



WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER | TERM 1 WEEK 9

MARCH 26, 2025



"Together we thrive"

Key Dates

STUDENT FREE DAY
Fri 28 March

Easter Egg Donations Due
Tue 1 April

Easter Raffle Drawn
Fri 4 April

Assembly 9.05-9.45am
Fri 4 April

Kytos Delivery
Tue 8 April

SA Police Band Performance
Wed 9 April

Crazy Hair Day
Last Day of Term 1
Fri 11 April

Everyone Belongs

By Melanie Jones, Principal

Friday March 21st each year marks Harmony Day, a celebration of Australia's rich cultural diversity and a reminder of the importance of inclusivity, respect, and belonging for all.

Harmony Day is about coming together – recognising the unique cultures, languages, and traditions that make up our community and nation. It's a time to reflect on the message that "Everyone Belongs", and to celebrate the values that unite us, regardless of where we come from. Australia is one of the most multicultural countries in the world. According to the 2021 Census:

- Nearly 30% of Australians were born overseas.
- Over 5.5 million people speak a language other than English at home.
- Australians come from over 190 different countries, bringing with them a rich tapestry of stories, foods, music, and customs.
- The top five countries of birth (after Australia) are England, India, China, New Zealand and the Philippines.

In our own school community, we see the strength and beauty of diversity every day. Our students, families, and staff bring unique perspectives, experiences, and cultural heritage that enrich our learning and make our school a vibrant, inclusive place.

This Harmony Day, students were encouraged to wear the colour orange, symbolising communication, encouragement, and mutual respect and some students wore cultural dress. Our students came together to engage in activities that celebrate our cultural backgrounds, encourage conversations, and highlight what connects us. Let's continue to build a culture where *everyone feels seen, valued and included* – because together, we are stronger.

Happy Harmony Day!



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Autism and Neurodiversity Awareness

World Autism Awareness Day

Since 2007, on the 2nd of April, the United Nations have observed World Autism Awareness Day. This day is to affirm the rights and freedoms of autistic people. We have moved beyond just raising awareness to promoting acceptance and appreciation of autistic people and their contributions to society.

As a school we want to celebrate and affirm all neurotypes. All brains are equally important and there is no one 'right' way of thinking, learning and behaving. There are lots of positives to neurodiversity. Together, we can promote acceptance, understanding, and inclusion in our community.

Some useful links

What Exactly is Neurodiversity?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALJ3CFRRZpo>



Positive Partnerships:

<https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/>

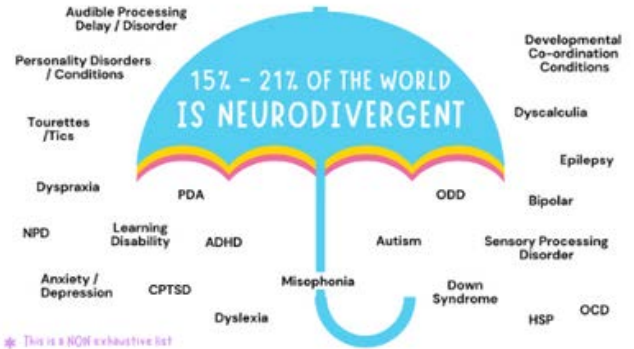


Amazing Things Happen!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezv85LMFx2E>



Visit Student Services to pick up a blank rainbow star and share what makes you unique. Your star will be part of our school display celebrating diversity as our strength.



Reframing Autism:

<https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/>



Autism CRC:

<https://www.autismcrc.com.au/>



Principal's Quote of The Week

The more that you READ the more things you will KNOW.
The more that you LEARN the more PLACES YOU'LL GO!

