



WUDINNA AREA SCHOOL

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OUR SCHOOL VALUES:



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Student Free Day
Friday 25 May

SAPSASA Football/Netball
Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June

School Closure
Friday 8 June

Student Free Day
Tuesday 12 June

Year 10 Careers Trip/ Year 12 Trip
Monday 2 – Friday 6 June

School Photos
Wednesday 22 August

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

G'day Everyone

NAPLAN

All students at Wudinna Area School worked hard on the NAPLAN testing and should be congratulated for working hard and doing their best with the tests.

Facilities

I have been talking to facilities about improving the student toilets and we are hopeful that we may get an upgrade. We have also installed soap dispensers in the toilets; I would like to thank Wenora Dolphin for organizing these dispensers.

Student Free Days/School Closure

- **25 May 2018** (Site Improvement Plan)
- **8 June 2018** (Mortlock Shield/Country Carnival-School Closure)
- **12 June 2018** (Brad Howard STEM)
- Moderation at Port Lincoln (date to be announced)

Student Free Days are crucial for country staff who don't have the opportunity to access the training and development that is offered to metropolitan staff. Therefore, to have the best possible training and development, we use these days to work together and ensure that we are up to date with the cutting edge of our profession.

Instructional Rounds

Katrina Spencer came and conducted instructional rounds across the school. The teaching staff will work through the feedback to further develop their teaching practice.

Star Gazing

The council has kindly registered us for the Stargazing event that is being held across Australia on 23 May on the Town Oval from 7.00pm. This is an attempt to break the world record for the most people simultaneously stargazing across multiple sites. If you are interested please ensure that you have registered with the council. With your registration you are eligible to purchase a telescope for \$6.50 on the night. There will also be free community BBQ organized by Wudinna United Netball Club from 6.00pm. What a great opportunity and I look forward to seeing as many people as possible there on the night.

Public Education Awards

Nominate, celebrate and recognise an outstanding educator in the 2018 Public Education Awards. Get involved and say thank you to a principal, teacher or support staff member making a significant difference to the lives of their students and their communities. The Public Education Awards recognise excellence in South Australian public education, and nominations are open 1 to 31 May. Visit www.education.sa.gov.au/awards to nominate and find out more about the awards.



Volunteers

Reading is the cornerstone of a great education. We need volunteers to be listening to students read in all classrooms across our school. Reading aloud to an adult helps students improve their reading and comprehension skills which is crucial for our ever changing world.

Governing Council

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 19 June at 7.00pm in the Conference Room.

Let's hope we get some more rain.

Yours truly

Ned Loades

Principal

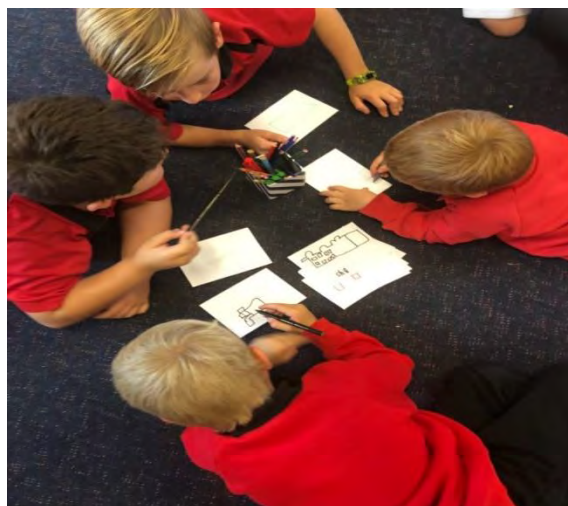


FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – PRIMARY SAPSASA Athletics

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for SAPSASA Netball: Brianna Rigden, Ruby Oswald, Rani Tomney, Willow May and Regan O'Brien, reserves; Ricca Moyse and Sophie O'Brien. Jake Mullan, Reef Tomney, Jackson Petty, Ezra Foster and Balyn O'Brien were selected for SAPSASA Football. The SAPSASA State Carnival will be held in Adelaide from Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June.

STEAM focus

This term the Primary classes have been working in combined groups on inquiry-based units of work with a focus on STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. The activities are student centred with an active learning approach, encouraging critical and creative thinking, problem solving and teamwork. The lower primary group work together in Room 16 on Monday afternoons and the Middle/Upper Primary classes on Friday mornings.



