
- 27. Smile at someone today!
- 28. Close your eyes and picture you day
- 29. Shine like the sun!
- 30. Be positive and confident!

Mylor Adventure Camp

In week 6, rooms 2C, 2D and 19 went to Mylor Adventure Camp. We had some patchy weather which made for a muddy week! Some of the amazing activities we got to be involved in were the flying fox, giant swing, challenge course, raft making, team building games, archery, bouldering, night walk, gaga ball and movie night.



The main thing I gained from camp was...





Colour Fun Run
Friday 13 September

Finance News

by LISA PINDER, Business Manager



2024 Material & Services Charges

Payment of 2024 charges are overdue. Final notices have been issued. Thank you to all the parents/ caregivers who have paid or made arrangements for payment. It is greatly appreciated. Please remember that school fees are legally recoverable. Any queries please contact Lisa P in the office on 8556 2234 or email lisa.pinder549@schools.sa.edu.au

SAPSASA Hockey 2024



Congratulations to the students who recently participated in SAPSASA Hockey. Well done to all involved.

The 3 days of SAPSASA Hockey were full of sun, laughter and good sportsmanship. All of the teams played well together and new friendships were made. The girls team took 5th place out of 10 sides, with Parker scoring the winning goal in one of the games. The boys and mixed team both placed 8th out of 10 sides. We can't wait for next year!!

By Parker T



On the 9th of September to the 11th of September, four Willunga Primary students represented Southern Metro in SAPSASA District Hockey. They were Harry W (6), Parker T (5), Kai A (5) and Jack J (5). They played nine games of hockey over three days at Adelaide University Hockey Club (AUHC) in West Beach. There are three teams; the mixed, the girls and the boys.

By Harry W

R U OK?

During week 8 we acknowledged and raised awareness around R U OK Day. Students were encouraged to wear yellow on the day and participated in activities during morning CAREgroup with a focus on friendship and support. The day is a reminder that we all need a little extra support sometimes, and that it's okay to ask for help and to offer voluntary help to those around you.

Ask RU OK?

Yeah you do!

You've got this!

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