G’day Everyone

The year has flown by and it is hard to believe that we are in Term 4 already. The staff and students are planning a lot of activities and events to cap off another successful and productive year of teaching and learning.

World Teachers' Day

World Teachers’ Day was set up by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. We celebrated World Teachers Day here at Wudinna with a morning tea for all staff to recognise staff for their dedication and professionalism.

Playground

We have developed a playground display that will be on display in the Library. Initially we thought we would put this display in the conference room but the library will allow for more people to view it and share their ideas. Please come in and have a look.

Agriculture

We are very keen to improve our Ag program here at the school. Neil and the Agriculture students have been working hard in the ag block to clean up and improve our facilities there. They have been doing this with the help of Melissa Thomson and Craig. We are looking for donations of grain that you might be able to make this season.

I would also like to thank those people who have already donated time, money, and resources to our program so far. All the money raised will be reinvested in the Ag program to increase the learning opportunities for students here at Wudinna Area School.

Parent Opinion Surveys

If you haven’t already, could you return the Opinion Survey; these are important as they help inform our decision making processes. The online link is https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/S7Xwj2Ah if you want to complete yours online. Please complete surveys by 30 November.

Please do not remove the blue dot from the envelope if returning via post – these stickers in no way identify you, they are there for Post Office staff to recognise the envelope to bill the school.

Volunteers

We are always keen to have people volunteering at school if you are able to help we would greatly appreciate any assistance that you can offer.

Parents and Friends

Reminder there are a couple of shuttles at the old incinerator near the oval if you have any bottles or cans that you are keen to donate to the school they can be dropped off there.

School Buses

With harvest already started could everyone please remind their contractors/truck drivers that when a school bus is on the side of the road with its lights flashing that the road legally becomes a 25km zone. This is the ruling for ALL vehicles.

I hope everyone has a good harvest free of, or at least with limited break downs.

Yours truly

Ned Loades
Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – PRIMARY
SAPSASA
Cricket/Tennis - Congratulations to the following students who were successful in gaining selection for the Adelaide teams.
Cricket: Saxon O’Brien, Phoenix Foster  
Tennis: Brad Lynn, Madison Barns, Elijah Oswald, Montana Foster (Reserve)  
We hope these students really enjoy their experience. Well done to all who tried out. The Adelaide Carnival will be in the week beginning 21 November.

Artist in Residence
Our Artist in Residence, Carla, is now unable to come to Wudinna due to an unexpected work opportunity. Myf Spencer-Smith had been working closely with Carla and together they had done much planning. As a result the staff will work closely together to create the items from the plan. Thank you to Myf for her leadership thus far.

Subject Overviews
Primary teachers have sent home Subject Overviews to Parents/Caregivers. The Subject Overviews provide information about the teaching and learning that is happening in their child’s class for the term.

Results Plus
Thank you to Nat Phillips for working with the Primary teachers last week on aspects of the DECD initiative of ResultsPLUS. “ResultsPLUS is a toolkit designed to accelerate improvement in numeracy and literacy by focusing on achievement and growth with ‘the Plus’ – intellectual stretch, engagement, resilience and growth mindset.” (from the DECD Intranet). Our focus last week was on Numeracy.

Marie Elson  
Primary Assistant Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – SECONDARY
Secondary Subject Award Sponsorship
This year we are again seeking the support of the community in sponsoring Academic Achievement Awards at the Presentation Night in December. Any families, businesses or other organisations who are willing to sponsor an award, these will be gratefully accepted throughout the coming weeks – a subject award is valued at $30.00. These sponsorships are very valued by the school and particularly by the students who are the recipients. If you are able to sponsor a subject award this year, could you please fill in the Reply Slip at the end of the newsletter and let me know of your willingness to participate. Can you also include payment for the award at the time of returning the slip please. If you have a potential subject preference, please indicate this on the slip and we will do our very best to accommodate this request.

