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From The Principal ...

Term 1 has been packed with learning activities and school culture building. We have had a strong focus on our new values, Learning, Respect and Resilience. One way we have been recognising students who display our values in every day situations is through Character Strength and Values Postcards. These have been sent home by staff when they see students demonstrating strong school values. These postcards have been mailed home without students knowledge with the aim of creating a positive talking point when they arrive in the letterbox. We will still celebrate students at our whole school assemblies as we have always done, however it is important that students and families know that their positive choices are seen and appreciated by the staff at WMPS.

In Term 2 we will be trialling a small change to the daily timetable. We will be extending recess play and eating time, this change will spread the time students have to play, exercise and develop social skills in the yard more evenly across the day. Both breaks will now have 20 minutes of yard playtime, followed by 10 minutes of eating time. This change will also allow staff to offer more structured activities during break times as requested by the SRC. We hope this change will be a positive one for students and will review the change at the end of the term in order to make decisions about the rest of the year.

Lastly I'd like to once again thank the staff and community that make WMPS a great place to be a Principal. Some fantastic things have happened this term, meet the teacher night, SRC elections and assemblies, School Captain's trip to parliament, SAPSASA events, Sports Day and Wheels Day just to name a few. One of the great parts of my job is getting to be a part of these events and talk to families about their child's schooling, the direction of WMPS and how we can best work together to support learning and growth throughout the year.

Every student by name, strength and need.

Scott Moore
Principal WMPS



What's on?

School Holidays

Friday 14th April
2pm dismissal
Monday 1st May
School Starts

Class Camps

Room 1 & Room 5
AFL Max
Wednesday 3rd May
Thursday 4th May
Week 1 Term 2

Room 4 & Room 7
Zoo Snooze
Thursday 18th May
Friday 19th May
Week 3 Term 2



Harmony Day – ‘Everyone Belongs’

Harmony Day is celebrated across Australia every year. It recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone; all things we strive to achieve at Wallaroo Mines Primary School.

Students wore orange to show their support and participated in a range of cooperative games and activities.



A big thank you to Gracie, Alexia, Ruby, Lola, Jasmine and Bianca who joined Robyn Sherry and I to plan the day.

It's been a busy first term and students (and staff) are ready for a break and chance to reset over the holidays. I hope you enjoy the time with your children and the break from school routines.

We look forward to seeing you all next term!



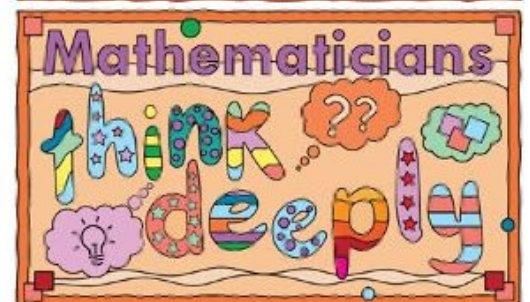
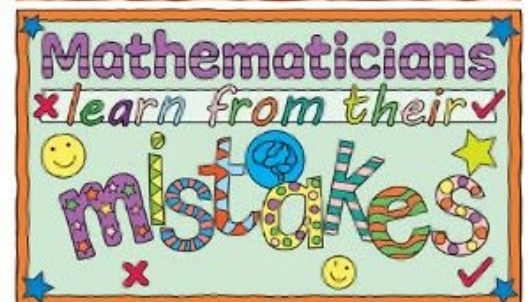
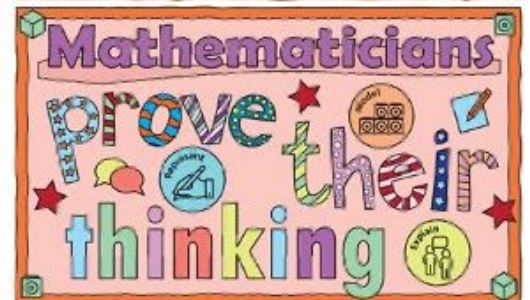
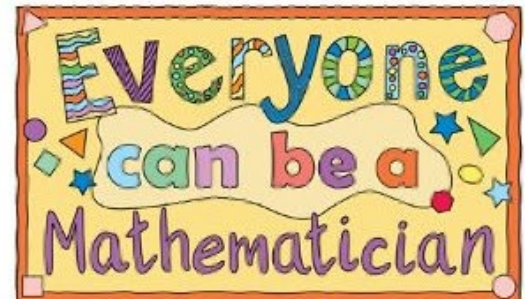
Kris Strauss-Scott
Well Being Coordinator