STEAM Bus

On Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 May the STEAM bus will be visiting our school to provide technology workshops to students in R-10. The STEAM bus is travelling through South Australia this term and their mission is to “show students a wide range of new gizmos and gadgets!” Staff will also participate in a Training and Development session Tuesday after school.

Karen Lymn

Assistant Principal – Primary

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – SECONDARY NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy Tests for Year 9 students were completed this week – Tuesday to Thursday. It is to be remembered that these tests are a snapshot of student achievement at a point in time and that they provide useful information related to the aspects of literacy and numeracy that students need to work on for improvement in the future. Results are generally not available until Term 3 and are distributed as they become available. During Term 3 students in Years 8-10 will also complete further literacy and numeracy testing by completing the PAT online tests that are now a compulsory component of the testing regime of the Department for Education.

Stage 2 Update

The Year 12 students are in the final push to complete their Research Projects. This will be the first year that all student work (both school assessed & externally moderated, and externally assessed components) will be submitted electronically to the SACE Board. Whilst this means that large white bags will not be sent by courier for moderation and marking, it will mean that students will need to be very careful in naming their electronic files so that they can be uploaded onto the website and then, subsequent assessment. In 2018 both Research Project and English work will be electronically submitted – many more subjects will follow in subsequent years until all subjects follow this regime. For your information and inclusion on your calendars, the dates for External Examinations for 2018 are:

Thursday 8 November: General Mathematics (2 hours)

Thursday 15 November: Physical Education (2 hours)

SRC Induction

On Thursday 3 May, both the Primary and Secondary Student Representative Councils were inducted in a ceremony in the Gymnasium. We were fortunate to have a

very eloquent Guest Speaker in Naomi Scholz who gave a very interesting and thought-provoking address to students, parents, community members and staff. The Presidents of both groups spoke well and provided information related to their role and the plans that they have for 2018. We wish them well in their work with all members of the school community.



*Glenys McGuire
Assistant Principal – Secondary*

FROM THE PASTORAL CARE WORKER

As we now fully enter into the “digital age,” I meet many parents who are extremely concerned about how to “keep their children safe in the digital space.” May I recommend Susan McLean’s Book titled – “Sexts, Texts & Selfies.” Her Website is – cybersafetytysolutions.com.au. This book will help you understand and connect with your child’s online world, and guide them safely through it. Susan has worked in the police force for 27 years and is widely regarded as Australia’s first cyber cop and safety expert. Her book is filled with case studies about what children get up to online and the latest research, Susan’s advice is firm but fair. With her clear guidelines, parents can allow their children to embrace and enjoy technology, without stress or worry. Please feel free to contact me at the school on 86802263 if you want to discuss any issues with me. Cheers! *From Carol*

COMMUNITY STUDIES

My name is Abbey Briscoe-Dowden and I am in Year 11 and undertaking Stage 1 Community Studies. For my Community Studies assignment I have chosen to hold a raffle to raise money which will all go towards the Cancer Council.

I will be selling raffle ticket in person and they will also be available for purchase at the Golden Wattle Roadhouse.

Donation boxes will be located at the Golden Wattle Roadhouse.

Thanks

in it to win it
RAFFLE

FIRST PRIZE!

42 Can Cooler
 \$40 Wudinna Bakery Tray Sized Pizza Voucher
 John Deere Toy set
 John Deere Hat
 Photo frame
 Organic Tea Tonic
 Scentry Car Bar and Scentry Circle
 Vism Hair Colour Chalk
 Fuse Bluetooth Headphones
 Fusion Bobby Pins
 Natur Hair Strengtheners
 Assorted Nak Men's Hair Products (including Shampoo, "Silk Pomade" and "No Shave" styling products)

THIRD PRIZE!

Holden Flat Cap Hat
 Vism Hair Colour Chalk
 John Deere Hat
 MOR Scented Candle
 Nak "Outakontrol" Men's Hair-Styling Product

**TICKETS \$2 EACH OR
3 FOR \$5**

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT
THE GOLDEN WATTLE ROADHOUSE

SECOND PRIZE!

