

WALLAROO PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Every child matters every day.

All children can be high achievers.

2017 Term Dates.

Term 1 30 Jan – 13 April

Term 2 1 May – 7 July

Term 3 24 July – 29 Sept

Term 4 16 Oct – 15 Dec

newsletter

Week 1 Term 1 2017

WELCOME TO WALLAROO PRIMARY SCHOOL!!



We wish to welcome our new Reception students and wish them well as they commence their years of learning at Wallaroo Primary School

Back Row: Imogen, Nevaeh, McKinley, Elektra and Fay.

Front Row: Aurora, Ella, Bella, Tommy, Jack and Isabella.

WELCOME

Welcome back to school for 2017! I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break with your family and friends, and are ready for an exciting and engaging term one. My name is Keaton Thomas, and I will be teaching the 4/5/6's in Room 9 this year.



TEACHING

I developed a passion for teaching from an early age when I volunteered at Vacation Swim Program from the age of 14 off the Wallaroo Jetty with family and friends. This passion excelled over the years and I now aim to successfully teach exciting and engaging learning programs, where I will utilise student's strengths/interests to teach and facilitate our learning in 2017.

Each day academically and socially we will have clear intensions to promote maximum student participation and excellence during the year, with the aim to build growth mindsets where all students in Team 9 focus on a 'can do' attitude towards their learning. A combination of working in teams collaboratively and individual based work will enable us to achieve our aim for 2017.

PERSONAL NOTE

On a personal note I am a originally from the Riverland, also spent time living on the Eyre and Yorke Peninsula, moving around with my family prior to settling in Adelaide to further my education post schooling. I take strong interest in all my sports (go the Crows), food, camping and fishing.



WELCOME

Hello, my name is Damian McCarthy and I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to you and your family. I am excited and honored to be joining amazing team of educators and staff here at Wallaroo PS and look forward to meeting you and your child (ren).



Our school offers a Student Counselling service as an additional resource to help your child (ren) succeed in their academic goals, as well as support social and emotional growth throughout the school year. Counselling activities can include individual or group counselling, whole class presentations and observations. Many of these activities will focus on helping students learn ways to build positive social skills, gain confidence in their ability to interact with others and learn ways to deal with problems and conflicts constructively.

LEARNING FOCUS

Additionally, I will be working face to face with each of your children in the areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). I have a background in the Building Trades and also have a key interest in Digital Technology. Technology is pervasive in almost every aspect of daily life, and as the workplace changes, STEM knowledge and skills grow in importance for a variety of workers (not just for mathematicians and scientists).

Department for Education and Child Development – Child Wellbeing Program

What we do

1. Work with preschools, primary schools and secondary schools to support staff/schools to respond to the wellbeing needs of children, young people and their families.
2. Provide information, advice and support directly to children, young people and families.
3. Make referrals to other support agencies and/or services who can offer specialised and longer term assistance.

Some of the issues faced by families that the program could assist with include, but are not limited to:

- **Family breakdown**
- **Parenting Challenges**
- **Mental Health**
- **Isolation**
- **Substance Misuse**
- **Family Violence**
- **Behavioural/ Social / Emotional issues**
- **Health / Disability**
- **Financial Hardship**



The program is voluntary, meaning it is up to individuals whether they want to work with the program.

Contact

The Child Wellbeing-Team takes referrals from the various schools that each Child Wellbeing Practitioner works with. Therefore schools remain your first point of contact should you have concerns that relate to the wellbeing of your child/family. School staff work closely with the Child Wellbeing Program and will involve the program where it is appropriate.

KISS AND GO ZONE

The purpose of the Kiss and Go Zone is to allow parents to drop their children safely at the front of the school. This is a NO PARKING ZONE. You are able to stop, get out and assist your child in getting out of the vehicle but you are NOT to leave the car parked and escort your child/ren into school. If you wish to escort your child/ren please park in Stirling Street, Seeley Lane or Moonta Road.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back everyone. The library has had a furniture reshuffle, come and have a look. The Premier's Reading Challenge has started and finishes on 8th September so the children have 32 weeks to read 12 books. Students in Reception – year 2 read an orange stickered book, students in years 3 – 5 read a green stickered book and students in years 6 – 7 read yellow stickered books.

Feel free to come and see me in the Library before school from Monday to Thursday if you have any questions.

Mrs Seddon ☺ **BOOK CLUB MONEY AND ORDERS DUE ON THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY.**

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Has your child outgrown their school uniform? If so, we would welcome any donations for our second hand clothing pool.