In Room 7 we have been busy setting ourselves up for a successful year of maths learning by exploring the following five key areas:

1. Mathematics is used by everyone and that everyone can be a maths person.
2. It is important to model, represent and explain to prove our thinking in mathematics.
3. Learning from our mistakes is important for our brains to grow in mathematics.
4. Perseverance is important in maths learning.
5. Maths thinking is about deep understanding and working slowly.

Everyone can be a Mathematician!

Students created a 'maths brain headband' which they wore during mathematics lessons to remind themselves and others that everyone can be a mathematician.



Room 7 Maths

Mathematicians stick at it!

We watched a video of Toto the Turtle who fell on his back and was struggling to get up. We made our own Toto the Turtles to remind us that we need to 'stick at it' and show our school value of resilience, even when things get tough.



Mathematicians think deeply!

We had to think deeply about how we could arrange 4 different coloured unifix cubes to create 10 completely different towers.



Room 4 Technology

Room 4 students worked collaboratively to complete some design challenges in Technology lessons with Miss Smith. They learnt about the Design Thinking Process and how to use tools and materials safely and resourcefully. We made pinwheels, catapults, swinging bucket towers and water slides.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SWIM AND PLAY

TUESDAY 18TH APRIL @ 10.30-11.30AM - AGES 0-5Y
& 11.30-12.30PM - OVER 5s

FRIDAY 21ST APRIL @ 2-3PM - ALL AGES

FRIDAY 28TH APRIL @ 2-3PM - ALL AGES

KINDERFUN – AGES 0-5 YEARS

MONDAY 17TH APRIL @ 10.30-11.30AM

MONDAY 24TH APRIL @ 10.30-11.30AM

JUNIOR BOOTCAMP – AGES 5-12 YEARS

WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL @ 10.30-11.15AM

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL @ 10.30-11.15AM

TEEN GYM – AGES 13-16 YEARS

THURSDAY 20TH APRIL @ 10.30-11.30AM

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL @ 10.30-11.30AM

Swim & Play - Under 5's must have a parent in the water within arms reach at all times. Over 5's must have a parent in the water at all times unless the child can swim independently without a flotation aid.

Kinderfun & Jr Bootcamp - Parents must stay on premises or participate with children .

BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR ALL PROGRAMS
PLEASE CALL 88213106 TO BOOK!

**\$7.50 per
child per
session**



Community News



FREE Parent Workshop

Understanding reading difficulties - Why some children struggle and how to help

- Develop an understanding of reading difficulties, including dyslexia
- Develop a practical understanding of the associated characteristics and difficulties
- Explore ways to support your child

This 2 hour workshop is a great first step to gaining a better understanding of reading difficulties and practical strategies that can help your child.

Tuesday 9 of May - afternoon time to be advised

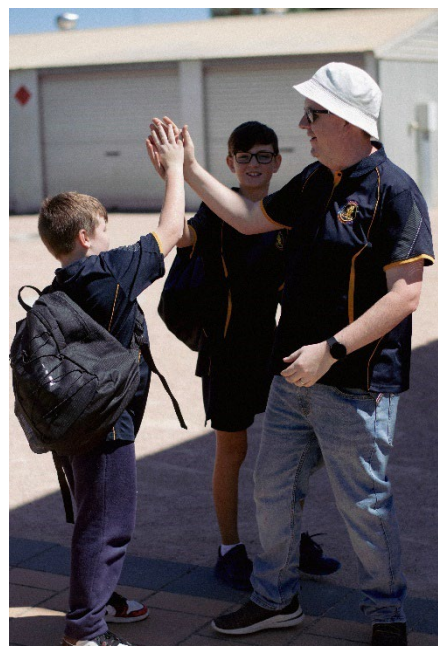


LOCATION: To be advised



BOOK ONLINE at:
speldsa.org.au/regional-parent-workshops

Thank you to the Department for Education for supporting this initiative.



