FROM THE PRINCIPAL
G’day Everyone

Remembrance Day
Our SRC participated in the Remembrance Day ceremony here at Wudinna. It is crucial that we pay our respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and we are able to thank those who have served. See photo later this newsletter.

Results Plus
Last week I attended our region’s Portfolio Meeting. We were working with the Results Plus team whose focus is to improve our literacy and numeracy results. The two days were thought provoking and helps us to keep up to date with the latest developments in curriculum delivery. These days also highlight the need for students to be able to combine different knowledge/curriculum areas to solve problems and issues.

Transition
It was my pleasure to welcome the parents of our 2017 Reception students to our school this week and conduct a tour of our school as transition starts for these students. We have a large number of new students coming in to the school in 2017 which will be an exciting time.

Year 8 Camp
Next week our Year 8s will be going to Coffin Bay for their Aquatics Camp where they have the opportunity to get their boat licenses. I hope the weather is nice and they have a great time.

Bushfire Season 2016-17
Attached to our last Newsletter was this season’s Fire Danger Parent Information Brochure. A reminder that our school is in a Low Risk Bushfire Rating area, therefore, on days forecast as Catastrophic, buses will not run but the school remains open. Parents of bus students will be contacted in these instances.

Playground
Please come into the library and have a look at the playground display and provide us with some feedback.

Parent Surveys
Please complete your Parent Surveys either online or by returning the hard copy to the school as soon as possible. We value your feedback.

Pageant
We have staff, students, parents and friends working on a float. If you are able to help, please talk to Simon Bowley or Nat Phillips.

Year 12s
Congratulations to the Year 12s for a successful year which we celebrated with a nice dinner. I wish all our Year 12s the best for a very exciting future.

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 that 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.

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
We wish the following students all the best for their carnivals in Adelaide next week:
Cricket: Saxon O’Brien, Phoenix Foster
Tennis: Brad Lynn, Madison Barns, Elijah Oswald, Montana Foster (reserve)
We hope these students really enjoy their experience.

Primary Social
The Primary Social will be held on Friday 25 November in Room 16 at 6.30–9.00pm. The theme is “Black and White”. All students must be collected by an adult after the social. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to collect the younger students a little earlier if they wish.

CFS Day
Congratulations to the Primary SRC on organising the CFS to come and talk to Primary students last Friday. This was a very timely event at the beginning of summer. Thank you to Paul Hutt and Craig Jericho for making the time to come to our school.

Staff Professional Development
Tania Sweeney visited our school this week for three days. Tania is our partnership’s Primary Australian Curriculum Coordinator. She has been doing shared planning with the teachers and co-teaching lessons on “Inquiry Maths”. Staff find Tania’s visits extremely valuable.

Kindy-School Transition
The Kindergarten students are beginning their transition to school this week. Thank you to Jill Petty and Beck Sampson for working together to plan this transition.
Parents met with Ned Loades and Jill Petty on Tuesday as an introduction to their child’s next phase in their lives.

Reports
Semester 2 reports will be distributed on the last day of the school year.
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 Celebration
Students, parents and staff gathered 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. It was great to see them all dressed up (and the parents looked pretty good too!); they were farewelled with best wishes and reminiscences by staff and parents. A huge thank you goes to Melissa Thomson for compiling a fantastic video that depicted the girls throughout their schooling at Wudinna Area School.

2016 Yearbook
The 2016 Yearbook was sent for printing yesterday and will be distributed to those who have prepaid in the last week of this term (trusting that it returns from Adelaide by then!). As in previous years, a limited number of copies have been ordered and will be available on a first pay first assigned basis. Should you wish to have a copy and have not paid at the beginning of the year, please do so at the Front Office as soon as possible. The cost of the publication is once again $20.00 per copy.

