



TERM 1, WEEK 8, 2025

WALLAROO PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

SPORTS DAY 2025

FRIDAY
MARCH 21!
WEEK 8



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

21ST SPORTS DAY
HARMONY DAY

APRIL

11TH Dream Big Festival
Workshop for
learners

APRIL

11TH Easter Raffle Draw

Last day of term
2pm finish



REMINDERS

Sports Day: This Friday, the 21st March, Week 8.

Easter Raffle: With donations for raffles due tomorrow, Thursday 20th March, we'll be ready to have raffle tickets for sale from Monday 24th.

Easter Raffle Draw: Last Day of Term, Friday 11th April!
1:55pm in the gym, LIVE on FaceBook!!!

Mrs Thomson's last newsletter: HIGHLIGHT issue



LUNCHTIME SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Lego Club
- Minecraft Club



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Dear families,

As you know from DoJo and classroom correspondence, my last day as Principal of Wallaroo Primary School is Wednesday the 26th of March. I'll be travelling to Ernabella school on Anangu land (APY lands) on Thursday the 27th with my husband Mark and two border collies, Hugo and Hudson to teach in a 4/5/6 class for the remainder of 2025. Over my 25 years in education I've pivoted depending where my passion lies and where I feel my learning is needed. Having immersed myself in the Department for Education 'Culturally Responsive Framework', I now know, my learning is in the area of creating a culturally responsive environment through embedding culturally responsive practice in everyday business. For my professional and personal growth, this has meant looking for authentic opportunities for this learning to occur, hence moving to Ernabella!

Although I am excited to be moving onto my next learning environment, I know I will deeply miss Wallaroo Primary School children, staff and families, along with the local and wider community that I have come to know well over the past 5+ years. In my last newsletter, I've searched our school social media and have included wonderful highlights from within my time at WPS. Memories and learning experiences that I will continue to hold dear to my heart. There have been so many amazing experiences, I'm bound to have forgotten something! I hope you enjoy the photographic highlights as much as I enjoyed finding them.

I'd like to thank each and every child, staff member, parent, caregiver and community member, fellow leaders, school staff (including local Catholic and Independent) who have supported both myself and all of Wallaroo Primary to thrive. I feel confident that Jen Heinrich and all present staff have the skills and capabilities to support our ongoing work, especially as our Site Learning Plan is in its second year, with all pupil free days and professional development planned for the remainder of 2025. I will ensure I am readily available to support all staff and Governing Council, should they have any questions moving forward. It will be a time for tight and flexible adaptations, of which I'm happy to be "an ear" and support from afar.

I know Wallaroo Primary will continue to thrive and inspire curious, creative and confident learners under the Principalship of Jen Heinrich and support from Governing Council, staff, learners and the local and wider community.

Dominica Thomson
Principal
Jan 2020 to April 2025

Dominica Thomson 2020 to 2025 highlights: 2025



2025: our community work continues with our learners having more agency than ever before, driving projects that support site and community initiatives, while also addressing the curriculum. Learners have the opportunity to join CREWS, in the areas of Teaching and Learning, STEM/Science, Wellbeing, Building Strong Communities and Indigenous Voice. These Crews will have real world impact, with their contributions, providing examples of learners developing in the area of 'Inspiring Curious, Creative & Confident Learners'. We have keyboard years 3-6 (PianoPhonics), 4th year of educators having extra release time to support planning for learners individual needs, introduction of PODCASTS and watermelons growing in the yard! Our play group is bigger than ever, our classroom and yard areas are more beautiful and flexible than ever! AND MORE!!!



Dominica Thomson Highlights: 2024



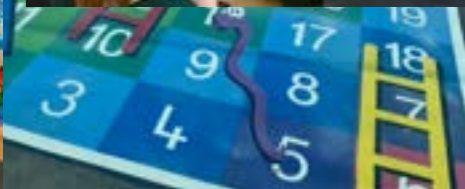
Maths Professional Development, Draco Wildu and Widhada T-Shirts for sports day and PE days. Children's University weekend and holiday excursions. Visit to the local retirement village, Variety Disco fundraiser, continued play group, continued work with Anglicare with food and clothes swaps, excursion down the Yorke on country. Continued work with KESAB, learners and staff visiting Prospect North, Whole School consultation and strategy day resulting in our new Site Learning Plan Splatacular, Hugo famous for a minute, and MORE!



