



WUDINNA AREA SCHOOL

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OUR SCHOOL VALUES:



DATES TO REMEMBER

Ag Steering Committee Meeting – 7.30pm in Conference Rm
Tuesday 2 February

Parent & Friends AGM – 9am under pergola
New members welcome
Friday 5 February

Student ID Card orders due with money
Wednesday 10 February

Swimming Carnival Years 3-12
Friday 12 February

Splash Day-Years R-2
Tuesday 16 February

Year 8 & 10 Immunisations
Wednesday 17 February

School Photos
To be advised

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

G'day everyone

Welcome back to school for 2021!

I hope that everyone got to have a safe, enjoyable, and well-earned break. We have an exciting year planned and we are looking forward to an excellent year of teaching and learning.

I would like to introduce and welcome our new staff for 2021 including;

- Nicolle McKinlay (Year 1/2)
- Emily Miller (Year 5/6)
- Kiera Lee (Year 7)
- Colby Stringer (English/HASS/Year 9 home group)

I would also like to welcome all of our new Reception students for 2021 and our new enrolments in other year levels; we are extremely happy that you are now part of our school community.

Term 1

It has been a great start to the year. Staff have worked hard to be ready for school this term. If you are able please come and visit our classes. Children love to share the work that they are doing with their parents. We are always keen to have parents and community members come and listen to students read. If you are able we would appreciate your support. Please remember to always sign in via the Front Office.

Term 1 is always a busy term. We will be having swimming lessons, swimming carnival, interschool swimming, track and field (Sports Day) and Interschool Track and Field which we are hosting to name just a few of the activities for students this term. We will need lots of helpers to ensure that these events are able to run. (Please contact Jesse Castley if you are able to do a job)

Procedures/Info

If you need to contact your child for any change of plans etc. please contact the Front Office as teachers often do not check their phones due to teaching commitments. Front Office staff will ensure that messages and changes in plans are communicated and teachers and students get the message. Please check our website as it does contain lots of info that may be helpful to you. We are also keen for you to ring or come in and ask if you have any queries or questions big or small.

Facebook

Please check out and join our Facebook page.

Covid Update

If you visit the school we will be using QR codes from Monday 1 February. We have a log book for those that don't use QR codes. Please sign in via the Front Office only so that we can keep our community safe. Students and staff will not be required to sign in as their attendance is already recorded.

Please come into the school for a visit we want your involvement and input into your school.

Yours truly
Ned Loades
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – SECONDARY

Welcome back to 2021

It was great to see the students return to school on Wednesday looking refreshed and ready for a busy and productive year ahead. I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and New Year and that time spent with family and friends was enjoyable.

We look forward as a Secondary cohort of staff to seeing students striving to do their best and achieving some excellent learning outcome throughout the year. We welcome one new staff member to our Secondary group this year – Colby Stringer. He is a very welcome addition to the staff returning from previous years working with the students of our school.

Best wishes for 2021 to the Year 12 students

In 2020 we have four students who are aiming to complete their SACE and move into the next phase of their lives – whether that is further study or employment. Our students are: Amy Allen, Kye O'Brien, Saxon O'Brien and Charlotte Vorstenbosch. The students selected their subjects wisely, carefully considering their potential future pathways; three students are also combining their studies with school-based apprenticeships: Kye, Saxon and Charlotte are in the process of completing their Certificate III in Agriculture. We wish all students a successful year and the fulfilment of their desired pathway.



Course Overviews

Again in 2021, we will send home an overview letter of what students will be studying in each subject – this will be completed at the start of each semester. We aim to compile the outline letters for Semester 1 and distribute them to parents and caregivers by the end of Week 2 of this term.

Secondary SRC

For 2021 Jaimee Bensen and Colby Stringer will undertake the role of the Coordinators for this year's Secondary SRC. Thank you to both staff members who were willing to take on this important job in our school. Elections for student representatives will take place over the next couple of weeks and they will play a vital role in the student voice of our school community. Thank you to all involved for being willing to work on the SRC this year.

Glenys McGuire

Assistant Principal – Secondary

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – PRIMARY Welcome back to 2021

Welcome back to all students and families to 2021. A special welcome to our new Receptions: Aiden Bunney, Alexis Clark, Camille Lewis, Casey Oswald, Eli Brace, Ella Parsons, Evie North, Indy Westlake, Isaac Allen, Ivy Frischke, Jett Polkinghorne, Lylah Cummings, Osha Foster, Taj Barns and Amber Stevens. These students are in Karly Oswald's class and we hope they enjoy their beginning to school life.

