Wallaroo Primary School

WPS News Term 4, Week 6, 2024

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Last week, during week 5, Wallaroo Primary School was involved in two huge events. Nineteen learners graduated from **Children's University at Adelaide University**. Children's University is an innovative program that engages children and young people in exciting, out-of-school opportunities where they are directly involved in extending themselves and taking responsibility of their own learning. Caregiver's support this by accessing the opportunities and Wallaroo Primary educators often take the time to point the learners and families towards different opportunities when they arise. This year the group have been supported to attend four trips to Adelaide or surrounding areas, accessing the Space Centre, Adelaide Markets, Warrawong Sanctuary and much more. I'd like to thank Belinda Williamson for driving this as part of her Extension Educator role and Cassie Hewton, one of our amazing parents that planned Children's University excursions out of hours.

School Run4Fun Colour Splatacular: the Splatacular, on Friday 15th November, raised a significant amount of money (see below), thanks to so many learners and their families going above and beyond to fundraise in various ways. A few learners even held their own stalls at markets! This connection to community and industry is amazing. Wallaroo Primary receive 60% of the overall fundraising, the rest going to the company who provide the prizes, materials etc. Originally a classroom fundraiser for the Year 6 Graduation dinner, it quickly transformed into a whole school event, with Mrs Jess Martin at the forefront as site organiser. The majority of the profits will be assigned to the gate and aligning fence area along Stirling Street where families have requested an extra entry gate. Our intention now is to develop the whole area to be an outside learning environment. I'm not sure who had the most fun with this event, the children, the caregivers or the staff who got slimed!!!

Premier's Reading Challenge: This week, on Wednesday the 20th November, learners Acacia, Logan, Mrs Di Seddon and myself attended the Premier's Reading Challenge Reception at the Adelaide Zoo, to celebrate high achieving schools who completed the challenge this year. As a whole school, we had a 100% completion rate, where every child from Reception to Year 6, read the full number of books required to achieve the reading challenge. We know the connection between reading and learning is a strong one. Thank you to Di Seddon and all educators for supporting all our learners to be successful this year. Acacia and Logan were chosen to attend as they are our highest book borrowers across Reception to Year 6!

Staffing: Moving from 2024 into 2025

Jen Heinrich: Assistant Principal: will be working 3 days at Wallaroo PS for the remainder of 2024 and in Social Services as Inclusive Educator 2 days a week. Her WPS days will be Mon/Tues/Thurs most weeks.

2025 staffing: We are working towards having as much consistency of educators as possible, including both teachers and student support officers. With a focus on rich learning environments, you will begin to see changes around the school as we prepare to move music into Room 6, the year 3/4/5 learners into Room 4 and the year 4/5/6 learners into what is currently the Errington/Music space. This will create two large double learning spaces to support structured (when/where necessary) and flexible creative spaces.





High School Transition: 26/11/24 10am-1.30pm 2/12/24-3/12/24 - All Day

School Assembly: 3rd December

Year 6 Graduation: 4th December

End of Year Concert: 10th December

Brighton Secondary Music Performance:

11th December

Governing Council
Meeting:
2/12/24 6pm



We are even changing room names! The current IT room is being transformed into the 'Errington Media Room' which will hold our Podcast equipment and historical Errington family artifacts.

We are looking at explicit and flexible learning environments within all areas, including the two large double classroom spaces, with teacher educators excited to develop these spaces in collaboration with our learners. This work will begin this year, with learner input between weeks 7-9. Our library area will be reinstated as the Nancarrow Memorial Library in memory of Mrs L. Nancarrow, who gave dedicated service to WPS as a teacher and friend from 1901 to 1952. We are moving towards learner bands of 3/4/5 and 4/5/6 to allow for more flexibility with family member placement and to support all learners' inclusive needs to be met. All 3/4/5 and 4/5/6 educators will be working closely together as will all educators across the site.

