



# WUDINNA AREA SCHOOL

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## OUR SCHOOL VALUES:



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**SAPSASA Softball Trials -  
Cowell**

*Wednesday 9 March*

**Swimming Carnival**

*Friday 11 March*

**R-2 Splash Day – 11.00am;  
Governing Council Meeting –  
7.00pm**

*Tuesday 15 March*

**Track & Field Carnival**

*Tuesday 22 March*

**Pedal Prix event –  
Mt Gambier**

*Sunday 26 March*

**SAPSASA Softball Carnival –  
Adelaide**

*Monday 11 – Wednesday  
13 April*

**Term 1 ends**

**– buses leave 2.35pm**  
*Thursday 14 April*

**Term 2 begins**

*Monday 2 May*

**Pedal Prix event – Adelaide**

*Sunday 19 June*

**School Photos**

*Wednesday 17 August*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### G'day Everyone

This term is flying by! We have lots of hard work going on across the school. It has been great to see students able to undertake swimming lessons once again.

*PLEASE NOTE: All children, staff and visitors MUST STAY HOME if they are feeling unwell or present with even mild, flu like symptoms.*

### Ag Block

A big thanks to everyone who helped with the completion of the cattle yards and the setting up of the new sheep yards. Our Ag program continues to move from strength to strength.

### Sheep selection

We would like to thank everyone who has been involved in our annual led wether selection. Students demonstrated their enthusiasm, knowledge and confidence-handling sheep. This was a great learning opportunity and the start of our led wether program for 2022.



### School Buses/Road Safety

A reminder that when a school bus is on the side of the road with its lights flashing it is the law that the road becomes a **25km zone in both directions**. Please slow down!

### Pedal Prix

The new format has meant that teams need to compete in two events prior to the 24-hour event at Murray Bridge. Our first race is in Mt Gambier on Saturday 26 March. Students are training hard for Pedal Prix and we are looking forward to the competition. Participation in Pedal Prix and all other extra-curricular activities is dependent on student behaviour and work ethic, having said that my expectation for everyone involved is that they will be participating. We will be announcing a Working Bee to prepare the bikes very soon.

### Premiers Reading Challenge

All students are expected to undertake the Premiers Reading Challenge unless they have completed all the levels of the challenge. We want all students to have lots of reading experience from levelled readers, magazines, novels and comics. Many different books are included in the challenge, please talk to Grant in the library if you are unsure.

### Reading Fluency/Comprehension

The process of reading is very complex and can be very difficult to master. We have lots of students with good reading fluency i.e. they know their words. Our data demonstrates that our students are struggling with making meaning (comprehension) from the text read. Listed below are a few ideas for listening to reading at home.

## Reading Fluency vs Reading Comprehension

[Melissa Mullin, Ph.D.](#)

*The goal of reading is to gain information, whether it is what happens to the characters in a story, or learning about the world. Reading fluency is the speed and accuracy of decoding words. Reading comprehension is the ability to understand what you are reading.*

When reading fluency skills are higher than reading comprehension skills:

- Make sure the student slows down and processes what the words are saying.
  - Before beginning a book take time to discuss the cover and title with the student:
    - Why do you think they chose this title?
    - What do you think the book is going to be about?
- Stop and ask comprehension questions as you read:
  - What do you think the main character looks like?
  - What do you think the setting looks like?
  - What do you think will happen next?
  - Why do you think that character did that?
  - Is what just happened in the book something you have ever experienced?

Fluid reading with good comprehension is the goal for all readers. Some students learn one aspect of reading more easily than the others. Take the time to build both fluency and comprehension so your child becomes a proficient reader.

Yours truly  
**Ned Loades**  
**Principal**

### FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – SECONDARY SRC

Thanks go to Colby Stringer for his willingness to be Coordinator for this year's Secondary SRC, with assistance from Jaimee Bensen. Classes have voted for their representatives and this year they are:

Year 7: Lochie Barns, Josh North, Brooke Blayney

Year 8: Mia Elliot, Megan Allen, Eddie Beinke

Year 9: Holly Garnaut and Kaydi Joseph

Year 10: Travis Calow

Year 11: Rani Tomney

Year 12: Eleanor Shepherd, Ella Loades-Stokes and William Sampson

We wish them the very best in their endeavours this year and trust that student voice will be very evident in the operation of our school.

### House Captains

House Captains for our upcoming sporting events have been elected. I am sure these students will lead their teams to great success and model excellent sportsmanship.

#### Sturt

Captains - Kayla Garnaut and William Sampson

Vice Captains - Regan O'Brien and Nathan Butcher

#### Gawler

Captains - Holly Bigg and Cody Shepherdson

Vice Captains - Jacqui Vorstenbosch and Reef Tomney  
**Eyre**

Captains - Ella Loades-Stokes and Mia Fridd

Vice Captains - Rani Tomney and Alex Calow

### Sporting Achievements

We would like to congratulate Rani Tomney; over the past few months she has been working towards her netball goals and has recently been selected in the 17U State Development Squad. Also to be congratulated is Rebecca Sampson who, over the weekend, made the Thunderbirds Talent Academy.

Well done girls, your drive and commitment to the sport should be commended.

### Rural Youth Ambassador

William is in his second year of representing both Wudinna Area School and South Australia as a Rural Youth Ambassador through the Country Education Partnership. The purpose of this program is to provide young people in rural communities an opportunity to build leadership skills and enhance lives, learning and educational outcomes of students.