Nut Awareness Guidelines

Department for Education schools are required to promote and develop learning environments that are safe and supportive. Students and staff may have anaphylactic (severe allergic) conditions that include nut allergies. This means that exposure at school may constitute a risk to their health and wellbeing.

While it is not possible to guarantee that the school environment will be completely free of potential nut hazards, risks can be minimised by adhering within reasonable guidelines.

Parents are requested not to send foods along to school with their children that contain nuts. This includes products such as 'Nutella', Peanut Paste, all types of nuts and other foods such as Muesli bars that may contain nuts. If students bring nut products to school, and a student with an identified nut allergy is in their class, they will be asked to consume them in the front office during eating time, to wash their hands and to return to class.

Parents will be informed of Wallaroo Mines Primary School's Nut Awareness Guidelines at the commencement of each school year and reminders via the Newsletter and social media.

If your child has a serious nut allergy please ensure you provide the school with a Health Care Plan.

Students are advised not to share food from home and are encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.

STAFF

- Will be made aware of students and colleagues who have anaphylactic responses to nut allergies
- Will supervise students during lunch eating time and be vigilant with regards to these guidelines
- Will participate in First Aid training to understand responses and procedures related to Anaphylaxis
- Will make every reasonable effort to ensure that food provided through the Canteen, Breakfast Club, for Fundraising purposes, on camps and within lessons, such as Home Ec, does not contain nuts
- Will be informed annually at the start of the school year and as part of the induction process for new staff

The school acknowledges that due to current food processing practices, it is impractical to eliminate nuts and nut products entirely from an environment where there is food. The emphasis is therefore on raising awareness and adopting the reasonable procedures termed as "Nut Awareness".

If you have any questions regarding our Nut Awareness guidelines, please speak to your child's classroom teacher or myself.

Kind Regards



Scott Moore
Principal WMPS

What's on at WMPS – Term 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	1/5	2/5	3/5 4/5/6 Camp	4/5 4/5/6 Camp	5/5
2	8/5	9/5 SA Police Visit	10/5	11/5	12/5 SAPSASA District Athletics
3	15/5 National Volunteer Week SAPSASA Netball Carnival <u>Kernewek Lowender</u>	16/5 National Volunteer Week <u>Kernewek Lowender</u>	17/5 National Volunteer Week <u>Kernewek Lowender</u>	18/5 National Volunteer Week 1/2/3 Zoo Snooze <u>Kernewek Lowender</u>	19/5 National Volunteer Week National Walk Safely to School Day <u>Kernewek Lowender</u>
4	22/5	23/5	24/5 11am National Simultaneous Storytime Assembly 2pm	25/5	26/5 National Sorry Day
5	29/5 National Reconciliation Week	30/5 National Reconciliation Week	31/5 National Reconciliation Week	1/6 National Reconciliation Week	2/6 National Reconciliation Week
6	5/6 World Environment Day	6/6	7/6	8/6	9/6
7	12/6 Public Holiday Queen's Birthday	13/6 Pupil Free Day	14/6	15/6	16/6
8	19/6	20/6	21/6	22/6	23/6
9	26/6	27/6	28/6	29/6	30/6
10	3/7 NAIDOC Week	4/7 NAIDOC Week	5/7 NAIDOC Week	6/7 NAIDOC Week Assembly 2pm (Room 1)	7/7 NAIDOC Week Last day of term - 2pm Dismissal