Year 12 Exams
Examinations for Year 12 subjects begin and conclude next week (Week 4). We wish all of the students the best of luck and good studying in the lead up to these assessments – all exams conducted contribute 30% to their final grade.
The exams held next week are: Nutrition (Tuesday morning), Mathematical Applications (Thursday morning) and Legal Studies (Friday morning). Once these exams are concluded, students will leave school (after cleaning out their lockers, signing the required paperwork and making sure they have packed up all of their belongings) and begin the next exciting phase of their lives.

Year 12 Celebration
Students, parents and staff will be gathering at the Wudinna Hotel/Motel on Monday night, 14 November to celebrate the conclusion of a busy year of study for the Year 12 class; and also to wish them well for the future.

Year 8 Trip
From Tuesday 22 to Thursday 24 November, the Year 8 class will be spending time in Coffin Bay gaining experience in a variety of aquatic activities. Students will undertake sessions in:

- Kayaking  
- Windsurfing  
- Canoeing  
- Completing their Boat licence (if desired)

Steve Cowan and Melissa Wendland will be accompanying the students on this trip and we look forward to seeing their photographs and listening to their stories upon their return.

Glenys McGuire  
Assistant Principal – Secondary

FROM THE PASTORAL CARE WORKER

6 Ways to Make Responsible Choices:
2. Help yourself – Be responsible by staying organised.  
3. Obey rules and laws in your home, school and community.  
4. Ignore bad ideas that pop into your head. Change what you’re doing or think about something good instead.  
5. Choose the choice that’s best for you and for others – the one that feels right inside.  
6. Earn people’s trust by showing that they can count on you. These are really WISE CHOICES! Cheers! Carol

SCHOOL MAGAZINE/YEARBOOKS FOR SALE @ THE LIBRARY

We have copies of past magazines for sale dating from 2015 back to 1972. The 2015 magazines will be $20.00 all the others are $10.00. Please come in or contact us if you would like to buy any.

Email Wudinna.library114@schools.sa.edu.au or phone 86802194.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

The Wudinna Area School Presentation Night will be held on Friday 9 December at 7.30pm in Apex Park, weather permitting. Similar to last year, a certain amount of seating will be provided but families are encouraged to bring their own. We will use the Wudinna Hall if the weather is predicted to be unfavourable.
The theme will be “A Wudinna Christmas”. The program on the night will include Primary items and the presentation of awards for Primaries, Secondaries and volunteers.
The end of Semester 2 awards (Primary Merit Cards R-4 and High & Outstanding Academic Awards) will be presented at the end of year school assembly, as happens with Semester 1 awards.
Each Primary class will present an item in line with the theme.
The Presentation Night will be a similar format to last year with no interval. No tickets will be sold, but there will be the opportunity for a gold coin donation. Community and family members are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal of the Primary items free of charge at Apex Park at 9.45am on Friday 9 December. The dress rehearsal will take approximately 45 minutes. Glenys McGuire and Marie Elson on behalf of the Presentation Night Committee

BOOK CLUB
Book club members have been busy this year; reading, discussing (sometimes arguing), and selecting books and novels on Tuesdays at lunch. Members have enjoyed being able to discuss the books they are reading and their favourite parts. Future sessions will include looking at the same stories and discussing and analyse the different perspectives that individuals have of them. Look out for the red ‘Book Club’ stickers on books around the library; these books have been ‘recommended’ as good reads by book club members.

UNIFORM
We now have our lovely new style school shirts and still have a cupboard full of the old style polo shirts. The old shirts are available to purchase at more than 30% off: Sizes 4-14y $12.00; Size S-XL $15.00
The new style is also available for purchase: Sizes 4-16y $29; Sizes S-2XL $35
We also stock Microfibre Bucket ($12) and Cotton Surf Hats with school logo ($9.50); school bags ($42 for the remainder of this year with price rise in 2017); and jumpers 6-14y $45 and S-XL $50

BUS PASSES - INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS USING A SCHOOL BUS AT ANY TIME
Due to problems with parents/guardians not communicating with bus drivers before their student/s travel on a school bus, we request that parents/guardians of the child/children wishing to travel on a bus contact the driver and make sure that it is convenient to travel on the bus before a Bus Pass will be issued at the school.

