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NEWSLETTER VOL 13 - AUGUST 30th 2019



UPCOMING KEY DATES

YEAR 7 WILLUNGA HIGH SCHOOL
TRANSITIONS
MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER



SPORTS DAY
FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

VOLUNTEER TRAINING
WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

OPEN NIGHT
TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

WAKAKIRRI 2019

Wow, what a performance by the 2019 Wakakirri team at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Thursday 22nd August. All the student's hard work, dedication and persistence paid off as they performed a tribute to Jessica Watson's solo sailing trip around the globe. The McLaren Vale students performed on centre stage, rocking the choreography in front of a huge audience. There were 12 other schools from around the state performing on the same night. A team of students walked the red carpet and were interviewed by the host and judges. The backstage crew were outstanding and took out the award for 'Best Backstage Crew' on show night. Judges commented on our 'bright and bubbly performance; with great use of talents and skills'. Performance and Production awards included Excellent Ensemble, Soundtrack Mix, Set Movement and Staging. A big thankyou to Sally Murray and Sharon Proctor who helped with makeup and hair, Maggie Cooper for her expert choreography and management, Logan Cooper for his sound editing, Rosemary Nairn for her performance expertise and wonderful support and the students for their energy, enthusiasm and commitment. Well done team.

Kym Kleinig (Wakakirri Convenor)

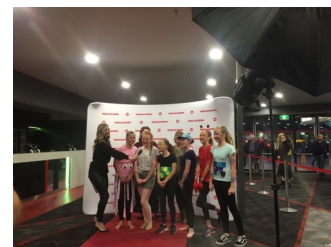


Wakakirri continued...

KYM KLEINIG (WAKAKIRRI CONVENOR)

WAKAKIRRI

Australia's Largest Performing Arts Event for Schools



IT WAS KYM'S PASSION FOR DANCE AND PERFORMING THAT LED TO THE 'BIRTH' OF WAKAKIRRI AT MCLAREN VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL. HOW FORTUNATE FOR OUR SENIOR STUDENTS TO HAVE HAD THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY AND BY ALL ACCOUNTS, IT'S BEEN A MONUMENTAL HIGHLIGHT IN THEIR 2019 YEAR SO FAR. THERE ARE SO MANY ELEMENTS TO BRINGING TOGETHER A PRODUCTION OF THIS MAGNITUDE AND WE SINCERELY THANK KYM, MAGGIE AND ROSEMARY FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO ENSURING OUR CHILDREN SHONE ON THE STAGE WITH EXPERT CHOREOGRAPHY AND PRECISION IN PERFORMANCE AND STORYLINE. WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF THE OUTSTANDING EFFORT BY ALL OF THE WAKAKIRRI STUDENTS.

YOU ROCK!

Wakakirri has also donated 10 copies of the book – The Quest Diaries of Max Crack, written and illustrated by Jules Faber, to the school.



Book Week 2019

MATT MILLAR



What a fantastic week to celebrate the amazing world of books, the stories they tell and the amazing places they take us. We had a range of fun and interesting activities throughout the week including: a book swap, the dress up parade, the "Big Dreams" performance for all students, a scavenger hunt and the chance for classes to hear different staff members read their favourite books. The highlight for many was the dress up parade, which was fantastic to see all the effort put into the costumes. Well done to all the staff and students who dressed up on the day! We look forward to doing it all again next year!



Reading is my
SECRET POWER



Premier's Reading Challenge

LAST DAYS TO GO!

Reading for the 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge finishes Friday 6th September.

Please encourage your children to return their forms on or before the due date and if needed spare forms are available from the Library.

Well done to all those students who have already completed their Premier's Reading Challenge record. Awards for the Challenge will be received in Term 4.



You can help ...

AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION SCHEME

Classification of movies and digital games 2019: Does Australia's classification system suit your family's needs?

Australia's National Classification Scheme for movies, digital games and apps uses the classifications **G**, **PG**, **M**, **MA15+** and **R18+**.

The Australian Council on Children and the Media [ACCM] is seeking your help with its 2019 survey of parents' and carers' satisfaction with the Australian National Classification Scheme (NCS) for movies, digital games and apps. This survey will update information gathered in 2017, and takes between 5 and 10 minutes. Its URL is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y7CTFSR>

Your input will provide valuable data for ACCM's ongoing review of the usefulness of the NCS and levels of protection for children that it provides.

As ACCM is wanting to hear from as many parents and carers across Australia as possible over these next two weeks, it would be very grateful if you would circulate the survey across your own networks.

For more information on ACCM, visit its Movie Review service [[Know Before You Go](#)] and its App Review Service [[Know Before You Load](#)].

