



Wilmington Primary School Newsletter

Respect ~ Care ~ Honesty ~ Persistence
Learn Grow Achieve Together
Term 1 Week 10 2021

School Rules

Be Respectful
Be Caring
Be Persistent
Be Honest

Upcoming Events

Early Dismissal 2:20pm

Thursday 1st April
(Easter)
Friday 9th April
(End of Term 1)

Mobile Library

Tuesday 6th April
Tuesday 4th & 18th May

Harmony Day

Friday 9th April

Year 3-7 Camp

Illawonga 17th -19th May

Governing Council

Tuesday 25th May
6.30pm

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 15th June

April Birthdays

Jaeden
Tahli
Sari

From the Principal.....

Congratulations to our Learner Profile drawing winners. These students will have their amazing art work displayed on our new school certificates.

Community:

Alice

Creative:

Sari

Resilient:

Frankie

Active Thinker:

Charlie

Mindful:

Kai

Collaborative:

Carter



Harmony Day

Due to a busy few weeks we have decided to have our Harmony Day activities on the last day of term. We encourage students to wear orange, as orange has often been worn to promote Harmony Day since it was first celebrated in Australia in 1999. The message of Harmony Week is **everyone belongs**. It's a day where we celebrate the values of inclusiveness, respect, diversity and belonging for all Australians, regardless of their background united by a set of core Australian values.

Sausage Sizzle

The SRC are running a sausage sizzle next Friday to raise money for the camp. Order forms will go out Tuesday so we know what to purchase.

Gymnastics/Swimming at Port Pirie

The students were enthusiastic in trying out some new skills on the gymnastic equipment. It was great to see the younger students having a go at the tunnel slide in the pool and waiting to be dunked with water from the overhead bucket. Thanks to Grace Hollitt for obtaining the Sporting Schools grant to enable this to happen.

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Choir

Our Year 3-6 students had their first combined choir practice at Jamestown on Tuesday. Thanks to Cathy Miller for organising and training our choir students.

NAPLAN

Last Friday our students in Years 3 & 5 sat their practice NAPLAN online test to ensure any glitches in IT are sorted prior to the formal testing. NAPLAN is an annual national assessment where students test important skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. While the test provides an understanding of how individual students are performing, it also provides schools with information about how education programs are working, and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement .

However, there are grounds for parents/carers to withdraw their child or exempt their child from participating in the NAPLAN Tests.

The principal may approve a student exemption for a student who has:

- A non-English speaking background and has arrived in Australia from overseas and has been in school for less than a year before the NAPLAN test period, or
- A significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit capacity to participate in the tests.

Within the Disability Discrimination Act (1992) legislation, the definition of disability is broad and includes physical, intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, neurological and learning disabilities.

In special circumstances, a parent/caregiver may withdraw his/her child from the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy. This can be for philosophical or religious reasons.

If you feel that your child meets the criteria for exemption or withdrawal from the NAPLAN Tests (2021) then you need to request a **Record of student exemption –OR- Record of student withdrawal** (by parent/caregiver) **form** which needs to be completed and signed **before** the Test dates for one or more of the following tests: Writing; Reading; Conventions of Language; Numeracy. These forms can be collected from or sent home from the school's front office.

The forms must be processed no later than Friday 7th May.

Pool Operator

Jay Taylor has advised us he will not be continuing as Pool Operator. We thank him for all his efforts over the years keeping the pool operating. If you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming the school's pool operator please let Cathy Bornholm know. The job involves one hour a day every day from late October to March.

Pupil Free Day

Governing Council have approved a Pupil Free Day on Tuesday 15th June (day after the long weekend) so that our teachers can attend a combined schools Maths professional development day at Peterborough.

QR Code

Please remember to sign in using the QR Code with your smart phone or the Contact Tracing Record located in the Front Office every time you enter the school grounds even if it is to wait to collect your child after school.

School Fees

Invoices will be sent out again before the end of term if you have not yet paid your school fees. You can arrange a payment plan with me if needed. School fees can be paid by EFT, see details on your invoice.

Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey

Year 4 -12 students are participating in this survey this term. The purpose of the survey is to seek students' views about their wellbeing and engagement with school. The survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing, school relationships and engagement and learning in school; and physical health and wellbeing and after school activities. The students' answers will be kept confidential. The school will receive a report showing our results but will not identify individuals.

Leaders Day in Adelaide

I attended our annual Leader's Day in Adelaide a couple of weeks ago and had the opportunity to listen to different schools about their improvement journey. Common themes I heard were the importance of shared beliefs and agreements to help drive the School Improvement Plan, using data effectively, listening to students to aid critical reflection, the importance of providing quality feedback and that engaged families lead to improvement in students.

Mobile Phone Policy

All schools are to have a mobile phone policy in place by the end of Term 2, so we will be discussing this at the next Governing Council meeting. If you would like to contribute your thoughts about this, please talk to one of the Governing Council members.



A special visitor came to the Wilmington Primary and Preschool today. Many thanks to the DCMR.





Port Pirie Gymnastics and Swimming Excursion

On Monday of Week 10 we had a fantastic day out in Port Pirie, where the students engaged in a gymnastics session coached by Coach Kelly and Coach Mel. They learnt and practised numerous skills that are the building blocks of all sports. They also had free time in the indoor pool and splash play area, where the bucket tipping was a highlight. All students behaved exceptionally well and demonstrated our school values, taking on challenges with a smile.





Term 2 2021 Calendar of Events

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	26/4 ANZAC DAY Holiday	27/4 School resumes	28/4	29/4	30/4 Combined Choir Practice Jamestown
2	35	4/5  Cross Country	5/5 SRC 12:50	6/5	7/5
3★ NAPLAN On line 11-21st May	10/5	11/5	12/5	13/5	14/5 Walk Safely to School
←----- NAPLAN ON-LINE MAY 11-21st -----→					
4★ NAPLAN On line 11-21st May	17/5	18/5  Yr 3-7 Camp with Melrose PS at Illawonga	19/5	20/5	21/5
←----- NAPLAN ON-LINE MAY 11-21st -----→					
5	24/5	25/5 Governing Council 6.30pm	26/5	27/5 Assembly 9:10	28/5
6	31/6 Reconciliation Day 	1/6 	2/6 SRC 12:50	3/6	4/6
7	7/6	8/6	9/6	10/6	11/6
8	14/6 Queen's  Birthday Public Holiday	15/6  Pupil Free Day	16/6 SRC 12:50	17/6	18/6 Combined Choir Practice Jamestown
9	21/6	22/6 Governing Council 6.30pm	23/6	24/6 Assembly 9:10	25/6 Reports home
10	28/6	29/6 	30/6 SRC 12:50	1/7	2/7 Last day Term 2 2.20 finish