



# WUDINNA AREA SCHOOL

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## OUR SCHOOL VALUES:



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**SAPSASA Football & Netball  
Country Carnival, Adelaide**  
*Mon 7-Wed 9 September*

**Rowan Ramsey Award  
nominations due**  
*Friday 11 September*

**SAPSASA Basketball –  
Whyalla**  
*Monday 14 September*

**Student Free Day**  
*Friday 19 September*

**SAPSASA Softball Country  
Carnival, Adelaide**  
*Mon 2-Thurs 5 November*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

G'day Everyone

Time is flying even in this crazy year of 2020!!

## Covid19 (latest updates for schools)

- Adults must continue physical distancing of 1.5 metres whenever and wherever possible. This requirement does not apply to people who live together.
- Physical distancing requirements do not apply to children, however, they are still strongly encouraged to maintain good hand hygiene and use non-contact forms of greeting.
- The maximum number of people who can gather in an enclosed space (capacity) is subject to change. Room density can be calculated online if needed.

## Camps

The Led Wether Camp is coming up with limited students and staff allowed to participate. Fingers crossed we do well in our second ever event with the sheep. Unfortunately for Led Steer, there has not been an event that has been allowed to go ahead this year. We have still been working with our steer and Winnie so that students still develop the knowledge and skills so that when competitions resume we will be able to compete. The Year Seven class are heading out to Paney Station for a camp and the weather has turned it on for them. I expect that they will have a great time.

## Enrolments for 2021

Thank you to parents who have informed us if students will be joining or leaving our school in 2021. Please let us know if you have not already done so earlier. This is the time of the year when we work out what classes we will have next year. Staffing and school funding is dependent on the number of students we have in our school.

## Student Free Day

Our school will have a Student Free Day on Friday 18 September for staff to participate in the online Sheena Cameron Writing workshop followed by a half day Reading workshop on the Saturday. We were originally going to travel to Adelaide to attend these workshops, however, as Sheena is based in New Zealand she is unable to travel; therefore, we will be completing the courses online instead. We look forward to participating in these workshops to learn practical and engaging ideas and strategies for teaching reading and writing.

## Father's Day

I would like to thank Parents and Friends for their work providing students with the opportunity to buy their Dads some really nice Father's Day gifts. Lots of students have expressed they are very keen to get their Dad a present at school.

## Parents Surveys

Every year we seek your feedback to inform us how we can continue to improve our school. This year the department will be coordinating the survey. All parents will be sent an email or SMS on 7 September, with a link to the electronic survey for you to fill out. The survey closes on 25 September. We appreciate your feedback as it helps us to continue to improve our school and build on the great work that has already been accomplished.

## Rowan Ramsey Award

We are seeking nominations for the Rowan Ramsey Award. Could any nominations be made in writing and dropped off to the front office by the last day of this term.

**Next Governing Council meeting:** Tuesday 15 September at 7.00pm in the Conference Room.

Yours truly  
*Ned Loades*  
Principal

## **FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – PRIMARY Special Merit /High and Outstanding Achievement Award Recipients**

On Wednesday of last week we held our Semester One Awards assembly.

The following students received Special Merit Awards in one or more of the following categories...high level of effort and engagement, persistence, risk taking, high growth in their learning, positive attitude, resilience.

*R/1 Jill:* Milla Barns, Levi Frischke, Rylie Pobke, Chloe Beinke, Noah Sampson, Mardi Stringer

*Year 1/2 Karyl:* Cooper Parsons, Jace Williams, Ella North, Bobby Zwar, Isla Schultz, Dion Murphy

*Year 2/3 Myf:* Alyssa Phillips, Delilah Waters, Harry Pope, Elsey Lymn, Skye Gosling, Huw Dolphin, Tegan Skipworth

*Year 4 Miss Appleby:* Kade Marshall, Blayz Oswald, Lola Waters, Kobi Sampson, Angus Merrill, Gypsy Zwar

*Year 4/5 Miss Wilson:* Hendrix Cook, Emmie Sargent, Matilda Barns, Sachi Foster,

*Year 6 Mrs Sampson:* Megan Allen, Bodhi Scholz, Tessa Vorstenbosch,

The following students in Years 5-7 have achieved High or Outstanding Achievement in most or all of their subjects...

**High Academic Achievement:** Darcy Barns, Joey Lymn, Indy Foster, Hugo Frinsdorf, Jamisen Tomney, Ella Scholz

**Outstanding Academic Achievement:** Lacey Merrill, Rebecca Sampson

Congratulations to all of these students for a great semester of work.