Paradise Combo Picnic Basket
 Vism Hair Colour Chalk
 John Deere All Purpose Cleaner, Glass Cleaner and Shop Towels
 Hiders umbrella
 Tea Tonic Peppermint Tea
 Tresemmé Lacquer super hold hair spray
 Assorted Nak Men's Hair Products (including "Done 'n' Dirty" and "Tough 'n' Up" styling products)

Fundraiser is a part of Abbey Briscoe-Dowden's Year 11 Community Studies with all proceeds to be donated to the Cancer Council SA

Thank you to the following local businesses for their generous donations:

Abbey Briscoe-Dowden

SAPSASA SOFTBALL

In Week 11 Ricca Moyse, Willow May, Myher Beard, Rani Tomney, Megan Baldock and Ruby Oswald participated in SAPSASA Softball. It was loads of fun. We won 3 of our games. Our team managed to tie in 8th place securing our spot in section 2 for next year. We also went to Latitude, and it was amazing, and went to the Watermark for tea.



MESSAGES

If you need to notify the school of changes to your child/ren's travel arrangements on getting home or any messages that need to be passed on, could you please do so prior to 2.30 p.m. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY DEPARTURES

Please remember to sign in/out at the Front Office if running late to school, eg after 8.55am or when taking your child/ren out of school early, eg before 3.25pm.



This Aussie National Day is about being thankful.

First to God for the Nation we live in and the blessings and freedoms we enjoy.

The **second** part is thanking each other – thanking those who have made a difference in our lives and the life of the community.

This year, the **Community focus** is on

People who work in Schools across our Nation.

High Schools, Primary Schools, Kindergartens, Pre-School and Day Care Centres.

Principals, Teachers, Teachers Aids, Chaplains, Administration Staff, Volunteers, Cleaners and Maintenance staff, etc.

The congregations of the combined Wudinna churches, wish you to know how highly you are valued.

We salute you and sincerely thank you for your services to this, our current community and, by nurturing our children, serving the community of the future.

There is also Personal Focus – the Unsung Heroes in your life

Are there any **unsung heroes** in **your** life or this community? Who are they? They are always there when you need them. They encourage you when you're down, they laugh with you, or give you a shoulder to cry on. They can be in your home or extended family, they could be down the street or around the corner. Whoever they are, make a point of thanking them this **Thanksgiving Day. – Saturday May 26th 2018**

ABC

STARGAZING LIVE

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS

OFFICIAL ATTEMPT

**JOIN US AS WE ATTEMPT TO SET
A NEW WORLD RECORD**

**WUDINNA OVAL
(Note New Location)**

Wednesday 23 May, 7pm

Registration essential
For further information call
Wudinna District Council - 8680 2002

Presented by ABC in partnership with Australian National University

Free Community BBQ from 6pm

'What's been happening in Year 2'

In Design/Technology we created succulent planters for Mother's Day. We were fortunate to be able to work in the Technology Studies room, where we sanded our wood, assisted Neil with using the drill press to drill out a hole and assisted Sonia with using a drill to attach some screws. We then had to attach the string, select our succulents and plant and water them. It was great fun! A huge THANK YOU to **Sonia North** for supplying the materials, for her time and efforts, and also to **Neil Seaman** for his skills and expertise!

We have also been doing some mini STEAM lessons on Dinosaurs, Timeline of our lives, Straw Building and Egg Drop tasks!

We are excited to begin an R-3 STEAM project on Movement!

Sanding Using the Drill Press



Using the Drill



Planting



Our final products!



Year 2 Integrated learning about Penguins

Throughout Term 1 The Year 2's displayed an interest in learning about Penguins.

In English the students completed a book study on the book "Lost and Found" by Oliver Jeffers, which was about a boy who found a lost penguin. They also completed a comparative study between the book and the movie and learnt to create a story sequence. The students worked in small groups to read non-fiction texts about penguins and oil spills and reported back to class using Digital Technology to assist with their learning and understanding. Towards the end of Term 1 the students completed a task where they learnt about the structure of a Procedure and made penguin feet biscuits using a variety of measurement strategies.

In Maths the students explored the different sizes of penguins and compared their own size to the Emperor Penguin, collecting data from the class and constructing graphs. They also compared the length of their own body parts to penguins.

In Art the students learnt to create coastal backgrounds from tearing paper and learnt about the effects of mixing oil with water. The students also learnt to draw cartoons of different things that you would see along a coast/ or on the beach. In Technology the students began designing their own penguin jackets for penguins that have been rescued from an oil spill.

