



WATERVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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COMMUNITY - HAPPINESS - LEARNING - RESPECT



DIARY DATES

March

- 25 NAPLAN practice
- 26 **Harmony Day, wear orange**
- 29-30 Parent Teacher Interviews

April

- 1 Easter activities 9-11am
Cookie Dough arrives
Assembly 2.50pm
- 2 Good Friday
- 5 Easter Monday
- 7 Ladies Night - run by PAWS
- 9 End of Term 1,
Assembly 1.45pm
Dismissal 2.20pm
- 26 Public Holiday
- 27 Start of Term 2

May

- 6 **PUPIL FREE DAY**
- 7 Mother's Day stall
- 10 Governing Council
- 11-13 NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5

Dear Families,

Another productive fortnight at Watervale, as you will see from this newsletter! It was exciting to have such an excellent turn out to our school Working Bee on Sunday the 14th of March. During this time we had parents, grandparents, partners and learners all digging in to make changes to our grounds. We were so pleased to feel such a sense of community on this day and thank everyone for their involvement.

STAFFING UPDATES:

- A big CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Liebelt who is having a baby in September. This is such exciting news for her and her family. The Wuti class is very happy for Mrs Liebelt and described it as "the most exciting news!" Whilst positive news, this means that we will be looking for a Senior class teacher from the middle of term 3. As this process progresses we will keep you informed.
- Sadly, we farewell Carolyn Camilleri at the end of this term. We are so grateful for her support and work in our school as the Christian Pastoral Support Worker. We acknowledge the beautiful manner she has with our learners, the support she has given within the class and yard and the gorgeous notebooks that each learner receives. The children will miss your arty ways Mrs C and I am sure you will have many "hello's" at your local store. We will farewell Carolyn at recess on Tuesday the 6th of April.
- Jared Murray was nominated as the grounds person for Watervale Primary last Friday. It will be great to have Jared as a part of our staff bringing his many years of permaculture expertise and grounds maintenance. We look forward to hearing his ideas and working with him on Friday's!
- A big thank you to Brian Courtenay for his work on the grounds in the interim. We are grateful for his help and support throughout this term. We wish Brian all the best with his future endeavours.
- We welcome Sharyn Williams to our team from Term 2 as she takes on the role of our Christian Pastoral Support Worker. Sharyn worked as a teacher at our site for many years and we are excited to have her back in another capacity. She will bring many skills to this role and will be with us for about 10.5 hours a week. As we confirm work days and programs, we will share more with you!



LEADERS DAY:

Last Thursday I had the pleasure of attending "Leaders Day" in Adelaide with around 550 leaders. On this day the CE, Rick Persse, gave an address and discussed the course of action we are taking. Since the implementation of the 10 year plan to be a "world class system" we have made significant growth and improvement throughout South Australia. This strategic plan to become "world class" has 5 key focus areas including:

- challenging learning
- quality people
- strong engagement
- better support
- targeted resources

Throughout the first 3 years, there has been a myriad of supports implemented including the Site Improvement Plans, Curriculum Resources, Guidebooks for Schools/Leaders, faster internet and ICT facilities to support learners and educators and *the list goes on*. The Department are constantly assessing, re-assessing, re-thinking, planning and working towards achieving this goal for being a World Class System. As a Department, we take pride in giving educators and leaders constant learning opportunities; prioritising the voice of educators and what they feel they need next; **and most importantly see the children at the centre of everything we do**. It is a pretty fabulous system we work for and are involved in!

As we work towards this goal, remember your input is always valued. If you have any ideas or ways we can continue to improve to become world class, I ask you to come and see me.

SCHOOL INTERVIEWS:

Educators will be holding interviews next week to share the "stars" (great learnings and improvements) and "wishes" (next steps/ recommendations) with you for your children. We hope you have found an opportunity to get online and request a time with your child's educator. These are a valuable conversation to be having to continue to build the team approach to learning between teacher, learner and parents.

Have a lovely weekend!
Kind regards,
Kel Barns



Abigail & Chloe

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WEEK 7

Students of the Week

Ava & Georgie



Value Awards

Ellie & Amelia both received Community certificates



Better Buddies Award

Joel



Multilit Certificates

Hunter & Max



Australian Early Development Census

Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

In early 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

Some teachers have also noticed that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole and that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing class programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website:

www.aedc.gov.au

If you have any questions, you can contact Kel Barns on 8843 0186.

The Year 6 & 7's (and a few staff) were thrilled to receive their senior jumpers!



The ICAS Assessments are available for registration!

If your child is in Year 2 and above and you would like them to be involved in a Writing, Digital Technologies, English, Science, Spelling Bee or Mathematics testing from August this year. These tests require your children to think beyond the classroom, encourages students to attain greater academic success and recognises and rewards student success through medals and certificates. If your child is interested, please register them with either Lisa or Liz in the front office. When you have registered your interest, a note will be sent home in regards to your commitment to this testing. These tests do come at a cost of around \$17 - 25 each; more information will be included in the final note.

SUSTAINABILITY FRIDAYS



What's happening in our learning space

Kaku Class - We've been learning about verbs. There are doing verbs, saying verbs, thinking and feeling verbs.

Isla has made up a poem about dinosaurs using lots of doing verbs. Can you pick them?

move it!

