

Newsletter



Everybody has the right to feel safe at all times!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We live in a new age, and for parents and carers it can sometimes be a challenging world to bring up children. Many of the challenges facing parents today are foreign to their own upbringing and parents are grappling with technology, a variety of complex issues and challenges that no other generation of parents have had to face. Schools also face many challenges when dealing with young people and over time schools have had to make changes to curriculum and programs offered to help children and young people navigate their way through this 'new world'. Ultimately parents, carers and schools usually want the same for children and young people. We want them to be safe, happy and be in a place that is conducive to learning and developing.

We want to teach our students to act in a way to keep themselves safe. We need to build strong relationships with our children and young people so that they will talk to trusted adults about problems and/or difficult situations that they face. We need to empower our children and young people to know that they have the right to feel safe. Teaching protective behaviours and cybersafety are vital to equipping our students with the tools to make good choices and have the confidence to speak up and be heard.

Recently the school has dealt with a couple of instances where a small group of students have been involved in sexualised discussions both in the school yard and outside of school. We have spent considerable time following up with families whose children were directly involved. Our utmost concern is for the wellbeing and protection of our students and with instances such as this, we take these matters very seriously which is why we have spent a significant amount of time dealing with these issues. All South Australian schools use the guidelines 'Responding to problem sexual behaviour in children and young people' when these types of issues arise. You can view the guidelines at this link:

https://www.education.sa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net691/f/responding_to_problem_sexual_behaviour_in_children_and_young_people.pdf

As students have so much more access to a range of information nowadays, it is important that we as adults ensure that we monitor the information that is accessible to them to ensure it is age and content appropriate. Libby has recently been working closely with our teachers running sessions with students talking about protective behaviours and keeping yourself safe.

Our students are all learning to navigate their way in the world, and it is our responsibility as adults to help protect and guide them as they make mistakes, take responsibility for them, learn from their mistakes so that they can make better choices in the future.

I urge parents and carers to check their online security at home and to implement parental controls. Your child is never too young to put this in place! The school has also undertaken an in-depth review of our electronic security and filters. We also disseminated the school's Screenshot Guidelines document to Cycle 2 & 3 parents and I encourage all parents within the school to read and implement the suggested advice. You can access this document along with all school policies on the Skoolbag app. Previously the policies were protected by a shared password but we have since removed this to ensure access is readily available.

To support parents and families we have arranged for a parent information session to be held on

**Thursday 28th November (week 7) at 6.15pm for 6.30pm – 7.30pm
in the Common Room at Yultiwirra.**

Shine SA will be visiting to provide a parent information evening called 'Talk it like it is' - a guide around communicating with children about relationships, sex, protective behaviours and online safety.

They will also have on hand a range of resources which you can take home to read into this topic further, and also some to share with your children. This is an adult only event.

I hope that you can join us for this informative event. An invite with RSVP details will be sent out via Skoolbag.

Cathy France –Principal



FIRST LEGO LEAGUE COMPETITION

The Robotics - First Lego League team at Wairoa has been designing and programming robots to complete various challenges. They have learnt new skills and worked together to solve set problems, identify new problems and applications, and design possible solutions as part of entering the First Lego League competition. The theme this year is City-Shapers, exploring urban design. The students involved have designed and built a prototype portable solar-powered phone charger, for use by students and the wider public on the Stirling lawns.

The Wairoa robotics team competed at the regionals in Gawler over the weekend. Presenting their fantastic solar-powered mobile phone charger to a panel of judges and placing fourth in the highly competitive robot game were both highlights from the day. The team called themselves the 'Montessaurusus' and wearing the dinosaur heads from the cabaret performance earlier this year, drew positive comments from the crowd.



School News

STIRLING PAGEANT STALL

The Fundraising Committee is running a fries/loaded fries stall at the Stirling Christmas Pageant.

They are looking for volunteers to assist at the following time slots:

Set up 1-4pm, 3:45-7pm, 6:45-9pm (this includes pack up). 5 people per slot are required so please let the Office know if you are able to help.



2020 TERM DATES & PUPIL FREE DAYS

At the last Board meeting the Board endorsed starting the 2020 school year a week earlier (*same week as department schools*) and having a three-week holiday in the middle of the year. This decision was made to accommodate some building work that will be undertaken at Wairoa in 2020 easing the burden for both staff and students, and the builders. This is in line with many other independent schools. The 2020 School term dates are listed below.

Please Note: The 2020 school will start on Wednesday 29th January as Monday 27th January is a public holiday and so the pupil free day will be on Tuesday 28th January. Term 3 pupil free day will be held in Week 4 on Friday 14th August rather than the start of the term.

