



NEWSLETTER



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COMMUNITY - HAPPINESS - LEARNING - RESPECT

DIARY DATES

February

15 Playgroup begins 9-11am
Parent Information Night
5.30pm

25 Maths Information Night

March

4 Adelaide West visit
5 Swimming Carnival @
The Valleys 10am-2pm
8 Public Holiday
15 Governing Council 7pm
25 NAPLAN practice
29-30 Parent Teacher
Interviews

April

2 Good Friday
5 Easter Monday
9 End of Term 1,
Assembly 1.45pm
Dismissal 2.20pm
26 Public Holiday
27 Start of Term 2

Dear Families and Community,

What an exciting 2 weeks we have had at Watervale Primary – swimming, establishing new values and expectations, choosing our leadership team and getting to know one another. This term, our whole site inquiry is WE BELONG. Through the work in our classes over the last fortnight and as our term continues, we want to ensure every child, family member and our wider community feels that they belong within the space at Watervale. Educators will be linking this inquiry into all aspects of their learning design to ensure everyone believes they belong.

NEW VALUES:

In Week 1 we went about a process to capture 4 new values for our site. With the input of children, staff, families and the wider community we are pleased to announce our values are COMMUNITY – RESPECT – HAPPINESS – LEARNING.

We feel that these values encapsulate and promote what Watervale Primary is all about and supports the idea of “Learning for Life.” We have had some positive conversations about what these values look like in our spaces; how they feel, look and sound. We will continue to build upon our expectations and ensuring we are seeing these values within our classrooms, yards and out in the community. Each fortnight at assembly, awards will be given to those children who have been seen demonstrating these values from a range of educators. If you see any positive displays of these values within the community, please let us know as we would love to celebrate this.

SWIMMING:

This year we enjoyed having our swimming lessons at The Valley’s during week 1 and 2. Our instructors, Jo, Chloe and Julie, taught us all about being safe in the water and teaching us new strokes. Swimming lessons are part of children’s yearly learning and supported by the Department of Education. We are lucky to be able to have fantastic facilities to attend our

lessons in. Thank you also to the Fidge Bus Company for safely transporting us to and from the pool throughout the week.

AGM:

On Monday we held our AGM for Governing Council. I am pleased to announce we have a full governing council for 2021. Our Councillors this year are: Chairperson, Community Rep & Finance Rep - Brett Schutz, Vice Chairperson - Kate Shadiac, Secretary - Catherine Driscoll, Grounds Rep - Hillary Mitchell, OSHC Rep - Bec Bryksy, Carla Ackland, Charmaine Jones and Keliesha Barns.

Governing Council meetings are held in week 3 and week 8 of each term. The Governing Council governs and guide the direction of the site. For more information on what a Governing Council does, please see the link below.

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/working-us/governing-councils/about-governing-councils/what-governing-councils-do> If you are not on the Governing Council but have an issue you would like raised, please see one of these people for further support.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS:

MONDAY THE 15th OF FEBRUARY – PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Next Monday the 15th of February there will be a Parent Information Night held for all families. The program for the night is:

- ◇ 5:30pm Mrs Tilley’s Class
- ◇ 6:00pm Whole School Address (in the collaborative space)
- ◇ 6:20pm Mrs Liebelt’s Class

This night will give you the opportunity to hear from educators about the learning that will take place within the site this year. There will be opportunities to see timetables, documentation and resources and hear about class expectations. We hope that you can join us for this time.

THURSDAY THE 25th OF FEBRUARY – MATHS INFORMATION NIGHT

On Thursday the 25th of February, there will be another Parent Information Session with Lisa-Jane O’Connor. Lisa-Jane is from the Primary Maths Association and working with educators across the site this year to support their maths teaching and learning programs. She has a wealth of experience when it comes to knowledge of the curriculum and targeted teaching of maths. We encourage you to join us in the collaborative space from 6:15pm to hear more about the way in which your child will learn maths in 2021 and beyond!

Best wishes for a positive fortnight.
Kel Barns
Principal

ATTACHMENTS

M & S fees
Book Club
Swimming lessons photos & Open Access College

Our Leaders for 2021



Joel Fahey - Deputy School Leader
Hunter Parker - School Leader
Chloe Ackland - School Leader



SRG
Amelia Ackland
Molly Longbottom



Alice O'Leary - Sports leader
Marshal Hunter - Environment Leader



Better Buddies Leaders
Abigail England
Hamish Driscoll

Do you have some time to spare?

Working Bee

Over the next term we will be adding jobs that are prominent to further development of our site in our newsletter. These will not have to be done at a certain time, but when it best suits you. We ask you consider these and if you have the time, we would be so pleased to see you help us these areas develop further.

AREA 1: THE CHOOK YARD

We are lucky to have chooks coming! Prior to them arriving we need:

- * The weeds cleared.
- * The chook yard moved.
- * All trees trimmed 45 cm above the ground.
- * A fence put in in line with the classroom.
- * Pea straw dispersed throughout the yard.

We thank you for our support within our site and can't wait to have our chooks!

