



WUDINNA AREA SCHOOL

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OUR SCHOOL VALUES:



DATES TO REMEMBER:

**End of year Assembly
/Presentations – oval at
11.40am** (some restrictions on
attendance may apply);
**Term 4 finishes, buses leave at
2.35pm**
Thursday 10 December

2021 Term 1 begins
27 January

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

G'day Everyone

Hopefully harvest is finished or nearly finished.

We are on the home straight and the end of the year is nearly in sight albeit with a few hiccups along the way.

COVID-19 Update – 20 November and arrangements from Monday 23 November

Public schools and preschools will be open to all students from Monday 23 November, except for Mawson Lakes School and preschool, and Roma Mitchell Secondary College. Online learning will only be required for students who are required to self-isolate.

Access to school and preschool grounds

Minimal parents, volunteers, and non-urgent service providers entering the site.

Assemblies, ceremonies and special events

Assemblies and ceremonies can continue, provided that they comply with state directions and physical distancing.

Transition

Transition visits for reception students can continue as normal. Schools must keep a record of the students that attend their sites for these visits (for contact tracing purposes). Parent attendance should be minimised where possible.

Sport

SAPSASA and interschool sporting events and carnivals should be cancelled. Sport and physical education confined to the school's own site can continue.

Masks

While not mandatory, it is recommended that all staff wear masks when travelling to and from work. Staff and students are not required to wear masks within the school grounds. However, staff can choose to wear them if they wish.

Buses

Thank you to those people who have slowed down to 25 km or attempted to slow down when buses are stopped on the side of the road picking up and dropping off students. As we have seen from the spate of truck accidents it is crucial to remain vigilant.

Grain Donations

We are seeking donations of grain **please!!**
Our Ag Committee has been working hard to ramp up the Agriculture program and we are seeking donations of grain to help improve the Agriculture block. If you are able to make a donation, a copy of our NGR card is included.

Assembly

We will be having an open air assembly on the oval due to the restrictions in place for COVID-19. This will be held after recess on the last day of school. The assembly will be for students, staff and at this stage possibly a limited number of parents (this will be updated closer to the time based on government COVID declarations). This will allow us to finish the year with presentations and awards for all the learning and successes that students have achieved.

Yours truly
Ned Loades
Principal



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – PRIMARY Year 7 Dreamtime Plays

Our Year 7 students performed a series of Dreamtime Plays for the Junior Primary and Kindergarten on 16 and 17 November. The JP students thoroughly enjoyed the plays and wanted to see more!! I would like to congratulate the Year 7s on their efforts as everyone was most impressed with the overall production. I have included photos of their performance in this newsletter.

End of year activities

A letter will go home to parents regarding the end of term activities, including the Pool Party, when we receive further information closer to the date. Unfortunately the Primary Social has been cancelled due to the current COVID restrictions.

Semester 2 Reports

Primary Semester 2 Reports will be handed out to on the last day of term, Thursday 10 December. Included in the report envelope will be a Class Placement slip to inform parents of their child's class and teacher for 2021.

End of Term Assembly

There will be an assembly held outside on the oval on the last day of term, Thursday 10 December. In the Primary section of the assembly, Special Merit Cards/High and Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards will be presented as well as the other awards usually handed out on Presentation Night and the Year 7 Graduation ceremony. Further information will be sent out closer to the date including the number of parents able to attend as conditions may change from Tuesday 1 December.

Volunteers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful parent/grandparent volunteers who have listened to reading or helped out in classrooms during the year. Unfortunately due to current COVID restrictions we are unable to have any parents on site for the rest of this term so once again thank you, your help is greatly appreciated.

Karen Lymn

Assistant Principal-Primary

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – SECONDARY 2020 Yearbook

The 2020 Yearbook was sent for printing at the end of last week and will be distributed to those who have prepaid during Week 9 (trusting that it returns from Adelaide by then!). As in previous years, a limited number of copies have been ordered and 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.

Secondary Subject Award Sponsorship

Thank you to those people who have already contacted me and been willing to sponsor awards this year. 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.

Stage 1 student work completion

All summative assessment tasks should be completed by the end of this week for Year 11 (Stage 1) students. Therefore, students will no longer be required to attend school after Friday 27 November if they have completed and submitted all final assessment work. Final results must be submitted to the SACE Board by Friday next week (the deadline has been extended due to the COVID-19 lock down). Students could avail themselves of the ability to begin preliminary work for Year 12 (Stage 2) over the coming weeks and should contact their subject teachers to gather the necessary resources to begin this process.

Year 7-8 Transition Meeting

At this point in time (due to COVID-19 restrictions that are still in place until the next declaration which will be delivered in coming weeks) it will not be possible to have our usual transition meeting in Room 16.

Final week activities (Week 9)

Students will continue their normal timetabled lessons during Week 9. On Thursday 10 December, students will be engaged in alternate end of year clean-up activities, including attendance at the final awards presentations.

Last day and Semester 2 Reports

On Thursday 10 December, students will be dismissed from classes for the year at 2.25pm. Semester 2 Reports will be distributed to all students in Years 8-11.

