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## From The Principal ...

It is with great excitement that I write to you as the new Principal of Wallaroo Mines Primary School, I am honoured to have the opportunity to lead a school with such resilient students, dedicated staff, and supportive school community.

This year has started in an unfamiliar manner and it is great to be back to a more normal setting. I'd like to thank all our families for the way they have worked with us to provide a safe and healthy environment for students and staff. I understand the challenges posed by remote learning and hope that families felt supported through this time. Schools have never had to work under the hybrid system and it was a learning experience for everyone involved. As a school we will review our approach to remote learning and factor in feedback we received during the first weeks.

This year we have a new staff member, Kimberly Hodges. Kimberly is working across all year levels as a specialist Science and Arts teacher. Kimberly is with us three days a week and at Curramulka Primary on Mondays and Fridays.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank everyone for making me feel welcome at WMPS. I have lived on the Copper Coast for 10 years with my wife and twin boys and I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with this community.

As relationships between families and the school are vital to the success of our students, I encourage you to become involved in every way possible and to contact either your child's teacher or myself any time you have questions or concerns about your child and their education.

**Scott Moore**  
**Principal WMPS**



## What's on?

- ❖ March 1<sup>st</sup> Governing Council AGM
- ❖ 14<sup>th</sup> March Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
- ❖ 15<sup>th</sup> March Pupil Free Day
- ❖ 23<sup>rd</sup> March School Photos
- ❖ 7<sup>th</sup> April Sports Day
- ❖ 14<sup>th</sup> April Cross Country
- ❖ 15<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday and start of School Holidays
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> May Term 2 Starts



# From the Student Wellbeing Leader

Welcome back to the 2022 school year. It's certainly been a different start!

With all the changes that children and families are experiencing due to Covid, settling into school routines, changes to home routines etc, home life can get hectic!

I found this great little graphic that I thought was very reassuring if you're feeling overwhelmed. Just 9 minutes a day can make a huge difference ☺

**Unbelievably Simple Tips To Be A Great Parent**

There are 9 minutes during the day that have the greatest impact on a child:

- The first 3 minutes after they wake up.**  
Always start the day with a smile.
- The 3 minutes when they come home from school or you have lunch together.**  
Greet them with a smile, ask what their favourite activity was, show interest and encouragement.
- The last 3 minutes of the day before they go to bed.**  
Have a quiet time routine, tell them a story, sing a song, tell them you love them.
- Children need positive touches and connection during the day to feel safe and connected to a parent.**  
It can be as simple as the straightening of a collar, a pat on the shoulder, holding hands, sitting together and watching TV, or best - a simple hug.
- Each day, your kids need a meaningful eye-to-eye conversation with a parent.**  
It is especially important for babies to have eye contact, but children of all ages need parents to slow down and look them in the eyes. Sit together and have a chat!

**Together 4 Kids.. Relationships Australia.**  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
The Child Focused Support Service (Together 4 Kids) is provided by Relationships Australia South Australia Ltd and funded by the Government of South Australia, SA Housing Authority

My work days are Monday and Tuesday and our Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) Robyn works Thursday and Friday. If you would like support with any issues, please contact the front office to make an appointment.

Sincerely, Kris

*"When the unpleasant or unfortunate happens, acknowledge it and understand it. Then bounce back with all the force you can muster." Wilson McCaskill, Play is the Way*



Kris Strauss-Scott  
Well Being Coordinator

# Setting the scene for learning

The first few weeks of any school year are extremely important as we re-establish and introduce new routines and expectations with the intention of starting the school year in a positive manner. All classes have spoken about the importance we place on them striving to do their best. We expect them to engage in activities, to make the most of their opportunity at WMPS so that their chance for the future are maximised. This year we continue to focus on creating safe and productive learning environments through the Berry Street Model and empowering student to take ownership of their learning.