Dominica Thomson Highlights: 2023



Introduction of Children's University, introduction of school dog Hugo, mud kitchen, open nights, clothes swaps, police horse visits, Edumarking (colouring of concrete around the school), introduction of a free community playgroup, harmony day, cultural inclusion, learner led sports teams to become Wildu (Sea Eagles) and Widhadha (Sharks), introduction of Story Dog with Moira and Pink, cooking, ANZAC and Remembrance Day, whole school excursion and involvement in the Kernewek street parade in Moonta. Whole school excursion to the Moonta Mines museum and train. Pyjama disco and robotics. Adelaide Uni health students incursion, science week, drones, Good360 giveaways, Bingo, Variety NT visiting and donating \$2,000 to our playgroup! Whole school excursion to the Field Days AND MORE!



Dominica Thomson Highlights: 2022



Parent fundraiser, Minister visit, Slippery Dip, boat and climbing structures added to the playground, values incursions and excursions, whole school excursion to the Adelaide Museum and Art Gallery. First aid, community library, Moonta Light Festival (still salty I was sick for that). Road crossing, ukulele to the kindy, music incursions. Second whole school excursion to the city to visit Parliament House, the Migration Museum and Popeye! Sausage sizzles, learning journeys, the incredible mural by Linda Turner now displayed in our gym. The introduction of school dogs!
AND MORE!



Dominica Thomson Highlights: 2020-2021

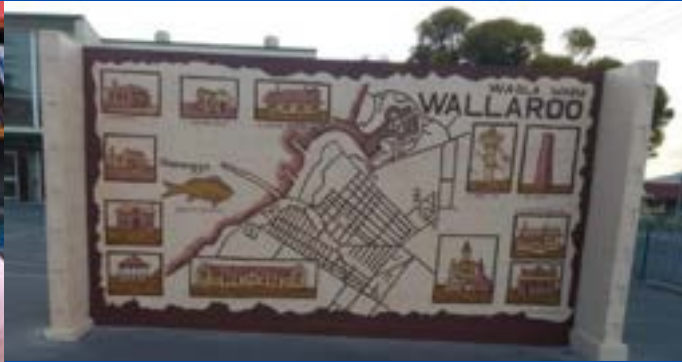


Clothes swaps, book week masks/parade, Halloween disco's, Governors Civics Award for learners and the school for our community work over Covid. Music instruments appearing in the yard, meeting the Governor & Keith Conlon. Clean Up Australia Day, excursions, Dragon Boat program, Ukulele program, Kernewek, Dressing of the Graves, Camp, Wipe Out Waste and KESAB connections.

Incredible mural by Linda Turner

COVID

Dominica Thomson Highlights: 2020



Author Tricia Stringer 'zooming to classrooms'



On country excursion, fundraising for KI bushfires, working with organisations, Tricia Stringer zoom lesson across the school, nature play, swings, hills, working bees, harmony t-shirts, science, cross curriculum training, COMMUNITY+++++ AND MORE!!



SHOW YOUR TRUE COLOURS

FAMILY FUN DAY

NYP Rotary Fundraiser
Sunday February 16
10:00am - 3:00pm, John Terrace Reserve

Includes Food stalls, Live Entertainment and Activities
Guests peak, Open Road at 2pm
Presentation of cheques at 3pm

Work, Run and Walk Invited!!



Amount	Area	Amount	Area
Adult	Child	Adult	Child
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Logos for XCRS, Rotary, and other organizations.

Working with CFS & Rotary to fundraise after the bushfires

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



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



SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

8:50-2PM

Food and drink available from the Lion's Club BBQ and YP Donuts & More



WHO WILL REIGN SUPREME THIS YEAR?

