

# Wallaroo Primary School

# WPS News

Term 4, Week 9, 2024



**Respect**

**Persistence**

**Care**

**Pride**

As we wrap up 2024,

It's a perfect time to reflect on the incredible year we've had at Wallaroo Primary School. Our community has experienced numerous academic and social-emotional highs, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff, students, and the invaluable support of our Governing Council. Their commitment has been instrumental in connecting our learners with the community and industry, ensuring our priorities are met through various initiatives.

This year, we celebrated our second year with the Children's University, with 19 students graduating at Adelaide University. Thanks to Cassie Hewton, our students enjoyed amazing excursions contributing to their learning hours. Our Year 3-6 students had an exciting camp at AFL Max, while Room 1 explored Ardrossan, Price, and Moonta Mines. Room 4 visited the Wallaroo Waste Resource Centre, and our kindy visits helped foster friendships and ease transitions.

Despite the rain affecting our Sports Day, we successfully hosted our first Family Fun Day, alongside related Sapsasa events. Our much-loved breakfast club and wellbeing programs, including a visit to the Kadina Retirement Centre, continued to thrive. The Festival of Music choir performed at the Adelaide Festival Centre, and our Christmas choir is set to perform this Saturday outside Drakes at 10am.

We proudly ran our Wallaroo Primary free community playgroup for the second year, thanks to Mrs. Seddon. Our Year 6 graduation was a memorable event, and Hugo, our school wellness dog, continued to bring joy to everyone. The Story Dog program, featuring "Pink," continued to be a hit, and our Beach Safety lessons in Term 1 were invaluable.

Our Science Night escape room, organised by Mrs. Williamson, SANFL workshops, KESAB Harmony Day paper making, and Tarnasay Farm visits enriched our students' experiences. Draco became a beloved member of Room 4, and events like the Spark, Glow and Tell Science Show, and the Wipe Out Waste Show were highlights. Our Under the Sea, PJ and Halloween themed discos raised funds for Variety and SIDS&KidsSA.

The annual Bingo Night fundraiser and Governing Council sausage sizzles were successful, and we began our 2025 transition early, exploring new class environments. Studio Curiosity and Studio Inspire are exciting developments for our Year 3 to 6 classes, respectively. On Wednesday, 11th December, Brighton Secondary School gave an outstanding performance in our gym enjoyed by all.

Our Colour Splatacular Fundraiser was a tremendous success, raising \$6,740.39, with profits supporting the Year 6 Graduation and new infrastructure. Watching educators get slimed was a highlight for everyone! At our end of year concert several students received well-deserved awards. An independent committee assessed academic and improvement achievements, and we are incredibly proud of all our learners. As we look forward to 2025, we are excited about our updated learning environments and the focus on real-life projects that will benefit Wallaroo Primary, our community, and beyond.

Wishing all our children, families, caregivers, educators, and dignitaries a joyful and relaxing holiday break.

Dominica Thomson- Principal

## ★ Reminders ★

1st Day Term 1 2025  
Tuesday 28th

### Message from Governing Council Chairperson

Wow what a year it has been!  
So many beautiful memories  
created in our little community!

I would like to thank our  
amazing learners and their  
families, the wonderful  
educators and staff at WPS and  
a special big thank you to all the  
members of this year's  
Governing Council.

It has been a dream to work  
alongside you. I hope you all  
have a beautiful and safe  
holidays. Emily  
Governing Council  
Meeting 2025 : to be  
announced



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

## Teacher educators for 2025 updated staffing

Reception/Year 1: Britt Hicks and a yet to be named contract

Year 1/2: Darcy Maney (transferring as a permanent educator to WPS from Roxby Downs)

Year 3/4/5: Jess Martin and Jacky Vogelsang

Year 4/5/6: Billie Cole and Belinda Williamson

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

Physical Education: Jess Martin

Music/Choir: Billie Cole

Extension Educator: Belinda Williamson

Aboriginal Education Teacher: Belinda Williamson

Community Enrichment Coordinator: Jess Martin

Wellbeing & Inclusion: Jen Heinrich

Principal: Dominica Thomson

Thank you **Variety SA** for the very generous donation of Lego. Father Christmas had a wonderful time giving all children a huge box to take home at our End of Year concert this week.

From WPS to VarietySA, thank you.

We are extremely grateful for all you do to support our learners.



# Congratulations to our Values Award Winners



Evie, JoJo, Sophie, Natalie, Izzy, Sophia and Ella







# BRIGHTON SECONDARY SCHOOL ORCHESTRA VISIT

On Wednesday December 11, we were paid a visit by the Brighton Secondary School Orchestra. All classes and members of the community were invited to watch the performance, which captivated the audience with a range of pieces. Many learners recognised pieces of music, with familiar tunes from movies, including Harry Potter. Our hope is that learners were amazed by the performers and inspired to pursue music in one of its many forms.

In 2025, WPS learners will be able to access a new range of music programs, which will provide opportunities to practice instruments like piano, recorder, and ukulele, and choral singing. We also hope to be able to extend these opportunities to community members,





# Meet THE TEACHER



Miss Darcy



## ABOUT ME!



I can't wait to meet the students and families of Wallaroo Primary School. I have been living in the desert for the last 3 years, and am excited for a sea change on the Yorke Peninsula. A few ways I like to spend my time, includes; sport, travel, Murphy my pet golden retriever and catching up with friends and family. If you see me around, please say "hello"!

