



# WALLAROO MINES PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

### Welcome back!

The term has started a lot more settled than the last and students were straight into learning. It has been great seeing more parents coming back and I appreciate that you are still adhering to social distancing and not entering classrooms. At the moment the health advice in SA is that if you have cold or flu like symptoms, staff and students should be staying home, self-isolating and be tested. Once tested they should self-isolate until the test results come back. Once confirmed as negative then staff and children can return to the site. If in the unlikely event that the test results come back positive then SA health will inform the Department for Education and the school and preschool closure procedures and deep cleaning will be enacted. We really appreciate if unwell children are kept at home until they have recovered, even if it is a cough, a sniffle, or a sore throat, as we all do our best to stop the spread of infectious diseases.

As a school community it is critical we continue to model good personal hygiene, by practising regular handwashing, reminders to younger children (and older), as well as adults social distancing during school drop-off (8:30-8:45am) and pick-up times (3-3:15pm).

### Staffing

We welcome 2 pre-service teachers this term. Abbey Brown in Room 6 and Lachlan Glazbrook in Room 1. Both teachers are very enthusiastic and keen to learn and have settled into WMPS well. They will be here until week 5. Brea Smith will be working on Wednesdays teaching Design and Technology.

Mark Sawyer will be cutting back to four days a week to help support at home with the children. Brea will step into his classroom on Fridays.

### Premier's Challenges

Students can choose to take part in the Premier's Reading Challenge or the Be Active Challenge. This needs to be completed this term, so if you haven't started you best get cracking! Forms need to be returned to me by the beginning of September.

### School Parking

Thank you to parents who use the car park closest to the town centre, who have been adhering to the new parking and driving lanes. It seems to have made it a little clear and safer. If you have any feedback regarding this, please let me know.

### Events

At this stage we aim to hold 2 assemblies, one in week 5 and the other in week 10. We also hope to have Sports Day in week 9 and Cross Country and the Colour Run in week 10. We would love for families to be able to join us but we will be guided by the situation at the time. We will keep you posted.

### Play Ground

We are very lucky to have great playgrounds at WMPS. It is great to see the students enjoying them after school with parent supervision. Unfortunately school playgrounds are not open to the public and so we ask you *don't play on them on weekends and during the school holidays*. If you know of or see anyone it would be great if you can share this information. This is not my decision, it is a Department for the Education rule so we need to abide by this for safety reasons.



Adele Keleher  
Principal



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It's lovely to be back at WMPS after taking some personal leave last term. Since being back and catching up with children I have noticed they have been discussing the movies they are watching and the electronic games they are playing. Following is some information about setting guidelines for their viewing. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or your child's teacher.

### Does your child play violent video games?

Just like television and movies, video games are classified to help decide what is suitable for your children to play.

Some games contain strong, realistic and graphic violence. This violence may upset, harm or disturb young children because they are not developmentally ready to be exposed to it.

Some tips to help you and your child decide what video games are appropriate for them:

1. **Check the classification rating**
2. **Be informed and involved.** Ask your child what games they are playing, watch them while they play or play a game with them. Ask them questions like, 'What is the game about?' and 'Why would you like to play it?' Understanding their motivations will help you identify alternatives to unsuitable games if necessary.
3. **Use parental control.** Explain to your child why you don't want them playing certain types of games. Let your child know that as they get older, these controls can be reviewed and changed.
4. **Stay involved.** Continue to talk regularly with your child about their gaming interests, who they are playing with and what they play online. Help them understand the risks. Monitor and supervise what your child is playing and encourage your child to tell you if they experience anything that worries them or makes them uncomfortable.



Information taken from "Australian Classification" website.

Find out more information at:

[www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/gaming](http://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/gaming)



Kris Strauss-Scott  
Well Being Coordinator

## PRESERVICE TEACHER



This term we welcome two pre-service teachers for the first 5 weeks. We have Lachlan Glazbrook who is Room 1 with Mr Sawyer's year 5 students and Abbey Brown with Mrs Woodforde and the reception/year 1 class. Abbey and Lachlan come from Flinders

University and are in their third year of their teaching degree. Lachlan is a local, having grown up in Kadina. Abbey is from Adelaide. The students in both classes have enjoyed having them so far.



