WUDINNA AREA SCHOOL

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OUR SCHOOL VALUES:

DATES TO REMEMBER:

800m Run
Wednesday 21 March – 9.00am

Governing Council Meeting
Wednesday 21 March – 7.00pm

Track and Field
Monday 26 March

Interschool Athletics - Cowell
Tuesday 10 April

School Photos
Wednesday 22 August

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

G'day Everyone

Track & Field

We have a great day planned. There has been a lot of practice for the different events and we are looking forward to some records hopefully being broken. We will have the colour run again this year due to the success that it was last year.

Facilities

Neil and the secondary students have created a great space for students to use at Recess and Lunch. They have made tables (board games) and seats for students to use. They are located in the garden next to the old canteen (QuickSmart Numeracy room). The end result is an excellent space for students to enjoy different games and have been an overwhelming success.

Reading

The need for students to read aloud to an adult every day is often undervalued. By reading aloud it helps students to make the meaning of texts (ie understand what they are reading not just individual words) and ensure that they are helped to sound out words they don't know. This allows students to build confidence and develop skills to work out new words. Reading words need to be practiced and practiced over and over again in different contexts to build word banks and develop automaticity with words. This practice needs to be done in different books to keep students engaged and participating by enjoying what they are doing. Older students also benefit from reading aloud and it helps to extend a student's vocabulary by reading regularly. Reading aloud to an adult helps to develop good literacy skills which are an essential life skill. We ask that you listen to your child/ren read and come into the school and listen to students read if you have the time. We want all students to have great literacy skills and we need your help.

High Impact Teaching Strategies

On Tuesday we attended a training and development at Streaky Bay Area School. The program was run by Wayne Craig who is a past Victorian Principal, Education Director and Education Consultant who co-authored *Powerful Learning*. The day focussed on High Impact Teaching Strategies:
HITS links to theories in action, where they come from and why they matter;
Inquiry - What are the best Inquiry processes we can use in our classes and what skills and structures do we need to teach our students
Collaborative Learning - How do we teach students to effectively learn from one another in a safe and productive manner, a skill that also underpins effective Inquiry learning
Questioning - Teacher questioning plays a significant part in extending and stretching our students, what kinds of questions should teachers be using and how do we develop them?
The day was very successful with lots of information about inquiry based teaching and learning, the need for teachers to work in teams around the planning of work across cohorts in Professional learning communities, feedback, learning intentions, observations, questioning, and much more. This T&D will help shape the future directions for our school Site Improvement Plan. The training provided all staff with the bigger ideas around the theories but also hands on strategies for the classrooms.

Governing Council

Our next meeting will be on the 21 March at 7.00pm in the Conference Room.

Please come into the school and check out what is happening. There is always great learning to check out across the school!! See you at the Track & Field Carnival.

Yours truly
Ned Loades
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – PRIMARY

SAPSASA Softball

Congratulations to the following students on their selection for SAPSASA Softball; Ricca Moyse, Ruby Oswald, Rani Tomney, Willow May, Myher Beard and Megan Baldock. The girls will compete in the Softball Carnival in Adelaide which will be held in the last week of term from 9-13 April.

Intervention Programs

Primary teachers have spent a considerable amount of time testing students and gathering data to inform their teaching practice, assist in their planning and identify students needing intervention or extra assistance with their learning. Our school offers the following literacy and numeracy intervention programs: Multilit, QuickSmart Literacy, TooSmart Literacy and QuickSmart Numeracy. Data collected from last years standardised tests shows improved results from students who have participated in these programs. This intervention wouldn't be successful without the input from our hardworking and dedicated SSO's, Ellie, Emma, Coby, Triff, Nola, Cassie and teacher tutor Steph.

STEAM in the Primary classes

This term Primary teachers have been busy planning and implementing STEAM related projects in their classrooms. STEAM refers to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. During Weeks 9–11, teachers will present their STEAM units to the rest of the Primary staff during cohort meetings. Next term staff will be involved in shared planning sessions with teachers working together to plan and teach a STEAM unit to combined classes.

Earlier in the term, the Year 6/7 class worked with Miss Vickery's class on a STEAM activity. Their task was to make a chair that would hold an R/1 student using newspaper and tape. We have included some photos of the students all working collaboratively, using the skills of problem solving, critical and creative thinking, to make their chair.

