



TERM 1, WEEK 5, 2025

WALLAROO PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

NEW LOOK FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Learners and staff (and a few carers) were asked to vote and give reasons for a new look for our newsletter. This will be the format for this semester.

Great use of learner agency!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB

28

Governing Council Sausage Sizzle

MARCH

5

School Leader Induction Ceremony
1:45-2:45

MARCH

10 & 11

10th Adelaide Cup
Day 11th Pupil Free Day

REMINDERS

Annual General Meeting: AGM- Week 8 on Wed 19th March, 5pm

Sports Day: is fast approaching on Friday 21st March, Week 8.

Governing Council Training: Week 9- Minlaton District School, Tues 25th March: Time 5:30 to 7:30pm

School Photos: Monday 3rd March

LUNCHTIME SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Mon - Recorder Club
- Tues - Kids Ukulele
- Wed - Lego Club
- Thurs - Art Club
- Fri - Minecraft Club

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Dear families,

What amazing learning we've had at Wallaroo Primary School. Learners in Years 3 to 6 have had the opportunity to attend an overnight camp at Monarto Zoo, outside Murray Bridge. The camp was completely funded by Adelaide University and ZoosSA. How did we get so lucky? Through our ongoing work with Children's University, offering engaging learning opportunities both in and out of school hours and supporting our families to extend all children to love learning, that's how. This year we have many 'Lunch Clubs'. These are extra opportunities for children to opt into learning, that are all led by educators and volunteers in their own time. Why? because we believe in building the 'love of learning' wherever we can.

This year, Belinda Williamson, as part of her Extension Leader role is creating slide shows for all classes to access each morning, that highlight 'what to expect' over the day/week, a 'class designed' Acknowledgment of Country, reminders, facts and links to support the building of our knowledge and connection to country, continuing our steps towards reconciliation and togetherness across the school. Authentically seeking connections to build understanding of the Narungga culture, language, people and country is at the forefront of all our decisions within classes and across the school. Our sports teams 'Wildu' (Sea Eagle) and 'Widhadha' (Shark) for the second year have t-shirts that our learners can purchase to wear for Sports Days and PE days. Our year 6 learners are looking to include more Narungga symbols and gain the support of a local artist, to support the designing of this year's Year 6 tops.

I'd like to thank and acknowledge the support of our parents/caregivers at supporting so many of our learners to be ready for and attend the camp. Huge thank you to our educators for attending camp, staying overnight and for embracing the special moments such an experience has brought to so many. The learning has been captured in the pages below.

Dominica Thomson
Principal

School Leaders and Sports Captains



2025 School Leaders: Eva, Portia, Connor, Riley and Natalie (absent)



Wilddu Captains:
Tytan and April
Wilddu Vice Captains:
Sophie and Constantina

Widhadha Captains:
Eva and Cody (absent)
Widhadha Vice Captains:
Riley and Georgia (absent)





Physical Education



TERM 1

All Classes: We will be focusing on preparing for Sports Day, learning all of the games and athletics events.

Room 3 will finish the term with the fundamental movement skill of balance. Studio Curiosity and Inspire will finish with teamwork games.

Room 1: In the extra lesson, we will be learning some fundamental movement skills including balance, running, jumping and hopping.



TERM 2



Room 3: Fundamental movement skills including jumping, hopping, galloping, skipping, and underarm throwing.

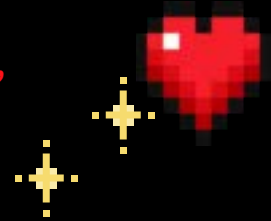
Room 1: Fundamental movement skills including galloping, skipping, underarm throwing, and catching.

Studio Curiosity and Inspire: Fundamental movement skills including underarm and overarm throwing, catching, dribbling, and dodging.



STEAM

Connections between Art, Design, Mathematics and Technology



This year we are looking forwards to creating our very own **PODCASTS!**

We are lucky enough to have the amazing Sam Leverenz from Prospect North School visiting us at WPS, setting up our IT studio and training all teachers in the modern skill of creating podcasts.

But first in the classroom, I'll be working with students to clarify the importance of truth telling, researching content, and eSafety.

I'll also be making links to Storytelling and Indigenous Dreaming, explaining to learners the importance of passing on lessons, values and identity to recognise this method that has been used for thousands of years.