Term 1 - Wed 29th Jan - Thurs 9th April

(Term 1 Pupil free day = Tues 28th Jan)

Term 2 - Tues 28th April - Fri 26th June

(Term 2 Pupil free day = Monday 27th April)

Term 3 - Mon 20th July - Fri 25th September

(Term 3 Pupil Free Day = Friday 14th August)

Term 4 - Tues 13th October - Wed 9th December

(Term 4 Pupil free day = Monday 12th October)

CHANGES FOR 2020

All families were emailed the [2020 Fee Payment Options form](#) in the last school holidays. Please fill out and return to the school office as soon as practical, **only if there are any changes for the 2020 school year.** *If we don't hear from you, we will assume there are no changes.*

BOOK FAIR

A Book Fair is being held in the Library at Yultiwirra this week. The theme of our book fair is Dino-Mite where we hope you will Stomp, Chomp and Read! The book fair is on:

Tuesday 12th November from 9.30 - 3.30pm

Wednesday 13th November from 8.30 - 4pm

Thursday 14th November from 8.30 - 3.30pm

Please send your child's money along in an envelope with their name on it to give to their classroom teacher. Books start at \$5, posters from \$2 and pens from \$1.

Both EFTPOS and cash facilities are available, and all purchases benefit our school.

NAPLAN RESULTS

Parents with children in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 are asked to contact their child's class teacher to make a time to discuss the results in conjunction with other school records.

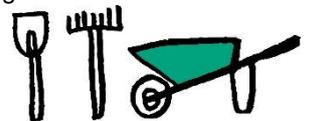
STIRLING PAGEANT

Thank you to those parents who have come forward to volunteer to coordinate the school's 2019 Stirling Pageant 'float'. The theme of this year's Christmas Pageant is Back to Nature and our school's interpretation of this is: A Sunflower Garden - complete with gardeners, sunflowers, giant pot plants, bees and wheelbarrows filled to the brim with produce!



All children participating on the day will be asked to wear gardening type clothing and will carry a large paper sunflower. We ask that any participating parents wear similar colours and style of clothes. A notice has been sent out to all families via Skoolbag.

Please fill in the eForm and pay the \$3 per child at the office, by Monday 18 November at the latest.



PARENT GET TOGETHER - WAIROA CAFE

This will be the last Wairoa Cafe for the year. Come along and enjoy a coffee and great range for cakes this Thursday 14 November from 9 - 11am. All welcome! Up the driveway at 142 Mount Barker Road, Stirling.



RUNNING CLUB

Attila has been holding a Running Club during Term 4 at our Wairoa adolescent campus in Weeks 2, 4 and 5 on Wednesday mornings from 8 - 8:30am. Those involved have run the ½ km course around Wairoa oval and basketball court, running as many laps as possible in the time given. Yultiwirra and Wairoa students, staff and some parents have participated.

The running club has been going really well with more and more people joining in each week. Thanks to everyone who has come along and run a few laps!



PE WITH ATTILA

Term 4 has seen some beautiful weather getting us outdoors and practicing our cricket and tee ball skills. Students have been working in small groups playing modified games with a focus on hitting into space and the fielding team working together as much as possible.

Wairoa students are enjoying playing ultimate frisbee and practicing acro-yoga. The acro-yoga group has been focused on remaining calm and composed during some of the more challenging poses.



Cycle News

CYCLE 1 PRESCHOOL

This term we are learning about vertebrates. We were lucky to have a visit from Scarlett's family and her Shetland Ponies 'Thelma' and 'Louise'. Scarlett's aunty Simone is a horse vet so she was able to tell us lots of interesting facts about horses. She also brought in some real horse bones that we got to study up close. The children especially enjoyed patting Thelma and Louise— they were very friendly ponies! We would like to say a huge thank you to Scarlett and her family for this wonderful experience.



CYCLE 1 PRIMARY

As part of our science curriculum this term Cycle 1 primary is exploring mixtures and solutions. Here the children are learning about mixtures and solutions through making lemonade. Firstly, they juiced the lemons then made a solution of sugar and water to which they then added their lemon juice. Finally, when they had the taste just right they added some bi-carb soda. The children were asked to predict and observe what they thought might happen as they added each ingredient. Much excitement and amazed expressions ensued as they tasted their lemonade and watched it fizz up with the bi-carb.



Hazel commented that her lemonade 'was better than the shop one'.

Lilly said it was delicious.

Iris sipped her lemonade for the next 30 minutes. She savoured every sip.

