



Respect

Persistence

Care

Pride

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.



Reminders

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

GREAT EFFORT

WOW!



Surprise goodie bags for our learners to congratulate them for 100% reading in the Premier's Reading Challenge

AMAZING!

• Respect • Learning • Pride • Persistence • Care • Teamwork • Success •



Participants in ICAS testing for Maths & English with Wallaroo Primary School learners earning 2 distinctions and 1 credit.

AMAZING WORK!



Participants in the Grok Academy - online cybersecurity competition
Connor, Izzy, Leeann, Eva, Lexi, Baileigh, Mayah, Zayden, Mackenzie and Tara



Great Job

Commissioners Digital Challenge
- 120 schools - WPS won First Place!
Izzy, Natalie, Ella and Rimmy



WELL DONE

Congratulations to our Values Award Winners



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.

Kind Regards,
Billie Cole (Music R-6)





Term 4 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	14/Oct	15	16	17	18 Sausage sizzle
2	21	22	23	24	25
3	28	29 High School Transition Parent tour, 6.15pm Information Session in the Performing Arts	30	31 NEWSLETTER - STEM Halloween Disco	1/Nov Bingo Night
4	4	Kindy Transition 8.45-11 Assembly 2.15 Room 6 5	6	7	8
5	11	Kindy Transition 8.45-12 Children's University Graduation 12	13	14	15 Sausage sizzle Colour Splatacular Fundraiser
6	(Learner Agency) 18 Student Free Day	Kindy Transition 8.45-12 19	20	21 NEWSLETTER - Specialist teacher -Instrumental Music	22
7	25	26 High School Transition 10-1:30	27	28	29 Moonta AS PFD
8	2/Dec High School Transition	3 Assembly 2.15 Room 3 High School Transition	4 GRADUATION	5	6
9	9	10 END OF YEAR CONCERT	11 Brighton Secondary Music Performance 2pm	12 NEWSLETTER - Jen	13
10	16	17	18	19	20

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TIMETABLE

MONDAY 16/12	TUESDAY 17/12	WEDNESDAY 18/12	THURSDAY 19/12	FRIDAY 20/12
KINDERFUN CHRISTMAS PARTY! 10.30AM-11.30AM 0-5 YEARS DRESS IN YOUR CHRISTMAS BEST AND DANCE TO CHRISTMAS MUSIC! \$8.00 PER CHILD	SWIM AND PLAY 10.30-11.30AM UNDER 5'S SWIM AND PLAY 11.30-12.30PM ALL AGES \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION	SWIM AND PLAY 12.00-1.00PM UNDER 5'S SWIM AND PLAY 1.00-2.00PM ALL AGES \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION	PICKLEBALL SESSION 10.30AM-11.30AM AGES 5-12 YEARS \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION	SWIM AND PLAY 2-3PM ALL AGES \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION
CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR BREAK MONDAY 23 DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY				
MONDAY 06/01	TUESDAY 07/01	WEDNESDAY 08/01	THURSDAY 09/01	FRIDAY 10/01
KINDERFUN 10.30AM-11.30AM 0-5 YEARS \$8.00 PER CHILD	SWIM AND PLAY 10.30-11.30AM UNDER 5'S SWIM AND PLAY 11.30-12.30PM ALL AGES \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION	SWIM AND PLAY 12.00-1.00PM UNDER 5'S \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION	PICKLEBALL SESSION 10.30AM-11.30AM AGES 5-12 YEARS \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION	SWIM AND PLAY 2-3PM ALL AGES \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION

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.

MONDAY 13/01	TUESDAY 14/01	WEDNESDAY 15/01	THURSDAY 16/01	FRIDAY 17/01
KINDERFUN 10.30AM-11.30AM 0-5 YEARS \$8.00 PER CHILD	SWIM AND PLAY 10.30-11.30AM UNDER 5'S SWIM AND PLAY 11.30-12.30PM ALL AGES \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION	SWIM AND PLAY 12.00-1.00PM UNDER 5'S AUSBIKE SESSION 10.30AM-11.30AM \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION	PICKLEBALL SESSION 10.30AM-11.30AM AGES 5-12 YEARS \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION	SWIM AND PLAY 2-3PM ALL AGES \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION
MONDAY 20/01	TUESDAY 21/01	WEDNESDAY 22/01	THURSDAY 23/01	FRIDAY 24/01
KINDERFUN 10.30AM-11.30AM 0-5 YEARS AUSTRALIA DAY THEME \$8.00 PER CHILD	SWIM AND PLAY 10.30-11.30AM UNDER 5'S SWIM AND PLAY 11.30-12.30PM ALL AGES \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION	SWIM AND PLAY 12.00-1.00PM UNDER 5'S \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION	PICKLEBALL SESSION 10.30AM-11.30AM AGES 5-12 YEARS \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION	SWIM AND PLAY 2-3PM ALL AGES \$8.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION

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