



WATERVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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COMMUNITY - HAPPINESS - LEARNING - RESPECT



DIARY DATES

May

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

June

- 4 Mid North Orienteering @ Balaklava
- 14 Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday
- 15 Governing Council
- 29 Assembly
- 30-2 July Whole school camp at Mylor
- 2 July End of Term 2

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2! DREAM BIG is our inquiry this term. It will be exciting to see how our educators tie this throughout their planning and daily learning activities and what our children discover and learn! Along with a great learning program this term, we are engaging in lots of fun and connections through excursions, onsite activities and of course, camp! Be sure to have a good look at the term calendar and make sure you check your SeeSaw and our Facebook page for any further updates.

ANZAC SERVICE:

It was lovely to have so many from our school community represented at the Anzac Service on Sunday evening. Congratulations to Leonie Moore and her team for putting together a lovely remembrance time. We were pleased to see some adults from our school community also involved in aspects of the service. All children were respectful in their presentation, laying of wreaths and attentiveness during the service. A humbling time to join together with our community and demonstrate respect for those who fought for our country.

PROTECTIVE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT GRANT:

We are pleased to announce that we have been given a \$5000 grant to increase our protective physical environments. The grant was written for upgrades to be done in the toilets to make them a safe and clean place to go and to upgrade our signage to represent our school values. These projects will begin in the next few weeks in discussion with the SRC and governing bodies of our school. If you have any ideas, please feed them back.

WEBSITE:

Our website is up and running! We are so grateful for the work of EWS and their professional layout for our site. The information is current, relevant and of interest to our site. The newsletters will be updated fortnightly and other appropriate notes will also be added. EWS will come back to take more photos of learners when they are up in the area again to enable more of our spaces and learners to be visible on the site. Any feedback, please let me know.

WELCOME BACK MRS WILLIAMS!

On Wednesday we welcomed back Mrs Williams to our site as our CPSW. We are looking forward to working with her on a variety of activities. Mrs Williams will have some time in our classrooms; with small groups; and individual students. The children are very much looking forward to their "Milo Time" and the woodworking adventures that they are timetabled for. If you would like to see Mrs Williams for a catch up, please book in a time to see her. She will be around the yard on Friday afternoons so pop in and say hi!

NEW UNIFORM IS COMING!

As you will see in the notes, there is new uniform coming! A big thank you to PAWS and in particular, Charmaine Jones, for sourcing the new, warm and cosy beanies; what a hit they will be. The beanies should arrive in the coming weeks and will be available for \$20 each.

We have also worked with Canterbury to design a new rugby jumper. This is in

addition to our other jumpers that we have. The senior class were asked if this is something they would like to have as part of their uniform and were given the opportunity to design and then write a persuasive piece to convince the Governing Council that these were necessary. It was great to read their work on why we should choose theirs; a great connection between learning and student voice!

PUPIL FREE DAY - THURSDAY THE 6th OF MAY:

Just a reminder that next Thursday is a Pupil Free Day. Educators will be working on a webinar with Sheena Cameron to learn more about Guided Reading. They will then have time to look through resources and plan for Guided Reading sessions with one another and in conjunction with Michelle Barnes, the Curriculum Lead. After lunch we will head to Clare Primary for further learning about the Heggerty Phonological Awareness program that is being used and decodable readers. We are thoroughly looking forward to this day.

OSHC was made available through the previous newsletter but there was no responses. Due to this, there will be no OSHC offered on this day.

All the best for a great fortnight.
Kel Barnes

ATTACHMENTS

- Dream Big excursion permission form
- Jumper & Beanie order form
- OSHC survey

Pupil Free Day May 6

ANZAC Day Service



Lighthouse Award Winner for Term 1

Hunter Parker



Hunter,

You are a kind and considerate learner who is always ready and willing to help everyone in our site. You are attentive in the classroom, listening closely, focussing on tasks and showing a growth mindset. You apply yourself and work hard to be the best version of yourself. You are growing in confidence and demonstrate resilience when learning is proving to be difficult.

In the yard, you look out for others and are inclusive of everyone in your games. You demonstrate kindness, stopping to check in on others, helping out and supporting friendship breakdowns. We all appreciate the wisdom you share and the way in which you bring joy to the yard.

You are a natural leader, people want to follow you and support your ideas.

You lead with compassion and understanding, thinking of others and making sure you are putting them at the forefront of your decision making. You use statements such as "I like your thinking..." or "I support your idea because..." making others feel worthwhile and valued.

Hunter, this term we have seen you display all the values of our school. You are respectful, happy and conscientious learner who values the importance of community. A worthy recipient of the term 1 Lighthouse Award!

Congratulations Chloe for making it to the Mid North Netball trials on May 5. So proud of you!



The Fred Hollows Foundation is calling for nominations for the annual Fred Hollows Humanity Award, which recognises **Year 6 students** who demonstrate compassion, integrity and kindness towards others.

Parents, teachers, principals and members of communities around the country can nominate a child who is making a difference at www.hollows.org/fredhollowshumanityaward before Friday 23 July.