Once the driver has been contacted and permission granted, students must bring a note from their parent/guardian to the Front Office requesting a Bus Pass. The note must include:
- the dates on which the student needs to travel
- where to and the reason for the request
- that the bus driver has been notified.
The student gives the Bus Pass to the driver when boarding the bus.
Stacey Georgiou
Bus Coordinator

STUDENT VOICE DAY
Four students attended the Student Voice Day in Port Lincoln on Thursday 20 October. There were over 100 students from many schools across the Eyre Peninsula. The day was oriented around the following:
Teachers, leaders and students deliberately share teaching and learning power as a fundamental condition for activating student thinking and learning achievement.
Students had the opportunity to share what their school is working towards with improving student voice and the importance of providing feedback. Angelica Calow, Jeb Nettle, Chloe DuBois and Kiah Tomney did a great job in representing our school.
On reflection from this day they developed their plan for 2017 and beyond:
What have we learned about student voice today?
To communicate with students and teachers to voice our opinions about what we should change.
We learnt to voice students’ opinions in many different ways, such as question boxes and surveys.
What do we take back to school?
That students and teachers need to work together to help improve our learning and stretch our thinking.
Students need to be more confident in voicing their opinion to the teachers.
How will we implement what we have learned?
We plan to use things such as surveys and voice box to help students voice their opinions.
We plan to help teachers improvise, improve and implement different strategies for our learning.
What do I intend to do next year?
To help our school become a better school by letting us have a say in our learning.

Angelica, Jeb, Chloe and Kiah
Natalie Phillips
Can you help?
We are on the hunt for a horse float to buy.
Our Led Steer team have decided this would be a better transporting solution for the steers in the future. Please contact the school - 86802263.

Thank you
The Wudinna Lions Club would like to thank all community members for providing food and help for the Black Dog Riders when they visited the school last Friday for lunch. The children really enjoyed looking at and sitting on the beautiful bikes.

Marlene Boylan
President

IF YOU’VE NEVER FAILED, YOU’VE NEVER TRIED ANYTHING NEW

Wudinna Area School

The Agriculture Studies Faculty is seeking donations to help towards the establishment of a new steer shelter and leading arena for our Led Steer Program. If you are interested in donating grain through our NGR Card please inform the Vitera staff.

Thanks in anticipation
Wudinna Area School

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2016 Secondary Award Sponsorships

Please return to Glenys McGuire

I/We ………………………………………………… would like to sponsor a Secondary Award for 2016.

☐ I am happy to sponsor any Award

☐ I would like to sponsor an Award for the following subject (where possible) ………………………………………

☐ I have enclosed $30 for the Award
Year 3/4 ERRAPPA Camp 2016

The Year 3/4 students would like to share their enjoyable and sometimes challenging experiences during our Term 3 camp.

I particularly enjoyed the high ropes because it was fun to be up high. The “Leap of Faith” for me was a challenge. When I got up to the top I was a bit nervous because it was really high and I thought I may fall off. This was the second time for me so I talked myself into making it. Climbing the wall was also a challenge, but again I gave myself confidence to do it. The camp was fantastic as I enjoyed the activities and had a lot of fun with my classmates.

Zoe Tomney

The challenges I faced were climbing up to the top of the high ropes. I wanted to get down but I kept on going. The activities I enjoyed were the flying fox, “Leap of Faith”, laser skirmish, rock wall and volleyball.

Zahlee Steele

During the camp I tried to face my fear of heights. On Thursday we went on the high ropes. I was scared but also very excited. I really wanted to participate in the activity so I gave it a go. We had to wear a harness for safety reasons. I enjoyed orienteering, climbing the rock wall and laser skirmish but I enjoyed the “Leap of Faith” the most. I successfully completed the “Leap of Faith” and managed to grab on to the bar. I wasn’t scared when I went on the flying fox because it wasn’t as high as the rock wall or the “Leap of Faith.” Our camp was a lot of fun and I will never forget it.

