

# Newsletter



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Two Saturday nights ago approx.140 school community members and friends enjoyed our annual **Quiz Night** held at Yultiwirra. Once again we have had great, positive feedback from participants who attended the night. There were lots of games, great prizes and loads of laughs and fun! This year we introduced the "Spaghetti Tower" that tables need to work on using only spaghetti and plasticine. It was a huge hit! Thanks for the terrific support on the night to all of those who attended. In particular, thank you to **Georgia Richmond** (Fundraising Chair) and the **Fundraising Committee** for all of their preparatory work gathering prizes, organising the event and setting and packing up.

The cake auction was yet again a feature of the night and we thank those who baked and donated some delicious cakes: **Vanessa Baryczka, Ellie Ross, Alison Teague, Vicki Monteith and Jade Were**. Once again we had a Silent Auction which raised a significant amount of money and there were some amazing prizes!

This year we again enjoyed food prepared for us by renowned restaurateur (& school parent) **Che Zahra from Miss Perez and Jimmies Pizza** fame. Approximately 100 people enjoyed the delicious meals and it certainly added a wonderful social and community feel to the evening, being able to eat together before we got stuck into the questions, games and fun! A huge thank you to Che and his team.

Thanks to **Greg France** and **Ruth Nisbet** who worked on the questions, puzzles and Who Am I's this year. Also thanks to **Jodie Searle, Ruth Nisbet & Terri Ross** who worked alongside myself as a judge on the night.

We also appreciated the support of our sponsors and all the families who donated wine for the 'Wine Lucky Dip'! Thank you to everyone who donated or sourced prizes for the night.

**This year we raised \$6,610!** which is the most amazing amount and the most money we have ever raised for a Quiz Night! This wonderful fundraising effort will go towards our fundraising goals for 2017. A huge thank you to parent **Pete Monaghan** who for the third year running was brilliant, witty and totally entertaining in the role of Quiz Master. He certainly added to the fun and frivolity of the night!

Cathy France –Principal



## SKOOLBAG APP

### Download Now!!

As of Term 3, the Skoolbag App will be our main form of communication with parents.

**PLEASE ACT NOW AND  
DOWNLOAD THE APP!**

**Most consent and permission forms  
will not be sent home as paper notes.**

You will need to access these and all other school communication via the Skoolbag App.

### ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES

After trialling Skoolbag in Term 2 we would like to make a slight change. **We ask that all parents go into "Set up" and re-select the push categories. We have changed these to class names rather than cycles.**

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR QUIZ NIGHT SPONSORS

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Jade Were  
Zahra Family  
Pete Monaghan  
The Feathers Hotel  
The Bee Bloke  
Inner Health Outer Beauty  
Vanessa Baryczka

Adelaide Crows  
Cheryl Shrigrov

Mark Baryczka  
Esto House  
Fleurieu Store  
Ellie Ross  
Worth Gallery  
Nicki Stewart  
Mel Salmon  
Mt Little Station  
Hentley Farm  
Rom Evangelista

Le Bouboir  
Oak Tree Truffles

Kerrie Man  
Coco Bird  
T Bar  
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Kathmandu  
Merylyn Kuchel  
Arbonne  
Alison Teague  
Whittle & Hook  
Kaffana Restaurant  
Fox Creek Wines

# School News

## BOARD COMMUNIQUE

Meg Barker and Josh Ross were welcomed as new members to the Board. Paul Daly gave a presentation on the role and responsibilities of the Board. Ivano Cavuoto gave an overview of the topics that were covered at the annual AISSA Governance Conference. As part of the on-going Board education program, Cathy gave a presentation on the school's compliance and government accountability requirements.

*Paul Daly - Board President*

## THREE WAY COLLABORATIVE INTERVIEWS

As part of the reporting procedures, **three-way parent / teacher / child conferences** will be offered this term in **Week 10 at Yultiwirra & Week 2 Term 3 at Wairoa**. An email will be sent out next week giving parents more information about these and providing a step by step guide as to how to make an on-line booking. The Collaborative Interviews are an opportunity to discuss your child's achievements and areas for further learning. Documentation from the three-way conference forms our Term 2 report.

## TERM 3 SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A note will be sent home this week in preparation for our Term 3 Sausage Sizzle in the 1st week (*Friday 28th July*).

Orders must be in by the last day of THIS term. Class Parent Reps are organising & hosting this special lunch for the students to celebrate the beginning of Term 3!



## SHARING ASSEMBLY

We wish to invite all parents/caregivers to our "sharing assembly" in the last week of this term at the Yultiwirra campus, where students have the opportunity to share their work with the rest of the school. Please make a note of the date and place it in your diary: **Thursday 6th July 9.30am - Cycle 3 & 4 sharing work**

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Asherah Wild**, one of our Cycle 3 students who has been selected to be in the **2017 SA Refugee Week Youth Poster Exhibition**.

