

WALLAROO MINES PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From Adele

Week 6 already! Staff and students have been busy and like me I still don't think their feet have hit the ground. We have had lots of fun and lots of learning along the way.

All teachers have been meeting with parents to discuss Personal Learning Plans and Negotiated Education Plans and we certainly appreciate it when parents have been able to make it in to the school to meet and discuss how we can all work together to provide the best opportunities for children. These should have been sent home by now, so if you haven't received your child's plan just let us know so we can follow it up.

The Governing Council AGM was held last night and thank you to the parents that took the time to participate and thank you to the few who made an apology because of other commitments. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following people to Governing Council for what is looking to be an exciting 2017.

Rebecca Cox as Governing Council Chairperson; Craig Ayles as Vice Chairperson; Lisa Slabskyj as Secretary; Finance Rep to be confirmed; Elle Fairweather as School Staff Rep; and General Committee Members Kate Raymond, Kristy Flowers, Amanda Yates, Cathy Ivens, Kerry Price, Trista Garrard and Michelle Woodward. Congratulations and here's hoping we have a productive 2017!

A reminder there will be a Pupil Free Day Tuesday 14th of March (next Tuesday). Teachers will be part of a Network Learning Group across the partnership in the morning and then during the rest of the day they will be taking part in some collaborative moderation and planning for Big Ideas in Number and Big 6 in Literacy.

There is no supervision provided at the school for students until 8.30am. Whilst we appreciate their keenness to get to school please ensure that students don't arrive before 8.30am when teachers are then able to provide a duty of care. Breakfast club will run from this time on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and finish at 8.40am to ensure students are in class on time.

We have a number of students with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) who attend WMPS. We were thinking it might be nice to have a get together to share strategies and give support a couple of times a term on a Monday afternoon. If you are interested could you please let myself or Kelly Richardson know.



Adele Keleher



Skoolbag



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Diary Dates

Week 6:	Wednesday 8/3	-	Governing Council AGM
Week 7:	Monday 13/3	-	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
	Tuesday 14/3	-	Pupil Free Day
Week 8:	Tuesday 21/3	-	Better Buddies – Harmony Day
Week 9:	Tuesday 28/3	-	Assembly 9am
	Thursday 30/3	-	Religious Education
Week 10:	Tuesday 4/4	-	School Photos
Week 11:	Tuesday 11/4	-	Marathons
	Thursday 13/4	-	Sports Day – last day of Term 1 early dismissal 2pm

School Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following staff & students celebrating their birthdays in March:

27/2	Jackson
2/3	Mikaela
3/3	Thomas
	Miss Western



Wellbeing

Well SRC has had a very busy few weeks; GRIP leadership conference in Adelaide, Induction Assembly, a successful Pancake Day and yesterday's training day. The training day involved all SRC students, Tim and myself. We developed important team building skills, discussing what it means to be a leader, what SRC is all about and our code of conduct. We played a few team games, had some lunch and also had a go at public speaking – both good and bad examples! What a great bunch of students to spend the day with and I look forward to seeing them progress with SRC throughout the year.

Regular attendance is vital for students at school. When they are away they miss out on new learning, developing friendships and other exciting opportunities at WMPS. Accompanying today's newsletter is an 'Every Day Counts' reminder for your fridge. There are also some great tips of how to help your child attend school regularly.

Enjoy the long weekend and make sure you take some time to do something special as a family; read a book, watch a movie, play a game, go for a walk. Have fun! Emily
'Turn the TV off when you can and turn the conversation on where possible. And remember; loving them is easy, it's rearing them that's hard but it does get easier with practise.' Wilson MacCaskill



Emily King

Grip Student Leadership Conference

On Tuesday the 21st of February, us four senior SRCs went to the Adelaide Entertainment Centre to attend the Grip Student Leadership Conference. We had lots of fun learning about how to be a good leader and what responsibilities come with it. We learnt how to turn ideas into action and to think outside the box. We also learnt about Strengths and Weaknesses and that everyone has them.

We had a very good day and can't wait to bring all of these things into WMPS.

By Lakeisha, Caitlin, William and Paul



Lunchtime Activities with Mrs King



What the students are saying:

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| Tyler – Room 5: | 'We get to do lots of fun stuff and it is fun.' |
| Maddison – Room 5: | 'I've been playing games – I like it!' |
| Jordan – Room 1: | 'I made loom bands which I liked because it was interesting.' |
| Sophie & Lakeisha – Room 1: | 'We did a puzzle which was a lot of fun' |
| Matilda – Room 1: | 'I made loom bands.' |

An incident/accident has occurred recently at 2 sites resulting in injuries to students. In one incident the student was using the junior primary play equipment and caught the hat that they were wearing in play equipment, resulting in a red welt on the child's throat due to friction/burn.

The style of hat is NOT our current school hat with an adjustable chin cord. To eliminate the risk of potential strangulation on playground equipment school staff will be removing the cords from these hats.

However there may be hats at home that are worn to school that have the cords and we request the following: you inspect your child's hat and if it has a cord, please immediately remove the cord as any hat with cords can no longer be worn at school; and if you have concerns about the safety of the hat please speak with Adele or office staff.

