

WPS News

Term 1, Week 3 2024



Respect

Persistence

Care

Pride

Dear families/caregivers,

What a smooth start to the year we've had at WPS. Children and educators have been keen to work with our values, build relationships and share learning. Students have commenced wellbeing/inclusion lessons with Assistant Principal Miss Jen Heinrich which has supported all educators and children to use common language when talking about our values, feelings, goals and aspirations for learning. All educators (teachers and those in 'Learner Support' roles have worked with children to set up for learning success, with a sense of belonging and purpose. Staffing: I'd like to welcome Miss Billie Cole who will be teaching Music, taking children for Festival of Music (choir) and team-teaching 5/6 with Mrs Jess Martin. This year Mrs Bel Williamson will be teaching two lessons of STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts and Maths), which will be largely project/real life based. Mrs Beth Richardson will be taking children for PE on a Friday with Mrs Mel Roach and Ms Julie Murcott joining our Learner Support team. We welcomed all families at Acquaintance Night Monday 12th February and thank our educators for opening up learning spaces for children to share with their families. Thank you to our amazing Governing Council for coordinating the BBQ. A Governing Council AGM followed in the Errington Room where our Governing Council welcomed 4 new members! Watch this space!

This year we are continuing our whole site work on our 'Wallaroo Primary Commitment to Learning Action Plan' which will be shared at the first official Governing Council (GC) meeting in Week 8, Monday 18th March. All community members welcome, whether on GC or not. Pupil Free Days will also be tabled at this meeting and community connection events discussed. Through this work, we support all children to be effective learners by supporting and scaffolding learning opportunities that cater to individual learning needs, are engaging and support both the academic and social/emotional needs of all children. Our pupil free days and professional development will be focused this year on differentiated task design and SEED (Systematic, Exploration, Experimentation, Discovery). Exciting times for our children and families,

Dominica Thomson
Principal

★ Reminders ★

- SCHOOL CALENDAR ON PAGE 7
- SCHOOL FEES are being mailed out this week

Governing Council News

Hi everyone! What a fabulous start to the year we've had. I'm so excited to welcome 4 new members to our committee! Last year our council become members of the South Australian Association of School Parent Communities, and we will be working closely with them this year to support our beautiful community through fundraising and events.

Kind Regards, Emily Barber
Governing Council
Chairperson



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Department for Education



TIME TO DON YOUR CAPS AND SIGN UP FOR CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY FOR 2024!

Online forms to enroll your child in 'Children's University' is submitted directly to Children's University (QR code above). Once this is done, parents/caregivers can pay the cost directly to the school. The annual fee for 2024 membership is substantially sponsored and therefore will only cost \$5.00 (inc GST) per child, which includes one Passport per membership year (if required). Any replacement Passports will incur a fee of \$7.70 (inc GST).

Please note, the online form includes a link to download a hard copy of the membership form if parents/caregivers prefer. These can be filled in and submitted to the Coordinator (Mrs Belinda Williamson) who can then forward it to Children's University via email.

Reminder: Step 1: submit an enrollment form online (or download). Step 2: pay fee of \$5 directly to WPS front office.

Children's University Adelaide - Wallaroo Primary School



SUSTAINABILITY CLOTHES SWAP



SWAP YOUR OLD STYLES FOR NEW ONES



Week 5 | Friday 1st March

Wallaroo Primary School Gym -

During lesson times. Bring in ONE piece of clean clothing to swap for another and keep our clothes becoming landfill!

**Wallaroo
Primary School**

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY IN SCHOOLS



**Friday 1st
March 2024**

Bottle Cap Drive - Sustainable Art

Families are encouraged to participate in our Sustainable Art Project!

Please drop off clean and loose bottle caps to Room 7. The project will run from Term 2 to Term 4 so the more bottle caps we collect, the bigger our artwork can be!





Specialist Areas Semester 1!

STEAM

(Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics)

In STEAM lessons, we focus on finding design solutions to real-life problems, especially in the space of sustainability!

This term, all children will be examining our playground equipment to discover the forces being used and understand the purpose of a playground (eg for entertainment/fitness). Each group will present their findings for consultation by fellow students and educators to ensure they meet everyone's needs (safety, ability). Outcomes will be taken to Governing Council and Student Representative Committee for the consideration of implementation/extension/removal to our school playground at WPS.

Music

In music, we are working to develop our musicianship skills, as we focus on the topic of 'we are all musicians' (R-2).

For term 1 our primary focus is the elements of music, through which we explore beat, rhythm, pitch, tempo and dynamics. We will explore how these elements work together to make music through playing instruments, singing, and using body percussion. We are hopeful that as we find our singing voices, we can showcase our hard work in future assemblies. As the semester progresses, we will shift our focus to creating and performing our own music which we also look forward to sharing.

We are also look forward to having some of our year 5 and 6 students participate in the Festival of Music Choir.

P.E.

This Semester we are focussing on personal and social capabilities within the PE curriculum. We are particularly focusing on interacting respectfully with others, demonstrated by moving safely, being aware of others around us, playing fair and by the rules. Term One sees this focus through the lens of athletic games in the lead up to sports day as well as practicing specific skills such as shot put, vortex throw, sprints, etc. Term 2 we will continue with our personal and social capabilities work with a focus on netball and football. We are learning through movement and moving for fun and enjoyment therefore focusing on physical game play within lessons.