Karen Lymn
Assistant Principal – Primary

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – SECONDARY

Secondary SRC

At last week's meeting, Craig Midgley from the Wudinna District Council attended our first formal meeting to update students on some of the initiatives that are planned for young people to be involved in within our community. It was great to see the connections being made between local government and student governance to ensure that the voices of youth are included in community decision making. The group also discussed combining Harmony Day and Bullying No Way Day to highlight the importance of tolerance and understanding of difference within our school community; this will be celebrated with a lunch time BBQ for students sponsored by the Secondary SRC on Wednesday 21 March. Our next meeting will be held at lunch time on Monday 19 March.

NAPLAN – Year 9 students

Please note that the NAPLAN dates for 2018 are as follows: Tuesday 15 May (Writing and Language conventions); Wednesday 16 May (Reading) and Thursday 17 May (Numeracy – Calculator Allowed and Non-calculator tests). It is important for all students to attend school on these days and undertake the tests so that a snapshot of their literacy and numeracy abilities can be gained and learning opportunities devised to assist them to improve in areas where they are experiencing difficulty.

Friday 18 May is available for students to catch up missed tests if their absence was unavoidable.

Teenage Fashion & Arts Festival

The following advertisement was emailed to me last week to promote the Teenage Fashion & Arts Festival. If any students are interested in entering, go to the website included on the poster for further information and instructions.

TAFESA SRC Funded Coffee Making Course

I received an email from Eleanor Scholz at TAFESA advertising the opportunity for students to gain accreditation for coffee making during the school holidays (Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 April 9.00am to 5.00pm each day) in Wudinna at a heavily subsidised rate – $20. This is an excellent opportunity for students 16 years and over who are Australian Citizens to gain this qualification – great for students who wish to get some part-time or casual employment when they pursue further education in a regional centre or local employment. If you are interested in undertaking this training, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can get the enrolment procedures underway. I look forward to hearing from some eager coffee makers.

Wudinna Area School Track & Field Carnival

We look forward to a great day of participation and competition on Track & Field Carnival on Monday 26 March. It provides the House Captains with excellent opportunities to showcase their leadership skills and for all students to participate and have a go at all the different athletic events. It will be great to see students cheering for their house and other participants in a show of good sportsmanship.

Glenys McGuire
Assistant Principal – Secondary

FROM THE PASTORAL CARE WORKER

As parents we always want our children to "tell the truth." Here are some practical reasons for telling the truth at home, at school, at work and at play! It's good to tell the truth because if you do...1. It's easier to remember what you said. 2. You show respect to the other person. 3. You may save yourself some embarrassment. 4. You may avoid getting into further trouble. 5. Others will trust you more. Hey! Good advice from the "Buz Helps Cards" I mentioned in last fortnights newsletter. Cheers! *From Carol*

THANKYOU

A big thankyou to Sonia Simpson for designing and building the new furniture and fittings for the Reception/Year 1 classroom. The students enjoy working and playing on their new tables. Also thanks to Carmen Petty for assisting her to move the old and new furniture and tidy up the resources. Your generosity is very much appreciated.
Jill and the Rec/Year 1 class

PHOTOGRAPH REMINDER

With Track & Field coming up, a reminder that when you are taking photographs, films or digital images of your child's participation in school events, please be mindful that these are for personal use only. Images taken of other students should not be placed on social media such as *Facebook* or *You Tube*. We appreciate your respect and co-operation in this matter.

SCHOOL CARD APPLICATION

Did you know that you can apply for School Card online by using the link below?
https://forms.sa.gov.au/#/form/5834d2f7088f952660c135df/app/5a67e4ba4d4331278c6e2be5
Paper copies are also available at the Front Office if you would prefer to fill out one of those.

REMINDER

Please ensure that you sign your child/ren in and out when they are leaving the school for an appointment or otherwise.

Embark on one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences of your life

student placement
AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

- ✓ Experience a new culture
- ✓ Learn a language at home
- ✓ Rediscover and share the beauty of South Australia

French students arrive in early June and stay for 12 weeks.

All students have a wide range of interests and hobbies.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, please contact Jenny Hanson today: 08 8323 0973 / 0409 890 184

info@studentplacement.com.au

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RELIEF BUS DRIVERS WANTED

We are desperately seeking relief bus drivers. If you think this may be of interest to you, please contact Stacey at the school on 8680 2263 for more information.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Government of South Australia
Department of Education and Children's Services

An expression of interest is invited from all eligible persons for the position of

WUDINNA AREA SCHOOL RELIEF BUS DRIVER

Commencement date: As soon as possible

Drivers must have:

- Driver Accreditation, which includes:
  - Relevant History Screening by DCSI (Note: National Police Check not accepted)
  - Medical
  - Governing Council Approval
- LR Licence & Above for Small buses
- MR Licence & Above for Large Buses

Please contact Stacey at the school on 8680 2263 for any further enquiries.

