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## From The Principal ...

We are now nearly halfway through term four, in a few weeks learning and assessment will be complete for the year and it will be time to recognise how far we have come and celebrate the victories, big and small, that have occurred this year.

Many highlights jump out from the year so far, without a doubt the most memorable ones are those that involved our community, these include Sports Day, Book Week Parade and Colour Run. We are lucky to have a hugely supportive community and many parents have contributed to students experiences throughout the year. I'd like to thank everyone who has helped make WMPS a great place to learn and encourage anyone considering volunteering in 2024 to make contact and see what opportunities are coming up.

We have been busy making plans for next year and we have been able to finalise our class structure, in 2024 we will have the following classes and classroom teachers;

- Reception – Chloe Adams
- Year 1/2 – Trista Garrard and Madeline Jak
- Year 2/3 – Morgan Dabinett
- Year 4/5 – Tannayah Evans
- Year 6 – Christy Western.

We are still working on class lists and once we finalise student classes, we will communicate them with families. If your child is not returning in 2024, can you please let me know, this will help us make the most accurate decisions regarding classes and planning for the year.

**Scott Moore**  
Principal WMPS



## What's on?

### Week 5

**Monday** – Wear it Blue

**Wednesday** – Assembly  
10AM

**Friday** – Room 5 Excursion

### Week 6

**Monday** – Pupil  
Free Day

**Thursday** – SRC Celebration

### Week 7

**Thursday** – Room 6 Sleep  
Over

**Friday** – First Nations Family  
Gathering

### Week 8

**Tuesday** – End of Year  
Performance

### Week 9

**Tuck Shop Closed**

**Thursday** – Whole School  
Excursion

**Thursday** – Year 6  
Graduation

**Friday** – Last Day 2PM  
dismissal



## From the Wellbeing Leader

October is Mental Health Month and our school hosted a Talk-And-Walk-A-Thon on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

It's important that children feel safe, connected and supported at school and within the wider community. The Talk-And-Walk-A-Thon was designed to strengthen feelings of connection and sense of belonging, allowing students to get to know other students at school.

Students were invited to stretch their legs and talk about topics, from how they spend their weekends, to how they want to change the world. These topics encouraged peer engagement, helped strengthen bonds and allowed students to feel connected with people they see every day but may not necessarily know.

The Talk-And-Walk-A-Thon is an initiative by Peer Support Australia, a not-for-profit that has been helping Australian schools build student wellbeing for 50 years.

Here are some Conversation Starters you might like to use at home:

- If you could make three family rules, what would they be?
- What are the most important things we've learnt from each other?
- What do you like best about your siblings?
- What do you think are the most important qualities of a good parent or carer?
- What is your favourite family tradition?
- What is your favourite thing about our family?
- What should we do more of as a family?
- What should we do less of as a family?
- If you could change one thing about your room, what would it be?
- What is something your parent or carer didn't have growing up that you are glad you have?
- What is something you don't need, but you're grateful you have?
- What do you think is the best part about being a parent or carer?
- If you could make a rule for a day and everyone had to follow it, what would it be?
- What do you hope never changes?
- What day do you look forward to the most each week or each year?
- Among our family, what are you most famous for?
- What's your favourite family memory?
- What's something you wish everyone knew about you?
- When you're feeling sad, what makes you feel better?





## From the Wellbeing Leader



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### Christmas Gift Appeal

The Uniting Christmas Gift Appeal supports families experiencing financial hardship. If you or someone you know is doing it tough and are worried your children may not receive a gift this Christmas, please contact myself or Gerda (Student Wellbeing Support) by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.



*Kris Strauss-Scott*  
Student Wellbeing Leader



## Colourful Chaos: A Memorable School Colour

On Friday, September 29th, our school became a wet, colourful, and slimy mess as we celebrated our School Colour Run. It was a day filled with fun, laughter, and lasting memories for students, staff, and families.

The event lived up to its reputation as an unforgettable experience. Students ran through vibrant colour zones, their faces painted with joy and excitement, creating a great atmosphere of unity and happiness. We want to express our gratitude to the parents and community members who made generous donations to our fundraiser. We would also like to thank the parent volunteers who helped on the day, their support ensured that our School Colour Run was a colourful and memorable event, bringing our school community closer together. Thank you for helping us create such a fantastic day!

Additionally, the SRC has been hard at work, collaborating to develop ideas on how the funds raised will be spent. They will meet to finalise these ideas, ensuring that the money goes towards enhancing our school community and providing even more wonderful experiences for our students. Your support has made it all possible, and we can't wait to see the positive impact it will have on our school in the days ahead!



