Dear Families,

I cannot believe how fast this year has gone by and that Christmas is just around the corner. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much for a great 3 terms. I am really looking forward to starting the year in 2017 knowing I will be here for the next 5 years.

Reports
Students will receive their reports on Wednesday 14th of December. Hopefully you will be pleased with the progress your child had made this year. It is good to sit down and look at their reports with them and discuss their areas of strength and weakness.

End of year presentation assembly
The End of Year Presentation Assembly is on Tuesday 13th of December at 9.00am. We will be acknowledging the hard work and consistent efforts made by many students as well as some of our major school awards. We will also say good bye to staff that will not be with us next year and wish them well on the next chapter in their lives.

Classes
Students will learn who their class teachers for 2017 are on the last day of term. They will all spend 15 minutes with their new teacher and meet their class mates for next year. We will have a few changes with staff which should be finalised by then.

Wishing you and your family a very safe and merry Christmas. I look forward to hearing all about your holidays in 2017.

From Adele

Counsellor Column

Thank you to those who have donated non-perishable food items for the UnitingCare Wesley annual food hamper project! There is still time to drop a donation into my office as I will be taking them to Midwaters Lawyers at the end of this week.

Parenting SA has developed 4 short videos for parents and carers that feature some great tips and strategies for keeping children and young people safe in a digital world. There are also some tips for talking with teens and pre-teens about safe and respectful relationships.

Video topics include:
• Toddlers and touchscreens
• Children, teens and pornography
• Breaking the boy code: teaching boys about respectful relationships
• Girls: respect, resilience and healthy relationships.

To watch the videos, visit www.parenting.sa.gov.au/videos.htm

Congratulations to Emily King who is taking over the counsellor role in 2017! A huge thank you to the WMPS community for all your support and friendship over the past 4 years. It has been a wonderful school to work at and I certainly hope to be back again. But for now, I’m embarking on another adventure…maternity leave!

Happy holidays everyone!

Min Sawyer

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Staff farewells

It is that time of year when we have to farewell staff and wish them well on their next chapter in their lives or careers. We wish Mrs Sawyer and Tyla all the best on the challenge of motherhood for the first time, you are both going to make beautiful mothers. Mrs Sims is going back for more and providing Madeline with another sibling to play with, a juggling act she will do well. We look forward to meeting these gorgeous bundles when you visit us next year. We also bid farewell to Mr Perry who has won a music position in Adelaide. We are really going to miss the musical flair he has brought to WMPS but wish him all the very best.

Good luck to our year 7 students

They came, they learnt and they are leaving. We wish our year 7 students all the best as they enter their high schooling. Some are just moving down the road while others are venturing further. You have been a great group of students in your time at WMPS, some longer than others. We know you will all do well if you continue to work hard and meet challenges head on.
Last Friday our 4/5/6/7’s faced off against Wallaroo Primary, St. Mary Mackillop, and Curramulka Primary schools in a beach volleyball tournament. The sun was hot, but the competition was hotter with tense and close games between majorities of teams. The 4/5 Girls team won 2 games, and the boys came out with one victory.

In the 6/7 competition, the boys faced some tough adversaries, and unfortunately lost all their games. The girls teams played with great spirit, and the showdown between the two Mines teams came down to a single point played in overtime. The victorious 6/7 girls team entered into the grand final, playing against the St. Mary Mackillop team. The wind at this stage had picked up, and made it difficult during the first half of the game, with the Mines girls having to serve into the wind. They had a great comeback at the change of ends, but brought home silver medals by 7 points.

Congratulations to all of the players who participated, the 6/7 girls team, and thank you to all the Mines staff, and parents, who came along to support and help to make it a fun and successful day!

Room 6 have been writing letters to the Point Pearce Aboriginal School students since the beginning of Term 3. On Tuesday 6th December, Point Pearce students visited Wallaroo Mines Primary School to meet their pen pals. The day was full of busy and fun activities, including pizza making for lunch, damper making, painting, playing in our outdoor space and reading Christmas and traditional Aboriginal dreaming stories. The students particularly enjoyed playing in the gym with the mini-trampoline and parachute and obstacle course. We played bells and percussion instruments to the Australian version of ‘Jingle Bells’ and the Room 6 students taught the Point Pearce students the song ‘Red, Black and Yellow’. All had much fun and we hope to continue our friendship with Point Pearce Aboriginal School in 2017.
STEM/STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, (Arts) and Mathematics. Over the past two weeks, the Years 3-7 have participated in learning sessions where they chose activities that appealed to them. Some of these activities included marble mazes, geoboard designs, song writing, creating a dance and Christmas crafts. Check out all the creativity below!

From Mrs Sawley...

Coding with buddies
Throughout the year Room 6 have been working with Room 4 for buddies. They have done a variety of activities together and the students have really enjoyed the interactions with the older students.
From Miss Western…

Publishing Party
Room Four had a special publishing party/ celebration/ reward last Thursday night. We had reached a point in our whole class reward system and also needed to have our very last publishing party, so as a class we thought why not have the school to ourselves for a dinner! We ate, shared our publishing and played twister. We had a great celebration and thank Mrs Keleher for joining us.

