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## From The Principal ...

Term 3 is well underway and already there have been a range of experiences for students at WMPS. I was lucky enough to spend a day with Room 1, 3 and 5 on their camp in Week 1. This was the first time we held a camp of this scale and students had the opportunity to push their limits and self belief in activities that ranged from giant swings and high ropes, to archery and camp fire cooking. I'd like to thank the staff that organised and supervised this camp as it was a huge undertaking, and a great experience for our students.

Our SRC is about to start a review of our school values. It is important that our values are regularly looked at to ensure they reflect our communities priorities and beliefs. Student input will shape the discussion we have with families and staff, allowing students to have a strong voice in our school and its future. Early in term 4 we will send out a values survey that provides families an opportunity to engage in this process.

The weather is remaining stubbornly cold and it is great to see so many students wearing the school jumper, our uniform is a great way of creating safety for students and a sense of belonging. There are still a lot of items in lost property, if your child can not find their jumper it is worthwhile having a look. We are able to support families with uniform purchases, please contact the front office if you would like to discuss options.

The 2022 Parent Survey is now open and we encourage all families to take part in this annual event. Last week you should have received an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey. If you did not receive an email or SMS with a code, contact [education.Parentsurvey@sa.gov.au](mailto:education.Parentsurvey@sa.gov.au) and include our school's name in your email. The survey takes less than 10 minutes, your answers will not identify you or your child as collated feedback only will be provided to our school. Information collected will inform school improvement planning and activities at the school. The survey closes 5pm Sunday 28 August.

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



# From The Wellbeing Leader

## Why is regular attendance so important?

Learning is a progressive activity. Each lesson builds on the next lesson.

What your child learns today will help them with what they learn tomorrow.

Missing days or parts of days creates gaps. A child might miss important learning information or social activities and experiences.

Each day away from school makes it harder for your child to keep up.

***Surely 1 or 2 days absent a week doesn't seem much but this is how it is..***

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

***If your child is late 10 minutes a day - surely that won't matter or affect my child..***

Only missing just..	That equals..	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

Research shows that going to school every day, improves a child's life and future

Attending school every day means your child:

- Is more likely to stay on track and progress academically
- Can take part in social activities at school
- Is more likely to have stronger friendships
- Will learn positive life skills
- Will be safe in the care of school staff
- Can be provided with support and services when needed

For more information visit the Attendance Parent Support page on the department's public facing website:

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/health-e-safety-and-wellbeing/attendance-support-families>

**Kris Strauss-Scott**  
Well Being Coordinator

# ATTENDANCE - If my child is away

Walleroo Mines Primary School recognises that regular attendance and arriving to school on time are vital to a student's success at school. In order to take full advantage of learning opportunities, it is essential that your child arrives on time on a daily basis.

A challenging fact around attendance is that if your child is absent for one day a week throughout their school life then they will effectively miss 3 years of schooling.

**To inform WMPS that your child is absent please contact the front office either by phone 88211988 or text message 0447 674 803 before 9:00.**

**To inform WMPS that your child is late or for an early pick up please bring or pick up your child to the Administration Area.**

Where a student may be absent for periods longer than 5 days eg. a family holiday, approval for an exemption from school is required. Exemptions can be applied for via a letter to the Principal.

## COMMUNICATING BY TEXT MESSAGE

We have recently started sending SMS text messages direct to your mobile phone through an automated online communication system. This is a great solution for student safety, attendance management and significant event reminders. This system has several benefits for families;

**1. *You have the right to know that your child is safe.***

If your child has not arrived at school, you need to know immediately. A personalised text message will be sent by the school to your mobile phone. This is the fastest, most reliable way of reaching you, discretely, wherever you are and whatever you are doing.

**2. *Your child deserves the best possible chance of success.***

Regular attendance is a key factor in school success. If your child shows any sign of poor attendance, SMS text messaging will immediately inform you that a problem may exist, allowing swift intervention.

**3. *You deserve the most responsive delivery system available.***

Letters are slow and can be intercepted. Phone calls can be intrusive and may not reach parents in time. A text message direct to your mobile phone is fast, effective and discrete.

## Working Together For Our Children: What parents can do to help this work

WMPS is taking important steps to benefit your child. This is a shared responsibility and parents must also help the school.

