Dear Families,

You are the most important person in your child’s schooling. The research is clear: it’s not just about class sizes, the state of the school buildings or whether you’re born on the right side of the tracks. The biggest factor in whether students succeed in school is the attitude of their parents.

So when you are told you hold the key, what does this mean? What role do you play and what steps can you take to give your child the best chance of shining:

- Read to your child
- Build self-confidence and encourage
- Set high but realistic expectations
- Show your support and enthusiasm
- Create a study space
- Support them to be organised
- Encourage learning at home
- Stay involved, parent-teacher associations are powerful
- Ensure they are getting enough sleep
- Limit television, social networking sites and electronic games
- Ensure they are having a balanced diet
- Ask them questions about their day

Evelyn Field, Psychologist and bullying expert says: “Parents who value education, set expectations and encourage learning at home are the most effective advocates for their child.”

It is important we work together to get the best outcomes for all our students at WMPS. We encourage your support.

Adele

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From Adele

26th of May
School Tour
For Pre School Parents
5:30pm

27th of May
YP Vets Visit Rec-Year 5

13th of June
Public Holiday Queen's Birthday

14th of June
School Closure

22nd of June
Silly Scientist Performance

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Counsellor Column

If your child has arrived late at school recently, you may have received a note asking for an explanation. We are hoping to reduce the number of late arrivals this term as late arrivals were very high last term - 88 in total.

Even the first ten minutes of the day is important at school. It allows students to greet their classmates, participate in the roll, receive any important news and learn what’s happening that day. Students settle into the routine at school.

At WMPS, the first lessons of the day are literacy-based, so it’s crucial that any time missed from these lessons is minimised. Your child may be missing out on a guided reading group, a small group session with an SSO or their Big 6 session, which is targeted to meet their learning needs.

So, if you have a tendency to run late in the mornings, you could try:
- Setting alarm clocks ten minutes earlier
- Getting your children to lay out their clothes the night before
- Making lunches the night before
- Practising a morning routine with your children

I’m not a morning person so I have to leave myself extra time each morning to make sure I get to work on time!

Well, I’ve had to take Emily’s advice from last newsletter. I’ve been getting plenty of rest and drinking lots of water this week as I have had an awful virus. I’ll be glad to be feeling 100% again!

Thank you for all the kind words and well-wishes in regards to Mark & my recent wedding. The day was perfect and we had a lovely time on our honeymoon in Singapore and Thailand.

Min Sawyer

Term 2 ~ Issue 2
25th of May
Cross Country

On Friday 13th of May 6 of our students headed down to the Kadina Football Oval to take part in the Yorke Peninsula Cross Country Trials. Students compete in this run to qualify for SAPSASA Cross Country at Oakbank later in the term. All of our students did a great job and ran hard. Congratulation to Corben Osborn for coming 4th. Corben will now head to Oakbank.

District Athletics Day

On the following Friday, the 20th of May 19 students attended the District SAPSASA Athletics Day. All students tried their best, supported their school mates and were extremely well behaved. We had Summer, Matilda, and Emily make it into finals for 100m and/or 200m. Congratulations to Matilda for coming first in long jump. She will now head to Adelaide to compete. Thank you to Rachel Osborn who helped score.
Thank you for collecting your children early last Tuesday to enable staff to attend Professional Learning within our Partnership. The sessions proved extremely valuable to build skills across the sites. Feedback so far has been very positive.

**Police visit**

We had Constable Rob Tucker come for a visit to the school to remind our students of the important role the police play in our society.

The important message…

"Please don’t tell your children that we will take them off to jail if they are bad.

We want them to run to us if they are scared…

Don’t be scared of Police Officers"

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**Walk to school**

Last week I had the pleasure of walking to school with Hamish and Silvana. I would really like to do this once a term and not just the official walk to school day. Please feel free to join me next time.

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**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 area)

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**Blue Light Movie Night**

Friday 1st July
Ascot Theatre, KADINA
5.30pm

“FINDING DORY”

$10 movie + popcorn + pizza
Canteen available
Reception – Yr 8
LOCK – IN EVENT POLICE SUPERVISED
From Mrs Sawley...

During recent History lessons with Mrs Sawley some classes discussed the history of the Wallaroo Mines area. Photos were shared of the people and animals that played an important part in the beginning of this area.

From Mrs March...

We have been reviewing 2D shape this morning in maths. At the end of the lesson students had races in their groups to make shapes with popsticks.

Students are L-R Miley Leak, Indigo Kaeding, Hugh Price and Jackson Frost-Mackenzie
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

**literature**

Junior Primary

**NOVEL**

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**Family Maths Challenge**

**Challenge 1 Answer:** Farmer Brown would end up with 42 pigs (it is only in a litter of 8 that 2 die). Congratulations to the Price Family who are the winners for this challenge.

Mabel and her mom are going shopping on Saturday. They bought at least one item from each of the 3 departments that they visited. Mabel gave the clerk $120 and she got back $11.76 change. What items did they buy? Think about how much they spent.

**HOUSEWARES**
- Teatowels: $11.38
- Curtain Rods: $12.98
- Bath Mats: $29.58

**CLOTHING**
- Shirt: $30.98
- Dress: $49.90
- Slacks: $39.90

**TOOLS**
- Hammer: $17.90
- Saw: $23.90
- Drill: $25.78

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 week5.

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**Quote of the week**

*Fair Isn’t* everyone getting the same thing.

*Fair Is* everyone getting what they need in order to be **Successful**!

What do you need to help you be successful?
Values Awards
Week 3 & 4, Term 2
2016

Congratulations to the following students for consistently displaying our Values:

**Relationships**
- Ronald
- William
- Mathilda
- Liam

**Collaboration**
- Adam
- Maddison
- Damien
- Shiloh
- Mathilda
- Tequayla
- Chloe S

**Trust**
- Flynn
- Anton
- Tyler S
- Thomas R
- Connor C
- Miley
- Tequayla
- William
- Corben
- Matilda
- Jordan Ml
- Alley
- Jackson
- Tarlisha
- Shiloh

**Understanding**

**Communication**

Congratulations to the following students for consistently displaying our Values.