## **PAT Testing**

Progressive Achievement testing will occur in Weeks 7-10 of this term and Weeks 1 and 2 in Term 4. Students in Year 1 complete a Maths and Reading test. Students in Year 2-7 will complete the following tests; Maths, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary skills and Spelling. These tests are completed online and results are immediate which then enables teachers to analyse areas needing further development to improve Literacy and Numeracy skills and to inform teacher programming and planning for the remainder of 2020.

## **Jump Rope For Heart**

Well done to those students who have started the online fundraising for Jump Rope for Heart. We have managed to raise \$1,008.94 already this term and we still have a few weeks to go before our Jump Off so keep up the good work.

## **SAPSASA**

We have a busy end of term approaching with lots of SAPSASA events happening. Next week Ella Scholz and Rebecca Sampson will represent our school in SAPSASA Netball in Adelaide so we wish them well. On Monday of the following week we will have our boys' and girls' team compete in the SAPSASA Basketball Carnival in

Whyalla on 14 September. On Wednesday 16 September some of our Year 6 and 7 students will travel to Lock to participate in the T20 Cricket. On 23 September some of our students will travel to Cowell for Softball tryouts. Good luck to all of these students.

Happy Fathers' Day to all dads for this Sunday.

*Karen Lymn*

*Assistant Principal-Primary*

## **FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – SECONDARY Secondary Award Winners**

Last week as a special assembly, we presented Semester 1 Awards to students who had performed to a high or outstanding standard. Excellent Effort Awards were also presented to acknowledge those students who worked consistently across all subjects for the whole semester. Each recipient is to be congratulated for their hard work and dedication. We look forward to presenting more awards of each type for Semester 2 – make sure that you put your best work in for the remainder of the year. The recipients of the awards for Semester 1 were:

### **High Academic Achievement**

Imogen Barns, Samuel Moses, Bree North, Sophie O'Brien, Megan Baldock, Alex Calow, Kyne Foster, Bailey Joseph, Willow May, Nathan Butcher, Mia Fridd, Kayla Garnaut

### **Outstanding Academic Achievement**

Taeha Sampson, Jesse Foster, Regan O'Brien, Ella Loades-Stokes, William Sampson, Eleanor Shepherd, Charlotte Vorstenbosch, Demi Hebberman, Jessica Sampson

### **Excellent Effort Awards**

Samuel Moses, Bree North, Balyn O'Brien, Sophie O'Brien, Taeha Sampson, Alex Calow, Jesse Foster, Regan O'Brien, Jackson Petty, Nathan Butcher, Kayla Garnaut, William Sampson, Eleanor Shepherd, Charlotte Vorstenbosch, Demi Hebberman, Riley Martin, Lyka Pulgo, Jessica Sampson, Julie Shepherdson

## **Senior Secondary Subject Selection**

Information packs were distributed this week related to SACE Completion and subject selection for Year 11 & 12 for 2021. Please call to arrange a meeting should you wish to discuss any matter – individual family meetings are permissible under current restrictions. **Note:** selection forms are due back by the last day of **this term** to allow for initial timetable work to be completed in the holidays.

## **Wether Competition**

Our students have worked hard to prepare the wethers in readiness for the show at the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds. They will be leaving next Tuesday for the event and thanks is due to Genevieve Wright in working hard with the students both in and out of class time, and to Dan Vorstenbosch for his willingness to accompany the students as supervisor for the trip. We wish them well in their endeavours and look forward to hearing of their success in the next newsletter.

*Glenys McGuire*

*Assistant Principal – Secondary*

**FROM THE PASTORAL CARE WORKER**

Last week a Primary Student saw this motivational poster in Imogen Sampson’s office and commented that it was good – “Doctors don’t make you healthy – Teachers don’t make you learn – Trainers don’t make you fit – Banks don’t make you rich. At some point you have to realise your growth and behaviour is your responsibility.” One more word of WISDOM – “Choice is the only tool we have that enables us to go from who we are today to who we want to be tomorrow.” – Sheena Iyengar.  
Cheers! Carol



**PARENT FORUM  
SOCIAL SKILLS**

A workshop presented by Libby Brown, Manager, SERU for parents and carers of children and young people with a disability covering:

- understanding social skills
- areas of concern
- strategies to enhance social skills in your child

What are three specific points you would like to learn to support your child’s development of their social skills?

