



RESPECT HONESTY CARE PERSISTENCE

# Wilmington Primary School

TERM 1 WEEK 8 22/02/2018



Government  
of South Australia

Department for Education  
and Child Development

## WPS Happenings

### Dates to Remember

#### EASTER HOLIDAY

Easter Friday  
March 30th

Easter Monday  
April 2nd

#### Mobile Library

Tues April 3rd

#### Parent Interviews

Tues April 3rd  
Wednesday April 4th

#### Governing Council

##### Meeting

Monday 9th April  
6.30pm

#### End of Term

Friday 13th April  
Early dismissal 2.20pm

## From the Principal...

### Dear Parents and Friends of Wilmington Primary

#### Sports Day

Our annual combined Sports Day with Booleroo Centre and Melrose schools was a very enjoyable day. Due to the hot weather the R-Yr 5 Primary group finished earlier.

We particularly thank Mr Paul Arthur, Mr Alby Nichols and the staff of Booleroo Centre District School for organising this event. Also thanks to Grace Hollitt, Toni and Cam McCallum for transporting equipment for Sports Day over to Booleroo.

#### Student Free Day

The Student Free Day on Tuesday 13th March involved teachers in our partnership participating in training and development based around task design, assessment and moderation of learner's work and effective feedback given to students. This is an ongoing process that allows for collaboration between sites across our Flinders Partnership, including preschools and rural care.

#### Literacy and Leaders' Summit

I recently attended a Literacy and Leaders' Summit in Adelaide and was impressed by the keynote speakers on reading, stressing the need for young children to be read to everyday (recommending preschool students should be read to at least three times a day). It is also important to ask them questions about what is being read eg what do you think might happen next, retelling the story in their own words and discussing words they might not understand. Their comprehension skills will be further developed at school as it is an important skill that they need in all areas of learning. To be a good reader and therefore successful at school requires regular practice which is why we encourage all children to participate in the Principal Reading Nights program as well as the Premier's Reading Challenge. Like excelling at sport, reading requires lots of practice.

#### Camp Fundraiser

As part of their camp fundraising efforts, the year 3's—7 are having a bulb fundraiser. A catalogue has been sent home this week which you may like to browse and share amongst your family and friends. All orders need to be returned in a named envelope with payment no later than Wednesday, 11th April. It is important that orders are back by this date to allow time for staff to collate orders and receipt money. Catalogues will also be available at the Wilmington Post Office and SJ and JA Wild.

#### Vandalism at school

Over the long weekend some damage to our playground occurred. I was saddened to learn that some of our students and former students were involved. The police came and spoke to these students about the possible consequences of their involvement. From this the students have learnt that if they end up with a police record, it could seriously affect their chances of getting a job and impact on their ability to travel overseas. Some students who were there but did not do any damage have learnt that by being a bystander they could be considered to be aiding and abetting, that by hanging around means that you are sending a message to the others that what they are doing is okay. They have learnt that they should have left the area and gone and told an adult. This is often hard to do when it may be their friends who are involved. The students have written apology letters to the school and have done some Community Service and one has offered to pay some money towards the damage. They have been banned from being on site out of school hours. Mark the policeman from Orroroo will pop into school when he has time, to get to know the students and also come and talk to our students about various topics of interest.



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### **MNSEC Athletics – Jamestown**

Congratulations to students for making the combined Booleroo Centre, Wilmington and Melrose Schools Year 6/7 MNSEC Athletics Team. They travelled to Jamestown for the annual MNSEC Athletics Carnival on Tuesday and were successful in winning the 6/7 trophy and Booleroo Centre District team won the overall shield for the fifteenth year in a row.

### **Coles Sports Vouchers**

Thank you to all those parents and friends who have brought in their Coles vouchers. We even had some grandparents from interstate post us a whole heap of vouchers. The last day to get vouchers at Coles is the 3rd April. Last day to hand in vouchers to the school will be 25th May. We will then send them to Coles.

### **Parent Interviews**

Parent interviews will be conducted on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April. You can book online (see below). Online bookings will close on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. If you are unable to book online please see your child's teacher.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the event code **uka7d**.

Or <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=uka7d>

### **Head Lice**

Please be aware that headlice are around again. Keep an eye out for them.

### **Materials and Services Charges**

If you have not yet paid your Materials & Services Charges could you please attend to this as soon as possible

### **Mobile Junk and Nature Playground**

The students had a great time on Monday morning with Glenn, who operates a business called "Mobile Junk and Nature Playground". They played with mud, built cubbies, made music with old oil tins and a whole heap more. His goal is to keep advocating for nature play until South Australia is littered with nature based sites, with kids climbing trees, playing with mud and building forts. See photos further in the newsletter.

# Wilmington Preschool—What's Been Happening?

*“Children are our greatest untapped resource.” - The Dalai Lama*

This term at preschool, the children have had a particular interest learning about Australian animals – we have focussed on looking at different animal habitats, how we can protect them, their size, what they look like, and their diet.

It has been very interesting seeing the children communicate, wonder, explore, question and build upon their existing thinking and ideas through a range of learning experiences: through stories, group discussions, playing outdoors, puzzles, drawing, painting, building and making. Quite often, if the children are unsure about something, they will ask a friend, resulting in further discussion, growing independence and persistence— positive life-long learner dispositions.

As we continue to settle into the preschool and get to know one another, we often talk about how we can be inclusive, and how to be a good friend. It is great to see everyone reaching out for new friendships. We often speak about how you would feel if you were left out during play... all children know they need to look out for one another. We also have an emphasis on learning dispositions such as problem solving and being a team player. Through formal and informal discussions, stories, learning experiences and general observations, I am already seeing these dispositions and values come to life.

I look forward to seeing where the preschool's learning takes us!

*Sophie Koster*

# ICAS

(International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)

## ICAS HELPS STUDENTS & SCHOOLS BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE

ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement.

ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments for primary and secondary school students.

It assesses the higher order thinking and problem-solving skills needed for success in:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Writing
- Spelling

(Tests available for all Year's 2—7, with the exception of Writing for Year 2)

### **BENEFITS TO PARENTS**

#### **ICAS reports enable parents to:**

- Pinpoint their child's strength— which skills they excel in
- Identify skill areas to be worked on, either for remediation or skill development
- See the answer their child gave to each question, as well as the correct answer
- Track educational performance as their child moves through school
- Obtain an independent, external view of how their child is performing
- See their child's comparative performance nationally

**UNSW Global ICAS certificates also recognise student achievement.**

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT	SITTING DATES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Science	\$9.90	Year's 2—7	Tuesday 29 May	
<input type="checkbox"/> Spelling	\$13.20	Year's 2—7	Wed 13 June	
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing	\$19.80	Year's 3—7	Thursday 14 June	
<input type="checkbox"/> English	\$9.90	Year's 2—7	Tuesday 31 July	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics	\$9.90	Year's 2—7	Tuesday 14 August	

Please tick the box(es) that your child(ren) would like to take part in and send the money to the school by April 10th.

If you require more information please contact the school : 08 8667 5112

**Total Money Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_