**1. *Keep your mobile phone details up to date.***

Make sure we have your current mobile phone number and notify the school if this number changes.

**2. *Notify the school in advance when your child is absent.***

If you notify the school as soon as you know your child will be absent, we know your child is safe and will not need to contact you. Contacting the school is the best way to do this.

**3. *Respond to messages from the school.***

If you receive an absence message from the school, please respond via return SMS to 0447 674 803 or call the school on 8821 1988.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance or would like some support don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Kris Strauss-Scott or Scott Moore.

# Traffic Safety

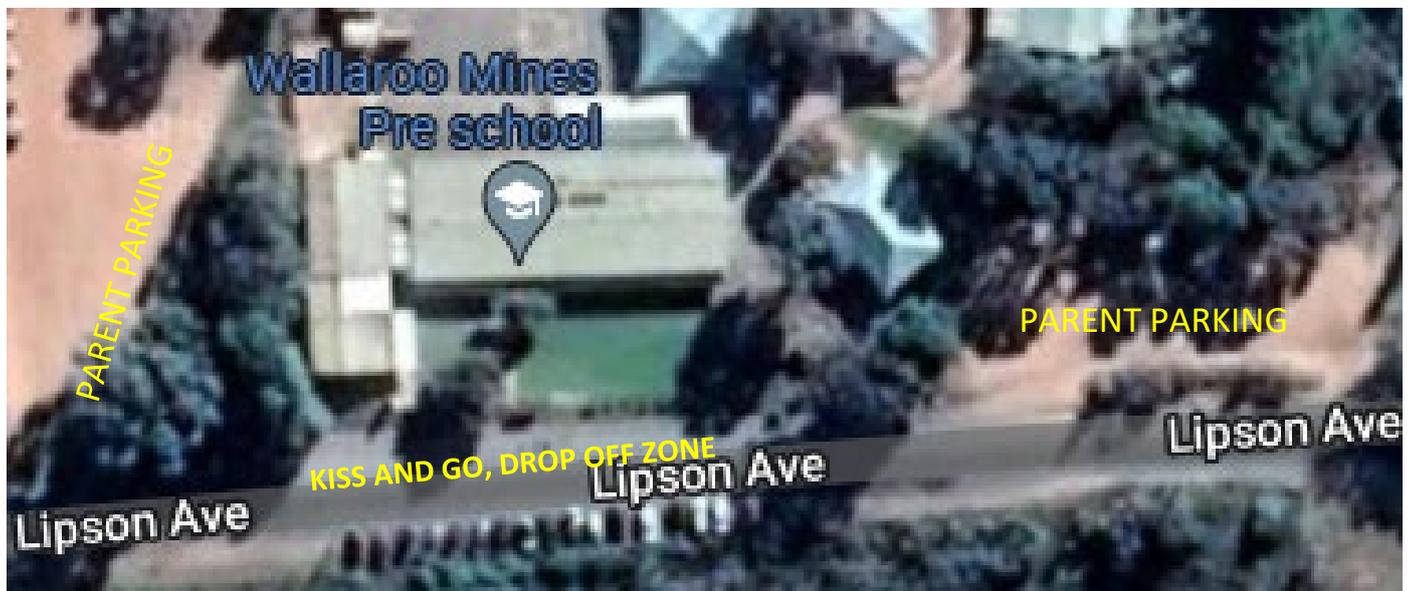


Keeping students safe during drop off and pickup is everyone's responsibility and it is the School's number one priority. It is important that all families follow the arrangements in and around the school zone during these times. Please remember that school zones are 25kmh.

The area at the front of the school is a "kiss and go" drop off spot only, please do not use this as a parking area. As students exit the gate they should be able to move directly to their car which can quickly leave the area, helping to limit visibility issues and congestion at the front of the school. There are several buses that access this zone and it is important that cars and students are not mixing as visibility can be limited.

We ask that you use the parking areas at either end of the school. Students crossing the road between buses and across two lanes of traffic can create dangerous situations that can be easily avoided. There is ample parking either at the Bowling Club or in the WMPS Carpark at the Eastern end of the School and we request that these are utilised.