Presentation Night
Secondary Awards covering a wide range of activities undertaken during the year will be presented at the Presentation Night on Friday 9 December at Apex Park. Student seating will be provided and they will move up to the stage to collect their awards. Similar to last year, they will remain on stage until all awards in that section have been presented and then return to their seats for the next group of awards. Students will be required to be dressed in school dress code throughout the night, including appropriate footwear.
Glenys McGuire
Assistant Principal – Secondary

FROM THE PASTORAL CARE WORKER
Setting your compass for life’s journey. True North – for the ancient mariner, the value of a guiding star was beyond measure. Its position and height could be calculated, but its true worth in leading the way home was priceless for those far out at sea. For most of us, a distant star has no meaning for our life’s journey, but, just like the ancient explorer, we do need to set ourselves guidelines if we are to safely navigate through life and reach our true potential. True Directions –it’s impossible to move our lives forward unless we know which way ‘forward’ is. Of course events will have an impact on the path we take, but it is not just the wind that determines the direction a boat travels; it also depends on how we set the sails and how we manage each wave. True Friendships - It’s very easy to get caught up
with the crowd and allow its momentum to drag us in whatever direction it’s going. Friendships are important, so we need to surround ourselves with people who will support, inspire and encourage us to be the best we can be. True friends can be like navigation beacons that light the way ahead and help keep us away from danger. Written by Motivational Media Assemblies Aust. Ltd. Cheers! Carol

SCHOOL MAGAZINES FOR SALE @ THE LIBRARY
The old magazines we have for sale are now $5.00 each. The date range is 1972 to 2014. The 2015 magazines are still available for $20. Please share this information with families who no longer receive the newsletter

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Vacswim At Wudinna December 2016
Keep those enrolments coming. You have until Sunday 11 December to enrol online. I will have some forms available. Thank you to those who have text or emailed me names of those enrolled. Even if you tell me in the street, can you please text as well - I don’t want to miss anyone. I have been on the enrolment site and noticed there is an equipment price of $1.50. I am hoping this money will come back to Wudinna – I will be definitely finding out. I also notice a 3% Financial Institutional Fee and will definitely be complaining about that. The cost of enrolment for Level 1 to Bronze Star is $30, (BS also has $35 for the award) Bronze Medallion and Cross is $50 Enrolment Fee (they have double the lesson time) and $50 for the award. If you child did Level 7 last year and only 12 they will be doing Accompanied Rescue. This is not on the list, so just say Level 7 so you only get charged the enrolment fee. If you are not sure of what level your child is, just put the closest one and I will sort them out when I sort groups. For the 3 & 4 year olds, please text me their names and birthdates, they don’t enrol online.

We had record numbers last year and the program couldn’t have run as smoothly without our volunteer helpers, so once again, I will be hoping we have some willing helpers. I will be sending a letter out to those who are in the Bronze Awards with some info on Award expectations. There are potentially large groups of Stars, Medallions and Cross. With record numbers of other level enrolments last year pool space was limited so other times were used for the Bronzes so they could have the pool to themselves. Looking forward to seeing you all during the Vacswim week. Stay tuned for more information.

Susie Boylan
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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
The Year 8 Design Brief was to make an apron using recycled, repurposed or remnant fabric. To learn and practise some of the skills required, we made a class apron.

Year 8’s started the cooking programme by viewing That Sugar Film. It was then up to the students how they applied their learning when preparing foods throughout cooking practicals.

Lots of tests were carried out to determine which fabrics were best — synthetic or natural.
Designer in the making - Anika Walladge created a reversible apron. How cool does it look!

Black and White

Primary SRC Social

Friday 25th November

6:30 - 9:00PM

Gold coin donation

Bring your own labelled water bottles

Food and drinks available to purchase

Dress in black and white or come casual if you like

Raising money to improve toilet facilities

Younger students can be picked up earlier

Side by Side Black and White
Well done to all the Primary students who donated for this great cause. Thank you to Paul Hutt and Craig Jericho for coming in, talking to us and cooling us down!

What a great day for a visit form the CFS!