From Mr Sawyer…

Narungga Camp Out
This term Room 3 has been participating in Narungga lessons run by Sam Kop. On Friday night students came back to school to celebrate their work this term. Students shared their boomerangs with each other and had fun testing who could throw theirs the longest distance. Everyone made damper and enjoyed a barbeque dinner including some bush tucker. After dinner everyone headed into the library to watch a movie and have dessert. Unfortunately the Camp Out was cut short but everyone left with a full belly and a big smile on their face!
Word of the week

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??

Junior Primary

**EXCITE**

Upper Primary

exhilaration

Quote of the week

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree:

- the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.

~ Burton Hillis

Family Maths Challenge

**Challenge 13 Answer**

Congratulations Doug and Hugh!

**Family Maths Challenge 14**

Move only three dots to invert this triangular pattern of dots.

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 week 9.
Next Thursday 15th December Room 1 will be opening their “pop-up” shops at WMPS. The Year 6/7s have been planning and preparing for this day all term! Every student in the school will receive 10 tokens to spend at the pop-up shops of their choice. Below are some advertisements for the pop-up shop so students can start planning their shopping!

**Thursday 15th of December week 9 1Z TREATS**

If you have food allergies we have just the food for you.

- Traffic light Jelly- 1 token
- Cupcakes- 2 tokens
- Brownies- 1 tokens

Hope to see you all there all on the day. We also hope that you have the best day of your life. 😊

**Be there or Be square**

**CHOCHOLICS**

It’s better than you think! 2 tokens for a small bag of chocolate!

**The Pancake Parlour**

We enjoy making light fluffy little pancakes. Our pancakes are good token for value.

- 2½ 1 pancake
- 4 = 2 pancakes
- 5½ MEGA pancake

WIN WIN WIN

Chance to win a MEGA Pancake. Pay 1 token to have a go at getting free pancakes!!

Top your pancakes with:
- Maple syrup
- Sugar
- Lemon juice
- Cream
- Jam

Please support the pancake parlour by buying our pancakes, thank you.

**Forever Sweet Pop Up Shop**

Hi this is Forever Sweet. If you want to taste the best cakes around then you need to come on down to Forever Sweet which is located at the WMPS canteen. We will be selling delicious brownies, our yummy banana cake and don’t forget vanilla. Each slice will be 2 tokens. And we will also sell some tasty toppings which is 1 token for a small bag. And last but not least some apple juice boxes which is 1 token. So come on down to Forever Sweet and remember, Sweets Just Got Better!
Community news

PEACH™ LIFESTYLE

Would you like your kids to eat well and be active? Would you like to improve your family’s lifestyle?

Our FREE online PEACH™ Lifestyle program can help

What is PEACH™ Lifestyle?

PEACH™ (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) Lifestyle is a FREE healthy lifestyle program. It is currently funded by the Channel 7 Children’s Research Foundation.

PEACH™ Lifestyle provides parents with skills to:
- Improve child diet;
- Increase child activity time;
- Reduce child screen time; and
- Problem solve and plan ahead to improve family lifestyle

Who is it for?

PEACH™ Lifestyle is a FREE program for families with a primary school-aged child.

What does it involve?

- Over 6 months you will:
  - Complete our short, online sessions
  - Join our 1 hour online ‘Video Chat’ sessions with our PEACH™ facilitator
  - Use our ‘Discussion Forum’ and hear from other parents
  - Complete a survey before and after the program to see what benefits your family has gained from engaging in PEACH™ Lifestyle

Register now at:

www.peachlifestyle.com.au
or email peach.lifestyle@flinders.edu.au

St Mary’s Warraroo invites the Warraroo community to a FREE Friday pancake breakfast
Corner of Hasell & Church St
open 7:30 to 8:30 am
25th November
2nd, 9th, 16th December
A chance for neighbours to meet
Mary’s Pantry will be open to serve breakfast items as required.
Further info: Call Andrea 0418 380 727

Bushfire and your child’s school or preschool
A GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Download the guide so you know what to expect on a catastrophic fire day or in the event of a bushfire.

Look for the guide at

www.decd.sa.gov.au

Adelaide Strikers HOLIDAY CLINICS

SESSIONS FROM 9 JANUARY - 25 JANUARY

Mary’s Pantry will be open 7:30 to 8:30 am
25th November
2nd, 9th, 16th December
Other times available by appointment

SOME PEOPLE JUST LOVE TO GIVE

PLEASE DONATE BETWEEN 23 DEC AND 2 JAN

Kadina | Sports & Leisure Centre | 1 Dowell Terrace
Tuesday 26 December
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Wednesday 27 December
10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Thursday 28 December
10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Friday 29 December
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Monday 30 December
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Call 13 14 99 or visit donateblood.com.au
Congratulations to the following students for consistently displaying our Values:

**Relationships**
- Caiden
- Emily F
- Heath
- Michael
- Flynn
- Max
- Caitlin
- Ronald
- Shakira

**Collaboration**
- Caiden
- Chloe
- Meagan
- Thomas R
- Tyler G
- Paul

**Trust**
- Caiden
- Emily F
- Heath
- Michael
- Flynn
- Max
- Caitlin
- Ronald
- Shakira

**Understanding**
- Flynn
- Max
- Caitlin
- Ronald
- Shakira

**Communication**
- Caiden
- Chloe
- Meagan
- Thomas R
- Flynn
- Max
- Caitlin
- Ronald
- Shakira

Values Awards
Week 7 & 8, Term 4
2016