



WATERVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DIARY DATES

April

- 9 End of Term 1, Assembly 1.45pm
Dismissal 2.15pm
- 26 Public Holiday - Anzac Day Service 5pm
- 27 Start of Term 2

May

- 6 **PUPIL FREE DAY**
- 7 Mother's Day stall
- 10 Governing Council 6.30pm
- 11-13 NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5
- 21 Dream Big excursion to Adelaide - whole school
- 26 RAA Street Smart visit

Dear Families,

We have come to the end of term 1 and what a great term it has been! A reflection of our term has been made in the front office. The visual continues to remind us of all we have done and all we continue to do to move forward. It has been an exciting term that has supported growth in our site; we have seen connection with families, learners, educators and the wider community; engagement and challenge in a range of learning opportunities within our class spaces; and enjoyment in a fresh start, inspired spaces and a new set of values to support us all within our daily purpose at the school.



As a staff, we spent time on Tuesday night reflecting on the term that has been. Educators were all asked to take a moment to record 2 stars and a wish to consolidate the good parts and the areas that still need work. Some of the STARS included:

- * Refreshed and inspired vibe
- * Positive starts with lots of smiles
- * Recycling programs
- * Whole school learning programs including Sustainable Fridays, Easter Mornings, Library lessons
- * Growth within the site; everyone is working together and there is a developed sense of team
- * Positive communication
- * Positive, encouraging and supportive community
- * Grounds beautification

While we know there is always positives, some of the work educators see to come includes:

- ⇒ Safe and uninterrupted terms
- ⇒ Positive, whole team vibe to continue both at school and into the community
- ⇒ Build enrolments
- ⇒ Continued changes within the grounds
- ⇒ Build playgroups involvement within the school

We then spent time reflecting on the work we have done in regards to our site improvement plan and our "where to next." This time is important allowing us to see our role and purpose within our learning plan. It continues to keep our focus on those goals and actions and redirects our thinking to allow us further opportunities and growth. We are excited to see where the learning inquiry of "DREAM BIG" takes our learners in Term 2.

In our staff discussions, I acknowledged that each term is fast-paced but discussed the importance of focussing on our purpose and taking time to identify the learning opportunities in all that we do. The work that happens within schools is so important and inspired. Excursions and extra-curricular opportunities give learners perspective, growth and build interest in a range of areas. We are taking the time to see the positives in the fast-paced nature of school life and taking a moment to find the learning opportunities in all of this work. How lucky are we!

I ask you take the time to fill out your families 2 Stars and A Wish card that you will find within this newsletter from the term that has been. We would love to hear from you and what you feel has been important in Term 1 and what you would like to see happen in Term 2. Your feedback is always important and we look forward to hearing your positives from the term! Wishing you a happy and safe holiday period!

See you on the 27th of April!

Kind Regards,
Kel Barns

ATTACHMENTS

Term 2 calendar
2 stars and a wish

Goodbye

Mrs Camilleri

We wish you all the
very best!



Pupil Free Day
May 6



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WEEK 10 STUDENTS OF the week

LADIES NIGHT

On Wednesday the 7th of April, PAWS held a Ladies Night at the Watervale General Store. The evening included delicious food by Lou Haines; a Doterra Essential Oil information session by Brooklyn Allen; an Intimo discussion with Sam Malycha; and a wine tasting from Ulster Park Wines. There was time for mingling, discussion with stall holders and lucky square and silent auction prizes to be purchased.



It was a lovely community event with many people from outside the school community attending and joining in the mingling and conversations.

We were so grateful to the local businesses including A Joyful Bunch, Claymore Wines, Shut the Gate Wines, Clewers Beta Electrical, Jim Barry Wines, Sevenhill Hotel, Unique Remedial Massage and Beauty, Watervale General Store, The Valley's Lifestyle Centre, The Rising Sun at Auburn, Valley Bookkeeping Solutions, Mocundunda Wines, Ulster Park Wines, Sami's Bra Styling and Brooklyn Allen Doterra Consultation for their generous donation to the evening.

A big thank you to PAWS for their initiative with this event. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all those that attended and raised around \$1000 for the school. Further information on how this fundraising will be used to support the school will be in the following newsletter.

WELL DONE EVERYONE! :)

This month, the doterra special is to buy all the **children's oils and get a free year membership!** Contact Brooklyn Allen for more information



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Amelia & Max



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value Awards

Learning Awards -
William, Fred
& Hamish



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Better Buddies Award

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Isaac & Hunter



Easter Fun



CONGRATULATIONS
JORDA FOR
selling
the
most
COOKIE DOUGH
TUBS!