This past week has seen William travel to Albury, NSW, to present the issues and possible solutions that students and schools face in rural and remote communities. Some of these included: access to a large range of learning opportunities, attracting and retaining quality teachers, access to appropriate career information and improving wellbeing in schools.



*Minister for Regional Education Fiona Nash met with Rural Youth Ambassadors, South Australia's William Sampson, 17 and Myrtleford's Georgia Piazza, 18, to discuss rural education*

*Jaimee Bensen*

*Assistant Principal – Secondary*

### FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – PRIMARY

#### Term Time Swimming

We finally have our swimming program up and running and students seem to be enjoying their swimming lessons. Many thanks in advance to our wonderful instructors Susie Boylan, Mel Crosby and Jenna-May Jackson, who work hard to provide an excellent swimming program, catering for a range of abilities.

#### SAPSASA Softball

The SAPSASA cricket trials were held in Kimba on Tuesday 1 March. Next Wednesday, 9 March, SAPSASA Softball trials will be held in Cowell and this year we have a large group of students trying out. Emily Miller has been taking this group for some lunch time trainings to

familiarise them with the sport before their trial day. Many thanks to Emily for giving up her time to help our SAPSASA students.

### **SRC**

Elections for Primary SRC reps are underway in all of the Primary classes. The supervisory teachers for this year are Nicolle McKinlay and Sonia Allen. Next week they will be having their first meeting to elect the students for executive positions. A list of reps will be published in the next newsletter.

*Karen Lymn*

*Assistant Principal – Primary*

### **SWIMMING CARNIVAL & SPLASH DAY**

Students will be culminating two weeks of swimming lessons with a Swimming Carnival next Friday 11 March with events commencing at 9.30am. Our Swimming Carnival provides students with the opportunity to have fun competing at the end of the swimming program.

Participation in events helps all the house teams score points. To encourage active participation in the carnival, we have three novelty events for Primary and Secondary students. These events encourage non-competitive swimmers to contribute house points in a fun and competitive nature.

Please come along and support all of our students as they compete.

A **Team Spirit Cup** will be given to the house that encourages its competitors to do their best in all events in a positive manner through cheering.

At the completion of both events parents may take their child/children from the pool, however, the Home Group teacher must be notified.

If you are able to assist with timing on the day please contact Emily Miller or Karen Lymn at the school. The program for this carnival will be emailed to all families next week.

The Reception to Year 2 will be having their Splash Day on Tuesday 15 March commencing at 11.00am. Further information will be sent out to families next week.

Hoping to see as many parents and supporters at these two events; your attendance is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

The Interschool Swimming Carnival will not be held this year due to some schools holding their swimming lessons in Term 4.

*Emily Miller and Karen Lymn  
for the Sports Committee*

### **BUS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL AND SPLASH DAY**

#### **Swimming Carnival- Friday 11 March**

Reception to Year 2 students will depart from the school at 3.25pm.

Year 3-12 students will depart from the swimming pool at 3.35pm.

#### **Splash Day Tuesday 15 March**

All students (Reception-Year 12) will depart from the school as per normal.

It is important that you inform your Bus Driver if you will not require bus travel on either of these days in order to prevent unnecessary waiting times and delays.

### **PEDAL PRIX UPDATE**

Our first Pedal Prix event is less than 3 weeks away! Interest and support from students and parents for this year's Pedal Prix has been really positive. Due to COVID restrictions, it is an expectation that parents provide transportation, accommodation and food. At this stage, student numbers will make up either 3 or 4 teams. Teams and Team Leaders will be allocated soon. All students need to participate in the two events to be eligible for the Murray Bridge event. This is a rule implemented by the Pedal Prix organisers.

We will be holding an after school Busy Bee to help prepare the bikes for the first race. Final details of this Busy Bee will be sent out in the near future.

Thank you to Jessica Atkinson for organising new shoes, t-shirts and riding singlets, sponsors and trainings. The students have had the chance to practice in the bikes, including with their riding shoes. A huge thank you to all of our sponsors for this year's Pedal Prix events. Their sponsorship money is going towards new shoes, shorts and singlets, as well as the maintenance and running costs of the bikes.

#### **2022 Wudinna Area School Pedal Prix Sponsors**

Lymn Carriers and Concrete	CAE – Scott Allen
Wudinna Meat Store	Heath Transport
Wudinna Hotel Motel	Ramsey Brothers
Jericho Engineers	Wudinna Foodland
Nutrien Ag	Mogas
Beingawa Transport	MGA Insurance
Wudinna Community Club	NKE Pastoral

A reminder of the Pedal Prix event locations and dates:  
Saturday 26 March at Mount Gambier  
Sunday 19 June at Victoria Park, Adelaide  
Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September at Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge

*Veronica Sampson*

*Pedal Prix Coordinator*

# First Aid Awareness

Wednesday 23 March 2022  
12:45pm - 2:45pm

FREE CRECHE AVAILABLE



Workshop will be presented by  
Port Lincoln Training

A FREE non-accredited first aid workshop with a focus on supporting parents to manage first aid emergencies for babies and children

*As numbers are limited, please phone  
Kirton Point Children's Centre on 8682 5969 to secure your  
booking*



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of South Australia

# LINO PRINT WORKSHOP WITH LILY LEGOVINI

SUNDAY  
MARCH 20

10AM ... FOOD &  
REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

**\$110**