Welcome back to school for 2016!
I hope that everyone got to have a safe, enjoyable, and well-earned break. I trust everyone is ready for another big year the forecast looks good!
We have an exciting year planned and we are looking forward to an excellent year of teaching and learning. I would like to introduce and welcome our new staff for 2016 including:

- Myf Spencer-Smith - Year 2
- Destinee Francis - Year 6/7
- Margaret Jackson – Science - mixed year levels & Primary NIT coverage

I would also like to welcome all of our new students for 2016. It has also been very pleasing to see some familiar faces returning to our school this year.
It has been a positive start to the year and staff and students are already working hard on the curriculum. Class teachers will be inviting parents into the classroom when the class has a presentation of work etc. If you are able, please come and visit our classes. Children love to share the work that they are doing with their parents. If you ask what did you do at school today and the response you get is nothing much please come in and check.

Term 1
Term one is always a busy term. We will be having swimming lessons, swimming carnival, track and field, and music to name just a few of the activities for students this term.

Buses
The letter campaign started by our Governing Council and supported by other Area Schools, has led the Minister for Transport, Hon Tony Piccolo MP, to suggest that the Department of Road Transport are interested in creating an ad campaign about school buses and road safety. Peter Treloar MP, Member for Flinders, has also been assisting with this matter and we thank him for his support. It is good to know that our regional voices have been heard and that there may be some action on what is an important issue of safety for our children/students, especially those who get on and off buses on major highways.

Training and Development
This term we will be attending a Training and Development for all staff on Tuesday 22 March at Kimba Area School this will be a Student Free Day. We will be working with James Anderson around the issues of habits of mind and transforming task for the classroom. James has a website and also a Facebook page if you would like more info.
http://habitsofmind.org or https://www.facebook.com/HabitsOfMind/
We will also have Janine Preece coming to work with staff on Thursday 3 March. Janine will help us to develop our skills using data and accessing the Data Warehouse so that we can process our data and use it to inform the teaching and learning process.

Governing Council
The Governing Council AGM will be held on the Tuesday 16 February in the Library at 7.00pm. A Nomination Form for Governing Council is attached; please fill it in and return it the school. We appreciate your support and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Policy & Procedures/ Maps/Information
Please check our website as it does contain lots of info that may be helpful to you, including our Dress Code Policy, Grievance Procedures, Canteen Price List. The school also has a Facebook page that you can “Like” to be kept up to date with happenings at the school. We are also keen for you to ring and ask if you have any queries or questions big or small.

Attachments
Letter from the minister
Please come into the school for a visit and to meet our new staff we want your involvement an input into our school.

Yours truly
Ned Loades
Principal
FROM THE SECONDARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
Welcome back to 2016  
The holidays flew by and we are back at school for another rewarding year of diligent efforts and high achievement. I trust that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and that you are thoroughly rested and ready for the year ahead. It is great to see students returning to school with enthusiasm and vitality for learning and we look forward to seeing some excellent results once again at Wudinna Area School.

Best wishes for 2016 to the Year 12 students

In 2016 we have five students who are aiming to complete their SACE and move into the next phase of their lives – whether that is further study or employment. Our students are: Rhyly Kairl, Connor Dowden, Sarah Brands, Bonnie-Lee Barnes-Guy and Chloe Thomson. The students selected their subjects wisely, carefully considering their potential future pathways; many of them have chosen to undertake Open Access study to meet their needs. The subjects being studied through this mode in 2016 for the Year 12 students are: Digital Electronic Systems, Photography & Graphic Design, Nutrition, Women’s Studies and Legal Studies. Rhyly Kairl will continue working at the hospital through his school based apprenticeship and work towards the completion of Certificate III in Rural Operations. We wish all of the students a successful year and the fulfilment of their desired pathway.

Course Outlines  
Semester 1 Course Outlines for Years 8-10 are in the process of completion at the moment. It is anticipated that these will be ready for distribution next week. These outlines provide information on the units of work that will be undertaken in each subject, along with the planned assessment for the course. We urge you to read these carefully so that we can work together as a school community to maximise the learning and engagement of students across all subjects. A tear-off slip is included in the booklet and we ask all parents/caregivers to return these so that we can be confident that your child has delivered this important piece of school information to you.

Secondary SRC  
Brayden Chambers will be joined by Nat Phillips as Coordinators for this year’s Secondary SRC. Elections for student representatives will take place over the next couple of weeks and they will play a vital role in the student voice of our school community. Thank you to staff for being willing to work with the SRC this year.