What's happening in our learning space

Kaku Class - This week we have been introduced to Lovey Dove, one of the characters from the Kimochis Social and Emotional Learning programme. She is a very caring, peace-loving dove. She is a Mum and has a baby Turtle Dove that she keeps tucked under her wing. She is going to help us to be friendly, proud and kind. Sometimes Lovey can worry too much and that is her challenge. She is going to teach us how to manage big worry feelings and make them smaller. We look forward to sharing our learning journey with you for the rest of the year. Mrs Tilley



Wuti Class - There were celebrations in the Wuti class this week when they heard their next text type was 'Narrative'. They were so excited they were more than happy to do their 3rd BrightPath assessment for the term. It was so great to hear comments from students 'How many lines are in a paragraph?', 'ooh I forgot my paragraphs spaces', 'I'm going to need more paper I don't think I will be able to finish all my ideas in time'. Students are really enjoying their writing and are conscious of the different elements that can take their writing to the next level. I look forward to reading their work.

How great to have our tank painted! We were able to help already by using our maths skills. By using our maths in a real life problem solving way, we have jumped in and worked out the canvas size. We have been introduced to pi and have been using different multiplication methods to work out the dimensions and checking the answers. We discovered even when the numbers are looking really complicated multiplication is never more complicated than multiplying two single digits. Mrs Liebelt



Orvada Class - This week, the Kaku and Wuti class worked together in art to create Autumn collages out of natural materials. They paired up with a buddy from a different year level. Younger learners chose the school leaders, and the remainder chose someone from a different year level. The learners explored the yard to collect natural items to glue onto paper. They designed pictures with their selected items and named their pieces together.

The second activity was to start planning and thinking about the artist in Residence program next term. Learners were offered large pieces of paper with the school value words displayed. They were asked to draw and note ideas they had about how to show the values in painted form. There were lots of discussions about how to show Community, Happiness, Learning and Respect as pictures and designs. The learners are looking forward to being a part of creating a design and assisting the artist James next term to help our school community to become even more beautiful. Miss Alison



OSHC Goss

Pupil Free Day
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 By April 28.

NOTICES

FUNDED OCCASIONAL CARE AT SELC

THURSDAY'S 9AM-12PM
COST \$5 PER SESSION
\$1.50 WITH CONCESSION CARD



For bookings or enquiries please contact Julie, Sharyn or Paulie on 88474245 email julie.mcinnis507@schools.sa.edu.au for enrolment forms of any information.



DRAMA HUB

The Drama Hub is an after school program for school aged children (Yr 2 - Yr 12) to learn clear and effective communication skills that will serve them throughout their life. Classes involve a range of speaking and performing exercises that will help students gain confidence in the classroom, social development, leadership and team building as well as help overcome personal obstacles such as anxiety and shyness.

Where: Clare Uniting Church, 18 Victoria Road, Clare

When: Monday afternoons. 3 sessions available between 3:30-5:30

Cost: Group lessons \$144/ term (8 weeks) (Dur: 45 minutes max 6 students per class)

Individual lessons \$240/term (Dur: 30 minutes)

Term 2
(Commencing May 3rd)

- Public Speaking
- Story telling
- Monologues and Dialogues
- Preparation for Balaklava Eisteddfod

Term 3
(Commencing July 26th)

- Eisteddfod performances
- Readers Theatre
- Improvisation
- Interviewing skills
- Podcast skills

Term 4
(Commencing October 18th)

- Drama Performances

Voice Coach: Annabelle Homer

Before moving to the Clare Valley, I spent 15 years as a ABC Radio and TV Journalist and Presenter. I have a Bachelor degree in Communication (Journalism and Screen Production) at Griffith University. I also have 12 years experience in AMEB Speech and Drama. I know first hand that Speech and Drama can help transform the speaking confidence of young people.

To enrol, or for more information, contact Annabelle Homer: voiceitinfo@gmail.com 0402345524

FEMALE FOOTBALL PLAYERS WANTED



The Northern Plains Female Football Competition is starting in Early May.

If you were born between 2004 & 2009 & would like to play football, please contact one of the following club contacts for more information;

Balaklava	Belinda	0427 866 802
Mallala	Ruth	0409 671 633
Two Wells	Martyn	0487 701 559
Blyth/Snowtown	Ian	0428 820 139
Min Man	Brett	0456 778 451
North Clare	Ian	0477 300 094

music with sandy

From Term 2, Sandy Bowen will be offering private guitar and piano lessons at our site. She will be available from 9:30 - 12pm on Friday's for lessons with students. If your child would like to be a part of this, please let Kel know. A great opportunity for all children!

Kids Helpline

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