Dear Families,

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received in my first few days. This newsletter is an opportunity for me to introduce myself. I have been teaching on the Peninsula now for over 10 years and have spent the past year as Deputy Principal at Moonta Area School. I have been lucky enough to work at WMPS previously as Numeracy Coach in 2014 so I know many of the staff and students already and look forward to working with them and Families in the following three terms.

I have a husband Grant and two kids, Charlotte, who is seven and Jack, who is three. Grant is the Principal at Maitland Area School. I love being active and spending time with family. I play various sports for Moonta and am part of various committees.

My main aim is to work with the community to ensure Wallaroo Mines Primary School is a place where young people can develop the necessary skills, attitudes and competencies that allow them to become positive, productive members of our community.

In closing, I would just like to say it is a privilege to work in such a great school. I would like to wish Donella all the best on her next journey. She has dedicated 7 years to WMPS and has contributed in making it the successful school that it is. I am really looking forward to 2016 and what the year will bring. There are some amazing things happening at the school this year. It is an exciting time to be part of our community. If you do have any questions of me or would just like to introduce yourself please do not hesitate to call me at school or pop in to have a chat.

Looking forward to meeting you
Adele

Well this week has seen winter well and truly hit, the sun has gone and here comes the wind, rain and cold. It’s easy to fall into the trap of sitting on the couch watching telly and eating yummy comfort food. However, just because the sun has gone on holidays, doesn’t mean that we need to. It’s important to remember to do a few things to keep ourselves nice and healthy throughout the winter months. Eating well, getting enough sleep and staying active are all important to help keep you and your family healthy and to support your immune systems.

Check out these websites for more information:
http://www.bodyandsoul.com.au/health/health-advice/5+steps+to+staying+healthy+in+winter,12923
https://cenovis.com.au/10-tips-for-staying-healthy-this-winter/

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This week all students in years 3, 5 and 7 are sitting NAPLAN tests, National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy on May the 10th, 11th & 12th.

What is NAPLAN, and why do we do them?

The National Assessment Program is an ongoing program of assessments to monitor progress towards the National Goals for Schooling in the Twenty First Century.

The data from these test results gives schools and systems the ability to compare their students’ achievements with national benchmarks and with student achievement in other States and Territories.

Standards described by the benchmarks for years 3, 5 and 7 represent increasingly demanding levels of proficiency against which progress of students through school can be followed.

Staff will spend considerable time analysing the results of these tests, to enable them to support students in improving the literacy & numeracy of both individuals and groups of students.

Anzac Day is one occasion when we formally remember those who have volunteered or been conscripted to serve our nation. It is important that we take the time to acknowledge such occasions and be grateful to live in relatively peaceful times.

WMPS was represented at the laying of the wreaths by our Student Representative Council, Judith Barker, Christy Western and Kerry Price at 2016 ANZAC Dawn Service.
There are times when a student needs to be absent for a legitimate reason; however, it is important to minimise time away from school. Each time a student is absent from school they miss out on learning but also social interactions which are just as important because when students come back things have happened that they don’t know about, things have changed and they feel a little left out.

DECD expectation is that student attendance is 95%, which is actually an absence rate of just ten days a year. Our attendance policy explains that a letter will be sent home if a student has 5 or more absences a term. This letter was sent at the end of last term, if you have not returned the tear off slip could you please ensure you do this.

WMPS is one of the Northern Yorke Partnership sites (along with Bute PS, Wallaroo PS, Port Broughton AS, Moonta AS and Kadina Memorial School).

Each term schools within the partnership will have an early closure to take part in Network Learning Groups. This will allow teachers from WMPS to connect with others from the various sites to do some professional learning and sharing.

Dates to remember

Please make note of these dates for your diary:

- May 17 – Early Closure 2.10pm
- June 14 – Student Free Day
- Aug 9 – Early Closure 2.10pm
- Sept 8 – SFD
- Sept 9 – School Closure – Adelaide Show
- Oct 30 – Community Fair
- Nov 15 – Early Closure 2.10pm
- Nov 21 – SFD
- School finishes at 2.00pm on the last day of each term.

Community news

Gems Disco

June 17th
5pm-6pm Rec-Year 2
6pm-8pm Year 3-6
$5 entry
Door Prizes
Refreshments available to purchase
Kadina Rec Centre (Kindergym are)
From Mrs Woodforde...

Last term, children from Room 4 and Room 6 spent time getting to know each other and learning new skills from each other. Each week the two classes worked together on Numeracy, Literacy and social skills. At the end of term, the two classes went on a ‘Safety Walk’ to the Train Park. The children had a play and then walked to McDonalds for a treat. Thank you to the parents who came with us and helped us stay safe. We all had a great time and look forward to more time with our new buddies this term.

From Mrs Barker...

Room 5 celebrated National Children’s Day on May the 5th. It is a Japanese celebration where students have the day off of school and receive gifts from their family. Students decorated Koi-Japanese fish that were coloured blue to represent the children in the family.
A large vocabulary opens students up to a wider range of reading materials. A rich vocabulary also improves students' ability to communicate through speaking, listening, and writing.

What does this word mean?? What does it look like?? How can it be used in a sentence?? Can you use this word at home each day??

Upper Primary

**PRECIPITATION**

Junior Primary

**Moisture**

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**Word of the week**

Think of the time you made a mistake? Mistakes are not a bad, there is so much you learn from your mistakes. The important part is the lessons we learn from our mistakes.

**Quote of the week**

**Family Maths Challenge**

We really encourage working with your children at home. There will be a challenge in each edition of the Newsletter. They are intended for the family to do together. Talk about Maths and see how you all solve the problems. Record how you do the challenge and then bring it in to school (with name and class) and hand it in to Mrs Keleher by the Friday of week3.

**Family Maths Challenge 1**

Farmer Brown owns one pregnant pig. How many pigs will he have after:
1) the pig gives birth to 7 pigs,
2) 3 of those give birth to 8 each,
3) 2 of them give birth to 4 each,
4) 1 of those pigs gives birth to 10 pigs?
Assume that out of every 8 pigs born in a litter, 2 die.
Congratulations to the following students for consistently displaying our Values:

**Values Awards**

*Week 1 & 2, Term 2*

*2016*

**Relationships**
- Flynn
- Shakira
- Kristy-lee

**Collaboration**
- Lexie
- Chloe
- Kai
- Levi
- Year 7s for NAPLAN

**Trust**
- Blake
- Emmie
- Abhinesh
- Miley
- Indi
- Mad
- Jackson
- Lacey
- Sophie
- Emmarli
- Kianna

**Understanding**
- Ricky
- Nakita
- Silvana
- Tyson T
- Shiloh
- Mia

**Communication**
- Hamish
- Tyson

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