



# WUDINNA AREA SCHOOL

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## OUR SCHOOL VALUES:



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sheep/Cattle Day at  
Jamestown**  
*Friday 30 July*

**Pedal Prix at Tailem Bend**  
*Saturday 31 July*

**School Photos**  
*Wednesday 18 August*

**Wudinna Area School  
75th celebrations**  
*Friday 15 October*

**Wudinna Area School Old  
Scholars Reunions – Wudinna  
Community Club**  
*Saturday 16 October*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

G'day Everyone

How good has it been to have a decent amount of rain!

## Condolences

Our thoughts are with Blake, Brandon, and Leanna Beattie and extended family at this sad time.

We would also like to extend our condolences to the Weeks family with the passing of Michael (aka Kronk)

## 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. We are hoping that there will be an opportunity to show our steer and wethers at the Adelaide Show this year. The paddocks are looking really good this year after the rains we have had. Our new shed is up in the Ag block; we would like to thank Justin Shultz and Bo Boylan for their work. This will allow us to ensure that all of our equipment is under cover. We also had a new arrival to our stud with a new-born calf on the weekend.

## COVID-19

Thankfully, we have been able to come out of lockdown and some of the restrictions are being eased.

The following activities can resume:

- whole school assemblies
- choir and dance rehearsals within the school
- all extracurricular activities within the school
- incursions, excursions and intrastate camps
- events held at offsite venues with approved COVID Safe or COVID Management plans
- events held within school or preschool grounds (such as performances and concerts) providing:
  - density requirements and **physical distancing** requirements are met by all attending adults
  - masks are worn by adults and students in Year 7 and above who are not performing
  - all attendees are encouraged to COVID Safe check in
- school sports including interschool sport training, trials and competitions

## Measures that remain in place

The following measures remain in place until further notice:

- All interstate camps and travel must be postponed
- Staff and students in Year 7 and above must continue to wear masks
- limit the number of parents on site, and when on site they must wear a facemask and practice physical distancing
- Where possible, please hold parent teacher interviews online.
- All adults (including staff) must COVID-Safe check in each time they enter the site.

Due to the changing nature of the pandemic, events, camps and excursions may be cancelled with minimal notice.

As a staff, we continue to ensure that we are ready for any further outbreaks and restrictions due to COVID-19.

## Governing Council

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 15 October at 7.00pm in the Conference Room.

Yours truly

*Ned Loades*  
Principal

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – SECONDARY

### A delayed 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. It is unfortunate that we had the COVID Lockdown disruption, but students seem to have settled back into school over the last week.

Semester 2 commenced for all Secondary students in Week 1, 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. Students are still working on completing their Research Project assessments, but it is hoped that these will be concluded early this term. 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!

### University Open Days

All of the universities in South Australia are currently promoting their Open Days that are to be held in the coming weeks. Currently there are both online and on-campus events. Below I have included some screen snaps and the websites of where to find information if you are interested in being involved in these events. Students in the past have found them useful.

The screenshot shows the University of Adelaide's Open Days website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'ONLINE' and 'ONCAMPUS' options. The 'ONLINE' section is for August 11, 3PM - 7PM ACST, with buttons for 'PLAN YOUR ONLINE SESSION' and 'REGISTER NOW!'. Below this are three columns of text: 'Listen to our academics speak about how our degrees can set you up for your future career.', 'Discover what uni life has to offer with our wide range of student services.', and 'Take a virtual tour of our campuses.'. The 'ONCAMPUS' section is for Sunday 15 August, 9:30AM - 3:30PM ACST, with a note that it is a ticketed event. Below this are three columns of text: 'Take a study area tour and have your questions answered. Check back soon to book a tour.', 'Keen to learn about our student services and study areas? Visit our student services and study area expo. Check back soon to book a ticket.', and 'Learn about our sport and student clubs.'.

[Open Day | University of Adelaide](#)

The screenshot shows the University of South Australia's Open Days website. It features a navigation bar with 'STUDY', 'RESEARCH', 'CONNECT', 'VISIT', and 'ABOUT UNISA'. A large video player shows two people talking. To the right, there is a 'UnISA Open Days' section with a welcome message and a 'REGISTER' button.

[Open Days - University of South Australia \(unisa.edu.au\)](https://unisa.edu.au)

The screenshot shows Flinders University's Open Days website. It features a navigation bar with 'Study', 'Research', 'Engage', 'Alumni', 'Giving', and 'About'. A large graphic with 'OPEN DAYS' in 3D letters is the central focus. To the right, there is a 'OPEN DAYS AUGUST 2021' section with a welcome message and a 'Register to win' button.