We are excited to have three new staff members join our Primary Cohort team: Nicolle McKinlay Year 1/2, Emily Miller Year 5/6 and Kiera Lee Year 7. Nicolle, Emily and Kiera have settled in well and we hope they have a

fantastic year and enjoy their time at Wudinna Area School. Also welcome to Jessica Atkinson who replaces Ellie Murphy in her role as Curriculum Support Officer. Our classrooms are looking amazing and our teachers have worked hard over the holidays to make these environments appealing learning spaces.

We always welcome parent volunteers to listen to reading or help out in any way so if you could spare some time we would love to hear from you.

Term Time Swimming

Swimming lessons for Rec-Year 7 will begin on Tuesday 2 February. The instructors for this year will be Susie Boylan, Mel Crosby and Jenna-May Jackson. The Yr 3-12 Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 12 February and the R-2 students will have their own Splash Day on Tuesday 16 February. Further details will be sent out in the near future.

SAPSASA

Parents of students in Year 6 and 7 will receive a SAPSASA program for this year for families to do any forward planning. In Term 1 there will be Swimming and Softball Carnivals. Tennis and Cricket will be held in Term 4 instead of Term 1.

Instrumental Music

Jodi Martin will continue in her role as our Instrumental Music teacher for this year, teaching music on Thursdays. Instrumental Music will begin in Week 3 – Thursday 11 February.

Term Overviews

Teachers will be busy planning and programming for their classes in the next few weeks. A subject overview will be sent out early this term, providing parents with information on the subjects covered.

Primary SRC

In the next few weeks students will be involved in electing their SRC representatives for 2021. Let's hope this year is a better year for our SRC reps. The SRC Co-ordinators are Karen Lymn and Sonia Allen.

Karen Lymn

Assistant Principal – Primary

AG - DONATION

We are looking for fertiliser for the school's crops this year. If you have some left over and are willing to donate, please contact Genevieve Wright at the school.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL AND SPLASH DAY

The annual Swimming Carnival for Years 3-12 will be held on Friday 12 February (Week 3) commencing at 9.30am. This carnival allows students to compete and participate for House Shield points. The day allows students to showcase their swimming progress in a fun but competitive nature and to encourage and support their house through participation, barracking and singing. Students in Years 3-12 are expected to attend the carnival as per normal school day and to participate to the best of their ability to ensure the carnival is enjoyed by all. The R-2 Splash Day will be held on Tuesday 16 February commencing 12.00noon. Having two separate carnivals will allow all students to demonstrate their progress and

provide opportunities to participate in more competitive and non-competitive events. Catering will be provided at both carnivals for students, staff, parents and spectators. Parental assistance will be required for time keeping, stroke and place judges for both events. Please allocate a preferred time on the Wudinna Area School Facebook page. If your child/ren are unable to attend their respective carnivals it would be appreciated if you could notify their class teacher before the events.

*Jesse Castley
for the Sports Committee*

FROM THE PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Here we are into 2021 and back at school! Do hope your holidays went well and we are all ready for the challenges of this new year! As a Pastoral Care Worker, I join with our staff and SSOs to invest our time in helping students become more resilient when faced with difficult situations – to experience the “joy of the struggle” in learning new things and not be afraid of making mistakes but HAVE A GO and be courageous and adventurous. *Cheers! Carol*

MATERIALS & SERVICES FEES (SCHOOL FEES)

2021 Materials & Services Fees have been invoiced and sent out. Thank you to the families that have already paid or are paying off their School Fees for 2021. If you think you may be eligible for School Card or if you want to arrange a payment plan, please contact Cassie at the school.

A Yearbook order form was also sent with the fees. If you would like to place an order, please return the form with payment.

NEW TEACHERS FOR 2021



Colby Stringer



Nicolle McKinlay



Emily Miller



Kiera Lee



2021 Reception students

*Back: Alexis, Oscha, Indy, Essie, Aiden, Ivy, Taj, Casey, Abigail, Evie, Esther
Front: Jett, Camille, Ella, Lylah, Eli, Amber, Isaac*



Student ID Card: Please return to the Front Office by Monday 10 February

Please supply a Student ID card for the following student/s

Name _____ Year Level _____

Name _____ Year Level _____

Payment of \$7.50 per card is enclosed