From 310 entries from 43 schools, Asherah was one of 75 students who has their poster included in the final Poster Exhibition which is on display from Monday 5 June - Wednesday 28 June at the Kerry Packer Civic Gallery, Hawke Centre, University of SA on North Terrace. Asherah also appeared in The Courier last week acknowledging her work and achievement. Congratulations Asherah!



## VACATION CARE

The Vacation Care Program will operate each day during the coming holidays from 7.30am to 6pm. The program will also operate on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July (pupil free day in wk 1 of Term 3). The program was sent home last week.

If you are interested in your child attending Vacation Care and have not already completed the booking form, please make sure you do this ASAP and hand into the office or directly to Sammi. We are currently trying to finalise staffing and confirm excursion arrangements.

## GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

As part of our funding agreement with the Australian Government, we are required to ensure that specific **"School Performance Information"** is made publicly available to the school community. This information is provided to the school community in various forms such as newsletters, school directory and the Annual Report throughout each year.

A collated version of this information under the headings specified by the Australian Government is now accessible on our school website for perusal by parents and the general public. The information relates to the 2016 school year. You may note that some of the information may be slightly different to the information provided on the government's My School website due to the month of the year the data was captured or the inclusion/exclusion of preschool/infant program students.

## STIRLING CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Unfortunately, this year the Wairoa students are unable to assist with the design and organisation of the Stirling Christmas Pageant. **So we are putting out a call to find some creative parents to take on this job!** A few Parent Reps have already said they are happy to assist with this task. If you are the creative type and would like to join a small task group to brainstorm ideas and then help realise the creative plan, please let us know in the office.

## YEAR 6 APPLICATIONS

Year 6 students who are moving through to the Adolescent Program at Wairoa in 2018 need to complete their Middle School applications. Both parents and students need to complete a submission form. Please hand these in at the office by no later than Friday 7th July (*last day of this term*).

## WE LOVE THE HILLS MONTESSORI SCHOOL CAR STICKER

Have you displayed your sticker on your car? They were sent home last fortnight in the Newsletter. If you would like more than one sticker you can purchase subsequent stickers at the office for \$2!



# Cycle News

## INFANT PROGRAM

The children have enjoyed learning how to crack an egg and discover what is inside and we followed that with peeling, slicing and eating a boiled egg. A big thank you to Adelaide Hills Pastured Eggs for donating many dozens of eggs to the Infant Program. Alexander carefully peeled his egg which he then enjoyed eating.



## CYCLE 1 PRESCHOOL

This term in the preschool we have been learning about the continents of our Earth together with land and water forms such as island/lake and system of lakes/archipelago. This week Warwick (Lomoso's dad) came and shared with us his culture of the Solomon Islands. He showed us how to open a coconut with a machete and Lomoso demonstrated how to use the special tool to scrape out the coconut flesh.



We also sang songs and joined in dances as Warwick played and sang on the ukulele with Sam (Lomoso's mum) translating for us. We all enjoyed it very much and are very grateful for the Hilly family sharing with us so generously.

## CYCLE 1 PRIMARY

The Correa class has been investigating how the daily and seasonal changes in our environment affect our everyday lives. We have discovered that we dress differently, eat different foods and participate in different activities in certain seasons because of the temperature. We have placed a thermometer outside in the courtyard and one inside our classroom so we can observe and record the temperature each day. We look forward to discussing our observations at the end of the week. *'Winter is cold and icy'* Jules



*'We always have warm food in winter like spaghetti and cold food like icy poles in summer'* Indigo *'We have soup in winter'* Ollie  
*'Mt George might have snow in winter'* Joe *'It's 12 degrees outside'* Iris  
*'AusKick is cold and muddy because it's in winter'* Harley  
*'The little red line is higher on the thermometer in summer and down low in winter'* Lachlan

## PE WITH ATTILA

Term Two at Yultiwirra has seen Cycle 1 and 2 developing their hand-eye coordination. Students have developed their skills through throwing and catching practice with some challenging themselves further by using equipment such as tennis rackets. Cycle 3 has taken their hand-eye coordination to the next level by embracing the challenging sport of badminton. During the second half of the term we've had a netball-coaching course with Lauren Nitschke from Net Set Go.

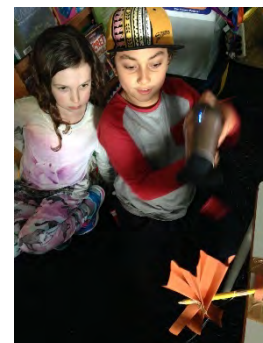
At Wairoa the Cycle 4 students have been learning about what makes a good team by playing touch footy and European handball. Both games are fast paced and require students to stay focused, move with the team and shift from attacking to defending very quickly.

Thursday mornings have started early for students showing commitment to the running club this term. Running from Yultiwirra to Wairoa and now running a 2km course around the school.