Phonics Screening

2019 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK FOR ALL YEAR 1 STUDENTS

Most children start school with some understanding of reading. Some can already read. Children who understand the relationship between letters and sounds - known as 'phonics' - will be at an advantage. Phonics is vital in learning to read. Some children struggle with learning to read. It is important that these children are quickly identified so that teachers can plan for any specific support they may need. When this is done early, children have the best possible chance in life and learning. The phonics screening check is a short, simple assessment that tells teachers how students are progressing in phonics. It takes only 5–7 minutes and is carried out by classroom teachers with each student individually. Teachers then analyse the results and, if necessary, plan for any additional support that students might require. The phonics screening check was developed in the United Kingdom and the South Australian Department for Education trialled it in 2017 in 56 schools. The trial showed that not only did children enjoy it, but that it was straight forward to do. Principals and teachers thought the check had the potential to improve phonics teaching. All Year 1 students in government schools will undertake the check in August 2019. To ensure high quality and consistency, Year 1 teachers and school leaders were trained to use the phonics screening check during term 2, 2019. The Department for Education is supporting schools with resources to undertake the assessment and to follow up with students who need additional support. The phonics screening check will be updated each year. The phonics screening check is one important element of the Government of South Australia's Literacy Guarantee, ensuring that all students have the best possible start in reading.

The Literacy Guarantee is central to the improvement of literacy and numeracy for all students.

Maker Day

EMMA SHERIDAN

On Friday 16th August, our school was a buzz of designing, making, testing and fine-tuning. Maker Day saw kids and families get involved in the Design Thinking Model, creating different solutions to a range of problems that we face in our school and the wider community.

Students were applying skills from different disciplines; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, in order to design original solutions. In Room 16 students were faced with the following two student-driven problems;

- The amount of rubbish in the school yard
- Drink bottles constantly falling off desks in the classroom

It was wonderful to see students highly engaged in the entire process, especially the 'making' of their prototype and testing it on Maker Day.

Thank you to the many families come in and work alongside students on their designs, offering assistance and different perspectives.



Helping keep students safe with new screening laws

LYN LANGELOUDECKE

South Australia has introduced stronger, transparent and more effective screening laws for people working or volunteering with children.

We are working towards all parents and guardians who volunteer on a regular basis within their child's classroom or in wider school activities to undertake a working with children check (WWCC).

Important information that you need to know about the changes to the current child related clearances.

The new screening laws were recommended as part of federal and South Australian royal commissions, to help keep children safe in our communities. From 1 July 2019, the state's current system for child-related employment screening will be replaced with a working with children check (WWCC). The new laws mean that, from 1st July 2019, everyone working or volunteering with children must have a valid child-related check. Under the new scheme, people can apply for a WWCC themselves, as opposed to the previous system where organisations had to initiate screening applications. This means people looking to enter child-related work industries can be work-ready. A WWCC is valid for five years and is portable across roles and organisations throughout South Australia.

Current, valid child-related employment screening checks done by DHS/DCSI will be recognised as a WWCC until they expire.

There will be a 12 month transition period for most people affected by the new laws – such as those people with a National Police Certificate assessed by their organisation – to allow them to enter the new WWCC scheme smoothly. For most people, this means they don't need to do anything to be ready for the new law starting on 1 July 2019.

What to do if your current clearance has expired?

Those volunteers registered through the school and are still volunteering will be notified by Lynne Milne in Student Services to re-apply.

How to apply?

Individuals can do their own application for a new WWCC or applications can be started through the school. This involves coming into see Lynne in Student Services and registering your name. The screening unit will email you directly providing you with a link to log into the system, followed by a second email with the user name and password for you to complete the application. You will then need to provide evidence using the 100 point system to Lynne in Student Services. This verifies the application for the process to proceed.

For more information, visit the DHS Screening website screening.sa.gov.au/wwcc.

Volunteer and RAN Training Wednesday 11th September

LYN LANGELOUDECKE

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE AT OUR
VOLUNTEER AND RAN TRAINING
SESSION BY PHONING THE SCHOOL ON
83238741 OR EMAILING
DL.0251.ADMIN@SCHOOLS.SA.EDU.AU

9 - 10AM
VOLUNTEER TRAINING

10 - 12NOON
REPORTING ABUSE & NEGLECT (RAN)



Sports Day

FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME

AS ALWAYS, MCLAREN VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL'S ANNUAL SPORTS DAY PROMISES AN EXCITING DAY OF COMPETITION, ATHLETICS AND FUN.