This workshop is for a limited number of parents and carers and will be held maintaining current strict COVID -19 guidelines.

Disability Policy and Programs Parent Forum to be held at Special Education Resource Unit (SERU)  
72A Marlborough Street, Henley Beach SA 5022. Ph: 8235 2871  
Tuesday 22 September 2020 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
Register Eventarc

Visit: [web.seru.sa.edu.au](http://web.seru.sa.edu.au) for instructions to register  
Email: [Education.ParentForumConference@sa.gov.au](mailto:Education.ParentForumConference@sa.gov.au)



**YARD SUPERVISION**

Families are reminded that children are not to be on school grounds prior to 8.30am or after 3.35pm. The yard is not supervised before or after these times.

**MINNIPA FIELD DAY CANCELLED**

The 2020 Minnipa Agricultural Centre Field Day (planned for 9 September) has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.

**VARIETY SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM**

The Variety Scholarships Program is open now until 30 November, 2020.

Variety offers scholarships in sports and the arts to talented children who are sick, disadvantaged (socio-economically or geographically) or have special needs of up to \$3k per annum.

Applications are now open - <https://variety.smartygrants.com.au/scholarship2020>

**Variety Heart Scholarship  
Applications are NOW OPEN**

**APPLY TODAY**

**variety**  
the children's charity

**Rowan Ramsey Award Nomination: Please return to Front Office**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

- Nominations are open for any staff, parent or community member who has gone ‘above and beyond’ dedicating and volunteering their time and skills for our school.
- Please outline below services that this person has provided to our school, include dates if possible (school not wider community). Justification can include work ethic and personality.
- Recent recipients include: Gidge Murphy, Glenys McGuire, Denise Van de Vorstenbosch, Darren & Jodie O’Brien
- The award is presented at our School Presentation Night at the end of the year.
- Nominations close **Friday 11 September**.

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What's Happening At The...

# Library



Unfortunately with circumstances the way they are, events and group activities have been limited and monitored. It is still great to see the kindergarten, school classes and other groups utilizing the library for different reasons. There is a great range of resources for students to borrow and great study/reading areas.



The Premier's Reading Challenge is a reading challenge endorsed by the Premier of each state. A comprehensive list of books is compiled. Children are required to read a certain amount of books (depending on their year level) from this list as well as some personal selections. Information is sent to the PRC office and children receive either a medal or certificate for their efforts. Students are encouraged to enter so they can practise their important reading skills.

We are finally on Face Book! The page looks great with the help of Sharmayne and Jon from Public Libraries. Please "like" or follow us to keep updated on latest releases, activities that have happened in the library and upcoming events. There won't be a library Granite insert anymore.



## visitors



Jill's R/1 class



Sarah and Wendy brought the Kindy kids for a visit. They were all given a bag and were so excited to borrow a book!



Karly's 1/2 class



Miss Wilson's Year 5 class



Emma supporting Shania

Mrs Lymn's MacqLit group



Wen listening to reading

Miss Kathryn's  
Year 9 English class



Emma supporting Rebecca



Miss Kathryn's Year 10 English class



**AUSTRIDE**

## **Bringing young driver awareness to Wudinna**

The Austdrive Youth Driver Awareness Program is designed for 16-21 year olds across SA, who currently hold a probationary or learner license. Going beyond the scope of any learner training previously done, the Austdrive program training meets each young driver at their level and is designed to give young drivers a realistic view of their actual abilities (as opposed to what they think they can do). The course focuses on practical driver awareness, resulting in a true perspective; not the one their peers have given them. Prevention is better than cure when lives are at risk.

Sponsors



**Sunday 11th October 2020**

**8.30am - 5.00pm**

**Commencing from Wudinna Tele Centre, 44 Eyre Hwy, Wudinna**

### **Course content includes:**

- Basic car dynamics and control skills
  - Emergency braking
  - When two wheels are off the bitumen
  - Safe steering
  - Wildlife dangers
  - Understanding speed, fatigue, alcohol, peer pressure
  - Safe following distances
  - Car modification (what's real and what's not)
  - Observation techniques
  - Emergency collision avoidance
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- Social distancing and strict cleaning and hygiene standards will be followed throughout the day
  - Full Licensed driver must accompany L-Plate Drivers
  - One vehicle required per participant

**To register please phone Craig Midgely: 0409 548 709**