Tae Vsa Sampson

My favourite activity was orienteering. The other activities that I enjoyed were the flying fox and laser skirmish. One of the challenges I faced was my fear of heights and I told myself to keep on going. I also learnt to control my temper. My dad made a cake for ERRAPPA and I enjoyed sharing it with my classmates.

Travis Calow

The activities I enjoyed were laser skirmish, the egg drop, the flying fox, climbing wall, orienteering and going on the mine tour. I thought the high ropes were a challenge especially when you had to climb the pegs. The other challenge was trying to climb the rock wall because the rocks on the wall kept turning when you put your feet down.

Shannon Sparrow

The first challenge I faced on camp was choosing our beds. Bree and I both wanted the top bunk so we decided to take turns and sleep on the bottom and the top each night. The “Leap of Faith” was a challenge for me. I overcame my fear by jumping off of the platform even though I was scared. The climbing wall was great but scary because some of rocks were moving. I kept on climbing but then I got stuck and so I had to come down. The highlights were playing laser skirmish under the beautiful night sky but I think I was the only one that noticed because the others were too busy having fun. On Thursday night the girls tried to keep me away from the birthday card they were making for me. They were very annoying!

Sophie O’Brien

My favourite activities were the flying fox, the climbing wall and the laser skirmish. The most challenging activities were the high ropes and the “Leap of Faith.” A challenge for me was climbing up the pegs but I still loved it.

Sari Foster

During our ERRAPPA camp we participated in lots of activities and they were great fun. My greatest challenge was when I was on the high ropes and I was pushing myself forwards but I fell backwards and couldn’t get back up. To overcome this challenge I kept on trying to pull myself back up and I eventually did. I enjoyed the activities in the hall and the flying fox.

Rebecca Sampson

My favourite activities on camp were the flying fox, high ropes, climbing wall, “Leap of Faith” and volleyball. The most challenging activity for me was the climbing wall because the rocks moved and spun around but I made it. I was really scared because I looked down but I thought to myself that it’s not that high and I kept going.

Amy Matthews

During the ERRAPPA camp I faced a lot of challenges. The “Leap of Faith” was the scariest one. I really wanted to get down but I didn’t. On Thursday we went on the high ropes and some of us went on the flying fox and at night we played laser skirmish. On Friday we went on the rock wall and the “Leap of Faith.” I thought that the “Leap of Faith” was the best activity. At first I was scared. I really enjoyed ERRAPPA and I want to go back there.

Phoebe Porter

My favourite activities were the high ropes and the “Leap of Faith.” One of the biggest challenges I faced was leaning forwards on the high ropes but I kept trying and eventually I was able to do it. I also found it challenging to put my feet on the rocks while climbing the rock wall.

I loved ERRAPPA and I hope I can visit again.

Matilda Nettle

The challenges I faced were trying to climb the pegs to get up to the top of the high ropes and climbing the rock wall. Some of the steps were wobbly so it was hard to climb. My favourite activity was laser skirmish because we were able to play two rounds of it and we played in the dark. I really liked the “Leap of Faith” because I have never done anything like it before.

Ezra Foster

My favourite activities were laser skirmish, orienteering and flying fox. One of the challenges I faced was going up high on the pegs when I was climbing the poles to get up to the high ropes. My other challenge was finding the rocks to put my feet on while climbing the rock wall. I was able to overcome these challenges by putting my feet on the rocks that were easier to get to. When I was up high I got butterflies in my stomach and I asked to come down but I was proud of what I achieved.

Baden Simpson

My favourite activities were the laser skirmish and the activities in the hall. I thought that the flying fox was challenging because when I got onto the platform it was high up. To overcome my fears, I told myself I could do it and I jumped off the platform. I whizzed down the flying fox and when I got off I felt like I wanted to do it again.

Zack Bigg

Going on the “Leap of Faith” was scary but I heard my classmates cheering me on which helped me to face my fears and boost my confidence. I may not have made it but I was still proud of myself.