## WALLAROO MINES HAS GOT TALENT

SRC and the student body are keen to have the 'Mines has Talent' again this year.

Do you have a talent?

Can you sing, dance or play an instrument?

Can you juggle, do tricks or have another talent?

Individual or group acts welcome!

Auditions for the talent show are on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August at lunch-time in the gym. Bring along whatever props you need like your instrument or CDs.

The finalists will perform at our week 5 assembly at 1:30.

If you are interested, please write your name on the sign-up sheet on Mrs Strauss-Scott's office door.



Talk to your SRC rep or Mrs Strauss-Scott if you want more details.

We're all looking forward to watching the students perform!

# SAPSASA BASKETBALL



On Friday Week 2, Miss Western and Monica took 14 year 5/6/7 students to the Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre to participate in the SAPSASA Basketball competition. We versed other schools including Moonta Area, Kadina Memorial, Wallaroo Primary, Harvest Christian and St Mary Mackillop. Both the boys and girls teams worked hard, demonstrated our school values and followed instructions well. Monica and Miss Western were particularly impressed with our students who don't play basketball giving it a go. Both teams had some close games and we ended with both winning 1 out of 6 games.



A BIG thank you to Monica Britton (boys' coach), Kianna Pepall (girls' coach) and Nathan Pepall (scoring and timing). The students would not have been able to participate without your time and support.

It was an enjoyable day had by all.

## Mobile Children's Dental Program

Book in early

Where : Wallaroo Mines Primary School

When: 21<sup>st</sup> of August



Please bring back the forms to the front office by 17<sup>th</sup> of August.

This term in our InitialLit 2 comprehension lessons we have been learning how to infer. When we make inferences, we need to be like detectives because writers do not explain everything. We need to work out some things for ourselves. As good detectives we need to look for clues in the text to work out what is happening.

We created our own 'What am I?' Can you use our clues to guess our animal?

I am big. I am grey. I can be fast. I have big ears. I am a mammal. I have a long nose. I can be bigger than a tree. I can be found in Africa.

Elephant By Ebony

I am an animal. I am identical to another animal. I am a farm animal. I live on the land. I live all over the world. I am furry. I make some of the biggest meat in the world.

Turkey By Connor

I have a shell. I am many colours. I can walk and jump. I am big and small. I hurt people. I have a hard exoskeleton. I am scary to some people.

Crab By Shaylah

I am a sea animal. I am like a sea horse. I can be different colours. They look like sea weed. It has one leg. It has a curly leg. It has a tiny head. I am not dangerous.

Leafy Sea Dragon By Cody K

I am an animal. I live in the outback. It has fangs and venom. It is long and scaly. It eats rats and mice. It strikes at people.

Snake By Cody B

I am an animal. I can be different colours. I might be a pet. I don't have eyes.

I might be a girl or boy. I have two stomachs.

Starfish By Bianca

I am a predator. I have four legs. I am orange and white. I have whiskers. I have yellow eyes. I have a good sense of smell. I live in the wild. I run very fast.

Fox By Chanel

I am an animal. I have a long tail. I eat plants and meat. I am furry. I live in the wild. I am asleep during the day. I can only be one colour. I can jump from tree to tree.

Possum Jasmine

I am big. I can be brown and black. I am very strong. I have a six pack. I am not very good for a pet. I am very dangerous. You can see me in zoos. You mostly see me in African zoos.

Gorilla By Maxi

I am big. I live in the ocean. It is blue. I have sharp teeth. They eat lots of things. They have two fins. They have big eyes.

Shark By Na'delle

I am an animal. I am furry. I have sharp Claws. I can climb. I am a wild animal. I am medium size. I am one colour. I eat gum nuts.

Koala By Charlee

I am an animal. I am furry. We love patting it. I can be different colours. I am a good pet. I have whiskers and small ears. I can run fast.

