

WALLAROO MINES PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Pupil Free Day and School Closure Day

Just a reminder that we have a Pupil Free Day on Monday 7th of September. The teachers and SSOs will be doing some professional development on the Berry Street Program. Berry Street enables teachers and SSOs to both increase engagement with challenging students and improve all students' self-regulation, growth and academic achievement.

Our school closure which was scheduled on Friday 4th of September has been cancelled as the Adelaide Show will not be going ahead this year.

Premier's Challenges

Next Tuesday (1st of September) will be the last day you will be able to hand in your Premier's Be Active Challenge and Premier's Reading Challenge sheets to Deb Ramsey to enter ready to receive your certificate or medal.

PAT (Progressive Achievement Test) Testing

Students from years 1-7 are required to undertake the online PAT Reading Comprehension (PAT R) and the Mathematics (PAT M) test annually. This provides useful information for tracking students' learning. The main aim of the testing is to provide information regarding the strengths and needs of students. Testing will take place in Weeks 9 and 10.

Phonics Screening

Our year 1 students will undertake the Phonics Screening this week. It will be great to see their growth after being part of the InitialLit program for one and half years.

Facebook

We understand that as parents we are all proud of our child's achievements and school activities and want to share them with others. We do ask that you be mindful that when other students are in the photos can you please ask for permission from the child and parents/carers before you post them. Thanks for your consideration.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held Monday 31st of August to Thursday 3rd of September. For families that do not have internet access, please speak directly with your child's teacher to organise a time. Sessions are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact the teacher directly to make alternative arrangements. We invite and encourage all students to participate in the meetings about their learning.

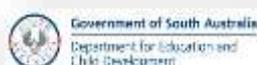
BOOKINGS OPEN: Monday 24th of August

BOOKINGS CLOSE Sunday 30th of August

To make your bookings please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au Code: [b4cnv](#)

2021

We are beginning to look at staffing and class structures for next year. In a small school this can be challenging, with enrolment numbers fluctuating. We ask parents to inform us if their child/ren will not be attending WMPS next year. The staff we appoint and the number of classes we have is very dependent on what enrolments we are expecting.



Find us on
Facebook



Sammy D Foundation

The Sammy D Foundation educates young people on the impacts of bullying and violence. We were lucky to have Neil Davis talk to our year 5-7 students about the tragic loss of his son, Sam, as a result of a coward's punch.



Some of our students shared their thoughts...

I thought it was really sad to know what that family went through. I can't imagine how it would feel to lose someone important to you. It took the Dad lots of courage to talk in front of lots of people about his son. Now I hope lots of people think twice before they punch someone. **Shiloh**

I thought that the Sammy D foundation was so sad because what happened is so sad. Now every time I see my friend getting in trouble, I always say, "Hey remember that Sammy D kid." So don't risk it. One punch is all it takes. Always stay with your friends. **Thomas C**

I think it is sad that he died. You wouldn't think that one punch would kill you. **Jameson**

I never knew you could die straight away with 1 punch in the back of your head. **Tequayla**

He is brave to talk about his son's death. Thank you for talking to us. **Tyson Z**
Just recently a man, called Neil, came in and he was a really confident man. He had a really good son who nearly got drafted to the AFL. He had over 100 friends. He must have been a good bloke. One day he went to a party for his best friend's birthday. Three bullies in black pretended they were invited so they said they were people on the invitation list. They picked a fight. The tallest man there was Sam, Neil's son. One of the bullies punched Sam in the back of the head. Sam died from 1 single punch called a Coward's punch. **Tyson G**

Something that really got me was when Neil had to make a phone call to all of the family saying, "Do you want to say goodbye to your favourite Grandson?" That made me feel sad. **Dakotta**

One punch could kill and violence is not ok. **Alisha**

When Neil finished talking about the tragedy that happened to his son, it made me so emotional, I just felt the urge to get up and say to Neil how sorry I was and how hard it must have been for himself and his wife. I just don't understand how someone so selfish could do that to someone they didn't even know. **Shayla**

By hurting someone, you are hurting someone else. Do whatever it takes to have your friends forever. **Skye**



THE MINES HAS TALENT



Well done to all students who auditioned and performed for the talent show. We saw some nervous but very brave performers and the audience really appreciated their efforts.