I loved going on the flying fox, high ropes and the egg challenge. Being able to go on this camp was amazing!

Bree North
My favourite activities were the flying fox, high ropes, laser skirmish and orienteering. We found nine letters during our orienteering activity. During camp I faced a lot of challenges. Some of the challenges were, climbing up to the “Leap of Faith” and also climbing the rock wall. The high ropes were also quite difficult but I kept climbing up the pegs on the poles and eventually I got up to the high ropes. I was proud of myself.  

Savannah Petty

The ERRAPPA Camp was an awesome camp and I want to go there again. One of the challenges I faced was that I was scared of climbing up to the high ropes but when I did it I was very proud of myself. My favourite activities were orienteering, the flying fox and laser skirmish. I liked doing the orienteering because I enjoy reading maps, using a GPS and following directions. I loved the flying fox but getting up to the top was scary. I think that ERRAPPA was the best camp ever!  

Ella Scholz

During our camp I faced a few challenges. The first time I went on the high ropes I only made it to the wire. The second and third time I made it all the way across. While I was climbing the rock wall I made it about a third of the way across because I wasn’t tall enough to reach the next rock.

I enjoyed all of the activities during camp but I had a few favourites. I loved going on the flying fox because it was so long and so high. When we visited the Tourist Information Centre I watched a movie about the Iron Knob Mine. I found it rather interesting watching the way people worked on the mines in the olden days. I especially enjoyed the laser skirmish because it was fun to go out in the dark and hide from people. This was the best camp ever!  

Lacey Merrill

ERRAPPA BLUE LIGHT CAMP is a great camp. My roommate was Charlie. My biggest challenge was climbing the pegs on the poles to get to the high ropes. My two favourite activities were the flying fox and laser skirmish. For lunch on Wednesday we had pizza and for tea we had lasagne. I was scared when I stood on the flying fox platform and I was also scared as I climbed up the ladder but I kept on climbing. I think that this camp was the best camp ever.  

Noah Oswald

I enjoyed staying at ERRAPPA because it was awesome. The reason why I enjoyed ERRAPPA was because some of the activities were amazing. My favourite activities were the flying fox, “Leap of Faith”, laser skirmish, basketball, soccer rounders and the rock climbing wall. I thought that the high ropes were a challenge for me because I didn’t want to do this activity at first but I kept on going anyway. Then when I got down I was proud of myself.  

Jaycee Peters

During our camp one of the challenges I faced was climbing up the pegs to get to the high ropes. I found this activity challenging because the ropes were up high and the pegs were a bit difficult to climb. My other greatest challenge was doing the “Leap of Faith.” While I was climbing the ladder to get to the platform” I wanted to get down but Paul said, ‘come on just one more step’ and Zane was filming me to show my mum. Zane said to me, ‘keep going Charlie I just started filming for your mum!’ So I just kept going and I jumped. I thought the laser skirmish was so cool. When we went on the flying fox it was awesome and it is much higher than it actually looks! Orienteering was a lot of fun especially when I was using the walkie talkies.  

Charlie Habermann

I enjoyed going to ERRAPPA with my class. My favourite activities were rock climbing, laser skirmish, flying fox and the high ropes. The challenges I faced were trying to climb across the high ropes and also trying to climb up the pegs on the poles to get to the high ropes. When I got down from the high ropes I felt proud of myself. I thought that the “Leap of Faith” was the most challenging activity I faced because I thought I wasn’t going to make it to the bar.  

Balyn O’Brien

The activities I enjoyed during our camp were the flying fox, climbing wall, “Leap of Faith”, log jumping, playing with the frisbee, basketball, cricket, laser skirmish, pole grab and zoom. The challenges I faced were the high ropes because I am afraid of heights but I had a go anyway. I didn’t get very far though. Another challenge I faced was when I went on the “Leap of Faith” because that was much higher. I wanted to hop down halfway through but I told myself to keep going! I made it to the top and congratulated myself and had a go at grabbing the bar! I didn’t make it though. Another challenge for me was when I was climbing the rock wall and there was no rock to grab onto and I got stuck. I thoroughly enjoyed ERRAPPA.  