We also recognise the value of this wonderful resource to share our stories to a larger community, have the opportunity to invite and interview local community members and also celebrate the amazing learning that goes on within our school.

Mrs. Williamson





1st Term for all year levels will focus on Biological Sciences (Living World)

Reception

Observing and sorting living things.

Years 1 & 2

What do living things need?

Years 3 & 4

Food Chains.

Years 5 & 6

Adapting to survive.

Living things in their environment.



2nd Term for all year levels will focus on Chemical Sciences (Material World)

Reception

What are things made of?

Years 1 & 2

Materials and their purpose.

Changing materials.

Years 3 & 4

Using materials for a purpose.

Years 5 & 6

Matter and particles.

Changing matter.



Music

Term 1

R-2 classes will focus on developing accurate beat-keeping and singing skills through rhymes and musical games.

3-6 classes will focus on the skills required to engage in PianoPhonics and learn to play the recorder.

Term 2

Room 3 - Continuing to explore the elements of music through songs, games and rhymes (recognising rhythms and pitch, and keeping the beat in our feet).

Room 1 - Exploring rhythm patterns and composition skills with an 'Under the Sea' theme.

Studio Curiosity - PianoPhonics, Recorder, and composition with Djembes and Xylophones.

Studio Inspire - PianoPhonics, composition with Xylophones, Djembes, and Bucket Drums, and songwriting to communicate messages of sustainability.

Monarto Safari Park 3-6 Camp



Teamwork



Monarto Safari Park 3-6 Camp



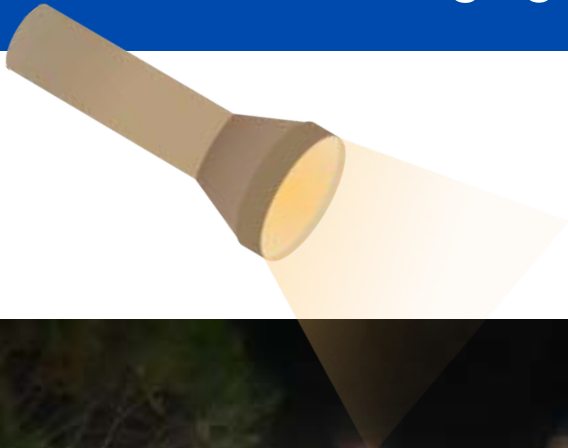
✨ FUN ✨



delicious!



Monarto Safari Park 3-6 Camp



CAMP



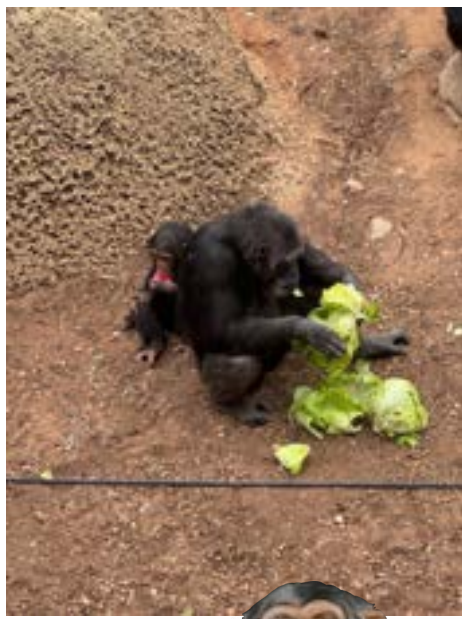
Monarto Safari Park 3-6 Camp



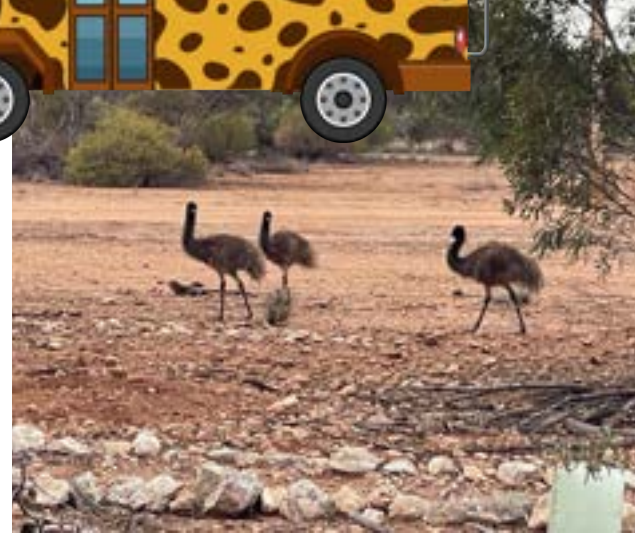
Our learners were lucky enough to go in with the Prezwalski's Horse and American Bison to help out with keeper duties. We picked up 28x10L buckets!