## CYCLE 2

In the past couple of weeks, our class has been working further on design and technology activities, both indoors and out. In small groups, students designed and produced miniature wind turbines with pulleys. Individually they designed the outlay of their 'ideal' classroom. This week they have begun finger stitching and designing and making a board game. Last week the students sang in our choir at the Cycle 1 & 2 concert, older students played the recorder and many performed individually with the instruments they have been learning in private music lessons.



## CYCLE 3

Earlier this year both Cycle 3 classes were asked to submit a piece of writing to persuade their teachers on where Cycle 3 should go on an excursion. Students were asked to think about the educational value of the excursion they propose, cost and time to travel to and from the location. The excursion chosen was to go Geocaching in the city.



This term the Newtons Maths Group has planned and organised a Geocaching excursion. They have written, distributed and collected permission slips, prepared an excursion Risk Assessment, liaised with Gab in the office to book a bus, located and plotted on a map geocaches in the City Centre, organised groups and parent helpers and ran a training session for their peers on reading maps, navigation and how to Geocache.

Cycle 3 sets off on their Geocaching adventure this Friday.

## CYCLE 4

This term students in the Adolescent Program have been stretching their creative muscles in various creative expressions such as, bush tucker, upcycled wallet, screen printing and woodwork 101. A highlight was a visit by students from the Wiltja Program who showed the bush tucker team how to cook Kangaroo tails over an open fire.



# School Dates & Info

## TERM 2 DIARY DATES (FOR THE COMING FORTNIGHT)

### Monday July 3 – Friday July 7

Collaborative Interviews - Yultiwirra

### Tuesday July 4

Facilities Meeting - 8.00am @ Yultiwirra

### Thursday July 6

Sharing Assembly 9.30am

Cycle 3 & 4 sharing. All parents welcome!

### Friday July 7

Middle School Applications due

End of Term – 2pm finish

### Monday July 10 – Monday July 24

Vacation Care Program

## TERM 3 DATES (FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS)

### Tuesday July 25

Term 3 Begins

Finance Meeting 6.00pm

Board Meeting 7.30pm

### Friday July 28

Yultiwirra Sausage Sizzle

### Monday July 31 – Friday August 4

Roundtable Interviews - Wairoa

### Tuesday August 1

Facilities Meeting - 8.00am @ Yultiwirra

Parent Rep meeting 2.30pm

### Thursday August 3

WHS Meeting - 4.00pm

### Friday August 4

Staff/Board dinner (*invitation only*)

## KEY DATES FOR TERM 3

### Tuesday August 8

Sharing Assembly 2.30pm

Cycle 1 & 3 sharing. All parents welcome!

### Thursday August 10

Parent Education 4pm-6.30pm

### Tuesday August 15

Wairoa Open Day 10-12noon

### Thursday August 17

Parent Get Together - Wairoa Café 9am – 11am

### Thursday August 31

Cycle 3 & 4 Music concert - 6.30pm

### Tuesday September 5

Parent Get Together - Yultiwirra 9.15am

### Wednesday September 20

Grandparents Day for Cycle 1

### Thursday September 21

Grandparents Day for Cycle 2 & 3

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The adult works to improve his environment while the child work to improve himself."*

*Maria Montessori*

## TERM DATES

**TERM 2:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

**TERM 3:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

**TERM 4:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

## COMMUNITY LOTTERY- WHOLE SCHOOL

**Australian Central Community Lottery books now need to be returned.** Please return your book to the Office as soon as possible.

## DRUM LESSONS

Sanjay Taverna (Guitar teacher) is now also offering Drum Lessons. If your child is interested in learning the drums you can contact Sanjay on 0417 080 325.

## COFFEEHOUSE CABARET @ WAIROA

Coffeehouse Cabaret Season 2017 opened yesterday evening and runs for three sold-out nights. With three diverse pieces of theatre, featuring 45 students, it has been a massive task to make this event happen. As well as learning roles, and undertaking background character development as part of their literature studies, students have been hard at work behind the scenes. All areas of production design – sets, props, costumes and tech; and event management – marketing, ticket sales, programming, hospitality and catering, have had teams at work for weeks. The result: a fantastic working 'little theatre' and three wonderful social evenings. The guides have worked like mad well after hours. (*Bravo! brava! Wendy, Gabrielle, Kiri, Robert, Alice, Dave, Ben and Pippa!*) Most especially enormous thanks are reserved for old scholars **Ruby Thomas** and **Maggie Garsed**, who returned fulltime to lead the set design team over the last three weeks.

We'd also like to thank **Dean at Carpet Court, Mt Barker**, for supporting us to find an excellent theatre flooring solution – it has been a transformation.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Rhee Taekwon-Do evening lessons are coming to The Hills Montessori School this Spring**, and will be held in our Hall and conducted by *Rhee Taekwon-Do South Australia*. Learn a traditional martial art in a fun, safe, and family friendly environment. More information will be provided through the Skoolbag App in the coming days.