Glenys McGuire

Assistant Principal – Secondary

FROM OUR PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Hi to all staff, students and community! What challenges we have faced in the last few weeks and in ALL of 2020!! We indeed are living in “testing times” and we are going through lots of TESTS!! Our staff and students have faced the recent lockdown of SA with amazing grace and just to be at school and going to our local shop that Wednesday afternoon made me realise what a resilient, hard-working community we live in! WELL DONE to ALL! When the “going gets tough, the tough get going!” Cheers! *Carol*

SAPSASA SOFTBALL REPORT

On Monday morning, we warmed up and played our first game against the Murray Lands. We won the game 21-5. The second game we played against South West. It was a little bit tougher but we still won 15-13. Tuesday morning we played Kangaroo Island but unfortunately we lost 9-6. The second team we played was Upper South East and we won 12-4. The last team we played on Tuesday was Barossa and Light, we won 11-5. Wednesday morning we were all very puffed. The first team we played was Pirie and we won 15-10. The second team we played against were Onkaparinga South and we won 20-14. Thursday morning we played Southern Valley and we won 20-14. The last game of the week was the decider. We played Northern Yorke Peninsula and won the game 15-9. Immediately after the last game we sang our cheers and had a big group hug. Then we lined up ready to receive our medals.

Thank you everyone who helped out throughout the week. We really appreciated everything you did for the team. We would definitely encourage next year's 6/7 students to try out for Softball SAPSASA as it was an amazing opportunity and experience and we had so much fun.

Phoebe, Amy, Kaydi and Ella



PARENTS & FRIENDS

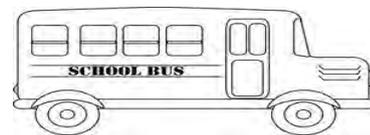
P&F are holding a second Bakery Lunch Order Day next Wednesday 2 December. Order forms went home earlier this week. Orders need to be returned, with correct money, by Monday 30 November.

P&F would like to thank everyone for their support with our Fundraising events throughout 2020. Remember, all money raised goes directly back to the school.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Position Vacant

Ridsdale Trading is looking for a regular bus driver starting Term 1 2021.



Driver requires LR licence (or higher) and Accreditation (which the school can assist you in getting. Tony is happy to help with costs of gaining accreditation). Please contact Tony Ridsdale on 0427 082 751 if you are interested.

Vacswim at Wudinna December 2020

What a crazy year it continues to be!! At this stage Vacswim will still be in December assuming all restrictions will be lifted!! If South Australia needs to go into Lockdown again before Christmas Vacswim may need to be postponed (perhaps to January, but not clashing with Venus Bay dates)

I am also going to start a Wudinna Vacswim Facebook page for general information and updates, so feel free to join and add anyone I may have missed!

Level 1 to 7 lessons will be one on Monday (probably afternoon), two on Tuesday and Wednesday, one in the morning on both Thursday and Friday. Bronze Awards will need to run to a separate timetable and have extra days for pool use.

Please keep enrolments coming in online and **once you have enrolled your children please let me know via text**. It helps to know numbers so I know how many instructors and assistants were needed.

When enrolling go to www.vacswimsa.com.au then Locations/Enrolments>>Eyre Peninsula>>Wudinna Course Category choose VACSWIM 2020/21 December Program For Course scroll to end VACSWIM Wudinna and choose a level (as close to possible if not sure).

The Vacswim office is being strict in that participants must be 5 (2015), which affects a few that are starting school in 2021 but born in 2016. I am working on options with Vacswim for this year.

This will affect the starting age of the 3 & 4 program as we work on a child being able to participate for 2 years before starting Level 1. If your child is born in 2016 & 2017 they are able to do the 3 & 4 year old program, don't enrol online but give me their names and birthdate via text.

If a child turned 13 in 2020 then they are up to Bronze Star; if you did Star last year then choose Bronze Medallion and if your child did Medallion choose Cross. **Don't choose the Rescue Award**

If your child did Level 7 last year and only turned 12 in 2020, enrol in L7 and I will sort it out.

If your child is up to the Bronze Awards there will be extra information soon, but keep in mind that they will need extra time before the Monday and during the week to complete their award.

If you are 16 or older and would like to be a swimming instructor then now is the time to start working toward it. Austswim courses are back on so check out Austswim's website and book yourself into one. They are over two

days, but then you will also need to do some practical experience and Vacswim is a great time to get the hours up. The course is costly but if you are thinking of going to university, swimming instruction is a great way to earn some money.

Stay tuned for more information.

Susie Boylan

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2020 Secondary Award Sponsorships

Please return to Glenys McGuire

I/We would like to sponsor a Secondary Award for 2020.

- 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

Year 7 Dreamtime Plays

On 16 - 17 November, the Year 7 students performed a series of Dreamtime Plays; Tiddalick the Greedy Frog, How the Turtle got its shell, and How the animals got to Australia, for the Junior Primary and Kindergarten students. The Year 7s had worked hard throughout the year making props, designing the sets and using special effects to create an Australian bush and beach scene. The JP and Kindergarten students thoroughly enjoyed the plays and were most impressed with the performances.



Year 9 Metamorphosis Drawings



Year 7 Tie Dye



Year 6 Clay Looms



Year 4 and 4/5 Silhouettes



Art with Mrs Phillips

A selection of just some of the practical works undertaken.



R/1
Mixed
media



Year 8 Clay pinch pots

Art with Mrs Phillips

A selection of just some of the practical works undertaken.

Year 6 Assemblage Art



Year 6 resin coasters