Congratulations

1st place: Charlee Kippax with "Show yourself"

2nd place: Emily Burlinson, Shiloh Holdinghausen, Lexi Starrick with "Bang Bang"

3rd place: Jude Seneca, James Hunt with "We will rock you"

Big thanks to the SRC Emcees and judges



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH



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July:

Junior Primary – Jade
Primary – Shiloh



VALUES AWARD WINNERS

Room 6



**Congratulations to our
deserving winners**



Room 2



Room 3



Room 4



Room 1



Room 5



SSO WEEK

This week is a very special week for us at WMPS as it is School Services Officers (SSO) Recognition Week. We are so lucky to have great SSOs who work with students to assist them in their learning as well as support our teachers in providing great learning opportunities. We would like to thank them for their contribution in maintaining the high standard of education in South Australian public schools. Every single one pictured below plays a big part in our school whether it be greeting you at the front office, supporting your children or ensuring that we have the best looking grounds for your children to play in.

Thomas R – “Mr Fab teaches music at our school. He teaches me the guitar. He helps kids too”



Ethan B – “Kylie is lots of fun to work with.”



Tom J – “Mrs Stevens is a nice worker because she helps me.”



Connor S – “There is lots to say! Sam is nice and encouraging when I need help.”



Tequayla – “Renee is so kind, lovely and helpful. If you ever needed help she is always there.”



Mackensie – “Kelly is nice and when we do really good work with her in MiniLit she gives us prizes”



Morgan – “Mark does a great job of fixing the TV's and iPads.”



Chayce – “Mel helps us with our maths and does a good job of marking our maths muscles.”



Lachlan M – “Cat is very kind, funny and socialable.”



Damien – “Monica is nice, kind to every student and is the best SSO.”



Annabel – “Mrs Ramsey is organised and helpful in the front office.”



Lucas S – “Sarah is very nice because she plays fun games with us at lunchtime.”



Crystal – “Kay is really nice and I like working with her.”



Daniel – “Mrs Nash is always there to help with forms and get information when you need it.”



Harry – “Kerry is so lovely because she always plays fair and is kind.”



Shayla – “Darren is very helpful and we are lucky to have him here.”



The heart of our school



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

7	31/8 Parent/Teacher Interviews	1/9	2/9	3/9	4/9
				Cyber safety workshop yrs 5-7	
8	7/9 PUPIL FREE DAY	8/9	9/9	10/9	11/9
9	14/9 PAT Testing	15/9	16/9	17/9	18/9 Sports Day TBC
10	21/9 PAT Testing	22/9	23/9	24/9	25/9 Cross Country and Colour Run TBC
		Assembly			



The Forensic Science Show

The Science Show was great as I like solving crimes. When I grow up, I want to be a detective, so it was useful for me to do this - Lola.

We had to solve a crime scene - Ayden.

At the Science Show we discovered a mystery and looked for clues - River.

Solving the crime scene was fun - Dakota.

We had to solve a crime by figuring out which person was guilty. There were fingerprints in the jacket. There was a glasses case and a purse - Thyler.

We had to find all the clues about who the murderer was. The clues led to different people - Blake C.

I had to try to open the safe and there was money inside - Ronald.

We found a loop fingerprint and a hanky inside the tuxedo - Thomas.

It was fun how we got to find the clues and learn about Forensic Science - Harley

There were a lot of clues that we had to solve. It was fun because we had a group and we had to do it together - Tyson.

I got money out of the safe and looked at it. I had fun - Alexia.

There was a set up for a murder mystery and I think it was fun. My Mum always watches murder mysteries on tv - Blake W.

Every time someone found a clue it was exciting! The clues would lead to more clues - Logan.



