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## From The Principal ...

2023 is off to a flying start. Meet the teacher night in week 1 had a great turn out and was a fantastic opportunity to speak to families and students about the year ahead and some of the routines and structures that have changed for 2023. Thank you to all those who attended, we love having our community in the school.

Last week's swimming lessons were the first chance students had to participate in an out of class activity. The weather was amazing and provided a good opportunity for students to get to know their new classmates in a different environment.

We have also begun the work around our new school values. Each newsletter this term I want to briefly touch on a different value and explain how we are using them to foster a strong school community.

**Learning** is our first value, everything we do at school is aimed at helping students learn. This is a great value because at its heart is the core reason WMPS exists, to help every student learn. Whenever we plan an event or activity the first question we ask is "What are we learning from this?" By asking this question first we are able to provide students with a wide range of activities without ever losing our focus on why we exist as a school. Over the last few years there has been considerable time and resources put into modernising the learning programs at WMPS. This continues in 2023 as we further implement Department learning programs while providing high levels of intervention for developing readers.

Classrooms that are safe, orderly and productive provide the best environment for students to learn. To help support this we have introduced a new behaviour education system that encourages students to monitor their behaviour with staff supporting them to make better choices. As students progress through this system there are certain points that will trigger communication home. This will either be in the form of a text message or a letter home, please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions regarding this process.

At WMPS we strive to know every student by name, strength and need. Our work around improving learning for students is central to this belief.

**Scott Moore**  
Principal WMPS



LEARNING

RESPECT

RESILIENCE



## From The Wellbeing Leader

Welcome back to the 2023 school year. I hope you enjoyed the time with your children and are getting used to school routines again.

Healthy habits and routines are really important for children's growth and development and can have lifelong benefits.

Children benefit from:

- **Limited screen time** - avoiding screen time 1 hour before sleep and keeping screens out of the bedroom
- **Getting enough sleep.** It is recommended that children aged 5 to 13 years get 9 to 11 hours of uninterrupted sleep. Have a consistent bedtime and wake-up time.
- **Eating healthy food.** Aim for a rainbow of colours e.g. red (apples), blue and purple (grapes), green (beans), yellow and orange (carrots), and white (cauliflower).
- **Eating breakfast.**
- **Daily exercise.**
- **Reading** with your child every day.
- Helping your children develop a **positive attitude** as it can help them build resilience.

We are fortunate that Anglicare Copper Coast are offering School Uniform support to families facing financial hardship again in 2023. If you would like to be referred, please phone or come in and see me (Mondays, Tuesdays) or Robyn (Tuesdays, Fridays).

Anglicare Copper Coast, Corner Church & Hughes Streets, Wallaroo is open on Wednesday and Friday between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon if you need additional assistance (eg food).

Thank you for all you do to support staff at our school. Our students are very lucky to be in a school where staff care so much about student learning and wellbeing and we all appreciate the relationships we have with parents/caregivers and the wider community.

My work days are Monday and Tuesday. If you would like support with any issues, please contact the front office to make an appointment.

Sincerely,

**Kris Strauss-Scott**

Student Wellbeing Leader



*"Optimistic children aren't those who believe nothing will go wrong. Optimistic children are those who believe they will survive when it does."*

Wilson McCaskill Play is the Way



## Welcome to Our New Receptions



**Standing from left to right:** Everly Hill, Xavier Naylor, Brax Appleton, Amelia Smith, Scarlett Yeates, Mason Adams, Tamika Daly and Stella Jones. **Sitting from left to right:** Jayden Whyman, Jordan Cooper, Ryder Whittaker, Riley Hannemann and Elliot Bowden.

## Swimming Week 2



Room 6 enjoyed going to the beach in Week 2, even though it was only our second week of school.

We enjoyed playing games in the water which increased our confidence. We wore buoyancy vests in the water to experience what that was like. We moved through the water on surfboards. Some children were very confident and could swim with their faces in the water. But most of all we enjoyed floating with a noodle.

Thank you to the parents, volunteers and staff for helping the children get ready for the beach and helping them get changed ready for school. It's great to have so much support with new Receptions!

## Autism Inclusion Teacher



Autism Inclusion Teachers are a new, nation-leading initiative which aims to build educator understanding and knowledge around supporting autistic children and young people.

Every public primary school in South Australia will appoint an Autism Inclusion Teacher. Our Autism Inclusion Teacher Morgan Dabinett will take on the role 1 day per fortnight from term 1 2023.

It is anticipated that Autism Inclusion Teachers will first build their own teaching expertise, knowledge and understanding of autism through engaging in formal learning offerings and participation in the Autism Inclusion Teacher networks. To improve knowledge and practice across the school, Autism Inclusion Teachers will then be encouraged to share their learnings and resources with their colleagues to utilise in teaching autistic children and young people in their own classes.

Visit the Department for Education website to find out more about improving support for autistic children and students.

## Community News



### Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

Unwind and share experiences with others who understand

#### FIND US AT:

Kadina Uniting Church Hall  
Thursdays 9:30 – 11:30am  
6 sessions per school term  
(dates on next page)

#### CONTACT:

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positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

## Free information session for parents/ carers, school staff and service providers

**Location: Kadina, SA**

Join us to learn more about the Positive Partnerships program and some of the tools and resources available to support school aged autistic students.

### During the session you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- The Planning Tool
- Strengthening the partnership between home and school

*Tea and coffee will be provided*



**Tuesday 21st February 2023**  
3.30pm - 5.00pm



**Kadina Football Club**  
**1 Doswell Terrace**  
**Kadina SA 5554**

SCAN TO REGISTER



For more information or to register visit  
[www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au) or contact  
Kim Healy [khealy@positivepartnerships.com.au](mailto:khealy@positivepartnerships.com.au)



For help, call:  
**1300 881 971**

## What's on at WMPS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0	23/11	24/11	25/11	26/11 Australia Day	27/11
1	30/1	31/1	1/2	2/2 Welcome Night 5-6pm	3/2
2	6/2 Swimming Lessons	7/2 Swimming Lessons	8/2 Swimming Lessons	9/2 Swimming Lessons	10/2 Swimming Lessons
3	13/2 21 Day Resilience Challenge Starts	14/2	15/2	16/2	17/2 Random Acts of Kindness Day
4	20/2 Newsletter	21/2	22/2	23/2	24/2
5	27/2	28/2	1/3 SRC Induction Assembly at 9am	2/3	3/3 ACEO Family Catch Up Lesson 7
6	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3 School Photos
7	13/3 Adelaide Cup PH	14/3 Pupil Free Day	15/3 NAPLAN	16/3 NAPLAN	17/3 NAPLAN
8	20/3 NAPLAN	21/3 NAPLAN Harmony Day	22/3 NAPLAN	23/3 NAPLAN	24/3 NAPLAN National Ride2School Day
9	27/3 NAPLAN	28/3	29/3 SAPSASA Football Carnival (Boys) Wallaroo	30/3	31/3 SAPSASA Football Carnival (Girls) CYS
10	3/4	4/4	5/4	6/4	7/4 Good Friday
11	10 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Monday	11/4	12/4 Assembly (Room 5) 2pm	13/4 Sports Day	14/4 Last day of term - 2pm Dismissal