[Open Days - Flinders University](#)

### Senior School Subject Selection

In the coming weeks, a meeting will be organised to provide information to both students and parents about the requirements for the completion of the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE), entry into tertiary study options (university or vocational learning beyond school), VET (vocational learning at school) and other issues related to students moving from the Junior to the Senior Secondary component of their education. Students in Year 10 and 11 will receive a letter detailing the date and time of the meeting – a reply on your attendance would be greatly appreciated so that a suitable venue can be organised for this meeting (depending on numbers attending). Should parents of Year 9 students wish to attend you are more than welcome – let me know at school so that I can add your name(s) to the list.

### 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 from 30 August to 24 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 2021 and into 2022.

*Glenys McGuire*

*Assistant Principal – Secondary*

#### **FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – PRIMARY SALA**

This year the Primary classes will be holding their own SALA - South Australian Living Artists exhibition in the Wudinna Hall on Friday 20 August to raise money for school resources/art installations. The exhibition will start at 4.00pm and finish at 6.00pm and there will be a gold coin donation entry fee. We held a similar event in 2019 and it was a huge success. The Primary students are all working hard to create a poem and artwork relating to the theme, “Stories of change”. The artwork can be purchased at the bargain price of \$5.00 and once again the members of the public can vote for the “People’s choice” in various year level categories. At this stage we are able to hold the event in the hall if we follow the COVID management plan – members of the public wear a face mask and practice social distancing, however, as we all know, this is subject to change.

#### **ERRAPPA Camp**

There are a lot of smiling faces in the Year 3/4 Class as their ERRAPPA camp which had to be cancelled due to restrictions, has been rescheduled for next week following a cancellation from another school. ERRAPPA is a great camp and we hope they have lots of fun. We would like to thank in advance Troy Klante for driving the bus and Lisa Skipworth for volunteering to help out.

#### **Special Assembly**

We will hold a Special Assembly in the Gym on Thursday 19 August at 2.45pm to give out the Semester One awards. It is hoped that by then that some of the restrictions will be lifted and we will be able to have more parents on site. As in previous years, 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 5-7 will also receive awards acknowledging effort and engagement as well as high and outstanding achievement.

#### **SAPSASA Athletics**

Congratulations to Veyda Tomney, Wiley O’Brien and Cooper Petty for their selection in the SAPSASA Athletics Carnival which will be held in Adelaide on Monday 20 September.

*Karen Lymn*

*Assistant Principal-Primary*

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

This year our School Photos will be taken by MSP Photography from Jamestown. School photos are being taken on Wednesday 18 August (Week 5). This year they have **printed family photo envelopes** for each family. They were sent home with the oldest child’s individual photo envelope. If families do not wish to have a family photo you do not need to return the envelope. All individual envelopes need to be returned to school PRIOR to photo day (by Monday 16 August), even if no **photos are being purchased**.

#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

To coincide with Book Week, the library will be holding a Book Fair during Week 6, 23-27 August. Book Fairs are part of Scholastic and offer a great range of books and novelty items. I will send more information out as it gets closer. There will be no Scholastic Book Club for the end of the term.

*Diny Foster*

*Community Library Assistant*

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

##### **Dental Exams**

This year, we are unable to conduct School Dental Exams on school grounds. Appointments for dental examinations can be made at Streaky Bay, Wudinna and Cleve Dental Clinics and we ask that parents/carers please call **Streaky Bay Dental Clinic** to book their child’s yearly exam by Friday 6 August for all clinic sites.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Wudinna Area School  
**75th Anniversary**  
**FRIDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 2021**