ROOM 6 – RECEPTION/YEAR 1

We have been very busy in Room 6 this term. We have been fortunate to have Abbey Brown in our class, a 3rd year pre-service teacher from Flinders University. In Abbey's Art lessons, she has been teaching the children different ways to make farm animals. Here are some examples of our work.



We have lots of children in Room 6 who constantly make strong choices throughout the day. They often get to 'Mrs Keleher' by the end of the day and put a marble in our class jar. We filled our jar twice this term so we picked 2 rewards last week, casual clothes day and marshmallows around the fire pit. Thank you Mrs Keleher!



Cornish Pasty Lunch

The year 7 students will be hosting a Cornish Pasty lunch on Monday week 10 (21st September). For \$4 you can get a Cornish Pasty from Price's Bakery. All proceeds go towards the year 7 camp. All orders are to be placed on the QKR app by Wednesday Week 9 (16th September).



COMMUNITY NEWS



the *Carly Ryan* foundation.

Parent Online Safety Presentation

Presented by Sonya Ryan, CEO

NY Partnership, Copper Coast Sports & Leisure Centre

Tuesday 1st September 2020 6.30pm

1 Doswell Terrace, Kadina 5554 SA

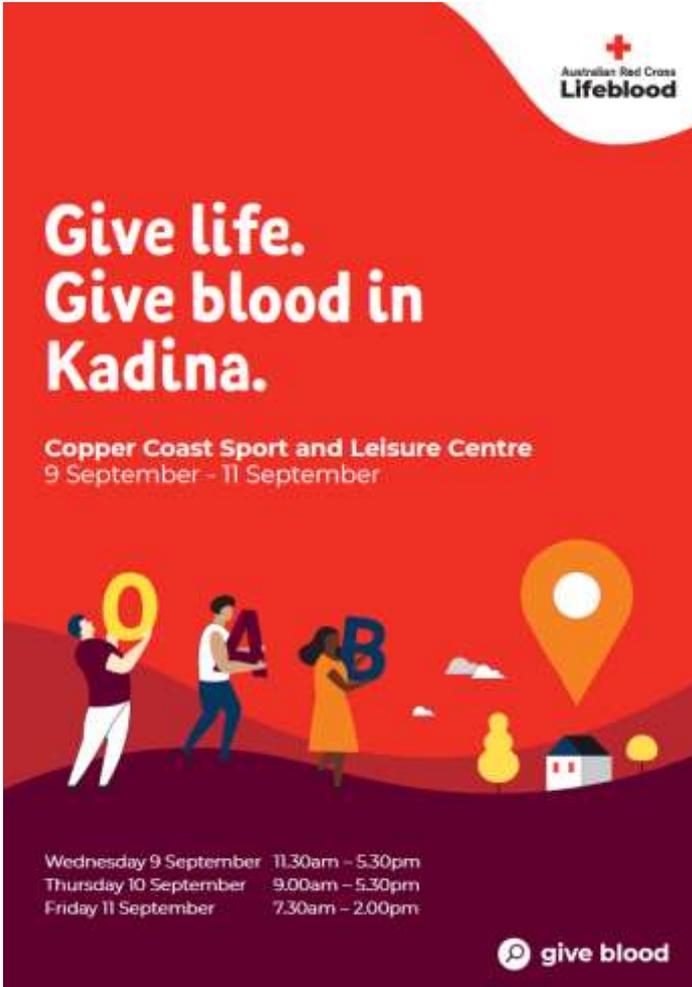
The presentation explores

- Online Safety
- Opportunities vs risks
- Privacy settings
- Awareness
- Managing self
- Emotional Intelligence
- Resilience
- Critical thinking
- Understanding the law
- Image based abuse
- Respectful relationships
- Communication
- Practical guidance
- Connection to support services

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Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre
9 September - 11 September

Wednesday 9 September 11.30am - 5.30pm
Thursday 10 September 9.00am - 5.30pm
Friday 11 September 7.30am - 2.00pm

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