



WUDINNA AREA SCHOOL

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OUR SCHOOL VALUES:



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Student Free Day

Friday 26 July

Yr 8-Open Girls Netball

Tuesday 30 July

Semester 1 Awards Assembly

*Thursday 1 August
2.45pm in Room 16*

Wudinna Formal

Friday 16 August

Governing Council

*Tuesday 20 August-7.00pm in
Conference Room*

School Photos

Wednesday 21 August

SALA Exhibition

*Friday 30 August
Wudinna Hall*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

G'day everyone

I hope everyone had a fun and restful break. We have a great term ahead with lots of interesting activities planned.

Term Three

We have a jam packed term three planned with lots of camps, excursions and activities, and these all involve great learning opportunities. Please come into the school and find out what is happening.

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate Montana Foster on winning the Premiers ANZAC Spirit Prize for 2019. We were very lucky to have an awards ceremony here in Wudinna on Thursday 25 July.

Montana wrote about the service of Private Clement Kwaterski during World War Two, especially his service in Papua New Guinea. Montana has worked very hard and this is a very well deserved Prize.

Montana will now take part in the State Government's fully funded study tour to Vietnam during the October school holidays in 2019. The costs of travel, accommodation and meals are covered during the fourteen day escorted tour of Vietnam.

The students will be accompanied on the tour by a representative of the SA Branch of the Returned & Services League (RSL) of Australia, a representative of the Department for Education and appointed teachers.

Pupil Free Day (Literacy Improvement)

Friday 26 July is a pupil free day to allow teaching staff to attend work on updating our Literacy Plan to ensure that it reflects the hard work that staff and students have been undertaking across the school. The opportunity for staff to collaborate and develop our policies ensures that we are improving the delivery of curriculum across the school. The fact that Term Three is so jam packed with activities has meant we needed to have this student free day in the first week of term.

Led Steer/Wether

I would like to thank the community members and students who have been helping the school to get our wethers and steers ready for the show. Secondary students will be going to Jamestown on Thursday of this week to undertake a workshop on Friday for the Led wether/steers. I would also like to thank the Ag Steering Committee and students for their work in the Ag block. The transformation has started and we are keen to gain support to continue the development of the Ag block. Our vision includes more covered and enclosed areas for storage of equipment, new sheep yards, shearing stand, loading ramp, all of these need to be at industry standards and best practice. If you can help or want to get involved please come into the school.

Governing Council

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20 August 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

Merit Card Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received merit cards at our last term's assembly...

R/1 Karly: Ada Tree, Carter Allen, Jazmeika Smith, Hannah Clark, Jasper Cummings, Blaze Ingomar

R/1 Jill: Carmel Oswald, Noah Ellerington, Brodie Klante, Ella North, Charlie North

Year 2 Miss Eason: Lilah Ellerington, Skyla Andrew, Cooper Petty, Ryder O'Brien

Year 3 Myf: Angus Merrill, Sadie Sampson, Tyler Pobke, Gypsy Zwar, Jyah Elliott

Year 3/4 Miss Appleby: Shania Calgaret, Noah Lowe, Ava Klante, Hendrix Cook

Year 5 Miss Wilson: Bodhi Scholz, Arianna Andrew, Jed Bigg, Zara Kammermann, Megan Allen

6/7 Mrs Sampson: Billie Scholz, Lacey Merrill, Balyn O'Brien, Sari Foster, Emily Butcher, Ella Scholz, Holly Garnaut, Noah Oswald

Special Assembly

There will be a Special Assembly in Rm 16 on Thursday 1 August at 2.45pm for the Semester One awards. All parents and community members are most welcome to attend. Students in Reception to Year 4 will receive Special Merit Cards in the areas of progress, effort and engagement, persistence and resilience, academic growth and achievement. This year students from Years 5 to 7 will also receive awards acknowledging effort and engagement as well as high and outstanding achievement.

SAPSASA Basketball

Congratulations to the two Wudinna teams for winning the Grand Final in the Basketball Knockout Competition last term. These teams will now go to Whyalla to compete in the Regional Championships next Friday 2 August. A very big thank you to Bron O'Brien and Nigel Oswald for coaching the students during the Knockout Competition and in the Whyalla Carnival. We wish them all the best of luck and hope they enjoy their day.

Donation from Bank SA

We have received news that Bank SA will donate \$500 towards the purchase of technology resources for the Primary classes. Thank you to Denise Field and the staff at Bank SA for organizing this and to Myf for writing the initial letter of request.

Karen Lymn

Assistant Principal – Primary

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – SECONDARY

Welcome back to Term 3

It is hoped that everyone had an enjoyable July holiday break and are eager to achieve highly in all areas of school life for the remainder of the school year.

Semester 2 commenced for all Secondary students this week, with many Year 8-11 students changing subjects for the semester. The Year 12 students continue with their subjects for the remainder of the year, which is quickly passing. I implore them to make the best use of their time for the remainder of the year (all subject results need to be finalised early in Term 4) so students really need to focus their attention of completing summative assessment work in an organised and timely manner. The time for

procrastination is over – heads down and maximise your learning time in order to achieve the scores that will allow you to move into the next phase of your lives!