WAS SPORTS DAY

CANTEEN PRICE LIST

Steak Sandwich	$6.00
Sausage in Bread	$2.00
Hot Dog in Roll	$4.00
in Bread	$3.00
Toasted sandwich *(Ham & Cheese)*	$4.00
Cans	$2.00
Water	$2.00
Fruitboxes	$1.50
Zooper Doopers	50c
Chips & Chocolates	$2.00
Cakes & Biscuits	50c-$1.00
Tea & Coffee	$1.00
Cappuccino	$2.00

*** There will be NO PREORDER LUNCHES ***

Just come and buy what you want from the Canteen *on the day*!

STEAM Activity Year 6/7 and R/1 Vickery

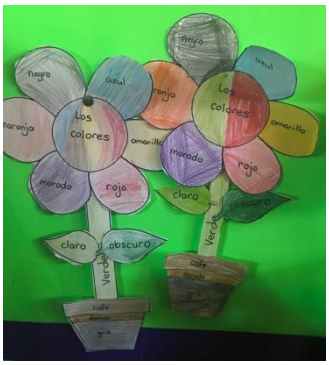
Make a chair for a Reception/Year 1 student using only newspaper and masking tape.

Around the world 425 million people speak Spanish as their first language. Spanish is recognised as the first language in over 20 countries.

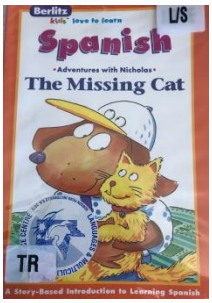
But why should we learn Spanish here at Wudinna?

Besides being an excellent opportunity to broaden our awareness of other cultures, learning a second language has proven benefits for our own language acquisition (English).

Students who learn a second language have a better understanding of language in general, have improved cognitive function, retain information more readily, and are more willing to have a go. Also, most importantly, learning Spanish is great fun too!!!!



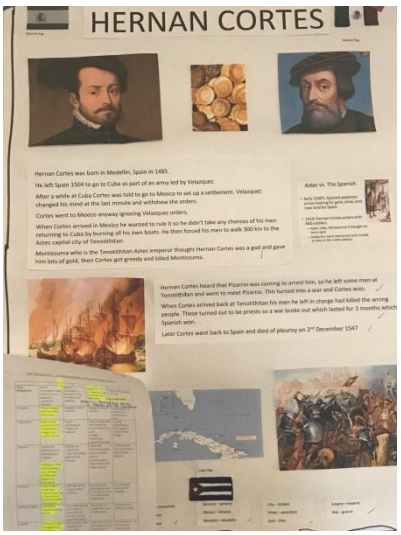
Emily & Karly's and Myf's Year 2 and Year 2/3 classes love learning about Princesa, the missing cat. Princesa is teaching students about Spanish colours, numbers, days of the week, seasons and simple verbs.



The students from Year 8 have critically analysed images of 'los conquistadors' for bias and have completed a major assignment looking at the spread of the Spanish empire across the new world and its repercussions.

Students answered questions such as:

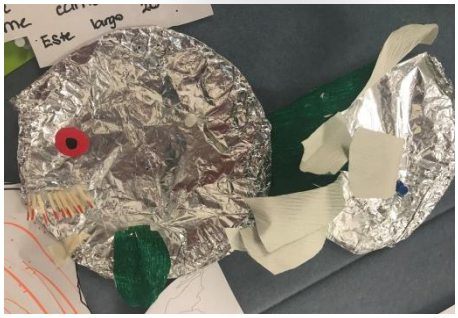
Who has the power here? What do you notice? Whose perspective is reflected in this image?



Miss Wilson's Year 6/7 and Mrs Sampson's Year 5/6 classes have examined the expedition of Hernan Cortes and the contributions he made in Central and South America (good and bad).

Miss Appleby's Year 4 students are learning all about South America.

Students complete a country study and then worked in pairs to research an animal. They presented facts about the animal in Spanish!



Some common words you might like to share at home!

Mrs Lymn has been taking the Reception/Year 1 class for Spanish. They have been having a great time learning the colours, numbers and greetings through songs and rhymes.