- Dr. Seuss



[Click to view the school calendar](#)

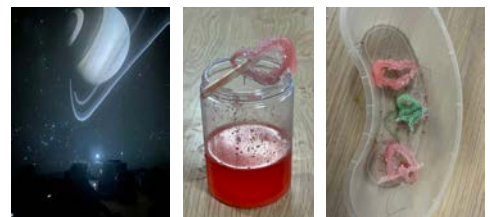
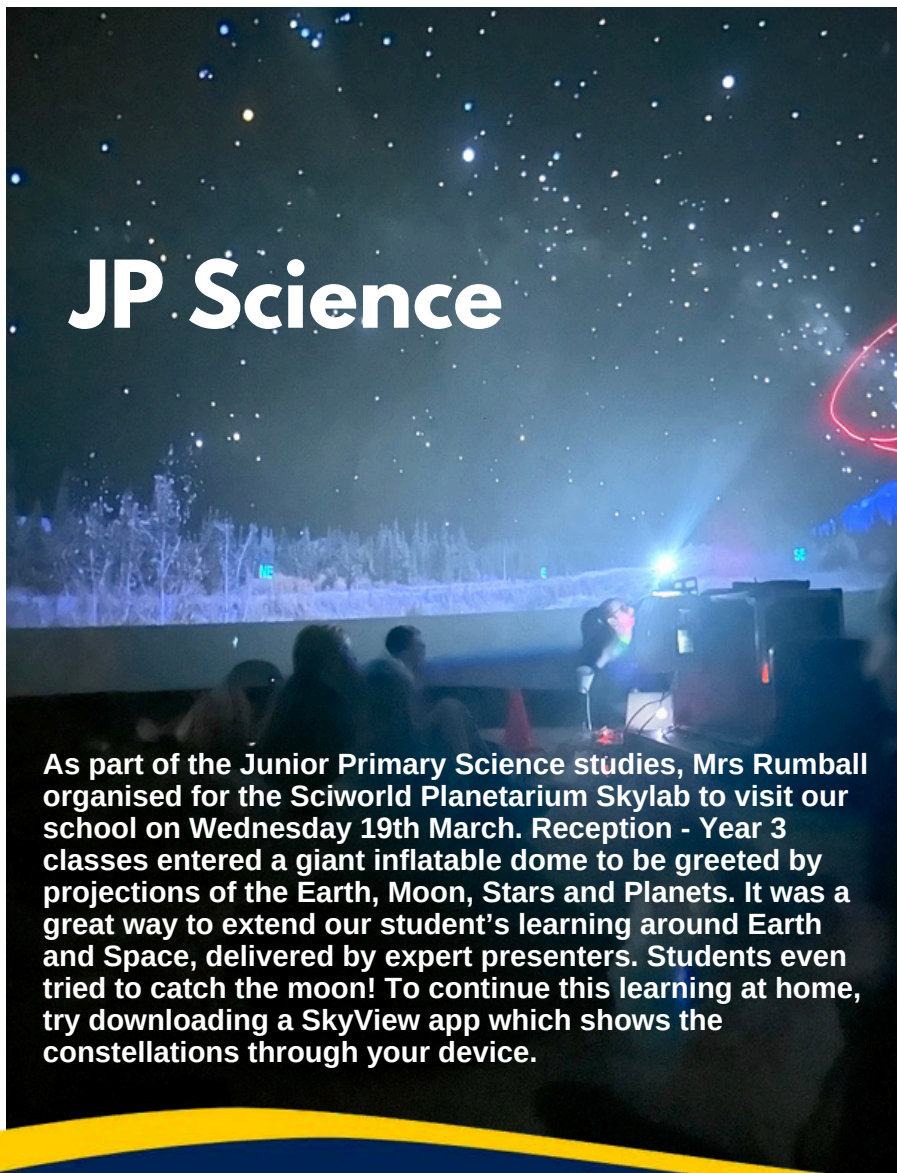
Easter Raffle Donations Needed!

Thank you to all the families who have kindly donated items for the Easter Hampers we will be raffling on **Friday 4th April**.

We are still looking for donations for the hampers which can be dropped off at Student Services.

Raffle tickets are now on sale with cash payment or via the school QKR app.

All donations and tickets are due by Tuesday 1st April.
Good luck!!!



Kytons Easter Fundraiser

We are excited to announce that our school is running the Kytons Easter Fundraiser again this year! This is a fantastic opportunity to stock up on delicious Easter treats while at the same time supporting our school.

