

WALLAROO MINES PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Welcome Back!

I hope you had a great break over the holidays and were able to spend some quality time with your family. I cannot believe week 3 is nearly over already. There is a lot happening this term so please make sure that you keep updated via our Facebook page with all the activities happening this term. Attached is the term planner that was also sent out last term. Please note the change of date for assembly.

2020 Class Placements

Planning for 2020 staffing and classes is well underway. In a small school this can be challenging with fluctuating numbers and determining the number of classes that we can sustain. We ask parents to inform us as soon as possible if their child/ren will not be attending WMPS next year. If you know of a family moving to the area who is intending to enrol at our school we would like to know to assist us with planning. Staffing numbers are based on estimated enrolments at the start of the following year. The staff we appoint and the number of classes we have is very dependent on the enrolments that we are expecting.

Kindy Transition

On Tuesdays we have been welcoming our Kindy families to the school for their transition visits. These visits allow children to familiarise themselves with the facilities at the school and begin to learn the school routines. We welcome our new students and families. Transition visits take place up until week 5.

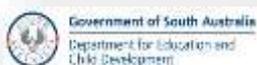
Parent Opinion Survey

To ensure continued improvement in all areas of the school, it is critical that we seek feedback from the school community. We are currently surveying students, staff and families as part of our ongoing review processes. If you could spare 10 minutes I would be grateful if you could complete the survey and support our school to become even better by visiting the link below:

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/NcUdRyTY>

End of Year Concert

This year our end of year celebrations will be the same as last year where we will be having our awards assembly combined with an end of year concert on the evening of Wednesday 11th of December. We hope to have this outside on the oval so that families can bring a picnic and enjoy the festivities.



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Facebook



FROM THE STUDENT WELLBEING LEADER KRIS STRAUSS-SCOTT

Mental Health & Wellbeing

This week the Year 7's participated in a workshop run by Irene from Headspace. They talked about what mental health is, emotions, how their bodies and brains are changing and mental fitness.



Dakota, Nakita and Jordan juggled balloons. Each balloon represented something that might stress people their age like school work, high school, friendships and family. They showed that by helping each other, they were able to keep the balloons in the air. The activity showed us that when people are stressed, if we ask for help, and others help us, we are able to manage situations and support each other.

They shared ways they manage their emotions, which included:

- Quiet time – reading, relaxing
- Being physical – running, jumping, swimming, walking, playing team sports,
- Playing with pets
- Talking to friends and family
- Watching TV, Netflix, playing Video games, Listening to music

They discussed healthy habits to develop strong mental health that included:

- Writing a list of struggles
- Getting enough sleep
- Having a healthy diet
- Good friendships
- Talking to family and staying connected
- Not letting negative thoughts interrupt
- Putting all electronics away or putting in 'night mode' an hour to two hours before bed
- Having hobbies
- Getting some exercise
- Staying hydrated – drinking water

Supporting friends was an important part of the discussion. They learnt "**NAC**" -

- **N**otice with non-judgement
- **A**sk your friend how they are
- **C**onnect them to the best support

They were shown ways to ask others if they were OK like, "How are you going?", "What's been happening?", "What can I do to support you?", "I'm here if you need to chat". By reaching out and talking to each other, it helps get people back on track.

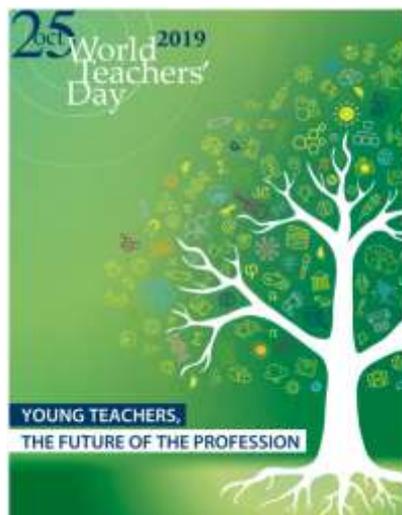
More information can be found at www.Headspace.org.au

**"How well we deal with emotional discomfort
will determine our rate of progress."
Wilson McCaskill, *Play is the Way***



WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Last Friday was a very special day for us at WMPS, it was *World Teachers' Day*. We are so lucky to have great teachers who work so hard ensuring life long learning opportunities are happening for all students. We would like to thank them for their contribution in maintaining the high standard of education in South Australian public schools.



ROOM 2 AND ROOM 3 – YEARS 1/2 EXCURSION

On Friday 25th October Rooms 2 and 3 were up bright and early to travel to Adelaide for a fun filled day of activities.

The SAPOL Road Safety Centre was our first destination. Here students learnt about the importance of road safety before putting into practise what they had learnt on the mock roadway. Students enjoyed riding bicycles and tricycles on the mock roadway.

We then enjoyed eating lunch and having a play at Bonython Park, before heading to our final destination for the day, Adelaide Ice Arena.