Research Project update

Congratulations must go to all of our Year 12 students on successfully completing the Research Project which is a compulsory component of the SACE. They achieved great results; this is testament to their very hard work, research skills and creativity, and the teaching, guidance and feedback provided by their teacher, Melissa Wendland. Well done to you all.

PAT Testing

As a part of the Literacy and Numeracy Improvement Strategy, Department for Education requires all students from Year 3 to 10 to undertake online PAT Reading Comprehension and PAT Maths assessments. This will again occur during September. The results from these tests will provide yet another layer of information about student learning and achievement in the very important areas of literacy and numeracy; this will also be very applicable to all other learning areas so that we can work with students to improve their skills in these areas and improve their overall learning outcomes. The benefit of these online tests is that we have immediate access to student results and can begin the process of analysing areas of student strength and determining areas that need development. During the past years teaching staff have spent considerable time analysing the results from these tests and determining areas where students need additional work and support to improve their Literacy and Numeracy skills and abilities and this process will continue throughout the remainder of 2019.

Year 10 & 12 Trips

A very big thank you goes to Georgia Kontos for accompanying the students and I on their annual visit to Adelaide. The students were well behaved, on time in the morning and for travelling to appointments and were willing to ask questions of the various presenters. Year 10 students have already commenced the process of documenting their experiences on the trip as a requirement for their Personal Learning Plan and Workplace Practices subjects, and this reflective process will continue during lesson time over the next few weeks. A collage of photographs is included later in the newsletter for your perusal.

National Tree Day

After discussions with the council, activities for National Tree Day will centre around the community event being held on Sunday 28 July. It should be a great event and students are encouraged to work with their families when they attend to support this very worthwhile initiative. We have included the information from the Wudinna District Council Facebook page below so that families are aware of the arrangements – or check out the council page.



Wudinna District Council

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Everyone is welcome to come along and help plant some trees to celebrate National Tree Day on Sunday 28 July 2019. Following the tree planting there will be a community walk to check out the new "Polda Pods" which will be launched along the Polda Rock Pathway.

The day will kick off from 10am at the Cnr of Edmonds Street (Lovers Lane) and Naylor Terrace, with the walk starting at 11am from Bartley/Standley Roads followed by a Community BBQ at Wudinna's Apex Park from 12 noon.

So why not come along, display your green thumb, go for a walk to check out the new "Polda Pods" and enjoy a famous Wudinna Sausage afterwards.

High & Outstanding Achievement Awards and Excellent Effort Awards

Students from Year 8-12 will be presented with their High & Outstanding Achievement Awards and Excellent Effort Awards at an assembly to be held on Thursday 1 August at 2.45pm in Room 16. These recognise excellent achievement across all subjects for the first semester.

Glenys McGuire

Assistant Principal – Secondary

FROM THE PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Big welcome back to all staff and students! I hope you did some exciting things during your holidays! I know Jyah Elliot did! How exciting for Jyah to go on a fishing trip with his dad to Talia Beach and find a message in a bottle sitting in the sand hills nearby! He took the note over to his dad and they realised that despite the lid still being screwed on tight, some water had seeped in and the note was wet. To preserve the note they decided to break the bottle and then discovered the message was nearly 50 years old and had been written by a 13 year old boy, Paul Gilmore, who was on a ship sailing to Melbourne from England. Jyah and his family have now made contact with Paul Gilmore who is now 63 years of age. What a TOP holiday story! Paul and Carla Elliott's school holidays have been very busy with phone calls and ABC TV interviews so they now need another week off to get "back to normal!"

Cheers! From Carol



Thank you Bank SA!

The staff and students of Wudinna Area School would like to thank Wudinna's Bank SA branch for their grant of \$500 for supporting our school to purchase new digital technologies 😊

Save the Date

SALA

We are excited to announce that Wudinna Area School Primary School students are taking part in the SALA (South Australian Living Artists) Festival this year 😊 All students will exhibit an artwork based on the theme 'My Place' at the Community Hall gallery space on Friday 30 August, 2019 (Week 6). We invite all families, friends and community members to the exhibition that will be held from 4pm-6pm.

All art will be sold at a cost of \$5, with money raised going towards new digital technologies for the site 😊

See you there 😊

October 2019
NEXT STEP PROGRAM

5-8 year olds | \$100
Tuesday 1 October, Alberton Oval
9am – 12pm OR 1pm – 4pm
Restricted to 150 registrations per session.

9-14 year olds | \$220
Two day Program – Wednesday October 2 & Thursday October 3
Alberton Oval 9am – 2pm
Maximum 150 registrations.

Each participant will receive:
Personalised Guernsey, football, drink bottle, pedometer watch, SANFL Statewide Super League Grand Final Passes, personalised player cards.