### Top 10 Student Fundraisers

Chayce M (Room 1)	\$2000
Mason A (Room 6)	\$746
Indi K (Room 7)	\$614
Tamika D (Room 6)	\$606
Matthew S (Room 7)	\$500
Xavier N (Room 6)	\$454
Bria W (Room 4)	\$449
Ella D (Room 7)	\$444
Mayla W (Room 7)	\$410
Amelia S (Room 6)	\$316

### Classroom Leader Board

Room 7	\$3334
Room 6	\$2961
Room 1	\$2786.11
Room 4	\$1966.22
Room 5	\$700
Staff	\$205





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## SAPSASA Cricket

Congratulations to Connor Shean from Room 5 who was selected to represent Northern Yorke Peninsula at SAPSASA Cricket in Week 4. The NYP team managed to have a few wins and a draw over the 3 days of games. Well done, Connor!



## Hotshot Tennis School Carnival

On the 31st of October, students in Year 3 to 6 enthusiastically participated in the annual Hotshot Tennis Competition, with five teams proudly representing us. It was a day of spirited competition, skill development, and sportsmanship, as students honed their tennis abilities and competed against their peers from other schools.

In recognition of their outstanding performance, Madeline Goodwin and Lloyd Videon were awarded the Tennis Achievement Award for their demonstration of imagination, collaboration, humility, and excellence. Congratulations to all participants for a memorable day of tennis and personal growth.



## Wear it Blue Day

Our SRC is hosting a [Wear it Blue Day](#). Students will be learning about diabetes.

You might not know that our school has several students and staff living with type 1 diabetes. This is because they look like every other person, but they have an important difference. People living with type 1 diabetes have an autoimmune disease that means they cannot produce their own insulin. You can't catch type 1 diabetes and it's not caused by lack of exercise or too much sugar.

It occurs when the body's immune system mistakenly destroys the cells in the pancreas that produce insulin. Everyone needs insulin to live.

People with type 1 diabetes require up to 6 insulin injections every day. They also need to check their blood glucose (sugar) levels up to 6 times a day (by way of a finger prick) and carefully monitor their food intake and exercise regime daily.

If their blood glucose level drops too low (commonly referred to as a "hypo") they require a quick dose of sugar to prevent them going so low they go into a coma.

Type 1 diabetes is difficult to manage. Around 11,000 kids in Australia have this form of diabetes, which accounts for around 10% of all people with diabetes.

It is with you for life as there is currently no known cure. Every day 7 more Australians are diagnosed with this disease, most of them are children.

There is no known way to prevent type 1 diabetes, but scientists are working on it. That's where we come in! JDRF Australia supports research to cure, treat and prevent T1D. We're working hard to find a cure, while also finding ways to improve the lives of people with T1D right now. Our school will be supporting JDRF and helping to deliver a better future for kids with type 1 diabetes by hosting a [Wear it Blue Day](#) on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> November (Week 5). On this day students are able to come dressed in blue. Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation.



## Preparing for a bushfire

Our school has detailed plans in place to keep your child safe on catastrophic fire days or in the event of a bushfire.

To help us keep your child as safe as possible, parents and caregivers can prepare for the fire danger season by:

- making a bushfire survival plan with your family
- providing us with your up-to-date contact details
- advising the school/preschool if your family's personal bushfire survival plan will impact school attendance
- talking to your child about what will happen in a bushfire emergency
- liking the CFS, SES and SAPOL pages on Facebook
- adding the emergency information hotline 1800 000 279 to your contacts.

Parents and caregivers should also read and save the new [bushfire and your child's school or preschool](#) brochure. This resource explains what our Wallaroo Mines Primary School will do on a catastrophic fire day or in the event of a fire.

Get the brochure by searching 'bushfire information' on [www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au).



# WALLAROO MINES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Parent Circular: Term 4 Planner as of Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	16/10	17/10	18/10	19/10	20/10
2	23/10	24/10	25/10	26/10	27/10 World Teachers' Day
3	30/10 Walk and Talkathon	31/10 Hot Shots Tennis Kindy Transition	1/11	2/11	3/11
4	6/11	7/11 Kindy Transition	8/11	9/11	10/11
5	13/11 Wear It Blue Day	14/11 Kindy Transition	15/11 Assembly 10:00 am	16/11	17/11 Room 5 Adelaide Excursion
6	20/11 Pupil Free Day	21/11 Kindy Transition	22/11	23/11 SRC Celebration	24/11
7	27/11	28/11 Year 6 Transition	29/11	30/11 Room 6 Sleep Over	1/12 First Nations Family Gathering
8	4/12	5/12 Year 6 Transition <b>End of Year Performance</b>	6/12	7/12	8/12
9	11/12	12/12	13/12	14/12 Year 6 Graduation Whole School Excursion <b>Tuckshop Closed</b>	15/12 Last day of term - 2pm Dismissal <b>Tuckshop Closed</b>

\* Dates may change, we will provide as much notice as possible if they do



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