From the Library

*A very big thank you to
Richie Daehn and his Mum
for donating some beautiful
books to our school. Some
are in our library, some are
being used by playgroup,
and the rest have been put
into Mrs Seddon's stash of
book prizes.*



SALE!

I.T. NEWS

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We have upgraded our school iPads and are selling the decommissioned ones.

iPad Air 16 GB \$20.00

iPad Air 2 64 GB \$30.00

There are a limited number which can be purchased through the front office on a "First In and Paid" basis.

All iPads have been reset to factory settings.



Our one year anniversary!



Monday 12th February marked one year of Wallaroo Primary School Playgroup being a free service to our community. We had lots of fun outside, enjoyed pancakes for snack and 4 new families joined us!

Play, explore, rhyme time
and books!

PLAYGROUP
Monday's during
school term time
9 to 10.30am
Lamshed Gym

Phone 88 232 190 for queries

Healthy snack provided by
Wallaroo Drakes Supermarket

FREE!!!

Wallaroo Primary
School
Hughes Street
Wallaroo

Acknowledging Our Past
Building Our Future



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Free home internet access

Students and families who have inadequate or no access to internet at home are eligible to apply for a free internet connection to support learning.

There are 2 options available to eligible families:

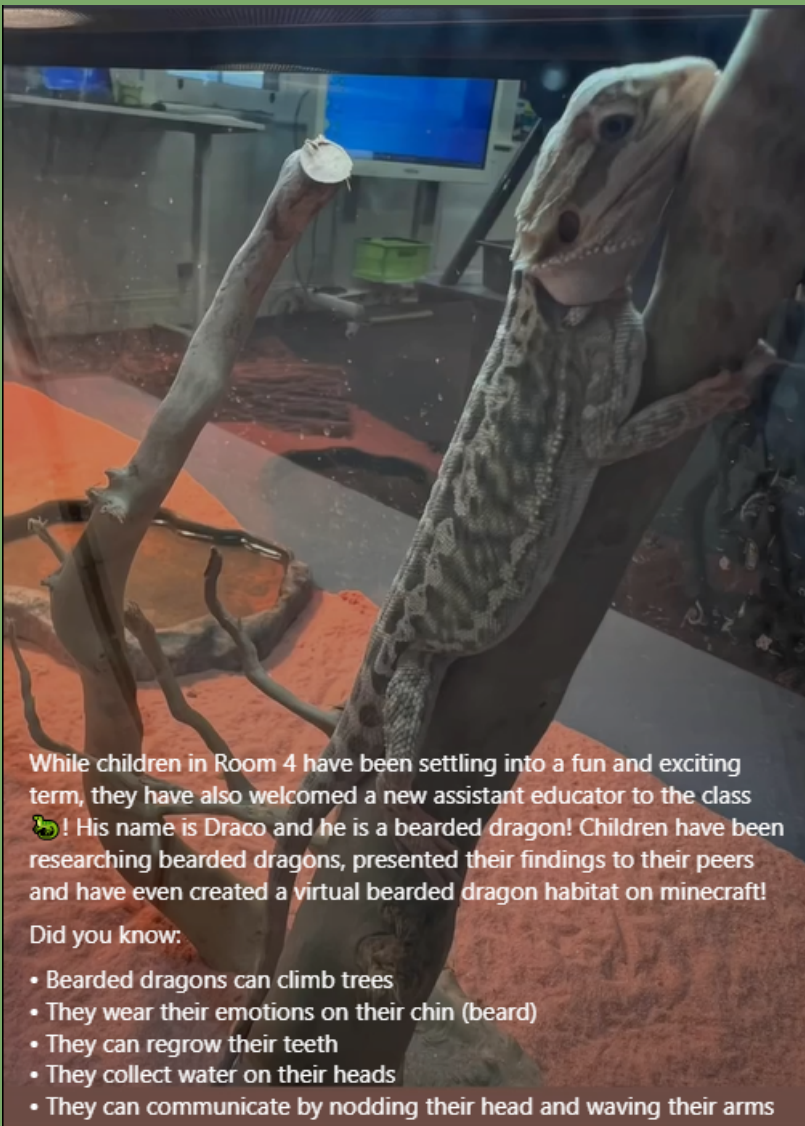
- wireless internet access from the Department for Education through the student home internet program
- NBN broadband internet access until December 2025 from the Australian Government through the School Student Broadband Initiative.

You might be eligible if you:

- have a school aged child
- don't have reliable home internet access or have no active NBN broadband connection.

Find out more about what options are available and how parents and carers can apply by visiting the department's website.

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/students/curriculum-and-learning/student-home-internet>



Huge thank you to
Petstock Wallaroo
for their support
and sponsorship
of our newest staff
member.

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	29	30	31	1 FEB	2
2	5	6	7	8	9
3	12 Acquaintance Night 4-6pm	13	14	15	16
4	19 Swimming Week	20 Assembly 2:15	21	22	23
5	26	27	28	29	1 MAR Clean Up Australia Day & Clothing Swap
6	4	5	6	7	8
7	11 Adelaide Cup	12 Student Free Day	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN	15 NAPLAN
8	18 NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN	20 NAPLAN	21 NAPLAN Harmony Day KESAB paper making	22 NAPLAN
9	25	26	27	28	29 GOOD FRIDAY
10	1 APRIL EASTER MONDAY	2	3	4	5 Sports Day
11	8	9	10	11 SAPSASA Athletics Day	12 Last day of Term 1