William said this was his favourite part of camp!

Monarto Safari Park 3-6 Camp



Monarto Safari Park 3-6 Camp



Monarto Safari Park 3-6 Camp Learner Comments



Cody: I loved seeing the lions and the possums trying to steal our food at night.

Natalie: I liked camping out and seeing shapes with the stars.

Studio Inspire: *We enjoyed spending time and creating memories with educators.*

Georgia: It was a really fun experience because of the night walk and seeing the possums.

Jacinta: It was really fun seeing all of the animals and doing the activities.
My favourite was the African Wild Dog.

Riley: I really enjoyed the Safari bus tour. The Chimpanzees were my favourite.

Levi: I liked seeing the animals. My favourite were the emus in the wild.



Ebony: I liked the night walk because you could hear the micro bats.

Tytan: Staying overnight was great because not everyone gets to do that in their lifetime.

Annabella: It was really fun. I liked seeing the cute animals like the Meerkat, Cheetah and Lions.

Term Overview Calendar



TERM	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb Governing Council Sausage Sizzle
6	3 Mar School Photos 	4 Mar	5 Mar School Leader Induction Ceremony 1:45-2:45	6 Mar	7 Mar
7	10 Mar Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	11 Mar Pupil Free Day	12 Mar	13 Mar	14 Mar
8	17 Mar	18 Mar Assembly 1:45-2:45	19 Mar	20 Mar	21 Mar Sports Day 
9	24 Mar Learner Conferences	25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar
10	31 Mar	1 Apr	2 Apr	3 Apr	4 Apr
11	7 Apr	8 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr Early Dismissal 2pm

School Photo Ordering 2025



Wallaroo Primary School - Portrait & Group

To order your school photos please scan the QR Code or log into eventphoto.com.au and enter the Access Key Below.
Individual and Class Group photos can be ordered on this Access Key.



ACCESS KEY: wallaroo25

Order by 6am, Monday 10th March 2025 to take advantage of the earlybird pricing!



admin@eventphoto.com.au
(08) 8271 0000



School Photo Day
Monday 3rd March



Sibling School Photo Ordering 2025



Wallaroo Primary School - Sibling Photos

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Family (sibling) photos can be ordered on this Access Key.



ACCESS KEY: wallarroofam25

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Wallaroo Primary School
& Community
Out Of School Hours Care



Ph: 0428280425



The Advisory Committee needs YOU!!

Meeting Tuesday 25/2/25 at
6.15pm in the OSHC room

email your interest to:

DL.0459.OSHC@schools.sa.edu.au





Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

Unwind and share experiences with others who understand

FIND US AT:

Kadina Uniting Church Hall
Thursdays 9:30 – 11:30am
6 sessions per school term
(dates on next page)

CONTACT:

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Facebook: MyTime Copper Coast



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MyTime term plan

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DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
(School week)		
30/1/2025 (Week 1)	Coffee and chat: welcome to Term 1, 2025	
6/2/2025 (Week 2)	Self-care: Craft time! (Supplies provided)	
20/2/2025 (Week 4)	Board games fun	Children's activities are planned according to the age and needs of children booked in with the Play Helper. Some activities include puzzles, vehicles, blocks, balls, drawing and other games.
27/2/2025 (Week 5)	Guest speaker – Kevin Kopfstein, Baptistcare Kadina. NDIS Q&A	
13/3/2025 (Week 7)	Self-care: Massage session with Crystal Repec – Holistic Healing	
20/3/2025 (Week 8)	End of term celebration	



It's support for you



It's free to join



Professional support



Pre-school aged children are welcome

Free Workshop

Healthy Habits



This workshop helps you to build healthy habits in your life.