Billie Scholz

ERRAPPA was an amazing camp. There were lots of fun activities. Some of my favourite activities were the flying fox and the awesome games of laser skirmish. I thought the huge climbing wall was extremely challenging. The high ropes were scary especially when I got to the top and looked down but I kept going.  

Corey Smart

ERRAPPA was a beautiful, fun place. The high ropes, “Leap of Faith”, climbing wall and flying fox were the activities that I enjoyed. I thought the high ropes were quite challenging. When I was halfway up the ladder I thought to myself that I might not ever make it. I faced my fears and I went all the way to the top. When I got down I was so proud of myself.  

Imogen Barns

During the camp I faced a lot of challenges. The “Leap of Faith” was scary but I was only four steps away from the platform. I did want to climb higher but it was really high up off the ground. When I went on the high ropes I was past climbing the pole but when I reached the top I noticed it was very high but I kept on going. I had a little way to climb but I decided to go back down.  

Holly Garnaut

I enjoyed going to ERRAPPA with my class and with the adults because all of the activities were challenging and awesome. The activities I enjoyed were, laser skirmish, orienteering, “Leap of Faith,” flying fox, high ropes and visiting the mine. The biggest challenge I faced was walking along the wire on the high ropes. I was able to overcome this challenge by listening to all of my friends encouraging me. I managed to complete all three of the high rope activities and I was proud of myself when I climbed down.  

Myher Beard
Further information
Department for Education and Child Development

Parent Bushfire Information Hotline
1800 000 279

The Parent Bushfire Information Hotline operates during business hours, with an out-of-hours messaging service at other times.

The hotline is the best source of current and up-to-date information on bushfire emergencies.

Bushfire and Emergency Management website
www.crisis.sa.edu.au

Country Fire Service
Bushfire Information Hotline
1300 362 361
Website www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Alert SA
www.alert.sa.gov.au

Wudinna Area School has a 'low risk' bushfire rating.
This means on days of forecast catastrophic fire danger rating, our site will remain open.

School buses and taxies will not operate within the Fire Ban District.

Our phone number is 0885802263
If this number is engaged during an emergency, contact the DECD Parent Bushfire Information Hotline on 1800 000 279

Fire Danger Season 2016-17
Information for Families
WUDINNA AREA SCHOOL is located in a low-risk bushfire area.

While we have a have an emergency and bushfire response plan for our site it is important that we are all prepared for a bushfire emergency.

Parent and family checklist
We all need to be ready for the fire danger season and to keep your children as safe as possible please ensure you:

- read all of the bushfire information provided to you
- talk with your children about what will happen if a bushfire occurs when they are at school or preschool
- update your emergency contact details with us before the start of the fire danger season
- make a personal Bushfire Survival Plan for your family and let us know if this will affect your child’s attendance
- download the AlertSA app if you use a smart phone.

‘Catastrophic’ fire danger days
‘Catastrophic’ fire danger days occur when conditions are the worst for a bush or grass fire. If a fire starts and takes hold on a ‘catastrophic’ day it will be extremely difficult to control.

Find out about site closures
DECD is working towards school closures appearing on the Alerts SA website and mobile app. By downloading the Alert SA app to your mobile device you will be able to obtain real-time information and warnings.

If a bushfire approaches us
The safety of children in our care is our highest priority if a bushfire approaches our site. We have a designated bushfire refuge, which is the safest place for staff and students to be in this situation.

Evacuation is our last option unless advised otherwise by emergency services.
When we move to our bushfire refuge we:

- move everybody inside, close windows, doors, and turn off the air conditioning
- fill available containers with water
- turn on all sprinklers and irrigation systems if it is safe and time permits
- remain inside with the children until the main firefront passes
- listen to local radio or monitor the CFS or AlertSA website for bushfire updates and information
- liaise with DECD Security, Bushfire and Emergency Management team and the CFS to stay informed about changing conditions.