Room 1

For the beginning of this term in Literacy, the students in Room 1 have been working on a unit on Narrative writing. We have been focusing on the structure of a Narrative and how we can use more complex language. Here is a sneak peak of our Narrative writing. Our stories will be finished by the end of this week. Come visit Room 1 to read the rest of these amazing stories.

Pow! Pow! Zip! Bang! Beam! CRASH!!! Zac was at home with his friend Todd, playing video games on the brand new console he got for his 12th birthday last week. 'Boys!! Get outside and do.....something? Right now!!!' Zac's Mum screeched at them. 'Fine!' Zac said stubbornly.

Caitlin S

Long ago (well not so long ago) in a castle lived a little girl called Mary. Mary's family had a lot of money. Mary's house looked like a big mansion and in front of her house was the most beautiful fountain and when you drove past you just had to take a photo. As I was walking past to go to school, Mary came out of her house. I saw her and she was just beautiful. I watched her as she walked down her stairs, carrying a big pile of books, with a short, cute peach coloured dress on.

Lakeisha P

**I DO NOT KNOW HOW I GOT HERE,
I DO NOT KNOW WHY.
I DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION,
ON HOW BIRDS CAN FLY.
YOU MAY SEEM REALLY YOUNG,
YOU KNOW ONE PLUS TWO IS THREE.
BUT ONE THING I DO KNOW,
I HAVE A KINGDOM FOR ME.**

THOSE WERE THE WORDS MY FATHER SAID TO ME EVERY NIGHT SINCE I WAS FIVE. I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE POEM MEANT UNTIL NOW. MY NAME IS JOHNATHON HILL. MY FATHER WAS THE KING OF WESTFALL CASTLE. THIS IS MY STORY. THIS IS MY LIFE.

WILLIAM B

Pancake Day

The first SRC fundraiser for 2017 was Pancake Day, students on the SRC helped make the pancake mixture, cook the pancakes and to serve pancakes to their peers. \$200 was raised to donate to Uniting Care Wesley to fund community projects in our local area.



Assembly



2017 Wallaroo Mines Primary School SRC
 Back row: Tim, Anton Launer, Nakita Pepall, William Elverd, Lakeisha Pepall, Caitlin Stevens, Jacob Slabskyj, Madi Flowers, Mrs King
 Front: Alley Joy, Flynn Slabskyj, Tequayla Pepall, Hamish Garrard, Adelaide White, Riley Ayles
 Absent: Paul Haklar



2017 Wallaroo Mines Primary School House Captains
 Kurilla: Emarli Raymond, Sophie Mowbray Wandita: Lakeisha Pepall, Corben Osborn Mantu: Lacey Joy, Willow Starr



Staff and students who participated in PALs training



Community News

The Blood Service Mobile Blood Donor Centre will be visiting:

KADINA Sports & Leisure Centre,
1 Doswell Terrace

Tuesday 28 March	12pm – 6pm
Wednesday 29 March	10am – 6.30pm
Thursday 30 March	10am – 6.30pm
Friday 31 March	7.30am – 12pm



Australian Red Cross

The Kadina Hockey Club wants YOU!

Want to play a fun, inclusive, team sport that will help you get fit? Want to give a new sport a try but don't know where to start? The Kadina Hockey Club welcomes new players of any age, ability and fitness level. We have helpful coaches who will make you feel at home in our supportive and positive club.

Come and Try Hockey:

Come out to the hockey fields (cnr Drain & Port Rd, Kadina) and meet some of our club members, ask any questions and have a try at hockey. Beginners welcome. Bring a friend!

Wednesday 5 March 2017 at 4:00 pm.

New players welcome in all grades.

Mini Colts (Girls & Boys aged 5 to under 9)

Junior Colts (Girls & Boys under 13 yrs)

Senior Colts (Girls & Boys under 16 yrs)

Men & Women (16+ years) – registration from 5.30pm

First Training Day – Wednesday 15 March 2017

Any queries please contact John Duka -
0427794124



Centennials Netball Club registration days at the Kadina Uniting Church hall from 3pm to 5pm on Sunday, March 5 and 3.30pm to 5.30pm on Wednesday, March 8. First practice is Wednesday, March 22 at the CCSLC courts. Juniors 3.30pm to 4.30pm, seniors 5pm to 6pm. More information Rhianon Koch 0448 395 714 or Breanna Marks 0447 670 767. All welcome.



Gems Netball Club

Registration Night

Where: Kadina Community Library

When: 3.30pm to 6.30pm on Thursday, March 16.

More information contact Krystal Rawson

All welcome



Wallaroo Royals Netball Club Registration Night

THURS MARCH 9TH & 16th

Juniors 5pm—Seniors 7pm

Grass area across from 'C U @ Wallaroo'
John Tce, Wallaroo

Uniform fittings/orders and registration info to be completed on the night.

\$50 non refundable deposit to be paid on the night for uniform orders.

Please come in your active wear!

All new and old players welcome!
If unable to attend sign up—please contact

Sue Sandars 0428550401
To submit registration information