Workshop topics include:

- Moving your body during the day.
- Eating healthy food.
- Getting good sleep.

Free for people with intellectual disability

Date: Tuesday 4 February 2025
Where: Regional Disability Support Services
66 Port Road, Kadina
Time: 1pm – 3pm
Contact: Trudy Clift – trudy@regionaldisability.com.au or 0421 392 098



In partnership with Regional Disability Support Services (NDIS registered provider).
Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services – ILC Grants.

P: 08 8352 4416
E: admin@sacid.org.au
www.sacid.org.au



Leading Through Inclusion

MESSY CHURCH

Kadina Uniting Church Hall

Friday 21st March
3.15pm – 5.30pm



- Creative activities for Children
- Time for story and sharing what they have created
- Meal provided
- Donation towards costs appreciated

A time the Family can spend together

For more information call
Jane Gersch
0498 218 255

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT WORKER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

VOLUNTEERS WANTED =)



THE DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION KADINA OFFICE ARE
LOOKING FOR RESPONSIBLE, FRIENDLY AND CARING PEOPLE
FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS TO SHARE THEIR TIME,
EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

SOME OF THE WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT INCLUDE:

- Driving a child to a family visit, school, or to medical appointments
- Attending community events
- Supporting a child to learn a new skill or hobby you have experience in
- Assisting a child to develop 'life-skills'; such as budgeting, shopping for food, cooking, support with obtaining their probationary licence

AS A VOLUNTEER YOU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH:

- Orientation, training and ongoing support
- Annual reviews and reappointments to ensure you are supported whilst volunteering with us
- Reimbursement for mileage to and from the office
- Use of government vehicles whilst transporting children.

WE WILL CONDUCT A WORKING WITH
CHILDREN CHECK AT NO COST TO YOU.

YOU NEED TO BE 18 YEARS AND OVER,
HOWEVER NO QUALIFICATIONS ARE NEEDED.
IF YOU EXPRESS PATIENCE AND KINDNESS,
WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Interested?

Please contact the Kadina
office on

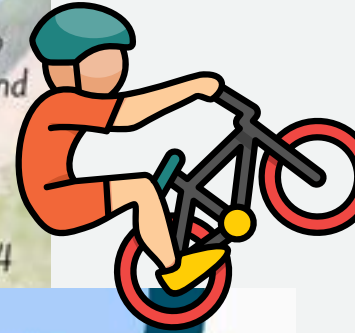
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HOOK in 2 HOCKEY

Looking for an exciting way to keep your kids active and entertained after school?

Join the Hookin2Hockey program held at the Kadina Hockey Club! This program is the perfect introduction to hockey, combining fun, fitness, and skill-building in a supportive and welcoming environment. All kids aged 5 and over welcome.

More info and register
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/kadinahockey/events/275474>



FRIENDS OF THE WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

RUN, WALK OR CYCLE FUNDRAISER

Helping to purchase medical equipment that supports women, children and babies in South Australia and Beyond.

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2025

**GATHER YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, OR TEAMMATES
& JOIN US FOR A FUN RUN, WALK OR CYCLE
ALONG THE KADINA - WALLAROO BIKE TRACK
ALL WHILST SUPPORTING A GREAT CAUSE!**

We kindly request that pets are left at home for this event.
This is NOT a race or timed event it is a family friendly, all inclusive event.



Cash Preferred.
Limited EFTPOS available.



TIME

8:30 AM Registrations

9:00 Start

@ Kadina Rotary Shelter Powell Tee
Registration form must be complete prior to participating.
Available on the day.



ENTRY

**\$5 Per Person
\$10 Per Family**

Entry includes 1 ticket per person into the raffle.

Additional raffle tickets can be purchased \$1 each



FOOD & DRINKS

Sausage Sizzle

Cans of Soft Drink & Fruit Boxes

Available for purchase



PRIZES TO BE WON!

On the Day Raffle with great prizes to be won!

Guess the number of Lollies in the YET!!

Start at Kadina or join us at any intersection along the track that suits you!
Finish at the grassed area across the Road from the Wallaroo Town Hall
(Next to the Wallaroo Adventure Playground / Helicopter playground)

For any enquiries please contact
Event Co-Ordinator Stephanie March
0407 390 836