Glenys McGuire  
Assistant Principal – Secondary

FROM THE PRIMARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
Welcome to all students, staff and parents/caregivers for 2016. I would like to especially welcome new staff, students and their families.

Introductory letters and Subject Overviews  
All Primary parents will have received an introductory letter from their child’s class teacher/s. In addition, parents will receive a subject overview in the near future. The subject overview tells parents/caregivers what is going to be covered in each subject area during the term in your child’s classroom.

Primary NIT  
Non Instruction Time (NIT) is a time during the day when a teacher has a non-teaching lesson for administrative purposes including student behavior management, parent communication, planning and marking. This NIT is covered in the Primary sector by the following teachers: Reception – Emily Seaman and Marie Elson  
Year R/1 – Emily Seaman and Marie Elson  
Year 2 – Emily Seaman, Marie Elson and Margaret Jackson  
Year 3/4 – Emily Seaman, Marie Elson and Margaret Jackson  
Year 5/6 – Emily Seaman, Marie Elson and Margaret Jackson  
Year 6/7 – Margaret Jackson and Marie Elson

Term Time Swimming Lessons  
Instructors: Susie Boylan, Abbey Douglass and Mikaela Heath  
Swimming begins on Week 2, Monday 8 February and continues until Week 3, Thursday 18 February. There are no lessons on Friday 12 February. The Swimming Carnival is on Friday 19 February. The swimming timetable is rotational with lessons commencing at 9.10am. All general consent and medical forms need to be filled out, signed and returned by Friday 5 February so that your child can take part in the swimming lessons. Please ensure that all items are clearly labeled and that your child has a towel, sunscreen, hat and $4.00 (if they are not a member of the pool).  
Medication: If your child has a medical condition that requires medication (eg bee stings or asthma), can you please clearly label the medication/puffer and give this to your child’s class teacher each day.

SRC  
Trina Grace and Myf Spencer-Smith are the staff coordinators for Primary SRC. SRC elections will be held in the near future. We have a policy that students in years R-5 are not able to be an SRC representative for two years in a row. This is to allow more children to “have a go”. Extra representatives from the students in Years 6 and 7 will be elected (including the Year 6 students in the Year 5/6 class). This is so that we have more older students to assist with organization of events. In addition, this year we will elect 4 representatives from the R-5 classes instead
of 2 representatives and 2 proxies. This will enable 2 students to be representatives for each semester. Each student will receive a badge at the Induction Ceremony.

**No Nuts at School**

Just a reminder to all members of our school community that we follow a “no nuts at school” plan. This plan is in response to students at our school who have Anaphylaxis caused by a severe allergy to a variety of nuts. We thank everyone for their conscientious cooperation with this plan.

**Kitchen/Garden**

The Year 3/4 and Year 6/7 classes will participate in Kitchen/Garden for Terms 1 and 2. The Year 2/3 and Year 5/6 classes will participate in this program during Terms 3 and 4. Gidge Murphy will be working with students in the garden and Melissa Wendland will be teaching the kitchen component. This program will begin after swimming finishes.

**SAPSASA dates for the year**

- Friday March 18 Swimming
- 4 – 8 April Softball Carnival in Adelaide
- 15 – 19 August Netball / Football Carnival in Adelaide
- Monday 26 September Athletics Championships in Adelaide
- 21 – 25 Nov Tennis / Cricket carnival in Adelaide

Unfortunately there has been a change in dates. Our district voiced our concerns about the dates for football/netball as well as tennis/cricket, but the dates stand.

I look forward to a successful and happy 2016. We believe that education is a partnership between school and home. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or myself should any need arise.

*Marie Elson*
*Primary Assistant Principal*

**FROM THE PASTORAL CARE WORKER**

Welcome back to all staff and students in the first school week of 2016! Times of refreshment can come in the holidays but “OH! Working is good for the soul!” All staff and students are “ready to go” for an exciting year of teaching and learning! What a lovely rain we have had this week, great sound on the roof! Sounds like Port Lincoln got their fair share with Woolworths closed today because of flooding! This morning I heard a song on the radio that said – “Big Dreams for little people, we gotta do the best we can do!” I thought of our school and community and all the special people we have in our district. May your hopes and dreams not fade away but become a reality for you! May you all have some goals for 2016 which involve helping others and being thoughtful toward your family, friends, neighbours and those in need. Often our most down times can be when we are “looking inward at ourselves and not outward toward others.” Cheers! From Carol

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Swimming Carnival**

The Wudinna Area School Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 19 February (Week 3). If it happens to be a Catastrophic weather day then the carnival will be postponed until the following Monday. Students will arrive at school as per a normal school day (buses will run as normal). All students will be expected to attend Home Group at 8.55am for roll call and morning notices. At 9.05am, students will meet in house groups to move to the pool.

