

# WPS News

Term 2, Week 3, 2024



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Dear Families/Caregivers,

Educators, learners and volunteers have hit the ground running this term, with learning being at the forefront. This term educators are delving into the SA Curriculum. The SA Curriculum is adapted from the Australian Curriculum to reflect the Department for Education 'Our purpose and strategy for public education in South Australia'. The areas of impact are in the diagram below (left). The SA Curriculum organises the content of the Australian Curriculum to support educators to achieve the departments purpose and strategy.

At Wallaroo Primary we are committed to develop all young people with a sense of agency and self-worth, who have the capacity to learn and thrive throughout their lives, manage their wellbeing and gain satisfaction through their contribution to society. Given this, one of our drivers is to consider how the curriculum can be our agent for change.

In line with the Department for Education ethos, we recognize the importance of strong foundations, including literacy, numeracy and digital literacies. We understand the importance of learning continuity from the Early Years through Primary, High School and beyond. The SA Curriculum organises the content under conceptual understandings, emphasising understanding over recall. It outlines dispositions in each learning area that are crucial for effective learning and includes Learning Standards that focus on what learners can be, do and understand, demonstrating that dispositions, capabilities and knowledge are valued (diagram bottom right).

Initially educators will be unpacking this work. We will utilise staff meetings and professional learning opportunities to understand how the adapted SA curriculum supports educators to design learning, teaching and assessment that fosters the holistic growth and development of each individual. Our first area of focus will be in mathematics,



## ★ Reminders ★

Assembly 21 May 2:15

Variety Disco ~~May 22~~  
**CHANGE OF DATE**  
Week 6 June 5

Public Holiday Kings  
Birthday June 10  
and  
Student Free Day June 1

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**Governing Council  
News**

On behalf of the Governing Council and the OSHC advisory committee I'd like to thank Joanne Watkinson for her support, knowledge and dedication over the last couple of months and would like to wish her all the best with her future endeavours.

Kind Regards, Emily Barber  
Governing Council  
Chairperson

Dominica Thomson



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education



# WPS News

Term 1, Week 10, 2024

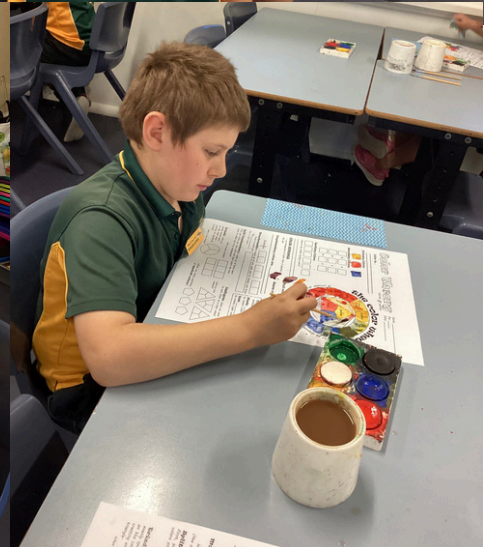


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**So much is happening in STEAM - I'm struggling to find space to fit it all!**

- Term 2 sees us joining the Commissioners Digital Technology Challenge to learn all about digital systems, coding & programming.
- Students in Room 6 have been busily prepping our garden with a winter crop, while planting plants to encourage beneficial bugs to visit.
- In Design & Technologies we have been exploring physical sciences to design our school playground and understand more about designed environments.
- We have also begun to include the "A" in STEAM looking at basic colour theory in Visual Arts. Students aim to create sustainable art by the end of Term 3.

- Mrs. Williamson





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10 May 2024

Dear OSHC Families,

It is with mixed emotions that I inform you of my departure from the position of WPS & Community OSHC Director, effective at the end of the week ending on May 24th.

I am thrilled to announce that Jane Southon will be stepping into the role of OSHC Director following my departure. Jane brings with her a wealth of experience across various domains, and I am confident that she will excel in leading our OSHC community. I kindly ask that you extend a warm welcome to Jane and offer your support as she settles into her new role.

To ensure a smooth transition, I will be dedicating the next two Wednesdays to collaborating closely with Jane, facilitating a comprehensive handover process. Additionally, you may see her in the OSHC space on other occasions starting from Monday 13 May as she familiarises herself with our OSHC service operations and requirements. During this time, she will not only be immersing herself in the logistical aspects but also taking precious moments to forge connections with the attending children, ensuring that the way forward is as smooth and comforting as possible.

Kind regards,

Joanne Watkinson

*Wallaroo Primary School and Community OSHC Director*

## Term 2 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	29	30	1/May	NYP Footy Carnival 2	3
2	6	7	8	9	10 SAPSASA Cross Country
3		13 14 Parliament House- Miss Heinrich with school captains	15	16 NEWSLETTER - Specialist STEM	17 NYP Netball Carnival
4	20 Governing Council 6.30	21 Assembly 2.15 Room 6	22	23	24
5	27	28	29	30	31
6	3/June	4	VARIETY DISCO 5	6 NEWSLETTER Specialist - Music	7
7	10 Public holiday King's Birthday	11 Student Free Day	12 Kindy Transition 8.45-11	13	14
8	17	18 Kindy Transition 8.45-12 Assembly 2.15 Room 3 SCHOOL PHOTOS	19	20	21
9		24 25 Kindy Transition 8.45-12	26	27 NEWSLETTER - Rm 3 (R/1)	28
10	1/July	2	3	4	5