WILDU



SEA EAGLES

WIDHADHA



SHARKS

SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

2025 SPORTS DAY TIMETABLE

- 8:50** Students in class
- 9:00** Students assemble on asphalt in House Teams
- 3 points, 2 points or 1 point are allocated for each individual for each event to go towards their house.
- 10 Points will be allocated to a team per event based on their display of School Values (Respect, Care, Persistence and Pride)
- Teams march/walk to Assembly Area (MC to announce)
- Teams Final 'Team Chants'
- Principal and special guest Judge – Ben Frick – (Marching,
Battle cries, health Hustle)
- Welcome to Country – Georgia & Kaitlyn
- National Anthem
- Opening by special guest – Ben Frick
- Health Hustle, led by House Captains

- 12:25** Lunch (Lion's Club BBQ & YP Donuts)
- 12:55**
- 1:00** Championship sprints

~9:25 MC directs year level to move to first TABLOID event **2:00** Presentations, dismissal

Year Level (Staff member)	9.25	9.45	10.05	10.25	10.45	11.05	11.25	11.45	12.05
Room 3 Mrs Hicks/Brucey	Obstacle Course	Parachute	Egg and Spoon Race	Sack Race	Recess	Sprints	Vortex Throw	Soccer Accuracy	Bean Bag Toss
Room 1 Miss Darcy/Sharne/Aly	Parachute	Egg and Spoon Race	Sack Race	Sprints	Recess	Vortex Throw	Soccer Accuracy	Bean Bag Toss	Obstacle Course
Year 3 Mrs Williamson/Annie	Shot Put	Vortex Throw	Soccer Accuracy	Tug of War	Recess	Long Jump	High Jump	Sprints	Hurdles
Year 4 Miss Cole/Molly	Sprints	Hurdles	Shot Put	Discus	Recess	Soccer Accuracy	Tug of War	Long Jump	High Jump
Year 5 Mrs Martin	Hurdles	Shot Put	Discus	Soccer Accuracy	Recess	Tug of War	Long Jump	High Jump	Sprints
Year 6 Ms Esposito/Miss Quick	Long Jump	High Jump	Sprints	Hurdles	Recess	Shot Put	Discus	Tug of War	Soccer Accuracy

Scorers: Di/Nina

MC: Jess

First Aid: Kirstin (office)

Catering: Lion's Club BBQ & YP Donuts

Photographer: Staff

House Captains

Tytan & April

VC Sophie & Constantina

Gold

Eva & Cody

Riley & Georgia

Fight kids' cancer.



Happy story.

Ava, now a happy teenager free of cancer due to funds donated by the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Fund.

We aim to simply raise as much as possible and to do so we need your support.

Come to the Lions Biggest BBQ!

All funds raised will go towards the fight against kids' cancer.

Where WALLAROO PRIMARY SCHOOL

When FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Lions Club of WALLAROO

Every child deserves a chance at a healthy life

Our Vision: 100% survival for kids with cancer





SAUSAGE SIZZLE



**Sausage in bread with or
without onion \$2**

**Money raised going to the Childhood
Cancer Research Foundation**

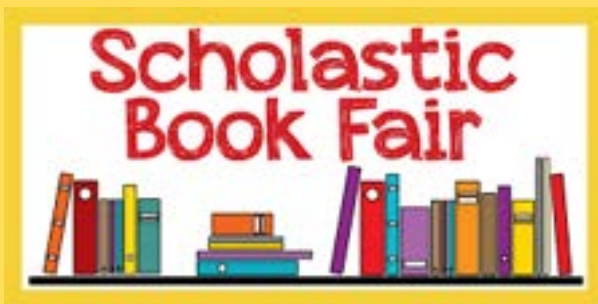


Library News! Advance notice...

During Week 2 next term we will be having our Scholastic Book Fair. It will be in lockable metal trolleys as shown below, and held in the Lamshed Gym.

As usual, children will have a look and fill in Wish Lists on the Monday that week, with yet to be determined sales during morning and afternoon times.

If you have any questions before then, please see our Library Manager Di Seddon

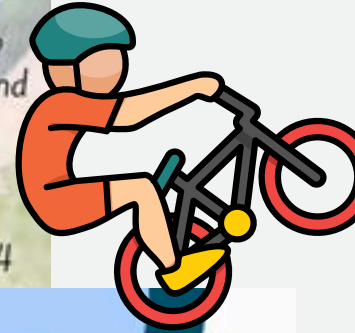


HOOK in 2 HOCKEY

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

WALLAROO NETBALL CLUB

NetSetGo

with Milly James

Suitable for 5-7 year olds

Starts Term 2 (Thursday, May 2) at 5.15pm

Wollaroo Netball Courts

A chance to learn the netty basics, NetSetGO helps kids gain confidence, get active and make friends in a safe and inclusive environment.

Register your interest at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScp0BRNtC3pY9xxUeiEqmH_S5BuvKET02tJdKR4G657lnh96g/viewform?usp=sharing