The first event will commence at 9.30am and the anticipated finish time will be approximately 3.15pm. All students will be expected to remain at the pool until all events have finished and presentations are made. Buses will leave from the pool at approximately 3.30pm. Please advise bus drivers if your child/children will not be using the bus for the trip to or from school. As per normal school day, supervision is not provided at the conclusion of the carnival, therefore students must be picked up from the pool, catch the school bus or inform teachers of their own arrangements.

Students who are not members of the pool will need to pay an entrance fee of $4.00. The Junior Primary students (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2), will remain at school for the morning and move to the swimming pool to begin their events from 12.00noon. Lunch is programmed from 12.30-1.00pm. The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students will remain at the pool to support their team after their events have finished. Lunch will be available with more information distributed shortly. A full program will be in the Week 3 Newsletter.

**Sports House Captains**

Congratulations to the following on being selected as house captains for 2016

- Eyre- Bonnie-Lee Barnes-Guy, Hayley Jericho, Thomas Dupree, Adam Jericho
- Gawler- Chloe Thomson, Tianah Sampson, Connor Dowden, Jackson Grocke
- Sturt- Sarah Brands, Zali Sampson, Samuel Buckham, Jeb Nettle
- Brayden Chambers

**Sports Coordinator**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

I am looking forward to meeting the new students at our school. The library has a great collection of various reading material and all patrons can access books from other libraries or use the online services we provide.

Change to opening hours. Due to an increase in yard duty by all staff the library will only be opened at lunchtime (1.10pm-1.50pm) on Tuesday & Wednesday.

This year we will

- Participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge. All Primary students will be involved. I hope many Secondary students choose to continue to with this challenge.
- Working with students to show them the digital resources that can be accessed at the library and from home.
- Be part of the Jackie French Travelling Suitcase program. This will happen in Term 2.
- I will be working with the Receptions to Year 4s on a regular base and with other classes a few times each term.
The Library AGM will be held on Wednesday 17 February (date in Granite is incorrect) @ 7.30pm in the library. We would love to see you at this meeting. Library bags help protect books and other material so please send your child’s Library Bag to school on their library day.

We would love to see you at the library, especially the parents of the children new to our school. Please come in and introduce yourself and let use show you our library and explain all the services we can offer you and your family. The library staff are looking forward to developing a community of readers in 2016.

Linda Heath

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Neil Bensted is teaching Instrumental Music at our school again this year. Letters and rosters have been given to students. Tuesday is lesson day again. The Instrumental Music program requires a commitment of regular practice outside of school hours and attendance to lessons weekly. The expected commitment to practice is:

Beginning students – a minimum of 15 minutes per day for 5 days.

Intermediate students – an absolute minimum of 30 minutes with 1 hour being a desirable expectation per day for 5 days.

Thank you to parents/caregivers for your support for this program. It is always a delight to watch the students’ progress through the year.

Marie Elson

Instrumental Music Coordinator

STUDENT PHOTO ID CARDS

All students in Years 10 and 12 are required to have a photographic student ID Card to travel at concession rates as they will use public transport at some stage during 2016 for school activities. Any other student who turns 15, or looks older than 14, should have an ID Card required for concession travel both inside and outside official school time (buses, planes, movies).

Those requiring a Student ID Card please complete the Tear Off Slip later this Newsletter and return it to the Front Office with payment, before Monday 15 February. Please note – A Student ID Card is only valid for 12 months (expiring 28 February each year) so a new card is required each year.

Please note that orders will not be accepted without payment of $7.50. Additional orders will cost $14.00 each.

RELEVANT HISTORY SCREENING (FORMERLY CRIMINAL HISTORY SCREENING)

Many of our parents and guardians volunteer at our school/preschool/service to support their child’s learning. To make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time, the Department for Education and Child Development has updated its relevant history screening policy and procedures. As a result, parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their child will no longer require a relevant history screening.

This will mean many of our volunteers can help out sooner.

A screening is still necessary for parents and guardians who are volunteering at school camps and sleep overs, as well as those hosting billets and homestay students. As has always been the case, a screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at our school/preschool/service. These include concerts, fundraisers, swimming week or sports day.

Screenings are just one measure used to help keep children safe. Everyone who works with children plays a part in child protection, including watching out for inappropriate behaviour.

