

Newsletter



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Earlier this year we were successful in applying for a state government grant through the Way2Go Bike Education program. Way2Go is a statewide South Australian program promoting safer, greener and more active travel for school students and their communities. The grant was for the construction and installation of bike shelters at both Yultiwirra and Wairoa campuses.

We are pleased to announce that both structures are now installed and ready for use! The Yultiwirra bike shelter is along the side of the hall and the Wairoa shelter is located at the back of the main building.

Particularly as the weather gets warmer we encourage students to ride their bikes to school and lock them up for the day utilising the shelters. It is pleasing to see that the Wairoa shelter is already being put to use!

I would like to thank [Paul Evangelista and Ivano Cavuoto](#) (parents) for their valued input and assistance in the construction and installation of the bike shelters and [Paul Noon, Robert Doolan](#) and [Andrew Every](#) for their assistance in the installation of both structures.

You may have noticed the building work that is taking place out the back of the Cycle 1 primary classrooms. Last year we applied and were successful in securing a BGA Capital Works grant through the Commonwealth Government. The capital work is to refurbish the Cycle 1 primary classrooms and build an outdoor learning space at the back of those classrooms.

During the holidays, the builders began by constructing doorways that lead out to the new space and replacing the front door of Ruth & Tony's classroom. This term the outdoor learning space structure will be built and then next holidays the inside of the classrooms will be refurbished. We are very excited to watch the progress and already the small amount of work that has occurred has given the rooms a "fresh lift"! Part of this work will be subsidised by the school's Building Fund money that is generously donated by parents each year.

Cathy France –Principal

SKOOLBAG APP

Download Now!!

As of this term, 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.



PARENT -STAFF SESSION

SCREENAGERS

Film Screening & Discussion

Thursday, 10th August 4.00 – 6.30pm

Common Room, Yultiwirra

We invite you to come and join the staff to view the film; "SCREENAGERS". Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that with her own kids and learned that the average kid spends 6.5 hours a day looking at screens. She wondered about the impact of all this time and about the friction occurring in homes and schools around negotiating screen time. In SCREENAGERS, as with her award-winning documentaries on mental health, Delaney takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance. *Come and join the conversation!*

Creche facilities provided for children 3 years and older – Bookings Essential! Please **RSVP by Friday 4th August.**



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ROUNDTABLE INTERVIEWS

As part of the reporting procedures, three-way parent / teacher / student roundtables will be offered this term in [Week 2 at Wairoa](#). An email has been sent out giving parents more information about these and providing a step by step guide as to how to make an on-line booking. The Roundtable Interviews are an opportunity to discuss your child's achievements and areas for further learning. Wairoa Term 2 reports were posted to families during the holidays.

TERM 3 SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A sausage sizzle will be held this Friday for Yultiwirra students. Orders needed to be submitted last term. The Class Parent Reps organise & host this special lunch for the students to celebrate the beginning of each term! We thank the parent reps for volunteering their time to assist with the lunch.



WALK A MILE IN MY BOOTS

This year The Hills Montessori School has a team in The Hutt Street annual fundraiser Walk A Mile In My Boots. This is an opportunity for our school community to come together and join thousands of other South Australians to take part in this event and help raise funds for the incredibly important work that the Hutt Street Centre does on a day-to-day basis. The walk will take place on [Friday 11th August 2017 starting at 7.30am in Adelaide city](#). The walk takes less than an hour, so students will be able to complete the walk and then attend school afterwards. All students registered for the walk must be accompanied by a registered adult, as the school will not be providing supervision for students. When you register, make sure you join "The Hills Montessori School" team. If you are unable to take part in the walk, you can still show your support by sponsoring those that are taking part. Click on the link to register and/or make your donation at:

<https://walkamileinmyboots2017.everydayhero.com/au/the-hills-montessori-school>

Taking part in this event provides a valuable opportunity to begin a dialogue about homelessness with our young people.

Homelessness is a social issue and we can all help to make a difference. Should you like more information, please contact Ellie Ross 0420791339 (*Madeleine and Phoebe's mum*).

"Within the child lies the fate of the future." Maria Montessori

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.

TERM 3 PARENT GET TOGETHERS

This term we will hold another two parent get togethers. We hope you can come along and have a cuppa! Please make a note of the dates and place it in your diary:

[Thursday 17th August 9.15am – 11am Wairoa Cafe](#)

[Tuesday 5th September 9.30am – 9.15am Yultiwirra](#)

TERM 3 STAFFING

We welcome back [Tim Moore](#) (*Wairoa guide*) who has been on six months leave. [Denise Connelly](#) is on Long Service Leave this term and we welcome [Genine Riley](#) who is taking her place and will work in the Cycle 1 classroom on Thursdays and Fridays. [Janine Moses](#) is on Long Service Leave for the first five weeks of this term and [Ester Calabro](#) will work in the Infant Program covering Janine. We welcome [Nikki Green](#) who is covering [Ester's](#) school assistant work in Cycle 3 for five weeks. [Robert Doolan](#) (*groundsman*) is on leave for six weeks and we thank [Andrew Every](#) (*parent & Board member*) for covering [Robert's](#) duties. [Anne Winter](#) is on Long Service Leave for the first two weeks of this term.

PRE SERVICE TEACHERS

Four Flinders University students are completing their practicums in our school at present: [Monique Hawkins](#) (*Nat/Suzie's class*), [Katelyn Warren](#) (*Christine/Suzie's class*), [Yarran Harwood](#) (*Rosi's class*) and [Bonita Scott](#) (*Penny's class*). We hope they find their time with us beneficial.

