



Wilmington Primary School Newsletter

Respect ~ Care ~ Honesty ~ Persistence
Learn Grow Achieve Together

Term 1 Week 3 2022

School Rules

Be Respectful

Be Caring

Be Persistent

Be Honest

Upcoming Events

Feb 28 – March 4 Week 5
Swimming at Wilmington
PS

Tuesday March 1

Pancake Day

Tuesday March 8

Assembly

Thursday March 10

Yr. 6 Aquatics Day Friday

March 11

Combined Sports Day at
BCDS

Monday March 14

Public Holiday

Adelaide Cup

BIRTHDAYS

January

Emilie

Levi

Lachlan

Fletcher

Luca

February

Bayley-Rose

Payton

Matilda

From the Principal.....

Welcome Back to School

I hope you all had an enjoyable time over the summer. Normally newsletters will be published on even weeks. This is a special edition for the start of the year which has been sent out as a hard copy as well as emailed. If you still want a hard copy in future please advise me in writing.

Firstly, we welcome Mr Shaun Hughes to our teaching staff. Shaun will be taking the Upper Primary class. On this note we will miss Gina as she has been significant in making our school the great school that it has become. We wish Gina well in her time away from Wilmington Primary School and look forward to her return in 2023. Of most importance we especially welcome our new Reception students Jessie, Sadie, Darcie, Azalea, Lincoln and Alyza-Lee.

Our first two weeks have gone well with students coming to school enthusiastic and glad to see each other while others have done an earnest job with their online learning. This week marks Week 3 of Term 1 and the return of all students in all year levels to face-to-face learning. I acknowledge and thank all our staff and students who have patiently and positively engaged in the South Australian hybrid education model which saw some students return in Week 1 for face-to-face learning while other students have engaged in remote learning.

Please be assured that our school will continue to follow the advice of SA Health in order to minimise the potential for entry into and transmission of COVID-19 in our school environment. This means that a number of school activities continue to be postponed at this stage. Specifically,

- * Inter-school sports competitions and instrumental tuition and ensembles remain on hold;
- * Assemblies and other school gatherings and events have been postponed; and,
- * Entry to our school site will continue to be confined to essential visitors only (who will be required to wear a mask and check in using our COVID Safe QR code).

The most important control against COVID-19 impacting our school community is for your child to stay home if they are unwell. If your child displays even mild symptoms associated with COVID-19, please arrange for a PCR test and follow SA Health directions. Where your child has been confirmed as COVID-19 positive, please contact the school immediately.

If we are notified that a person who attended our school subsequently learns they are COVID-19 positive, we will communicate this with classroom contacts in line with the approach approved by SA Health. Please be reminded that all children aged 5 and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, all aged 16 and older who have received two courses of the vaccine, are now eligible to receive a booster. Families are encouraged to make arrangements for your child to be vaccinated by visiting <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/>

It is wonderful to be at the stage where all students can connect with their teachers and peers in person.



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School staff for 2022

Mr Ben Harris-Jones – Principal and teaching in the Upper and Junior Primary classes

Ms Cathy Miller – Junior Primary class & Whole School Music teacher

Mrs Grace Hollitt – Junior Primary class & Whole School PE teacher

Mrs Michelle Van Der Werf – Middle Primary class teacher

Mrs Kristy Arthur—Middle Primary Class & Whole School Technology teacher

Mr Shaun Hughes—Upper Primary class teacher

Mrs Leela Noll – Preschool Teacher

Mrs Margaret Hancock – School Administrator

Mrs Lisa Hitch— School Administrator and Student Support

Mrs Lyn Strike – Student Support Officer & Library Officer

Mrs Kirsty Nicholls—School Support Officer

Ms Deanne Solomon—Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer

Mr Greg Peacock - Grounds person

Ms Kate Retelsdorf – Music teacher

Preschool 'Early Birds' commences next week, Thursday 17th February.

Leela has planned many exciting activities and learning opportunities for the term. The children will attend Thursdays 9am-12pm. We welcome the 8 students attending across the term and look forward to them all becoming a part of our caring school community.

Instrumental Program

This year we will continue to provide instrumental music lessons with our district music teacher, Ms Kate Retelsdorf. Letters will go home with the students who are continuing, or being given the opportunity to learn an instrument shortly.

Premiers Reading Challenge

Our school is once again excited to be part of this reading initiative. All students are expected to participate.

The Challenge is to read **twelve books in total**. The Premiers Reading Challenge website is work a look.

<http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/staff/printbooklist/?reFlag=1>

The challenge has started, and we look forward to all our students successfully completing the challenge this year.

School Mural

We have been incredibly fortunate to have Joel Plevin, a local and former student, complete a stunning mural on the front wall of our school. The mural pictured below depicts our community and history helping to show our shared pride on Wilmington and our school as a place where we all belong, creating a sense of pride through beautification and shared values. We thank Joel for his incredible work and look forward to sharing and enjoying this beautiful artwork for the future.

Reminder

Consent forms - Would you return all consent forms for your child/ren to the front office by next Monday 21 February at the latest.

Kind Regards

Ben Harris-Jones