Find out more about relevant history screening and keeping children safe at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

If you have any questions about screening or these changes, please speak with school staff.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Central Eyre Little Athletics

Little Aths returns this Friday, 5 February on Wudinna Area School Oval from 5.30pm. Ages 3 and up.

Remember to wear comfortable clothes, sneakers & bring a water bottle.

All previous and new members always welcome!

Contact Renae Nettle on 0428 831 957 or Kelly North 0427 200 408 for more information.

LeHunte Tennis Association Doubles Tournament

Friday 12 February, Wudinna Tennis Courts, Commencing from 6.00pm

Two Divisions, $2 entry fee, Full catering available

All regular players are expected to participate, non players are also welcome.

Players names drawn randomly, playing with a different player each game.

To enter submit your name to the night or Names in by 5.30pm on the night, or by ringing Wes Matthews 0417 817 099

St Johns Ambulance with the Wudinna and Districts Swimming Pool are hosting a Mock scenario!

When :Wednesday 10 February 2016 at 7.00pm

Where: Wudinna Swimming Pool

Covering: Basic First Aid, Use of Defibrillator & Resuscitation

A great opportunity to anyone who uses the swimming pool, or who is interested in learning basic lifesaving skills in a real life emergency situation at the swimming pool.

Come along to help make it be a real as possible bring your bathers and get involved all kids welcome.

Free Sausage Sizzle provided.

To register your interest or for more information please contact Jess Lampre on 0448011430

Notice of AGM

Monday 15 February at 7.00pm at the Wudinna Hall

If you can’t make it but are interested in helping out, please contact Selena on 0427812096 or Jodi on 0429802147.
Student ID Card: Please return to the Front Office by Monday 15 February

Please supply a Student ID card for the following student/s

Name ___________________________ Year Level __________

Name ___________________________ Year Level __________

Payment of $7.50 per card is enclosed

Signed .............................................................................................................

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Governing Council Nomination for Election Form

I _______________________________________ (full name) of _________________________________________

(address)

Nominate __________________________________ (full name) of ______________________________________

(address)

I _______________________________________ (full name) of _________________________________________

(address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors. I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person. I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed, my membership of Wudinna Area School Governing/School Council will cease.

Signed _______________________________________ Date: _____________________

New staff for 2016: Destinee Francis, Myf Spencer-Smith, Margaret Jackson

School Banking Registration Day

Come along to school next Tuesday, 9th February from 9.00-10.00am, to talk to Denise from Bank SA about opening a new student Incentive Saver Account for your child. Each new account opened gives $10 to the child to start their savings efforts, and also $10 to our school fundraising.

Promotion ends 29th April 2016

New Reception students for 2016
Dear Parent/Caregiver

Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope this year will be a successful one for you and your family.

This year teachers at your school will be working with your son or daughter to help your teenage learn and make as much progress as possible. Your school will be keen to work alongside you to ensure that your son or daughter is successful academically, socially and developmentally.

Every day at school matters for this development so it's really important that your teenager is attending school to get the most out of their education.

While we all know it's important, it isn't always easy to support teenagers with their schoolwork. On the back of this letter are some ideas and resources I have found helpful to date with my kids, or have been recommended to me by other parents. I hope they are useful for you.

Schools welcome your involvement in your child's education, and if you have any questions, please ask them. As you know, kids learn best when parents/caregivers and schools work together.

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Yours sincerely

Susan Close
Minister for Education and Child Development

27/01/2016

Simple things you can do to support your son or daughter:

- Talk to them about current affairs and ask them how it links to their learning at school
- Talk positively about science and mathematics and encourage them to ask for help if they need it
- Read the same book as them so you can discuss the story, themes and characters together
- Encourage them to share their creative projects with you
- Provide a comfortable space at home for them to do homework and support them to complete it on time
- Encourage them to use their diary effectively to manage their time and stay on top of deadlines

Some helpful resources:

- The curriculum for Years 8 -10: http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/
- The curriculum for Years 11-12: https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/
- An app to help you unlock your child’s learning potential: https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/high-school
- Parent easy guides, including living with young people: http://www.parenting.sa.gov.au/
- A wide range of parenting information, including talking to teens: http://raisingchildren.net.au/teens/teens.html
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Simple things you can do to support your child:

- Ask your child what they have been learning in class and link it to activities you do around the home
- Put up times tables posters around the house and talk positively about science and mathematics with your child
- Try to read with your child every day or read the same novel as your child so you can discuss the story together
- Encourage your child to share their drawings and projects with you
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Some helpful resources:

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- A wide range of parenting information, including healthy eating and creative play ideas: http://raisingchildren.net.au/school_age/school_age.html