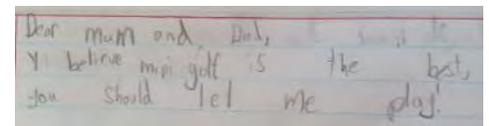
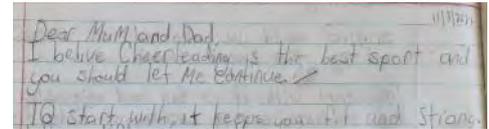
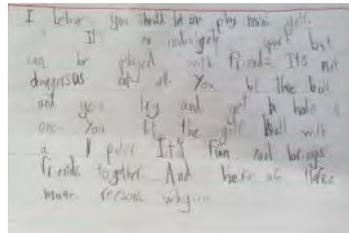
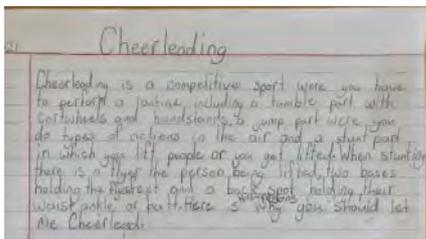
T-Rexs stomp, roar, chomp.
Pterodactyls fly, glide, swoop.
Brachiosaurus eat, walk, look.
Duck-bill dinosaurs sing, run, swim.



By Isla Parker

Mrs Tilley

Wuti Class - Having completed our first Brightpath persuasive piece in week 4 students have been working hard on their punctuation and re-working their ideas and content, they have come a long way! We look forward to re-doing the persuasive assessment early next week and seeing their growth! Here is some examples of their re-worked introductions.



Having worked through patterns thoroughly we transitioned into finding patterns in our numbers. Consolidating this we transitioned into working on number sense and place value really cementing the basics before delving deeper into further strands in maths. It has been so nice to see the success in students who had previously thought they couldn't do maths. Here are the students playing a place value game. How high can you get in 2 minutes.

A test from the students. Can you say this number? **345 658 173 234 569 736 582 134 627 936**

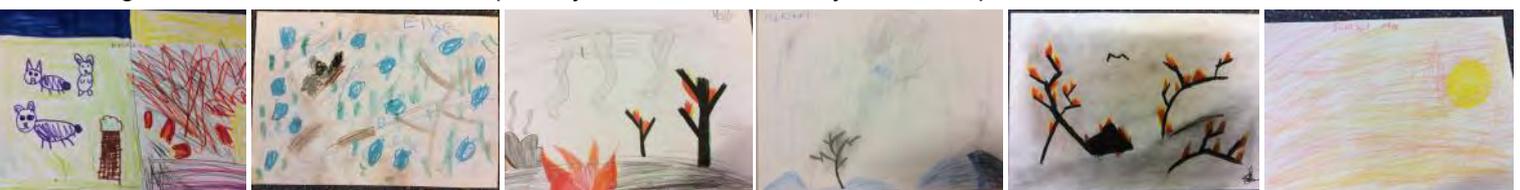


Mrs Liebelt

Orvada Class - In Art we have been continuing our learning about the different parts of drawing in visual arts. This week the learners were examining and learning about the colour wheel and how different colours 'cannot be created which are primary colours'. By mixing the primary colours you can make secondary colours. Ask your child/ren what the three primary colours are and what colours they can make together?



The learners also produced drawings using a medium of their choice in either a warm or a cool colour palette. Learners were discovering which colours were based on primary colours and how they either complemented each other or clashed.



Miss Alison

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 ☆ **Harmony Day** ☆
 ☆ **tomorrow** ☆
 ☆ wear something orange ☆
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Thank you to the families who have paid their school fees.
 If you haven't as yet, can you please do so, as soon as you can.
 Thanks!

OSHC **Pupil Free Day**
Goss! **Thursday May 6**
 Watervale OSHC will be offered on this day, from 8am-6pm, if there are sufficient numbers. Cost of the day is \$50 per child.
 Please register your interest with Miss Alison or the front office before the end of term - April 9.
 Thank you.

NOTICES

Parents of Watervale Primary School
invite you
to join them for

Ladies Night

Wine tasting by Ulster Park Wines

Bra fittings by Sami's Bra Styling

Doterra essential Oil roller making with
Brooklyn Allen

Food by Lou from Watervale General Store

Wednesday 7th April
6.30pm @ Watervale General Store

Tickets \$30 which include
complimentary glass of bubbles on arrival and take
home essential oil roller bottle

Ticket purchases through
Charmaine Jones
0448691193
or

Brooke Parker
0428 584 817



Watervale Playgroup

Everybody is welcome

- Story Time
- Music
- Meet Your Community
- Play Experiences
- Craft Activities

Mondays - 9:15 to 11:00
What to Bring -
\$2, Hat, Water Bottle and a
piece of fruit to share.
Coffee and tea provided.
Location - Watervale Primary
Library
Contact - 8843 0186

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**Please come into the front
office if you would like a
copy of the Clare OSHC
Vacation Care Program.**

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



NAB AFL AUSKICK INFORMATION

NAB AFL Auskick is an introductory program to the game of Australian Rules Football for boys & girls. The program aims at teaching participants the basic skills of Australian Football with an emphasis on fun activities conducted in a safe & friendly environment.

All boys & girls are welcome. Parents are most welcome to attend & join in & have some fun with the kids.

To find out more details about your closest centre & to register, log onto

www.play.afl/auskick

Kids Helpline

Phone:
1800 551 800
or online -
kidshelp.com.au