



WALLAROO MINES PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Relationships

Understanding

Communication

Trust

Collaboration

From The Principal ... Mrs Keleher

Welcome to week 4! The term is moving along fast and we are busy learning together and enjoying the many opportunities that are arising. We have had students compete at SAPSASA Athletics and Cross Country, our years 3, 5 and 7 students worked hard in NAPLAN testing, Big Ideas in Number is well underway in all classes, we enjoyed reading "Hickory Dickory Dash" in the National Simultaneous Storytime and students are having a great time playing the new instruments in Music.

School Drop Off - Just a reminder that parking at the front of the school, on Lipson Avenue, is not allowed as this is just a quick drop off zone. We thank families who continue to follow these procedures to ensure the safety of children before and after school. If you do wish to park and walk your child in, then please do so in the parks located at either end of the school. Thank you.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data- Teachers will be soon undertaking an R-7 data collection. The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the National Data Collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of reasonable adjustment they are receiving. From 2018, this data will be used as the basis for national funding. The NCCD involves the collection of;

- the number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students
- the level of adjustment provided to students
- student's type of disability if known

Under this model the definition of disability is broad and includes learning difficulties, health issues and mental health conditions. If your child is identified for inclusion in the Collection, the required information will be included in this year's data collection. If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact the school. Further information can be found at: <http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.

Make print 'talk' at home - One of the best ways to encourage your child to become a reader, besides reading books together, is to make print a part of their everyday life. Here are a few tips:

- Point out simple messages on signs and billboards
- Look at the TV guide with your child. Point out the titles of their favourite shows
- Make cards for special occasions and let your child do the printing
- Put a calendar of events on the fridge to refer to each day
- Write notes to your child and help them read them aloud
- Read instructions to games and the covers on DVDs, and follow diagrams together to assemble new toys.

“Be Brave – Participate to Progress”

Is the key concept students and staff are focusing on as part of the Play is the Way program.

In classes we're talking about being brave, having a go and trying your best so that you can learn and get better at things.

Students shared times when they've been brave and as a result, have progressed.

Kids remembered:

- Progressing from riding bikes with training wheels to no training wheels
- Not being able to read and now reading by themselves and reading more books
- Writing longer stories
- Learning harder maths
- Trying new skills on the trampoline
- Trying new foods
- Swinging on the monkey bars
- Unpacking their own bags in the morning instead of parents doing it for them
- Their first day at school and how scared they felt compared with now, happily coming to school

Sometimes it's easier to let our fears stop us doing things. We can let negative self-talk get in the way and we become stuck.

Being brave and having a go, even when unsure, helps us to learn and grow. What will you be brave with this week?

“School is about stepping bravely into the unknown. The unknown is often uncomfortable. The braver you are, the more you learn.”

Wilson McCaskill, Play is the Way

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	28/05	29/05 Assembly Reconciliation activities	30/05	31/05	01/06 Room 6 Kindergym
6	04/06	05/06	06/06	07/06 Music is Fun Band 1:40	08/06
7	11/06 Public Holiday Queen's Birthday	12/06 Pupil Free (Partnership)	13/06	14/06	15/06

Free Positive Parenting Program



Do you sometimes find you have questions about your child's behaviour and development and not quite sure where to turn?

→ Positive Parenting (Triple P) teaches simple and practical strategies to confidently tackle parenting challenges

Please join us for a FREE session where we will discuss and learn strategies relating to the **Power of Positive Parenting** including:

- Ensuring a safe engaging environment
- Creating a positive learning environment
- Using assertive discipline
- Having reasonable expectations
- Looking after yourself as a parent.

*Light refreshments and crèche will be provided.
Please let us know if you require the crèche.*

When: Friday 22nd June, 9am-11am
Where: Wallaroo Mines Primary School
To book: Contact Kris Strauss-Scott or Tanya Stevens;
Phone 88211988 or email:
Kris.StraussScott909@schools.sa.edu.au

Everyone is welcome to join us for these engaging and informative sessions.

Happier families. Better relationships. Successful kids.

These seminars are delivered by DECD's Positive Parenting Team



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Volunteers

Our Community Volunteers are very important to the way that our school operates. We would like to publicly recognise the amount of work that they put in to our school. Many of them do it for the love of our community and don't seek praise for the effort that they put in. We are very lucky at WMPs to have such an amazing group of volunteers. Our volunteers help in so many different ways. We would not have the success that we have today if it wasn't for them volunteering their time.



Assembly and Reconciliation week

Next Tuesday we will be holding our mid-term assembly at 9am in the Gym with Value Awards, class items, choir performance and certificate presentations on the agenda. On the same Tuesday we will be celebrating Reconciliation Week from 1:30pm. Families are invited to come and join in the activities. We hope to see lots of families there.

This week's famous Aboriginal person profile is...

Cathy Freeman



Nation: Kuku Yalanji, Queensland
Born: 16 February 1973, Slade Point, Mackay, Queensland
Famous for: winning a gold medal at the Olympics, displaying the Aboriginal flag
Education: Kooralbyn International school, Fairholme College, University of Melbourne
Achievements: Some achievement includes; In 2000 she became the first Aboriginal person to win an individual [Olympic](#) gold medal. Gold medal winner at the 1990, and 1994 Commonwealth Games, Young Australian of the Year in 1990, Australian of the Year in 1998, established the Catherine Freeman Foundation in 2007 that focuses on Indigenous children in Australia.

Fill out the tear-off slip below and hand into the front office by Monday 28th May (week 5) for your chance to win!

Name:

Quiz question:
How old is Cathy Freeman?

ANSWER:



presents a ...

FREE interactive workshop

for parents of children aged 0-8yo

What is oral language & why is it important?

At this hands on workshop you will find out:

- What oral language is and how you can support your children at home
- Ways to play with your children that promote oral language development
- Engaging game ideas



includes FREE "goodie bag" of activities to try at home

FREE CRECHE provided by Wallaroo PS & Community OSHC

The SAME workshop will be held in multiple locations to allow parents to attend a session on a day/time that suits (e.g. you don't have to attend the session in your local town)

Date	Time	Location
Mon 21st May	9.15-10.15am	Moonta Area School Library (Blanche Tce, Moonta)
Fri 25th May	10-11am	Wallaroo PS Errington Room (Hughes St, Wallaroo)
Mon 4th June	9.30-10.30am	Port Broughton Community Library (12 East Tce, Port Broughton)
Tues 5th June	6.30-7.30pm	Copper Coast Sport & Leisure Centre Function Room (1 Doswell Tce, Kadina)
Wed 6th June	1.30-2.30pm	Bute Primary School (Third St, Bute)

Crèche available at each venue if bookings show demand. Book ASAP to confirm your crèche place.

RSVP ESSENTIAL via www.nypartnership.eventbrite.com.au

For more information contact Bridget Johns on 8821 0100 or bridget.johns279@schools.sa.edu.au



Room 2

In Room 2 we have been reading many books about the adventures of Paddington. Paddington is a bear from Darkest Peru who finds himself living with the Brown family in London. He goes on many adventures and ends up in many sticky situations. We decided to start writing our own adventures and during one writing lesson we had a knock at the classroom door. When we opened the door, we found a Paddington bear with his suitcase and a note explaining that he had heard that we were learning about him and he wanted to come and visit us. We have loved having Paddington stay with us. He has joined in many activities including the Maths is Fun presentation and played fitness games with us. We have finished writing many adventurous stories about Paddington and will have a publishing party with some marmalade sandwiches to celebrate our hard work.