With most students having never been ice skating before, we began with many unsteady legs, many arms waving as students and staff tried to stay balanced and many bottoms landing on the ice. However, all staff were impressed with the resilience, persistence and determination shown by all students as they tried, tried and tried some more. By the end of the session we had many successful ice skaters. Whilst Sam, Miss Adams and Miss Dabinett all attempted ice skating, we were very glad to have Rachael and Pamela in attendance to show the students how it is really done!

A big thank you to Mrs Barker, Mrs Stevens, Kay, Sam, Bronwyn, Di, Pamela and Rachael for attending and for your assistance throughout the day to ensure everything ran smoothly.

A great day was had by all!

SAPOL Road Safety Centre



Bonython Park



Adelaide Ice Arena



VOLLEYBALL SA VISIT WALLAROO MINES

On Tuesday, Week 3, Volleyball SA visited Wallaroo Mines Primary School. Students in Years 3 to 7 had the opportunity to participate in coaching clinics throughout the day. It was an engaging and fun day with students having numerous opportunities to learn new skills and apply these in modified volleyball games. Students enjoyed the experience, were willing to try new skills and left the coaching clinic with a big smile.



MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGES NOTICE



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Wallaroo Mines Primary School - 0460		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2020		
Notice of Charges for Reception - Year 7		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$35.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$0.00
	Photocopied Material	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)	\$35.00
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$90.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)	\$90.00
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$75.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$0.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)	\$75.00
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$30.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)	\$30.00
Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)		\$230.00

Education Act 1972 106A

EXCURSIONS & CAMPS-COST CAN CHANGE- BE SUBJECT TO FUNDRAISING

Year RE, 1 & 2 EXCURSION	\$20.00
Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 CAMPS	\$180.00
Year 7 MELBOURNE	\$400.00
CHOIR ADELAIDE & PORT PIRIE	\$50.00

ONE PLAN

In 2018 all Department for Education teachers were provided with access to an online system that allows them to create and document personalised learning plans using a new online module, One Plan.

This personalised learning plan will replace a range of learning plans including Negotiated Education Plan (NEP), Individual Learning Plan (ILP), and Individual Education Plan (IEP).

The One Plan will be developed annually by working in partnership with children / students, parents / carers / guardians and service providers. Learning plans are more effective when all participants contribute to its development. Should your child require a plan, a meeting time and date will be negotiated with you in 2020 to share information about your child that will inform the development of the plan.

We look forward to working collaboratively with you in the writing of the plan. Should you wish to have further information, you are welcome to contact the school.

BUSHFIRE SEASON AND CATASTROPHIC DAY

The Fire Danger Season can be an anxious time for children and families. It is important that all students know about their own family bushfire plan. If there is a fire, students are likely to know about it quickly and will become anxious if their family is potentially affected. In times of danger, it is possible that incorrect information is transmitted. We need to maintain a state of calm whilst the students are at school and the more they are aware of the plan, the easier it is to care for them.

Information will also be provided on the Departmental Parent Hotline (1800 000 279), ABC Radio 891 and local Regional stations, ABC TV and DfE website <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/>

Our schools is in a high risk bushfire area and we have emergency plans, called Bushfire Action Plans, to keep everybody as safe as possible in the event of a bushfire.

By being prepared, and acting now, you will help our schools to be bushfire ready and keep our children as safe as possible.

Catastrophic fire danger rating days are days when the weather conditions mean a fire is more likely to start and be more difficult to control.

When a catastrophic fire danger rating is forecast for the following day by the Bureau of Meteorology, all 'high risk' schools and preschools in the declared Fire Ban District will be closed. Wallaroo Mines Primary School is considered a high risk school.

Parents and carers will need to make alternative arrangements for their children on these days.

Schools and preschools will make every attempt to contact parents and carers to inform them that their school or preschool will be closed. Please make sure your emergency contact details are updated before the fire danger season starts.

Thank you for your support.

TERM 4 PLANNER

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	14/10	15/10	16/10	17/10	18/10
2	21/10 Japanese Cultural Afternoon	22/10 Kindy Transition 8:45-10:30	23/10 Deadly Thinking 9:30-2:15 @KMS	24/10	25/10 Room 2 & 3 Excursion to Adelaide (Year ½)
3	28/10	29/10 Kindy Transition 8:45-10:30 Governing Council Meeting	30/10 Deadly Thinking 9:30-2:15 @ KMS	31/10	1/11
4	4/11	5/11 Kindy Transition 8:45-11:40	6/11	7/11	8/11
5	11/11 Remembrance Day Room 4 & 5 Camp (Year 4/5)	12/11 Kindy Transition 8:45-2:00 Early Closure 2:00pm	13/11	14/11	15/11 Assembly 9:00
6	18/11 Pupil Free (Data Day)	19/11 Kindy Transition all day	20/11 ATSI hearing testing @KMS Instrumental Music Demonstration	21/11	22/11
7	25/11 Room 1 Camp (Year 7) Room 1 Camp (Year 6)	26/11	27/11	28/11	29/11
8	2/12	3/12	4/12 Religious Education	5/12 Year 7 Graduation	6/12 Splash Day
9	9/12 Volunteers Morning Tea	10/12	11/12 Presentation Assembly and Concert 6:00pm	12/12	13/12 Class Parties Early dismissal 2:00