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TERM 2-Week 2 Newsletter

From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 2: We've had a wonderful start back to term 2. With schools open for learning, we're now nearly at full capacity, which is fabulous. There are still measures put in place to support the safety and well-being of staff and students which will be ongoing through this COVID-19 time. I'd like to give a huge shout out to the hard work and flexibility of all our staff in the support for all our students learning at home and at school.

Application of new learning: All staff have undertaken a year's worth of professional development in a very short space of time. The bonus of this is that as a site we can now take our time in determining how we apply our new learning to our existing practice to enhance our learning environment for all students. For example, Author Tricia Stringer is visiting our school this Friday. She'll be 'beamed' into each classroom via video cam link ups. Teachers have been utilising the videos made for home learning within their classes along to support revision and targeted intervention. The connections between home and school through DoJo and the Department for Education 'Teams' has become stronger, with parents and teachers communicating regularly about student learning. New programs purchased ready for home learning including Reading Eggs for targeted intervention along with IXL maths and literacy, are being utilised across R-7, with the online teacher resources supporting classroom practice.

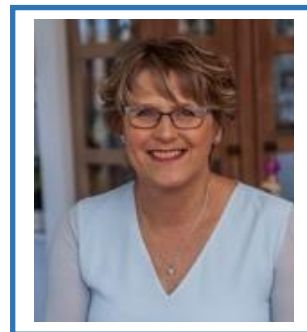
Message from Governing Council Chairperson:

Our first official Governing Council (GC) meeting for 2020 will go ahead in week 3 (next week).

I'm pleased to announce that Dominica Thomson has won the role of Principal of Wallaroo Primary School for the next five years. I look forward to working with Dominica and the Governing Council to support our students meet their full potential. At next week's GC meeting we will begin conversations around connecting WPS to the wider community and begin to plan for WPS to become the Wallaroo Community Hub for learning for all. Stay tuned!

Fiona Piscioneri

Author visit: This Friday Author Tricia Stringer is visiting WPS to speak with our students and to launch our whole school 'READING FOR PLEASURE' focus. Not only will she read to all our students via video link up, she'll also be answering student questions. All our budding writers and readers will receive a book and bookmark handpicked by Mrs Seddon our librarian and class teachers. A huge thank you to Mrs Seddon for organising Tricia to visit.



ANZAC day: At WPS classes commemorated ANZAC day in various age appropriate ways. Our students engaged in learning, from reading the book ANZAC biscuits by Phil Cummings, cooking ANZAC biscuits, to learning about World War One along with the history of ANZAC day and the different way ANZAC day was remembered.

Dom Thomson



May Monday 18th Book Club orders due



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Early Closure Cancelled

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the planned school closure for next Tuesday has been cancelled.

School will conclude at the normal time of 3:00 pm.

Music Professional Development

Thank you to music teacher Mr Ben Graefe for providing instruction to staff on ways to deliver music lessons to our students. Staff really enjoyed having the experience of playing a glockenspiel.



Room 8 Technology

Room 8 have been using our online learning platform over the last two weeks. We have completed a Science and HASS assessment and some new learning through

Mr McCarthy has also been teaching classes all about how to use Microsoft Teams in Technology lessons.



Book Club

Scholastic Book club will not be sending out paper versions of this flyer due to Covid-19 infection possibilities. The link to the current issue is

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

Books will still be delivered to the school

School Uniform Assistance

Anglicare SA are once again generously offering to provide assistance with the purchase of school uniforms.

Expression of interest forms are available from the Front Office.

Please contact the school for further information.