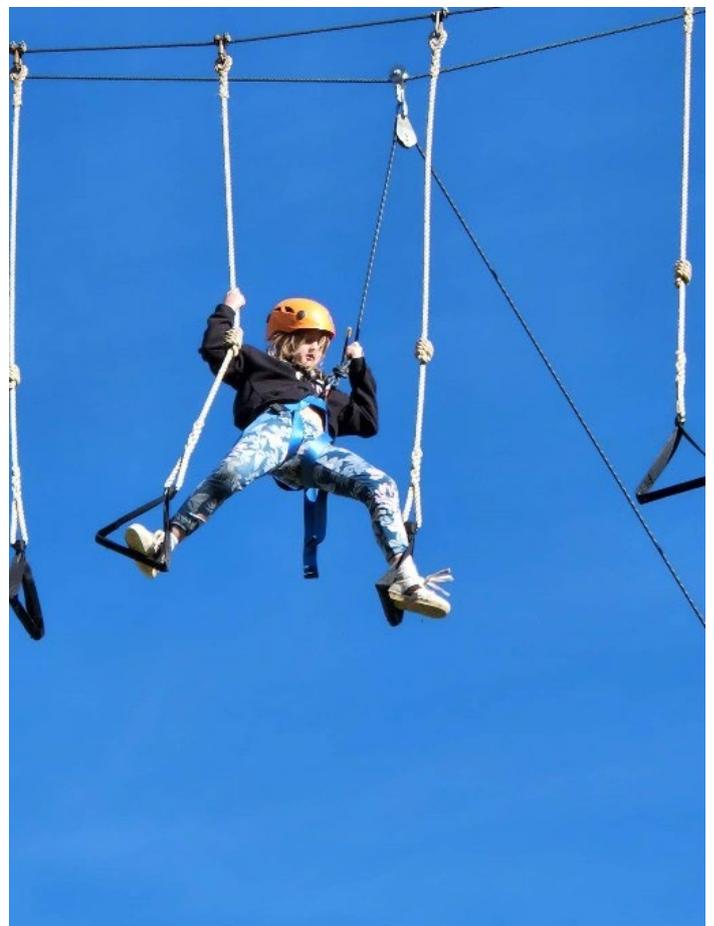
Working together will help make sure everyone arrives home safely, if you have any questions regarding the traffic, parking and collection of students around the school zone please don't hesitate to ask.