TEA, COFFEE & MILKSHAKES
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

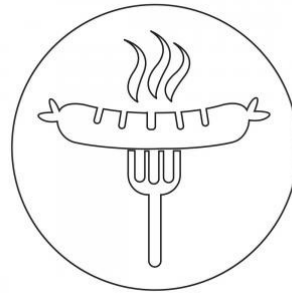


BAKED POTATOES AVAILABLE
FROM THE CANTEEN \$6.00 EACH



SUNSMART

FREE SUNSCREEN
AVAILABLE ALL DAY



SAUSAGE, SAUCE, ONIONS
\$2.00 EACH



COLD DRINKS
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE



CAKE STALLS

DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER SPORTS DAY WAS POSTPONED
TO FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

- **SAUSAGE SIZZLE ORDERS** WERE COLLATED BACK IN TERM 1 AND LISTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO CLASS TEACHERS. IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHETHER YOU HAVE ORDERED FOR YOUR CHILD PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER
- **VOLUNTEERS:** MARY-ANNE WILL BE RINGING PARENTS WHO VOLUNTEERED TO WORK ON THE BBQ/CAKE STALL TO CHECK IF THEY ARE STILL AVAILABLE AND CONFIRM TIMESLOTS
- **CAKE STALL DONATIONS:** PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO OUR CAKE STALL ON SPORTS DAY, DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT ON THE TABLES IN FRONT OF OSHC ON THE DAY
- **RAFFLE:** WE HAVE SOME GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES AND WILL BE SELLING TICKETS FOR \$1.00 IN STUDENT SERVICES AND ON SPORTS DAY. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SELL TICKETS PRIOR TO SPORTS DAY PLEASE COLLECT A BOOK OF 10 FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

STEAK AND COLESLAW ROLLS
\$7.00 EACH

LENTIL BURGERS
\$6.00 EACH

SUPPORTERS COLOURS!

TEAM SUPPORTERS BANDS \$1.00 EACH FOR SALE PRIOR TO, AS WELL
AS ON THE MORNING OF SPORTS DAY FROM 8.30AM
ZINC, HAIRSPRAY, RIBBONS FROM 8.30AM GOLD COIN DONATION

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
SPORTS DAY

On Thursday August 15th, the junior primary ATSI students from our school went with the junior primary ATSI students from Seaford Rise Primary School, to Morialta Adventure Playground.

This playground had a strong connection with Kurna culture and has many amazing features created by local Kurna/Ngarrindjeri artist Allan Sumner. These features include dug-out canoes, Wardlis (shelters), carved animals, rock carvings, wooden signage with Kurna words for the areas, Kurna shields cut into some of the trees and an eagle's aerie on top of the slide.

One of the highlights of our day was that the students got to meet Allan himself, who just happened to be giving a talk to a group while we were there!

The day combined nature play and cultural learning, and the students had an awesome outdoor learning experience, especially in the stream that runs through the playground. The playground is home to a diverse mix of local flora and fauna, as well as play equipment which was created from natural resources from the local area. Our students even found some ochre to make paint with.





AT OUR LAST ATSI FAMILY EVENING WE INVITED YOUNG KAURNA/ NGARRINDJERI MAN ISAAC HANNAM TO COME ALONG AND TALK TO US ABOUT HIS JOURNEY THROUGH SCHOOL AND TO WHERE HE IS TODAY - PROUD OF HIS IDENTITY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE. ISAAC ALSO DID A WELCOME TO COUNTRY AND PLAYED THE YIDAKI FOR US. STUDENTS FROM OSHC JOINED US FOR ISAAC'S PRESENTATION. WE ALL ENJOYED IT VERY MUCH.



Outdoor Works Update

LEANNE LOVETT

We are very excited to have Stefan back on board with us to work on Stage 2, the nature play area. The planned collaborative vision of staff, students and parent community members for nature play for our children is coming to life before our eyes. The children will have a creek, sandpit, and more defined areas to explore and learn within to develop confidence, skills and learning dispositions such as persistence, resilience, problem solving, ability to self-assess risk and working collaboratively.



We can't wait to open this space – stay tuned!

OSHC News

NATALIE WELLS-OSHC DIRECTOR

While the past couple of weeks have been a little quieter in OSHC we have still had some great learning opportunities and lots of fun. For part of science week, the children made rockets using 1.25 litre bottles which were then launched on the oval with our rocket launcher. So much fun and amazement as the rockets flew high into the sky!

Over the past term we have also had tech free afternoons, a different afternoon each week where there is no technology available to use. These afternoons have been amazing with some great creativity and imagination being shown by the children. The afternoons have also been calmer and the conversations between peers have been enriched. These days will continue into the future, and with feedback from a few parents we may increase it to more than one afternoon a week.