Dog By Jake

I have fur. I can be a pet. I am small. I am brown and white. I can go fast. I am cute. I am smelly. I have 4 legs. I am on land. I like lettuce and carrots.

Guinee Pig By Mitchell

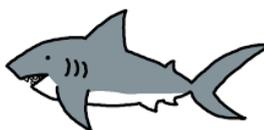
I am a type of spider. I can only be found in Australia. I can hide in toilets. I have 8 legs. I'm 10/10 poisonous.

The male is small. The female is big. I'm very dangerous. The female eats the male after mating.

Red Back Spider By Mason

I am a reptile. I live in the sea. I can swim. I have a tiny head. I have a long mouth. I have a big body. I am really dangerous.

Crocodile By Riley



## ROOM 5 – MISS WESTERN'S YEAR 6/7



Room 5 has been exploring changes in substances. We are looking at adding and removing heat and then trying to reverse the change. We have debated our ideas and tried to get others to agree with us. This has led to deep discussion, prediction and students justifying their ideas with evidence. We look forward to more hands on experiences in the classroom.

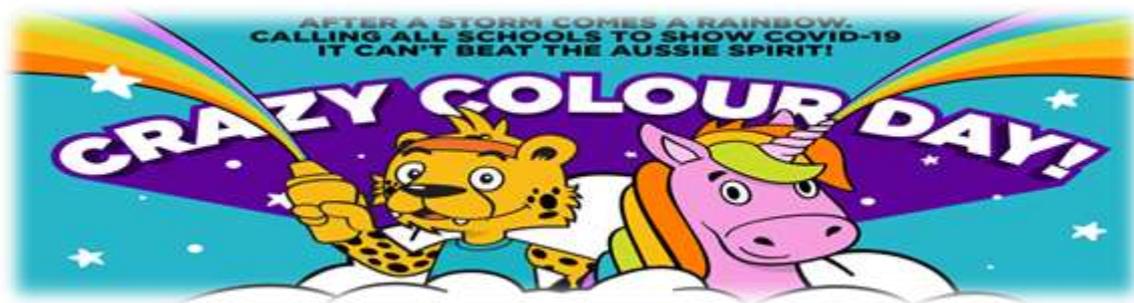


## NARUNGA



Nurungga has begun for all classes on Fridays. All students have selected their Narungga name. We held a naming ceremony for some of the junior primary students.





WELCOME BACK! We started our School Fun Run COLOUR DAY fundraiser in term one, and now we finally get to do it! Our event will be held on **25/09/2020**, and it is something fun we can look forward to after this very unusual and tough year, while continuing to raise money for **Year 7 Camp, The Australian Bushfire Appeal and school improvements.**

### **After a storm comes a rainbow!**

It has been a challenging year for all communities, so it's time to release some pressure and have some fun! Let's get excited for our Crazy Colour Day, giving our school community their rainbow to look forward to!

On top of having an amazing day, the event this year is our only major fundraiser. We're looking to improve the school by **making some updates in the yard, sending the year 7s on camp and donating to the Australian Bushfire Appeal.** So we'd truly appreciate your support. If you are not able to donate yourself, keep reading, because you can still help at no cost!

### **Is it compliant?**

YES! We can run it while still following current social distance restrictions. We hope that by the time our event goes ahead you will all be welcomed into the school, however if restrictions are still in place, we can hold our day and give the kids an amazing event.

*Note: We will keep you updated leading up to the event, so please ensure you keep an eye out for all correspondence.*

### **How Does My Child Fundraise?**

Firstly, go to [schoolfunrun.com.au](http://schoolfunrun.com.au) and create a student profile page. Everything to do with your fundraising revolves around this page.

We would suggest you only raise money online (meaning no cash) which is super easy, and you get to do it from the safety of your home. On top of raising more money, it's also safer and simpler than door knocking and you don't have to worry about handling money. Plus, you can reach out to people all over the world!

### **Not in a position to donate? Just CREATE & SHARE!**

We know some of our families simply cannot donate given the current climate, however the Crazy Colour Day will still work for you:

You can help our school just by creating your profile and sharing your link... that's right, without having to donate yourself, you will raise an average of \$90 in just three donations, simply by consistently sharing your fundraising page to your friends and family!

