

RESPECT HONESTY CARE PERSISTENCE

Wilmington Primary School

TERM 2 WEEK 8 22/06/2017



Government of South Australia

Department for Education and Child Development

WPS Happenings **Dates to Remember**

Governing Council

Monday 26th June
7 pm

Reports go home

Friday 30th June

Nature Play Day

Tuesday 4th July

UP running assembly

SRC after assembly

Thursday 6th July
9 am

Early Dismissal

Friday 7th July
2:30 pm

Mobile Library

Tuesday 27th June

Pupil Free Day

Monday 4th Sept.

From the Principal...

Nature Play Day

On Tuesday the 4th of July all children from Preschool to Year 7 will be travelling to Melrose showgrounds to engage in a day of Nature Play. Staff have a firm belief in the importance of play in the development of all students and have a vision of a day where children are able to do this within a stimulating environment.

The intended outcomes for the day are to have students reconnect with the natural environment and for students to explore open-ended play opportunities while engaging in problem solving, communication and relationships.

We will be transported to and from Melrose by bus. Children who are 7 and under will need to bring a car seat. We will leave school at approximately 9:30am and be back at school by 2:30pm. Lunch (not recess) will be available through the fundraising committee, pre ordered and paid prior to the excursion. Please pack recess and lunch (only if you have not pre ordered), drink and a change of clothes if wet weather. WPS staff attending will be Asta Gehling, Toni McCallum, Grace Hollitt, Cathy Bornholm, Lisa Hitch, Lyn Strike and Tanya Crozier. **Please wear casual clothes.**

Melrose Primary School students will be sharing in this day. There will be more specific details as the day comes closer due to the impact of rain/creek flowing in the area.

Preschool—Changes for Terms 3 and 4 (three days a week)

There will be some changes next term. Asta Gehling will be teaching in the preschool for three days for terms 3 and 4 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). We are currently working on getting a replacement for Asta for Mrs van der Werf's class for Wednesdays.

Spanish Language lessons R-7

One of the required curriculum areas the we are meant to be covering is a Language Other Than English (LOTE). Last year the school was exploring teaching AUSLAN but the teacher who was going to do this subject was unable to access the training. We have been fortunate to find that Asta Gehling is able to teach Spanish so from Term 3 she will be teaching Spanish across all the year levels as a NIT subject on Mondays and Fridays. This means there will be some adjustments and changes to timetables for term 3 & 4 to accommodate this.

Music lessons—recorder Yr.'s 3-7

The Instrumental Music branch recently visited and conducted demonstration lessons using recorders with our classes. They are able to offer us recorder music lessons for our middle and upper primary classes for Terms 3 and 4. As music is part of "The Arts" curriculum we have decided to take up their offer. We will be purchasing recorders for the students to use, however if you would like to purchase a recorder for your child they will be available to purchase from the school (approx. \$12) We will be using Yamaha YRS 24B white recorders. There will be no charge for these music lessons.

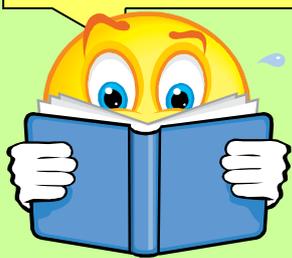
Talking to kids about Terrorism

Following the recent terrorist attack in London many schools had contacted the Parenting Ideas office to enquire about an article to assist parents and teachers to talk to children and young people about terrorism. Michael Gross has written a thoughtful article to assist parents and teachers to talk to children of all ages about this challenging topic which can be found on

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/> There are also some other interesting articles and resources on this website that you might like to access.

Wellbeing and Engagement Collection

Students in our school have been invited to take part in a data collection being conducted in the first few weeks of Term 3 this year. This will involve students in year levels 4,5,6,7,8 and 9. Information re this is being sent home in a separate letter. Please note that if you wish to remove your child's name from the participant list you will need to do so before the end of this term. Please advise the school in writing.



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Head Lice

There have been identified cases of head lice at school.

It is extremely important for you to check your child's head for head lice.

Keep checking **every 2 days** until there are **no head lice found for 10 consecutive days**.

If head lice are found please treat your child for head lice and use a fine tooth head comb to remove all lice and their eggs. This will prevent head lice from spreading.