The vacation care program is almost finished and will be out for school families at the end of week 7.



LEARNING NEW LIFE SKILLS



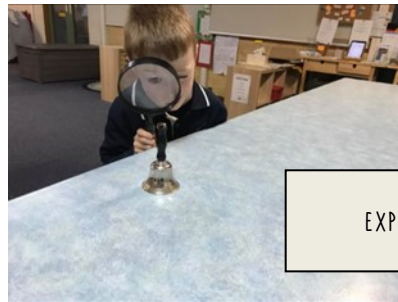
ROCKETS ON THE OVAL

"Creativity involves breaking out of established patterns in order to look at things in a different way."

~Edward DeBono



CREATIVE COLOURING



EXPLORING...

Congratulations

CADET OF THE YEAR AWARD



CONGRATULATIONS TO FREYA, WHO WON CADET OF THE YEAR FORM THE COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE IN THE KYEEMA GROUP FOR 11 TO 18 YEAR OLDS.

IT'S ALWAYS FANTASTIC TO SEE MCLAREN VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS BEING ACTIVE CITIZENS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Information Sharing



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MCLAREN FLAT TENNIS CLUB IS SEEKING INTERESTED PLAYERS FOR SEASON 2019 - 2020

JUNIORS – SATURDAY MORNING – UP TO AGE 17

These teams play in the Onkaparinga Tennis Association and play at locations such as Kangarilla, Meadows, Clarendon, Macclesfield, Strathalbyn, McLaren Flat and Langhorne Creek. Start times and players in a team vary depending on the program and the skill level of the players.

Practice starts 12th September, and first match is Saturday 19th October.

If you are interested please come along to the **Junior Registration on Thursday 5th September 4.30 - 6.00 pm**, at the McLaren Flat Tennis Club, Recreation Ground, Main Road, McLaren Flat.

[If you are unable to make registration, please contact Sonia Robertson on 0407 323 934 or prior to registration.](#)

Coaching: The club offers amazing coaching opportunities with highly skilled coach Ray Moyle. All junior players coached using the Tennis Australia approved Hot Shots program. We also offer a Hot Shot 3-day coaching clinic in January for all junior players.

Just starting out? Awesome! The club has a training squad for younger and inexperienced children who would like to learn tennis but not play on a Saturday. Everyone is welcome to join our Good Sports (www.goodsports.com.au) Accredited Club – this means we have a range of policies in place to make our club a safe and healthy place for EVERYONE to be!

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Update Week 5, Term 3 - 2019

Year 7 will be taught in high school from term 1, 2022.

This means from 2022, year 6 will be the last year of primary school and year 7 will be the first year of high school.

This is a big change for our public education system. We'll be providing regular updates about the move and what it means for your child.

Why we're moving year 7

Year 7 is already part of high school across the country, so we're bringing South Australia in line with the rest of Australia, and with other education systems in our state.

The planning process

We'll be ready for the move in 2022. We've done our homework to make sure there's enough space at high schools. We're investing \$185m in our schools to manage increasing enrolments, which includes providing general and specialist learning areas.

Benefits for your child

Your child's learning is our priority and we want to make sure they get the best learning opportunities from their new high school environment.

The Australian Curriculum for year 7 was designed to be taught in high school, and your child will benefit from specialist teachers in specialist high school facilities.

We can see in many of our R - 12 schools, and from the interest in our pilot schools, that year 7s are ready and keen for high school.

Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: www.education.sa.gov.au

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: Year7toHS@sa.gov.au



WILLUNGA HIGH SCHOOL



Principal's Tours Wed 21 Aug & Fri 13 Sept 9:30am - 10:30am

Meet our staff and students and explore our grounds and facilities. To book your tour:
P: 8557 0100 E: info@whs.sa.edu.au



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What's happening in class?

ROOMS 11 AND 15

ROOM 11 and ROOM 15 MAKER'S DAY

THE DESIGN THINKING MODEL



IDEATE

THE BEST IDEAS COME FROM THE BRAIN, NOT THE HANDS



5 MINUTES - 100 IDEAS

...IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW CRAZY, GET THEM ALL DOWN!

EMPATHISE

"Don't you hate it when..."



You can't find the brick you need!



You step on a piece of Lego! Ouch!!



CLEARLY DEFINE THE PROBLEM:

- When you are building and have to spend lots of time looking for a small piece of Lego in a box filled with lots of different sizes and colours. They all get in the way.
- After Lego has been played with and a rogue piece gets forgotten to be closed up. When needed it is causes the person searching pain!



PROTOTYPE:

Design a prototype to test all or part of the solution



TEST

Engage in a testing process to refine and improve your solution