Register before the 26th July for your chance to be one of the 2019 SANFL Statewide Super Grand Final Medal Presenters

REGISTER NOW

These clinics will sell out fast - DON'T MISS OUT
Registrations close Wednesday 28 August

YEAR 10 CAREERS TRIP





ADELAIDE OVAL; THE NEW ROYAL ADELAIDE HOSPITAL; DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING; ADELAIDE CENTRAL MARKET; UNISA CITY WEST; TONSLEY TAFE; SA AQUATICS CENTRE

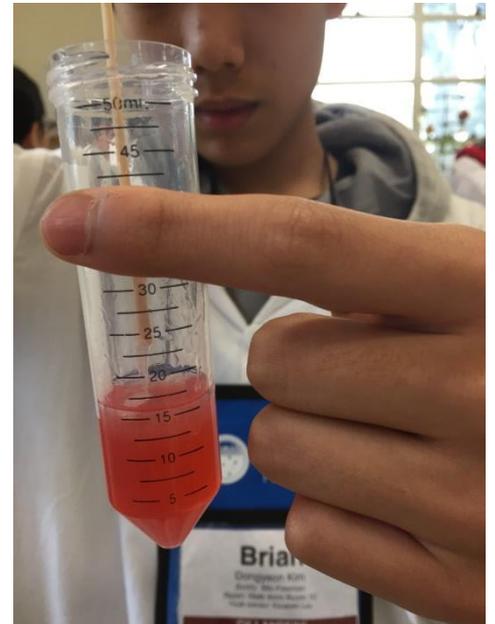
STEM Ambassador's National Youth Science Forum's STEM Explorer Program 2019

In the second week of the July holidays Lacey and I flew to Adelaide for a NYSF Adventure Camp in Mylor. We visited universities, completed STEM activities and learnt lots of new things. On the first day we met each other and had a STEM challenge in our groups. The aim of the challenge was to build the strongest or the tallest tower out of uncooked spaghetti and marshmallows. My team was the Gillanders and we won.



On Tuesday Lacey and I were on the radio which was a new experience for me as I had never been on the radio before. We also visited Flinders University and learnt about the discovery of fossils and adaption and extinction of species.

Wednesday we went to the Waite Research Campus and extracted DNA from strawberries. We also visited their winery and learnt that they make different types of wine based on their aromas. That afternoon we went to Adelaide University and looked at plant cells under a microscope. We all learnt the different parts of plant cells and what they do. We also programed robots to pop each other's balloon when they were all placed in a boundary.



On Thursday morning we went down to the river in the camp to look for macroinvertebrates which are little creatures that live in the flowing river. Some of us went deep into the fast flowing river and got very wet. We discovered 17 different types of macroinvertebrates along with yabbies and little fish. That afternoon we conducted science experiments and then collected sticks for the camp fire. That night we roasted marshmallows and stood around the camp fire. This was the last night of camp and it was the best night.

In the morning we went in our groups for the last time and said goodbye to everyone as we had to get on the bus and leave camp. All of the kids who had to fly home that day went to Marion to go bowling. The boys lost to the girls at bowling. We all had lunch and drove out to the airport. The flight back to Port Lincoln was good as it was perfect weather.

I really enjoyed the camp and would go back and do it all again if I could. My favourite part of camp was meeting new people from different places around SA. I also enjoyed going to new places and learning new things.

Jesse Foster



CAMP DIARY

Monday 15/7/19

- Flew over
- Settled in
- Dr Hannah Brown
- More settling in
- Engineering challenge

I had lots of fun. Dr Hannah Brown's speech was inspiring, I made new friends- Hira, Amy, Georgie, Mia etc. We won bendy pencils in the engineering competition as our spaghetti and marshmallow tower was the highest (83cm).

Tuesday 16/7/19

- Workshops
- Talking to the media
- Critical thinking
- The STEMazing race
- Paleontology visit
- Astronomy night

Today was quite educational. Jesse and I spoke on the radio! The STEMazing race was lots of fun too!

Riley showed us the 'bone box' and we had an awesome time during the astronomy night finding constellations!

Wednesday 17/7/19

- DNA extraction
- Winery
- Microscope botany
- Robogals
- STEM trivia night

I think that my favourite part of the day was the DNA part. We extracted it out of strawberries. We learned lots at the winery and looked at lots of plants under microscopes. Our robot came second in the Robogals competition. The trivia night was lots of fun too, as we tied for first, then lost the icebreaker. This was probably the most exciting day of camp.

Thursday 18/7/19

- Water testing
- Mentor teacher activity
- Experiments
- Bonfire

Today everybody got wet! We tested the water in the Onkaparinga River, presented what we had learned to our mentor teachers, then had lots of fun for the rest of the afternoon. In the evening we had a bonfire. During this we danced, played Mafia and sang campfire songs.

Friday 19/7/19

- Free time
- Saying goodbye to everyone
- Shopping at Marion
- Departing Adelaide

Today we had to say goodbye to the many friends we made, but we were soon cheered up when we went bowling. I got a strike and a spare - and it was my first time bowling. Then we went out shopping. Half the time we just wandered throughout the shops. Then we headed to the airport and flew back to Port Lincoln.

I would recommend this camp to anyone aged between 11 and 15. It is fun and engaging, and you learn so many new things. You make friends and have lots of new experiences.

Lacey Merrill

Paleontology Visit



Winery



Robot- Robogals