At this stage, staffing for 2025 will be as follows:

Reception/Year 1: Britt Hicks and Darcy Maney (transferring as a permanent educator to

WPS from Roxby Downs) Year 1/2: Jacky Vogelsang

Year 3/4/5: Jess Martin and Darcy Maney Year 4/5/6: Billie Cole and Darcy Maney

STEAM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Arts/Maths): Belinda Williamson

Physical Education: Jess Martin

Music/Choir: Billie Cole

Extension Educator: Belinda Williamson

Aboriginal Education Teacher: Belinda Williamson Community Enrichment Coordinator: Jess Martin Assistant Principal, Wellbeing & Inclusion: Jen Heinrich

Principal: Dominica Thomson

Student Support Officers are staying reasonably consistent with the addition of Annie

O'Neil, who is transferring from Unley Primary School.

Farewells: We will be formally farewelling Desiree Gearing at the Christmas Concert, and wish her well with her move to Adelaide where she will be commencing a permanent position in the Catholic System. Desiree has been at WPS since 2021 and within that time has undertaken roles including music/arts, PE and teaching 3/4 learners.

Fundraising total profits for the past several events:

Discos including BBQs for these events: PJ and Halloween \$320.85 with funds going to SIDS&KidsSA

Splatacular: total raised \$6,740.39 with the profit of \$4044.39. \$640 going towards the Year 6 Graduation and \$3404.39 towards the side gate/area along Stirling Street **Governing Council BBQ at the Splatacular:** profit of \$477.75 going towards the side

gate/area along Stirling Street

Bingo: The profit of \$572.10 going towards the side gate/area along Stirling Street

With a number of whole school events still to occur, along with class farewell's, end of year audits/pack ups, learner reports, we will be remaining a hive of busyness and excitement. Please contact teachers through the front office and utilise the reply texts to Front Office admin regarding absences.

Kind regards, Dominica Thomson















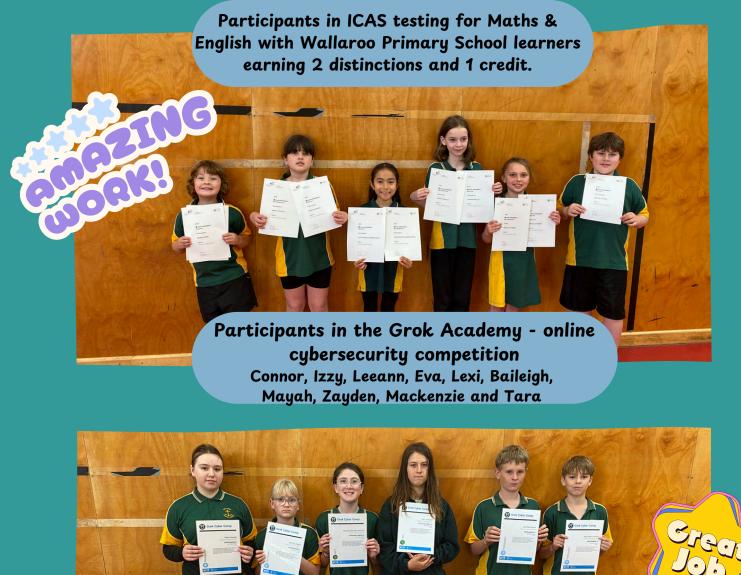
Premier's Reading Challenge Reception

Acacia and Logan receiving certificates from the Honourable Blair Boyer MP State Member for Wright and Minister for Education, Training and Skills



Surprise goodie bags for our learners to congratulate them for 100% reading in the













Tara, James, Kaia, Richie, Ryder, Evie Ella, Amiah, Melody and Avah

DANCE AND MUSIC

This semester in music, we have focused on ways that our bodies can move to music. In Term 3, we were able to bring footsteps dance to our classrooms through an online program. This supported learners to dance with confidence and be creative.

In term 4, our focus has shifted to preparing for our End of Year Concert which will take place on Tuesday of week 9. Each class has been learning a dance to perform that showcases their hard work. We look forward to families and friends attending on the night to celebrate the achievements of our learners.