Kytons Bakery is well known for its award-winning hot cross buns and tasty treats, making this the perfect way to celebrate Easter with family and friends.

Key Dates:

Orders Close: Monday, 1st April

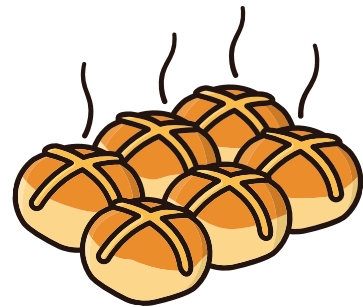
Delivery: Monday, 8th April



You can place your order now through the school's QKR app. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a successful fundraiser!



All funds raised will go directly towards future playground upgrades.



STUDENT FREE DAY

Reminder that this **Friday 28th March** is a Student Free Day. If you require care for your child/ren, Willunga OSHC will be open on this day.





You're warmly invited to the next Connection Parent Group Meeting

Our next Connection Parent Group meeting is on **7th April at 9 am in the Nurture Room**. All parents and caregivers are welcome.



This is a chance to connect with other parents, enjoy tea or coffee and biscuits, and hear about our social and emotional learning programs and how we can support our children in developing these skills.

Kindness posters were made by students who attended the Craft Club for display around the school. We meet on Thursdays. See below for all the Lunch Time Club details.

Parents, did you know?

The Nurture Room is open every recess for Year 2-6 students.

If your child could use a little downtime or a quiet place to recharge, this is a welcoming space where they can come and engage in fun activities.



LUNCH TIME CLUB FUN

MONDAY

**Interception
Yoga Club**
Lunch time In the Nurture Room



TUESDAY

Games Club
Lunch time In the Nurture Room



THURSDAY

Craft Club
Lunch time In the Breakfast Room



FRIDAY

Play Dough Club
Lunch time In the Breakfast Room



All students welcome!

HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH

Harmony Week was celebrated during morning CARE Group sessions in Week 8 and concluded with a whole-school lunch to mark the end of the week's activities.



HARMONY WEEK

Australia is a place
for every one
it doesn't matter where
you're from if you've got
dark skin or not or if you're
from a different country it's
where you belong I came
from England and Australia
is where I belong Australia
is where I belong yes Australia
is where I belong



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Australia is a place for everyone
It doesn't matter where you're from
If you've got dark skin or not
Or if you're from a different country
It's where you belong.
I came from England and Australia is where I belong.
Australia, where I belong
Yes, Australia is where I belong.
From Marli 238





2025 Material & Services Charges

The Materials & Services charges for 2025 have been approved and set by Governing Council at \$400.00 This includes an incursion cost of \$40. A Tax Invoice (and statement) relating to Material & Services Charges for this school year, has been emailed. Please advise if you have not received the invoice/s. A \$200 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 need to be received by Friday 11th April 2025. Payment can be made via QKR, Direct Credit, EFTPOS, Centrepay or Cash. Any queries please contact Lindsey Darby in the office on 8556 2234 or email lindsey.darby478@schools.sa.edu.au

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. [Click here to complete your application online](#) or see the Finance Office for a form.

Please complete School Card applications ASAP

The eligibility criteria for the 2025 School Card Scheme is based on the applicant's combined family gross income for the 2023/2024 financial year, being within the School Card limits which are listed below.

****FAMILIES NEED TO APPLY EACH YEAR****

Number of Your Dependent Children	2023/2024 Annual School Card Income Limit	2023/2024 Average Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$74189	\$1426
2	\$75514	\$1452
3	\$76839	\$1478
4	\$78164	\$1504
5	\$79489	\$1530
Each additional dependent child	\$1325	\$26

REMEMBER:

If you are paying for school fees, excursions or incursions via direct credit to the school bank account, PLEASE ensure you put your child's surname or debtor ID as a reference with the payment so that the Finance Officer knows who's transaction it belongs to.

IMPORTANT: The deadline for School Card applications is Friday, 11th April 2025. If you anticipate difficulty meeting this deadline, please contact the Finance Office as soon as possible to discuss your options.