CYCLE 2

Late last term, Cycle 2 students Sophia and Pearl self-initiated a fundraiser held in Penny's class to support International Day of the Girl. The girls produced a flyer to promote their fundraiser, made a powerpoint presentation to help explain their cause and baked several cakes and slices that our students were able to purchase. Sophia and Pearl should be very proud of their efforts and raising a total of \$177! This term our class has been participating in groups with different science activities. Each group discussed their activity to the rest of the class, their results and the science behind the activity. Using their knowledge from the activities, specified building materials and following certain criteria, students collaborated in groups to design, make, modify and present given design tasks.



INFANT PROGRAM

Darcy is doing the 'taste test' trying out the five tastes - umami, bitter, salty, sour and sweet. Here he is experiencing the sour taste and his face says it all.



CYCLE 3

Graduate weeks are in full swing, as another school year draws to a close. The Cycle 3 community has been acknowledging and celebrating the Year 6 leaders of 2019. This is a special program, with a week allocated to focussing on each individual. They bring in photos and artefacts that are particularly noteworthy and share them with their class. They then set up a display in the classroom for all to see. Another component of the graduate week is to arrange a guest speaker to come in to talk to the class about aspects of their life. Finally, each graduate organises and runs an activity for their classmates to participate in. This is a much loved and unique program, which has been a key part of Cycle 3 for over 20 years.

CYCLE 4

Occupations at Wairoa are in full swing! Term 4 is a busy term full of many important events. The Transitions and celebrations team are planning, organising and taking the lead role in the delivery of these. This crew is also working as a support for transition students and organising a range of end of year celebrations.



In Creating outside spaces the students have looked at the needs of the place and begun three ambitious projects: an outdoor teaching space made from a repurposed deck, a very cool rendered concrete snake bench and a garden table and seats made from a tree stump and recycled pallets.

NaNoWriMo or National Novel Writing Month is a daunting but straightforward challenge: to write a novel during the thirty days of November! Eight students have taken this on - and they are loving it, powering away in the writing chamber. They have set ambitious personal word targets ranging up to 50,000 words!



School Dates & Info

TERM 4 DIARY DATES (for the coming fortnight)

Wednesday November 13 – Friday November 15

Cycle 3 Camp

Thursday November 14

Wairoa Café 9.00am

Monday November 18 - Friday November 22

Adolescent Program Extended Expedition

Tuesday November 19 - Thursday November 21

Adolescent Program Outdoor Education Camp

Tuesday November 19

Volunteers Morning tea 9.30am

Executive Meeting 6.00pm

Board Meeting 7.00pm

Thursday November 21

Policy Meeting 4.00pm

Tuesday November 26

Marketing Meeting 4.00pm

Friday November 29

2020 Class Transition 9.30am – 10.30am

Full day Transition Visit @ Wairoa for Yr 6 students

Sunday December 1

Stirling Pageant

Tuesday December 3

Executive Meeting 6.00pm

Wednesday December 4

Year 6 Graduation

KEY DATES FOR TERM 4

Friday December 6

Wairoa Exhibition of Work & Learning

Cycle 4 Graduation

Monday December 9

End of Year Concert

Wednesday December 11

Term 4 ends – 2pm finish

2019-2020 VACATION CARE

December 2019 – January 2020

To help with your summer holiday planning you may wish to take note of the Vacation Care dates over December 2019 and January 2020.

Vacation Care will run from:

THURS 12th Dec 2019 – FRI 20th Dec 2019

Vacation Care will close:

Mon 23rd December 2019 – Friday 10th January 2020.

Vacation Care will reopen:

Mon 13th January 2020 and run until Tue 28th Jan 2020.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The hands are the instruments of man's intelligence."

Maria Montessori

2019 TERM DATES

TERM 4: Tuesday 15th October – Wed 11th December

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TERM 3: Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

TERM 4: Tuesday 13th October – Wed 9th December

MINI TRAMPOLINE DONATION REQUEST FROM CYCLE 1

Cycle 1 Primary is looking for a mini trampoline to replace our broken one. If anyone has one that they would be willing to donate, please contact the school.

Thanks Debbie (Cycle 1 teacher)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Want to get a new perspective of your beautiful Adelaide Hills bush? Join Peramangk and Kaurna Elder Ivan-Tiwu Copley and the team of The Old School Community Garden in Stirling for a bush foods workshop Saturday 23rd November 2-5pm. Check the @thehutcommunitycentre Facebook page for further information.

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bush-foods-workshop-working-bee-tickets-74381357643>

Short-sightedness is very common. 'Short-sightedness' or 'near-sightedness' are the common terms for myopia – a common eye condition that makes distance vision blurry. It usually starts in childhood and gets progressively worse until a child stops growing. Find out more at www.childmyopia.com