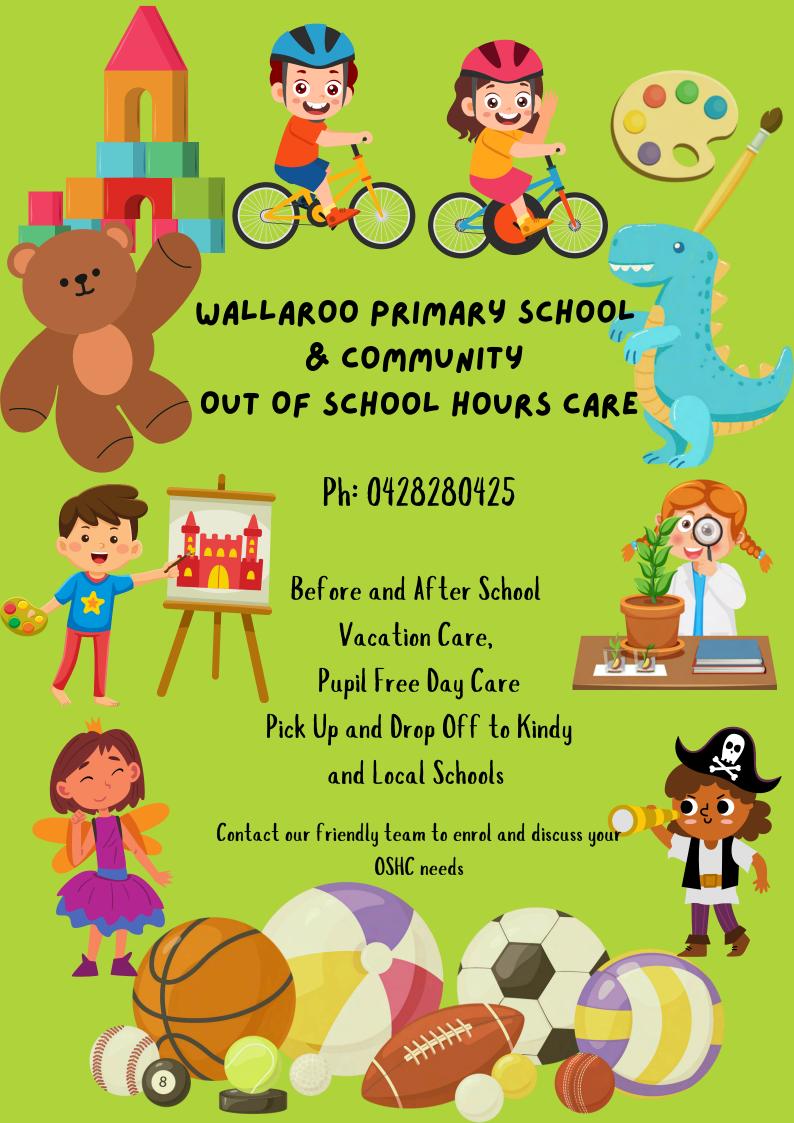




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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TIMETABLE



MONDAY 16/12	TUESDAY 17/12	WEDNESDAY 18/12	THURSDAY 19/12	FRIDAY 20/12
KINDERFUN	SWIM AND PLAY	SWIM AND PLAY	PICKLEBALL SESSION	SWIM AND PLAY
CHRISTMAS PARTY! 10.30AM-11.30AM 0-5 YEARS	10.30-11.30AM UNDER 5'S	12.00-1.00PM UNDER 5'S	10.30AM-11.30AM AGES 5-12 YEARS	2-3PM ALL AGES
	SWIM AND PLAY	SWIM AND PLAY	\$8.00 PER CHILD	\$8.00 PER CHILD
DRESS IN YOUR CHRISTMAS BEST AND DANCE TO CHRISTMAS	11.30-12.30PM ALL AGES	1.00-2.00PM ALL AGES	PER SESSION	PER SESSION
MUSIC!	\$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION	\$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION		
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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL PROGRAMS - PLEASE CALL 88213106 TO BOOK- PLACES ARE LIMITED! \$8.00 cost per sessions

SWIM AND PLAY - UNDER 5'S MUST HAVE A PARENT IN THE WATER WITHIN ARM'S REACH AT ALL TIMES. OVER 5'S MUST HAVE A PARENT IN THE WATER AT ALL TIMES UNLESS THE CHILD CAN SWIM INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT A FLOTATION AID. UNLESS THE CHILD CAN SWIM INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT A FLOTATION AID.

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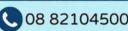
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