Come and join us to celebrate  
75 years as an Area School

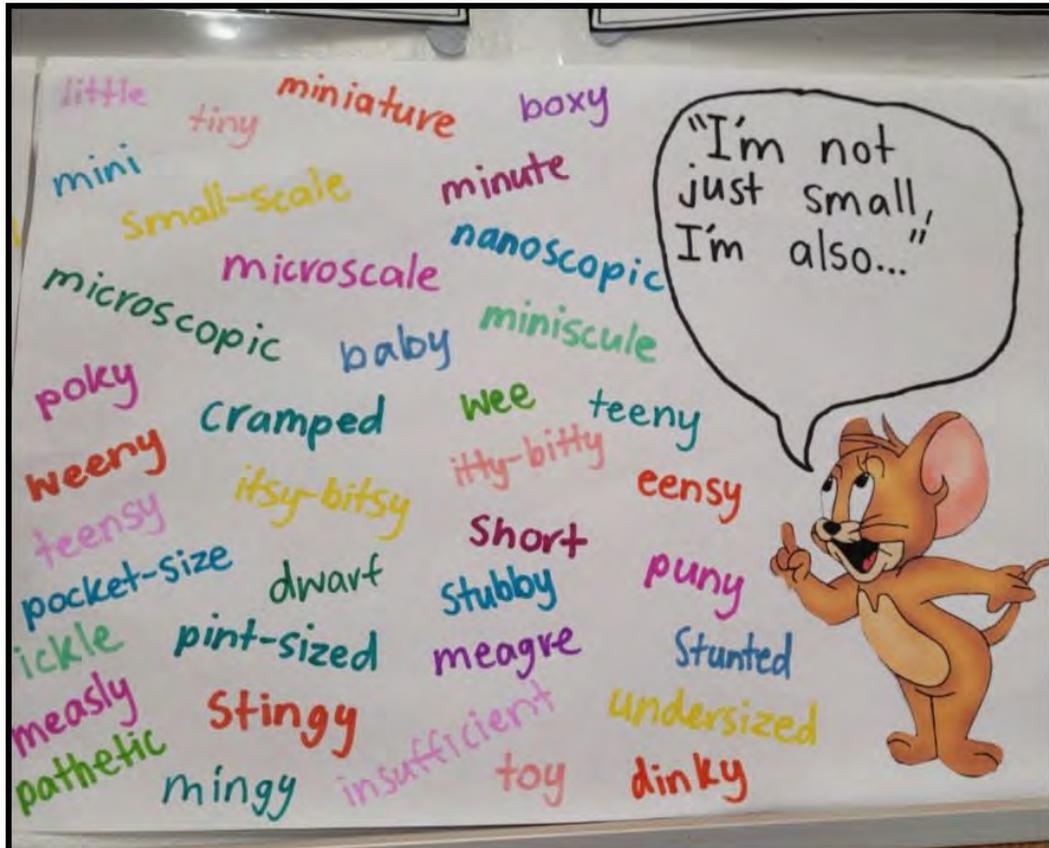
The day will include an assembly, opening and placing the Time Capsule, BBQ lunch, school tours, games for adults and students, old items, uniforms on display and stalls. Memorabilia available on the day.

Old Scholars are welcome to organise their own class gatherings, Saturday 16th October at the Wudinna Community Club.

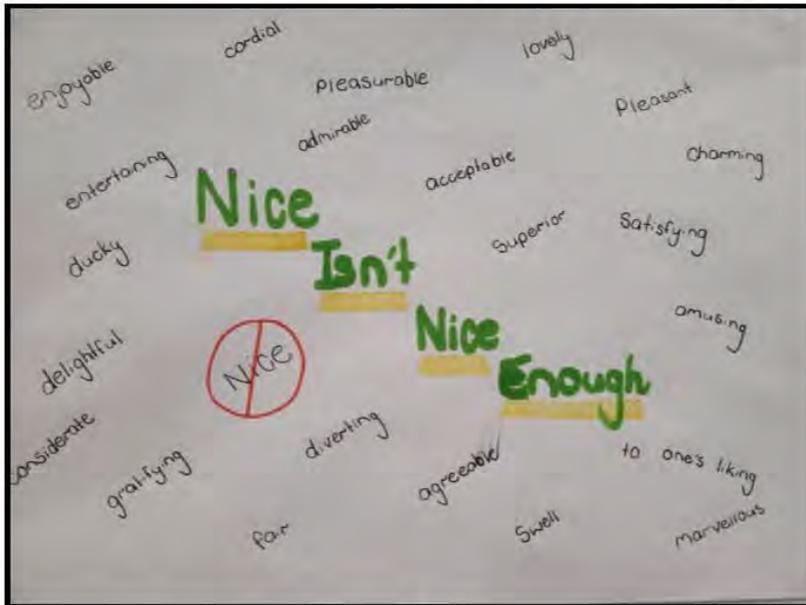


# Year 7 English

In Year 7, we are looking for ways to improve our vocabulary and word choice in our writing. We started by creating synonym posters while in lockdown. Now, we have them hanging in the classroom to use whenever we need to add interesting words to our writing. No more boring words!