### **What happens if I was already fundraising?**

You just continue what you are doing! Simply login to [schoolfunrun.com.au](http://schoolfunrun.com.au) and your online funds will still be there from earlier in the year. If you try to login and you cannot see the money, please call 1800 386 786 and the School Fun Run team will be able to help.

### **Ordering Prizes – ALL PRIZES MUST BE ORDERED ONLINE**

Prizes MUST be ordered between the **25/09/2020** and **16/10/2020**. Simply visit [schoolfunrun.com.au](http://schoolfunrun.com.au) to create / log into your Profile Page between these dates. Then click on the 'CLAIM YOUR PRIZE' button and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please contact the *School Fun-Run* team on 1800 FUN RUN and they will gladly assist!

We can't wait for the Crazy Colour Day and we know your kids are going to love it! Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

<b>5</b>	17/8 Phonics Check	18/8	19/8	20/8	21/8
		Assembly 1:30pm			Mobile Dentist Visit
<b>6</b>	24/8 Phonics Check	25/8	26/8	27/8	28/8
<b>7</b>	31/8 Parent/Teacher Interviews	1/9	2/9	3/9	4/9
				Cyber safety workshop yrs 5-7	
<b>8</b>	7/9 PUPIL FREE DAY Berry Street Training for all staff	8/9	9/9	10/9	11/9

# COMMUNITY NEWS



**SKILL** Strengthening Knowledge, Ideas, Links & Leadership

NDIS Workshops, Peer Support Networks & Leadership Development

**A brand new project called SKILL is coming to Kadina in 2020.**

We will be running tailored NDIS self-help workshops for people living with disability & their supporters (family members, carers).

Learn the basics and what works well...as well as what may not...Let us demystify this new system for you and open up options for an inclusive future.

Workshops will include helpful tips and ideas, with a practical focus, and include hands on help and advice via Q&A and local peer presenter stories.

Designed and delivered by people who 'get it'. We are family members of people living with disability and are also busy professionals working in the NDIS space.

You will have opportunities to share local knowledge and contacts, hear from others, and build an ongoing peer support group which will continue in your local community into the future.

**6 Workshops (9-10 Sept, 22-23 Sept & 21-22 Oct) 2020**  
**@ Coopers Alehouse Wallaroo**  
**Peer Support Group development 2020**  
**Peer Support Group Running 2021-22**

Build capacity and connect with others in Kadina and surrounds.

The program offers you the opportunity to build a vision, make a plan, manage supports, connect in your community, connect to home and safeguard success.

If you want to hear more, please call Purple Orange on 08 8373 8388 or email Jackie on [jackie@purpleorange.org.au](mailto:jackie@purpleorange.org.au). Register online @ <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/purple-orange-452954814>









## BUILDING A POSITIVE BODY MINDSET IN TEENS

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of August 7.00-8.30pm**  
**KMS Hospitality room (Doswell Tce, Kadina)**



Presented by Elise Burnell this presentation will cover:

- Understanding the self  
Our self-talk, self-esteem and self-concept
- Understanding body image  
positive vs negative body image & behaviours that influence our body image
- The how - how our body image unfolds  
influencing factors that shape our perception of our body
- The why  
Why does our body image perception get skewed?
- The trap  
Signs and symptoms to watch out for. Eating disorder progression
- The solution  
Strategies to support a positive body mindset in your family
- Additional resources and sources of help

This informative and entertaining session is for parents, carers, and grandparents of teen aged children and interested community members.

PLEASE NOTE COVID CONDITIONS WILL APPLY.

**RSVP ESSENTIAL via [www.nypartnership.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.nypartnership.eventbrite.com.au)**

For more information about the workshops contact Simone Mencer 8822 0390 or email [simone.mencer110@schools.ny.edu.au](mailto:simone.mencer110@schools.ny.edu.au)  
 This workshop is proudly supported by schools and preschools in the Northern Yorke Partnership