- Check all members of the household at the same time.
- Use an effective head lice treatment.
- Wash bed linen, hats, hair ties, brushes etc in hot water.

If using a chemical treatment, repeat 7-10 days after initial treatment according to the manufacturer's directions.

The Education Department regulations state that students who have head lice are not to come to school until they have had effective treatment.

Further information on head lice and their treatment can be gained from the Environmental Health Service of the Department of Health on the following direct link:

<http://www.dh.sa.gov.au/pehs/branches/headlice/headlice-index.htm>

WARNING—Hats with Cords

The department has issued a hazard alert to schools and preschools advising them that the adjustable cord on some hats may pose a risk to children if it becomes tangled in play equipment.

The alert follows two incidents of this kind in the past fortnight.

To ensure the safety of children in their care, schools will take the following steps:

inspect school hats worn by students and remove any cords

- check their current stock of hats and clothing in their uniform shops and immediately remove any cords, including draw strings on hooded tops
- review the design of their school hats and clothing to ensure that the hats on offer do not have chin straps, cords, drawstrings and toggles and hooded clothing has no draw string
- prohibit the wearing of any uniform or other hats that do not meet the above safety recommendations
- ensure children are supervised appropriately for their age and the play equipment being used
- ensure play equipment, particularly the slippery dip and fireman's pole, is free from pinch points, sharp edges or protrusions that may catch cords, drawstrings and toggles.

The department is also in the process of contacting the panel of approved clothing suppliers to ensure that all schools are able to offer an alternative hat without a chin cord. If parents have any concerns about their child's school hat or would like more information about the steps being taken by the department they are encouraged to speak with the principal in the first instance.

Please make sure you do not send your child to school with a hat or hoody that has a cord.

Wilmington Preschool Fees

Some fees are still outstanding from Term 1. We would appreciate if these could be paid now at the front office or by direct debit to the school's account. Thank you.

SAPSASA Cross Country

Students enjoyed their experience of competing in SAPSASA events in Adelaide. Below are their comments.

On the Fourth of May I went to Adelaide for cross country. I was the only North Eastern that ran 3000 metres for 11 year old girls. I ran at exactly 10:56am. I ran 3000 metres in 10 minutes and 51 seconds. I came seventh.

The other week, I participated in SAPSASA netball. I really loved this week and I made a lot of new friends. We won 4 games and lost 5 but we still did better than last years team. They played me in a variety of positions that I wouldn't normally play. I had so much fun and it was an amazing week.

Last week I went to SAPSASA football. I got to play in different positions. It was good to play against the best in the state. I made a lot of new friends and learnt how to read the play. I can't wait to do it next year.

Exemption from School

A parent or guardian must apply for an exemption from school attendance if they wish to take their child out of school temporarily or permanently.

Students must attend school regularly until the exemption has been approved.

Exemption from attendance at school is often sought because of:

- family travel or holidays
- medical or health reasons
- other/conditional

Please see the front office for an exemption form if your child is going to be away for the above reasons. The Principal is able to approve temporary exemptions for less than one month for medical and other/conditional and for up to twelve months for family travel. Exemptions for more than one month for medical and other / conditional requires approval from Central Office.

Heave Ho off We Go Performance

Last Friday we travelled by bus to Booleroo Centre to watch the performance "Heave Ho, Off We Go". The performance was full of exciting illusions and magic tricks that kept all the children busy guessing how they were performed. Thank you to Robbie Robinson who drove the bus.



YMCA Camps

Ages 8—13 (primary school aged)
Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th July 2017

Ages 13—16 (secondary school aged)
Wednesday 19th July to Friday 21st July 2017

\$330.00 per person

Please contact campingsa.org.au
or phone 8200 2514.



YMCA
WINTER FUN
School Holiday Camp

Join us for three days of activities, food, friends & fun! Learn new skills from our qualified and trusted instructors.

\$330 per person
Register by 2nd July

- adventure playground
- bush craft
- camp fire
- cooking
- team games

Y Camping
... for fun, friendships, adventure and education

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Cathy Bornholm—Principal

Term 2 2017

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	19 Jun	20 June	21 June	22 June	23 June
9	26 June Governing Council 7pm	27 June Mobile Library	28 June	29 June	30 June Reports go home
10	3 July	4 July	5 July	6 July UP running assembly SRC after assembly	7 July Early dismissal 2.30pm