The spare uniform cupboard is overflowing!!
Please come in for a look and take whatever you like!

What's happening in our learning space

Kaku Class

Literacy

Our writing focus has been learning to structure a recount.

Samara wrote a brilliant one about swimming lessons with a title, introduction and sentences in sequence using the time words, First, Then, Next and Finally. She looked carefully at the success criteria when working on her own writing.

In her conclusion she wrote, "I thought it was fun because I learnt how to swim better and I loved it so much." Samara wore our Super Writer cape proudly for the whole day on Monday.



Numeracy

William organised an icecream shop fundraiser with help from Evan, Elliott and some other friends in the class. They planned it, advertised it and collected data about how many icecreams they needed to buy and what flavours they would sell. William collected the money and sold the icecreams on Monday at lunch time. This is real life Maths in action with everybody thinking as Mathematicians.



Wuti Class

In the Wuti class we are working on developing a respectful and collaborative class culture. We begin our learning day with a morning circle where we say hello to one another, give a positive touch and go through our routines for the day. We also check in with our feelings and make sure we are ready to learn. We have made a positive collection of class expectations and reflect on these daily. The children are working together to build a community of trust, respect and care for each other.

Orvada Class

The new school values have been a huge focus for the first few weeks of term. With Miss Alison the learners have been unpacking the feelings, sounds and looks of the values **Happiness, Respect, Community and Learning.**

The learners have worked in small groups to create posters and then individually to present their own understandings and discoveries of the new school values.



OUR NEW LEARNING SPACES NAMES

Mrs Tilley's R-3 class - **Kaku** (carrots)

Mrs Liebelt & Miss Barn's 3-7 class -

Wuti (quandong)

Miss Alison in the Collaborative space -

Orvada (nectar of yukka flower)

These are Ngadjuri words suggested by Elliott.

GOOD JOB ELLIOTT!

**Fortnightly Assemblies on
Fridays (even weeks)
at 3pm in the
Orvada Room.
All welcome :)**

**Starting in week 5 newsletters will go
out on Thursdays.**

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR MONEY FOR
THE SCHOOL. HOPE
YOU ENJOYED THE
ICECREAMS.**

**A profit of \$35
was made.
WELL DONE!**

**FROM WILLIAM
AND EVAN**

PIC-COLLAGES

NOTICES

Mindfulness for Everyone

Do you sometimes feel like there is too much happening around you?

Are thoughts keeping you awake at night?

Would you like some time out to become more relaxed?

Or are you just interested in knowing what Mindfulness is all about...

*We are running our Mindfulness and Meditation Course
in Clare in Term 1, 2021*

Daytime classes commencing Tuesday 16th February for 6 weeks

12 noon – 1.40pm

Evening classes commencing Wednesday 17th February for 6 weeks

6.20pm – 8pm

Both at the Clare Medical Centre

Cost: \$120

Early Bird (if booked before 25th January) & Repeat Participants: \$100

(Concession available on request)

In these 1 ½ hour sessions we will explore techniques to:

- ~ improve mental clarity, concentration, relaxation and sleep ~ reduce stress
- ~ learn to be in the present moment and out of 'auto pilot' ~ improve relationships
- ~ manage pain ~ become less judgmental of ourselves and others

Places are limited - to register or make enquiries, contact:

Melanie Michael: 0428 101 228 Michelle Sanders: 0407 795 104

midnorthmindfulness@gmail.com Certified Mindfulness-based Stillness Meditation Facilitators

**Parents At
Watervale
School**



We are looking forward to another fabulous year as a PAWS committee. There are a range of ideas in planning for the year ahead.

In Term 1, we will begin the fundraising by selling COOKIE DOUGH! Delicious! This will be delivered just in time for Easter and the school holidays.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Put these dates in your diaries ready for the year!

Mothers Day Stall – Friday the 7th of May

Fathers Day Stall – Friday the 3rd of September

Activities Day – Thursday the 9th of December

Other events will be organised throughout the year including a Ladies Night, Men's Night, Silent Auction and MORE!

We look forward to having your input in our committee. Join us for our first meeting on Thursday the 4th of March at 3:30pm.



PAWS

Just a little update
Anyone can join paws.
Mother, father, grandparent
guardian or someone
that just would like to volunteer
a little spare time for
fund-raising and events
for our school in 2021

Come along to our next meeting 4 March 3:30pm



HAVE A BLAST!

GIRLS ONLY (5-10 YO)

COLOUR BLAST

Clare High School Oval
Monday 1st March 4:30-7:30pm
\$30

Register @ playcricket.com.au - search 5453

OFFICIAL KIDS
PROGRAM



Uniform Reminder

Students are to wear a school shirt, school jumper or hoodie and dark bottoms.

Please return your plastic newsletter envelope to the school.
Thank you.

RUOK?

Need a bit of extra help?
Call on these Australian crisis lines or professionals:

Lifeline (24/7) 13 11 14

Suicide Call Back

Service (24/7)

1300 659 467

Kids Helpline (24/7)

1800 551 800

beyondblue (24/7)

1300 224 636

Headspace

(for 12-25 years)

1800 650 890