Since 2012, the Fred Hollows Humanity Award has recognised more than 1,830 students nationwide, who follow in Fred's footsteps by making a positive difference in the lives of others.

Previous year's nominees included a boy from the ACT who taught himself Auslan to communicate with a profoundly deaf classmate, a girl from Victoria who raised awareness and funds for refugees and a boy from Tasmania who provided ongoing support to a classmate with a serious medical condition.

All nominees will receive a certificate and be recognised at a presentation ceremony later in the year.

Each state and territory will also recognise a Junior Ambassador who will be able to extend their humanity by allocating \$5,000, donated by the award's charity partner Specsavers, to one of The Foundation's programs to end avoidable blindness.

"Fred used to say the basic attribute of mankind is to look after each other," said Gabi Hollows, Founding Director of The Fred Hollows Foundation.

"He would be so proud to know The Fred Hollows Humanity Award is recognising students who are demonstrating this belief in their own lives.

Nominations are now open and close 11.59pm, Friday 23 July. To see examples of past Junior Ambassadors and to nominate a Year 6 student, go to:

Yr 6 & 7 Transition to Secondary School in 2022

- To the Families of the Year 6 & 7's -
- An email has been sent to you regarding which school you would like your child to attend in 2022.
- Please look for - education.noreply@sa.gov.au (please check your junk folder).
- If you have any problems, please see Lisa.

OSHC Goss

Watervale OSHC will not be offered on the Pupil Free Day. Families will need to make their own arrangements. No charge to permanent bookings for that day. An OSHC survey is included in this newsletter. Can you please return by May 14.

What's happening in our learning space

Kaku Class - Kaku class says "Welcome back to school everyone!" We have 4 new cosy floor chairs to help us concentrate, relax and feel secure. We have a fantastic new cardboard box in our Home Corner that makes a great cubby!

What's new in Kaku for Term 2! (We're very good at rhyming!!)

We have a new Art studio in our class with a painting easel and new storage cubes.



We have a lovely new Doterra infuser that has oils for helping us to be calm, motivated and healthy in our classroom.

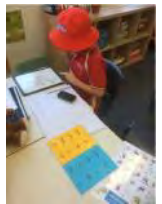


We have some new toys to play with from the Clare Toy Library.



We are so lucky and feel so grateful for these special things that help to make our Learning at Watervale Primary School so exciting!

This term we will be Dreaming Big and working on achieving new goals in Literacy and Numeracy. You will be able to see our goals and aspirations on our pinboard soon.



William is kicking goals here and achieving one of his writing goals: to write a sentence independently. See how he is using sight word and alphabet charts and a whiteboard to help him become an independent writer. He wrote,

"The best part of my holidays was knitting with my Granny. She is knitting a lion for me."

Bye for now. Mrs Tilley and the Kaku class.

Wuti Class - It sounds as though everyone had a great break over the holidays, which is lovely to hear. All students have settled straight back into their work. In literacy we have begun writing our first narrative. The students have done well with these. Be sure to ask them about their stories that have sprung from the prompt; 'I drank the water'.



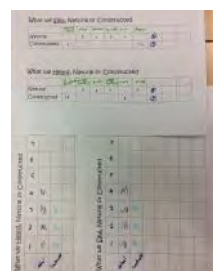
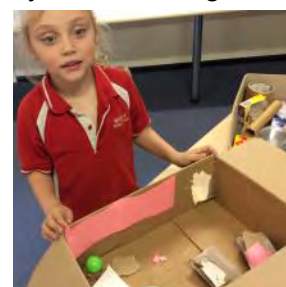
We have jumped right into maths this term! We are getting our lessons started with a Mini Math Mystery to warm up our brains. In our focus lessons we are working in the Measurement and the Data drawer. We are investigating units of length with Mrs Liebelt and learning the language of chance with Miss Barns. Please watch this space in future Newsletters as we will be testing you with our own Mini Maths Mysteries that we created last term.

Mrs Liebelt

Orvada Class - In HaSS the Kaku class learners' have been examining the ideas of 'Natural and Constructed' in our environment. After experiencing and collating data on Natural and Constructed environments, the children compared their findings with one another and displayed their information on tables and graphs.

The students were then asked to plan, sketch and create a special place for them. They used recycled materials to create a scene. They then compared their creations, noted their discoveries and discussed the differences and similarities between natural and constructed environments.

The Wuti class have been busy investigating places in the world using their researching skills. Each learner had either a local, a state, or an Asian neighbour to create a tourist brochure to show their findings. The learners have been very creative with their information and are looking forward to completing their brochures and presenting them to each other. It will be hard not to be convinced to want to visit the places they have investigated!



Miss Alison

NOTICES



Watervale Playgroup

Everybody is welcome

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

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



Uniform Reminder

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

NUT AWARE!

Please be aware what goes into your child's lunchbox as we have a student allergic to nuts. Nutella is okay!

MUSIC WITH SANDY

From Term 2, Sandy Bowen will be offering private guitar and piano lessons at our site. She will be available from 8:30 - 11am on Tuesday's and 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!

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

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

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