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.

TERM 3 SHARING ASSEMBLIES

We wish to invite all parents/caregivers to our "sharing assemblies" this term held at Yultiwirra campus, where students have the opportunity to share their work with the rest of the school. Please make a note of the dates and place it in your diary:

[Tuesday 8th August 2.30pm - Cycle 1 & 3](#)

[Thursday 14th September 9.30am – Cycle 2 & 4 & Music](#)

OLD SCHOLARS FACEBOOK PAGE

This week we have launched a [Hills Montessori Old Scholar Facebook page](#).

We would love to get as many old scholars following and aware of this page. If you know an old scholar, please let them know about the new HMOS Facebook page. We are starting to plan our 40th year celebrations for next year which will include an event for Old Scholars. Social media is a great way to keep in contact and connected with them, and let them know about events and "happenings" that may be of interest to them.



Vacation Care News

July Vacation Care was a fun filled holiday. Thank you to the OSHC staff for their enthusiasm and care of the children during Vacation Care. Thank you to all the children who attended, making this Vacation Care fun and adventurous despite the rainy days. During Vacation Care we enjoyed various excursions and activities. We rode our bikes on Wheels Day, looked after the school animals, we cooked up a storm with apple crumbles and pizzas. We had our faces painted and dressed up in costumes; we challenged ourselves at “minute to win it” games and made winter wheat bags to warm us up on the cold days. We went to the Museum and investigated and saw many wonders. We went to the movies, ate popcorn and saw Despicable Me 3 and Cars 3. Vacation Care went fast but we all had fun!

We look forward to seeing you all back in OSHC for Term 3 for more fun and exciting activities!

Sammi Rolt – OSHC Coordinator

QUOTES FROM VACATION CARE!

Lily: *My favourite activity was minute to win it*

Ariel: *I liked seeing the movie Cars 3. My favourite bit was when the bus that had fire bumped into cars.*

Oscar: *I liked going to the movies on the bus and saw Despicable Me 3 and liked it when they were going on a mission.*

Elienne: *Everything was my favourite thing in Vacation Care.*

Jayden: *I looked after the chickens and held one!*

Sam: *I liked playing down bush with my friends*

DID YOU KNOW?

OSHC provides breakfast! For \$10 your child can eat breakfast in before school care and play with friends before classes start for the day. Monday and Tuesday mornings in BSC is pancake mornings! Make sure you bring your \$2 for yummy warm pancakes! *Before school care breakfast bookings are essential!*

Join us in OSHC in Term 3. All you need to do is fill in an OSHC enrolment form and hand it into the office or to Sammi in the hall and make a booking!

There are four slots to book into.

BSC: \$8 flat fee in before school care

ASC:	3.30-4.30	\$10
	3.30-5.30	\$18
	3.30-6.30	\$25

CONTACT OSHC TO MAKE A BOOKING OR TO SPEAK WITH SAMMI

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8339 6842 Ext #3 (message facility)
oshc@montessori.sa.edu.au



School Dates & Info

TERM 3 DIARY DATES (FOR THE COMING FORTNIGHT)

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*)

Tuesday August 8

Sharing Assembly Cycle 1 & 3 - 2.30pm

All parents welcome!

Marketing meeting 4.00pm

Thursday August 10

Film Screening & Discussion for Parents & Staff

“SCREENAGERS” 4pm-6.30pm

Yultiwirra Common Room

Tuesday August 15

Wairoa Open Day 10-12noon

Finance Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday August 17

Parent Get Together - Wairoa Café 9am – 11am

Indonesian Independence Day

Friday August 18

Fundraising Meeting 9.15am

KEY DATES FOR TERM 3

Thursday August 24

Cycle 3 & 4 Music concert – 6.30pm

****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE****

Thursday August 24 – Friday August 25

Cycle 2 Camp

Wednesday August 30 – Friday September 1

Wairoa Learning Links Field Trip

Thursday August 31

Maria Montessori's Birthday

MCF Fundraiser

Tuesday September 5

Parent Get Together - Yultiwirra 9.15am

Wednesday September 13

Suara Indonesian Dance Performance

Wednesday September 14

Sharing Assembly 9.30am Cycle 2,4 & Music sharing

Wednesday September 20

Grandparents Day for Cycle 1

Thursday September 21

Grandparents Day for Cycle 2 & 3

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The child seeks for independence by means of work; an independence of body and mind.”
Maria Montessori

TERM DATES

TERM 3: Tuesday 25th July - Friday 29th September

TERM 4: Tuesday 17th October - Wednesday 13th December

FIRE WOOD

Stock up for winter!! The school has firewood available for sale - \$25 for a car boot load or \$50 per 6 x 4 trailer load. Register your interest at the school office and then we can organise collection and payment.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

For only \$70 you'll receive over \$20,000 worth of valuable offers! - some with 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for many restaurants, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more! (*The school receives \$14 for each book sold*).

Books are available to purchase from the school office or you may prefer the *new Digital Membership* to have with you at your fingertips on your smartphone.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kensington Junior Cricket Trials

Kensington District Cricket Club will be holding trials for its junior teams early in Term 3. The trials are open to cricketers 9-15 years of age as at September 1st 2017.

Kensington fields junior teams at Under 16 and Under 14 level and also runs an Academy for 9-12 year old cricketers. These trials will be held at Mega Courts Indoor Sports, Albert Street, Windsor Gardens.

Please visit www.kensingtonbrowns.com.au to register or contact Ben Johnswood for further information at ben@taughtandbowled.com.au or on 0438 860 048.



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!