# Year 7 English

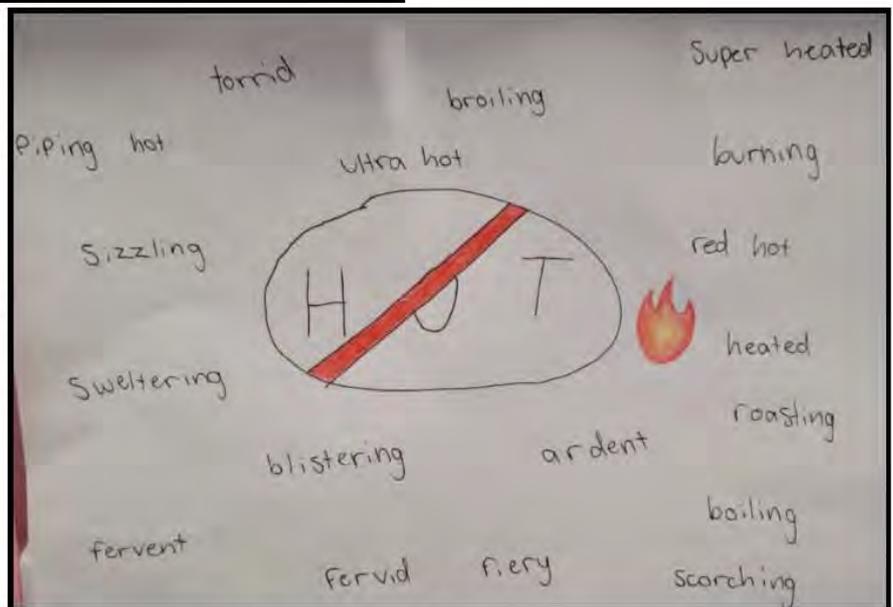


The greedy man sprinted down the haunted street.

Tessa

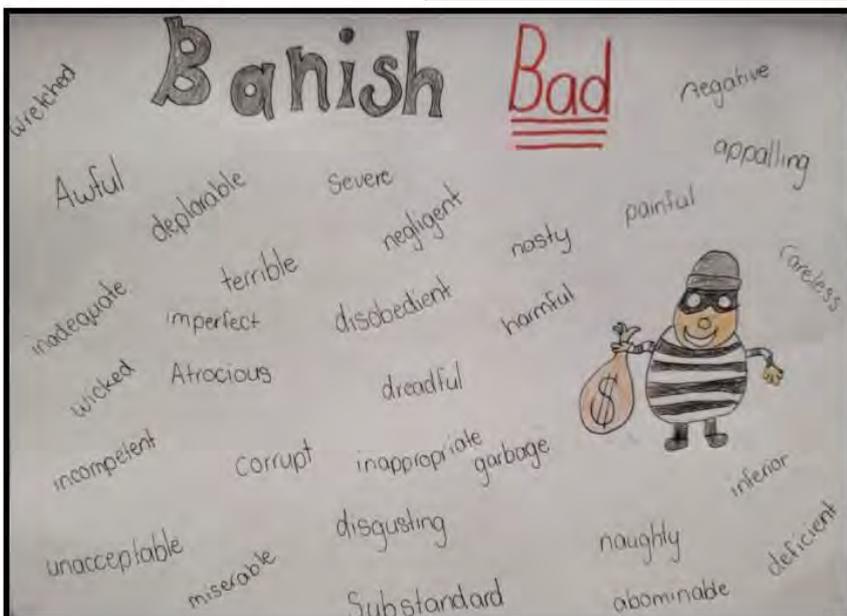
The crooked old man sprinted down the long, gloomy alley, dragging behind him the one thing that could stop him.

Megan



Boom! The house blew up into tiny pieces. People ran to escape the sweltering heat and appalling stench of smoke. The fire was monstrous.

Indy



# SAPSASA Basketball

**Year 7 boys** - We finished top of Pool A and had to play Streaky Bay in the final, unfortunately losing 8-14.

The **Year 7 girls** were undefeated and made the Grand Final going down 2 to 6

The **Year 6 boys** tried hard throughout the day but unfortunately they didn't win any games.

The **Year 6 girls** also tried hard all day but unfortunately they didn't win any of their games.

Sophie, Veyda and Amitie filled in for the Elliston team. Thank you girls!

Thanks to our Coaches and Umpires and to our Parent & Friends for catering for the day.



Year 7 boys. Coach: Emma Bigg



Year 6 boys. Coach: Emily Miller



Year 6 girls. Coach Mel Crosby



Year 7 girls. Coach: Darryl (Boof) Marshall