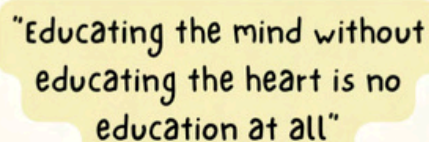
## My Favourites

- I have the most fun teaching maths
- teaching literacy is my passion
- 'Do Not Open This Book' - Andy Lee
- Favourite movie is Mamma Mia!
- I have always wanted to be a teacher
- Carlton is my favourite footy team
- I love Pizza and cooking



## Fun Fact

I have met Prince  
William



"Educating the mind without  
educating the heart is no  
education at all"





# MERRY CHRISTMAS

From our Wallaroo Primary School family to yours,  
we wish you a happy and joyful Christmas/holiday  
break with your loved ones.

# TERM 4 SUMMER VAC CARE DEC '24

OUR FOCUS FOR SUMMER:  
BELONGING  
SENSORY EXPLORATION  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES  
CELEBRATIONS

OUTCOME 1: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF IDENTITY  
OUTCOME 2: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE CONNECTED WITH AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR WORLD.  
OUTCOME 3: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF WELLBEING.  
OUTCOME 4: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE CONFIDENT AND INVOLVED LEARNERS.  
OUTCOME 5: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS

MONDAY  
16/12

PUPPETS  
AND BUSH  
TUCKER

CREATING SOCK PUPPETS  
OUR OWN PUPPET SHOW

COOKING BUSH TUCKER  
FOR AFTERNOON TEA

TUESDAY  
17/12

A VERY MESSY  
DAY

AS THE NAME SUGGESTS!

PAINT  
SLIME  
SAND  
WATER PLAY

STEM ACTIVITIES

YOU NAME IT, IF ITS MESSY  
WE ARE GOING TO ENJOY  
IT!

WEDNESDAY  
18/12

ITS BEGINNING  
TO LOOK A LOT  
LIKE CHRISTMAS  
CRAFTS DAY

CARDS  
DECORATIONS  
GIFTS TO BE MADE!

WATER PLAY

THURSDAY  
19/12  
EXCURSION

WE ARE HEADING TO  
CLARE  
FOR THE DAY;  
INCLUDING A SWIM AT THE  
CLARE POOL  
BBQ LUNCH  
MINI TRAIN RIDE

\$10.00 FOR THE DAY  
TO BE PAID BY MONDAY  
16/12

EXCURSION- ALL  
ACTIVITIES ARE WEATHER  
PERMITTING

FRIDAY  
20/12  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY AND  
KARAOKE

TIME TO CELEBRATE  
THE END OF THE 2024  
YEAR AT OSHC

**PLEASE NOTE- WE  
WILL HAVE WATER  
PLAY MOST DAYS-  
PLEASE BRING SPARE  
SUNSAFE CLOTHING,  
HATS, WATER  
BOTTLES, RECESS AND  
LUNCH**



# SUMMER



# VAC CARE JAN '25

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 BELONGING  
 SENSORY EXPLORATION  
 OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES  
 CELEBRATIONS

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**MONDAY**  
**6/1**  
 CAMPING AND CUBBIES

**13/1**  
 SKYLER'S CRAZY HAIR SALON AND TIEDYE SOCKS DAY

**20/1**  
 ANOTHER VERY MESSY DAY

**TUESDAY**  
**7/1**  
 CONSTRUCTION AND DECONSTRUCTION AND CRAFTS DAY

**14/1**  
 WATER PLAY AND BALL GAMES DAY

**21/1**  
 WATER PLAY AND NO BAKE COOKING DAY

**WEDNESDAY**  
**8/1**  
 WATER PLAY AND SLIME (A GREAT COMBINATION)

**15/1**  
 DRESS UPS DAY COME AS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER OR PERSON

**22/1**  
 ALL ABOUT ME AND BIG WATER PLAY DAY

**THURSDAY**  
**9/1**  
 LEGO/BRICKS EXTRAVAGANZA

**16/1**  
 WILBUR'S WILDLIFE INCURSION AND HOP, SKIP AND JUMP DAY

**23/1**  
 BUBBLES

PLEASE NOTE- WE WILL HAVE WATER PLAY MOST DAYS- PLEASE BRING SPARE SUNSAFE CLOTHING, HATS, WATER BOTTLES, RECESS AND LUNCH

**FRIDAY 10/1**  
**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3 (PG) AT KADINA CINEMA \$15**

**17/1**  
 KARAOKE DANCE PARTY

**24/1**  
 ONSITE MOVIES AND MUSIC VIDEO MAKING  
 KADINA MOVIE CANCELLED

NQS QUALITY AREA 3- PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT AND QUALITY AREA 5 REALATIONSHIPS WITH CHILDREN

DECEMBER DATES ALL BOOKED OUT

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 your OSHC needs



# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TIMETABLE

MONDAY 16/12	TUESDAY 17/12	WEDNESDAY 18/12	THURSDAY 19/12	FRIDAY 20/12
<b>KINDERFUN CHRISTMAS PARTY!</b> 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
<b>CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR BREAK MONDAY 23 DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY</b>				
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

December and January • Ages 3 – 12 years • Beach, lake, river and pool locations



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