Other things we have discussed include:

## School Uniform

Students wearing uniform is very important, it sets work apart from the weekend or after school activity. We believe it helps to build identity and pride; it is a discipline that helps WMPS create a better learning environment. The school is able to help support uniform purchases if families are facing financial hardships.



## Punctuality/Attendance

All students need to be at school and to their lessons on time, continual lateness and/or non-attendance has a dramatic impact on a students' learning. Support from parents here is critical especially in the years where students are reliant on parents to make this happen.

## Bullying/Harassment

My belief here is that all children and staff have the right to come to school, to learn and teach in a harassment free environment. No one has the right to negatively affect another person's learning. We will strongly support this policy across the school. If your child is being harassed, bullied in any way, then we wish to know about it asap.



## WHO CAN I TALK TO?

Throughout child's schooling, they will experience a range of experiences, hopefully many more positive than negative. Parents and students sometimes need a staff member to talk to who can assist them in their daily life at school.

At WMPS we have a great group of people who can assist you. I would encourage you to contact your child's classroom teachers as the first point of contact, this can occur either through Class Dojo, email or by calling the school.

We have two fantastic Wellbeing staff, our Wellbeing Leader Kris Strauss-Scott and our Pastoral Care Worker Robyn Sherry who can also be contacted if you have any concerns regarding your child's wellbeing.

I also encourage you to speak to me if you ever have any questions or concerns about WMPS or your child's education.

# School Card

Families wishing to apply for a school card can still do so. Please see June Nash in the front office for any further information.

## WHAT IS SCHOOL CARD?



School Card provides financial help to cover the cost of school fees.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

To qualify for School Card, your family's income must be below a specific limit. This limit depends on how many children are in your care.

You must **also** meet at least one of the following:

- have a child or children aged four years or over who attend a school full time
- be an independent full-time student studying year 10, 11 or 12
- be an adult re-entry student undertaking subjects to complete SACE (years 11 and 12).

You can find more information and apply for School Card here:  
[www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)

### HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM APPROVED?

After you apply, you will receive a letter in the mail advising if your application has been approved. Please note, School Card is not a student identification card.

### WHO CAN HELP ME APPLY?

If you would like more information or need help applying for School Card, please visit your child's school office and show this flyer.

**Hi! I would like help to apply for School Card.**



[sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)



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Department for Education

# Qkr App

The Qkr App can be used to purchase uniforms, payment of school fees and camps and excursions as they occur during the year. It is simple to create an account and can be used from any internet enabled device.

If you would like more information on the app and how it can be used to manage school payments please contact June Nash at the school.

For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try *Qkr!* today



Introducing *Qkr!* (pronounced 'quicker') by MasterCard: the easy-to-use phone app that gives you the flexibility to place orders at a time and place that suits you. *Qkr!*:

- Saves you time by letting you order and pay for school items directly from your phone;
- Reduces the need for your child to bring cash to school;
- Reduces the time school staff spend on administrative tasks



Getting started is easy – try it yourself today

#### Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



#### Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

#### Step 3 Find our school

Scan the QR code or type in the text label provided. Our school will also appear in "Locations Nearby" if you are within 4kms of the school

#### Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Scan QR code provided by your school

Or type text label provided by your school

If within 4kms of the school, you can select from "Locations Nearby"



Now you're ready to order directly from your phone...

## Community News

**WE WANT YOU**

**U11, U14, U17 & Senior females**



**YPFLW**

**Expression of Interest**

The YPFLW is looking for females to participate in local football in 2022!

**U11, U14, U17 age groups**



Scan QR code to register!



**Come and Try Day**

We are looking for U7 and U11's players for the 2022 Season.

All equipment will be provided.

**When:** Sunday 6th March 2022

**Time:** 10am

**Location:** Kadina Hockey Fields

**Contact Details:**

Rachael Harris - 0437568228 or email [ptytigershockeyclub@gmail.com](mailto:ptytigershockeyclub@gmail.com)

YP Tigers Hockey Club

Free sausage sizzle and drink provided