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Coming Events



8/4

Rooms 1 & 4
Bush Tucker
Night

12/4

Rooms 1 & 4
Excursion

15/5

CFS
Fundraising
Day

15/5

Last day of
Term - 2pm
dismissal

2/5

First day
of Term 2



Fortnightly Happenings



From Chris

Congratulations to Donella

Donella has won the position of Principal Consultant for the next three years. Accompanying this newsletter is a letter from Donella that includes information about the Principal appointment process.

Site Improvement Plan update

This is the work that our school is doing to improve student learning outcomes in particular areas – good progress is being made.

Literacy – out of the 8 strategies, 4 have been implemented, 1 has been started and 3 will begin next term

Numeracy – out of the 9 strategies, 6 have been implemented, 2 have been started and 1 will begin next term

Attendance – all strategies have been implemented

Australian Curriculum – out of the 2 strategies, 1 has been implemented and the other will begin shortly – we are waiting on waiting on further information from DECD Curriculum personnel

Staffing Update

- Judith Barker will reduce the time that she works with the Year 1/2 Class in Room 5 from the beginning of Term 2. Judith will take the class Monday to Thursday and we will welcome back Madeline Jak who will take the class on Fridays. Judith and Madeline will work collaboratively to ensure that students have a consistent learning program
- Madeline will also work on Tuesdays as our Aboriginal Education Teacher. In this role, she will work to support Aboriginal students and families with a focus on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes
- Min Spry and Mark Sawyer will be away for the first two weeks of Term 2. Naomi Miettunen will take Mark's Year 3/4 class and Emily King and Sam Perry will take over Min's teaching and Counsellor duties
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Student Reports

Term 1 Social Skills Reports will be sent home with students on Wednesday 13th April.

Term 1 - looking back

With the end of term almost here, some quick reflection is always useful to see what has been accomplished and to help with planning for next term.

Quite a number of positive outcomes spring to mind, including: Sports Day; SRC Induction Assembly; GRIP Workshop in Adelaide for our Year 6/7 student leaders; Personal Learning Plan Interviews during which considerable information was shared between teachers and parents that will be useful to support student learning; Consistently good learning happening in all classrooms with students on task and producing a range of excellent work

Based on feedback from students, staff and parents and on my own experiences, I think that Term 1 has been really interesting, very productive and most enjoyable, which is a real credit to everyone associated with WMPS.

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Term 2 - looking forward

Next term sees a range of activities such as NAPLAN, SAPOL visit and NAIDOC Week. Whilst these activities attract attention and benefit student learning, our day to day focus will remain on quality teaching and learning throughout the school.

End of Term Dismissal

Just a reminder that school dismisses at 2.00pm Friday 15th April.

Farewell

I would like to extend my thanks to the staff, students and parents/carers for the support that I've received and for making my time at WMPS so enjoyable. WMPS is a great school and I wish the new Principal all the best with the treasure that he or she will have the privilege to lead.

I hope that the holiday break provides you with many great times with your child/ren – time that's not always easy to have during term time.

Chris Heading
Principal

Counsellor Column

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Donella Glazbrook who has been principal here at WMPS for 7 years. I have had the pleasure of working with Donella for the past three years and have been inspired by her commitment to improving the learning outcomes of WMPS students and of raising the profile of our small school. She has achieved so much in her time here and I wish her all the best in her new role as Principal Consultant.

We have been very fortunate to have Chris Heading here as principal in Donella's absence. His teaching and leadership experience has meant the school has run smoothly and he has been extremely supportive of staff, students and families. Staff are very appreciative of the support Chris has provided to them and we thank him for taking such good care of all of us at WMPS!

As usual, ANZAC Day falls in the school holidays. I have asked our SRC students to represent WMPS at the Kadina Dawn Service and lay a wreath on behalf of the school community. If there are any other students who would like to be a part of this too, please speak to Judith Barker or myself before the end of term. I highly encourage attendance at a Dawn Service – it is an incredibly moving experience and a great way for children to learn about the history behind ANZAC Day.

This is my last 'Counsellor Column' as Miss Spry – when I return from Long Service Leave in Week 3 of next term, I will be Mrs Sawyer! 😊 There is still a week and a half of school but I hope you all have a happy and safe holiday break!

Min Spry
Counsellor

*Everybody is a genius.
But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live
its whole life believing that it is stupid.*
- Albert Einstein

CFS Fundraising

SRC would like to support our local CFS by doing some fundraising this term. On Friday 15th April, students are encouraged to wear something red and bring a gold coin donation to school. Money raised will go to the Kadina CFS who have supported our school by visiting us when requested and have been a highlight at the Community Fair.

Canteen

The WMPS Canteen will not be open in Week 11 of this term or Week 1 of Term 2. Thank you to the volunteers who have run the canteen this term!

Messy Church



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Kadina Uniting Church Hall
Friday 8th April
3.15 - 5.30pm

Activities, Story & Meal
Donation Appreciated

Call Jane Gersch for info
8821 3345

Values Awards

Week 9 & 10, Term 1

2016

Congratulations to the following students for consistently displaying our Values



Tyler S
Bianca
Mia
Nathan
Chloe S
Nadia
Silvana

Relationships



Beau
Alexander
Annalise
Kristy-Lee
Heath
Caitlin
Tyler G
Ricky

Collaboration



Jackson
Emarli
Lacey
Angel
Katrina
Emily
Caiden
Thomas

Trust



Jett
Tia
Maddison
Annabel
Noah

Understanding



Indy
Rory
Jakob
Ronald
Matilda
Chloe H
Skye

Communication