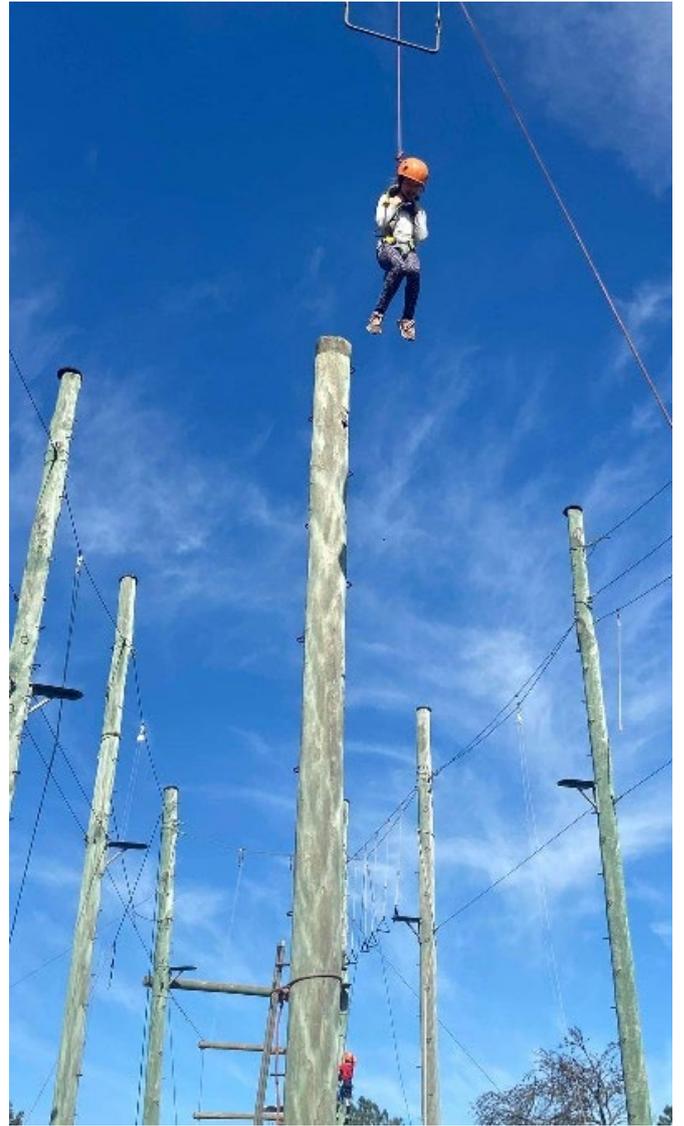


## Glenhaven Camp Years 3 to 6



In Week 1, Years 3 to 6 went to Glenhaven for a two night camp. The main focus of the camp was to challenge student's limits and what they thought was possible. Climbing on thin wobbly poles and swinging on the high ropes created a huge sense of pride and confidence for many students. Others excelled in archery or enjoyed camp fire damper that they made themselves.







# BACK TO THE 80'S

*...THE TOTALLY AWESOME MUSICAL!*

Tuesday 13th Septmeber  
Wednesday 14th September  
Thursday 15th September

Kadina Memorial School  
Theatre

6:00pm

Adults: \$18

Child/Student/Concession: \$15

Tickets can be purchased from  
Kadina Memorial Finance Office: 8821 0100



**ENROL**

**NOW IN**

**PRESCHOOL**

MID-YEAR  
INTAKE  
**NOW  
OPEN**

For a great start  
in life, enrol your  
child in one of SA's  
nation-leading  
public preschools  
and kindergartens

**ENROL BY  
30 SEPTEMBER**  
Register  
your  
interest

Learn more



If your child turns 4 between  
the 1st May 2023 and the 31st  
October 2023, they are  
eligible to begin in the mid  
year intake.

# Community News

## WE ARE COMMUNITY



*Come & try athletics!*

Ever wanted to **give athletics a go?** Meet new friends, spend quality time with family, have fun and achieve your personal best?

Come and try a variety of running, throwing and jumping events whilst being surrounded by a supportive community!

What are you waiting for? Register for your free 2 Week Trial Period today.

REGISTER TODAY AT  
[littleathletics.com.au](http://littleathletics.com.au)



Interested in trialling to be a player in a Yorkers team? The Yorkers carnival season is about to begin, and we will be holding trials for our teams to attend the first carnival (Murray Bridge 1-3

October)

Trials will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, at the CCSLC

- U10 & U12: 5.30 to 6.30pm
- U14, U16 & U18: 6.30 to 7.30pm

Coaches and Team Managers are also needed to assist with the Yorkers Programme

If you want to find out more about Yorkers Programme, please email [yorkevalleybasketball@gmail.com](mailto:yorkevalleybasketball@gmail.com), or join Yorkers on Team App, or see us on Facebook. We look forward to seeing you there!

# What on at WMPS – Term 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	25/7	26/7	27/7 3,4,5,6 Camp	28/7 3,4,5,6 Camp Tuck Shop Open	29/7 3,4,5,6 Camp Tuck Shop Open
<b>2</b>	1/8	2/8 Governing Council  meeting	3/8	4/8 Tuck Shop Open	5/8 Tuck Shop Open
<b>3</b>	8/8	9/8	10/8	11/8 Tuck Shop Open	12/8 Tuck Shop Open
<b>4</b>	15/8 National Science Week	16/8	17/8	18/8 Tuck Shop Open	19/8 Tuck Shop Open
<b>5</b>	22/8 Book Week (Dreaming with eyes open) 	23/8 Book fair	24/8	25/8 Tuck Shop Open	26/8 Book Week Parade Tuck Shop Open
<b>6</b>	29/8	30/8 Assembly 2pm	31/8 RSPCA Cupcake Day Fundraiser	1/9 Tuck Shop Open	2/9 Tuck Shop Open
<b>7</b>	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9 Tuck Shop Open R U OK? Day	9/9 School Closure Day PRC Ends
<b>8</b>	12/9 Student Free Day	13/9 Governing Council meeting 	14/9	15/9 Tuck Shop Open	16/9 Tuck Shop Open
<b>9</b>	19/9	20/9 Open Night 5pm	21/9	22/9 Tuck Shop Open	23/9 Casual/Crazy Hair Day Assembly 1.30pm Tuck Shop Open
<b>10</b>	26/9	27/9	28/9	29/9 Sports Day	30/9 2pm Dismissal Tuck Shop Open