

# Newsletter



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to those families who completed the School survey last term. The Leadership team and Marketing committee have now reviewed the results and determined any actions from the survey.

There were some recurring themes in people's responses. In particular there were a number of suggestions in regard to our outdoor facilities and bush area including the car park which we will pass onto our Infrastructure and Planning Committee to look at in 2020. The car park always attracts 'passioned' responses when we survey the community. We are extremely fortunate that we have a school car park as many schools don't have one. With the spaces we have available, it is important that the area is safe and flows as effectively as possible.

Key feedback was provided to us in regard to communication between the school and parents, in particular regarding the Skoolbag App, Facebook and the Newsletter. The Marketing Committee has discussed some changes which will be implemented in 2020.

Several parents raised questions in regard to allowing dogs in the school yard at Yultiwirra. Many young children are scared of dogs. The School recognises its obligation to take all reasonable precautions to protect the safety of students, staff and our community. Subsequently as of 2020, a formal policy will be put in place preventing dogs and other animals (*other than local wildlife*) onto the school property. The policy will make allowances so that with prior approval animals may be allowed to visit classrooms for specific purposes such as show and tell.

In amongst the many suggestions and ideas put forward there were also numerous positive comments about our school which were greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback – your input is greatly valued.

*Some quotes from the School Survey.....*

*"A wonderful community culture, I love being a part of."*

*"Our school has a fantastic school community and the relationships between staff and parents is something that should be celebrated."*

*"Thank you for how hard the staff work to ensure great learning for our children. We love the respect and the optimism."*

*Cathy France –Principal*

## 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!

Children participating on the day have been 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. The pageant team has been working on the creative aspects and we look forward to seeing the end result this Sunday!



## END OF YEAR CONCERT

**6.30pm Monday 9th December**

*For the Whole School Community*

On the evening of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, we will join together in the hall at Yultiwirra as a school community to celebrate the end of the year and enjoy performances by the Yultiwirra students.

*Preschool & primary students will be performing on the night.*

We hope you can all come as this is an evening for everyone. Limited seating will be available & families are welcome to bring a rug to sit on the floor.

6.30pm Welcome & class performances and well wishes to Year 6 graduating students.

8.15pm approx. finish

## 2019 CYCLE 4 KAYAK EXPEDITION

It was stinking hot - but we still went, and just changed up our plans according to the weather.

Nine intrepid students with three adults and a guest old scholar loaded up and left early on Monday morning headed to the area north of Paringa and Renmark. Students were in independent self-catering tent groups, and had done lots of preparation involving team building and problem solving, gear checks, menu planning, and route planning.

We modified the camp each night at our base, Canoe the Riverland, so that we had access to water, a small fridge and the town for the Wednesday. On the 44C Wednesday itself we spent the day in Renmark, swimming off a sandbank in the morning and then retreating to the Renmark library for most of the hairdryer-like day. We finished with a late swim at Renmark pool, a student guided tour, and 9pm pizza on the grassy riverbank. At 10pm we crawled into our tents with the temperature still at 38C!

We still hit the water for four days of the five, packing lunches and paddling a total of around 40km, and spent plenty of time messing around both in boats and in the water. The paddlers were super competent, flexible with the changes, and worked brilliantly as a team to have a great week together. There is nothing quite like an expedition.

*Pippa Milroy – Adolescent Program Coordinator*



# School News

## BOARD COMMUNIQUE

At the last board meeting, we discussed and ratified the 2020 School budget, along with a review of the great progress that has been made on the Action list from the Strategic Plan this year.

*Jade Crathern – Board President*

## STIRLING PAGEANT STALL

Unfortunately, the Fundraising Committee has decided not to proceed with the fries stall at the Stirling pageant due to people's work load in this busy festive season and juggling the logistics of the stall. Thank you to those people who had volunteered.

## 2020 FAMILY WELCOME - WHOLE SCHOOL

At the beginning of every year we hold a Family Welcome and invite all families from all Cycles (Infant Program, Pre-school, Primary & Middle School) to come along to meet and chat with other families, both new and existing and with the staff. This night takes the form of drinks and nibbles – BYO drinks and glasses - nibbles are provided.

*Next year the Family Welcome will be held at the end of Week 1,*

*Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 from 6.00 – 7.30pm.*

*This has always been a terrific social function and a good way to start the year. Please put the date in your diary - we hope you can come along and join in!*

## 2020 CLASS PLACEMENT - WHOLE SCHOOL

Notification of class placements for primary classes for 2020 have been sent home to families. All parents of primary students should have received this. A transition session has been organised for all primary students to move to their new class and meet their 2020 class mates and teacher/s on Fri 29th November from 9.30 - 10.30am.

## 2020 STAFFING

We have now completed most of our staffing arrangements for 2020. We are still finalising one school assistant position.

The few changes are listed below:

- We are pleased that both **Alice Nisbet** and **Sammi Rolt** will be returning to work in Cycle 4 and the preschool respectively.
- We have just announced to the Cycle 3 classes that **Christine Perry** is pregnant (*Congratulations Christine!*) and so will only be working in the school in Term 1. Cycle 3 families have been informed that **Suzie Saffin, Lauren Kervers** and Christine will be sharing the class in Term 1 with Suzie and Lauren then sharing from Term 2 onwards.
- **Lauren Kervers** will also continue to work two days a week in Cycle 1 sharing a class with Ruth.
- **Penny Raven** is reducing to three days a week next year and will share the Cycle 2 classroom with **Bonnie Scott**.
- **Bonnie Scott** will continue to cover for **Maree Clarke** in the music program in Term 1 with the view that Maree will return from Term 2 onwards.
- **Rosi Hardy** will continue to work four days a week next year with **Sam Cameron** continuing on teaching on Thursdays in Cycle 2.

## 2020 STAFFING

<i>0-3 Infant Program</i>	Janine Moses
<i>Preschool Transition</i>	Janine Moses
<i>Cycle 1 Pre-school</i>	Emily Earl Terri Ross-Marriot Assistant Sammi Rolt Assistant Tristen Turner/ Susan Harris Evans Narelle Kenning Assistant
<i>Cycle 1 Primary</i>	Lisa Goodwin / Debbie Lynch Ruth Nisbet/ Lauren Kervers Heidi Kaethner Assistant Assistant to be announced
<i>Cycle 2</i>	Penny Raven/Bonnie Scott Rosi Hardy/ Sam Cameron Lyn Gryka Assistant
<i>Cycle 3</i>	Natalie Costello/ Christine Perry Suzie Saffin / Lauren Kervers / Christine Perry Ester Calabro Assistant Sam Cameron/Megan Lynch Assistants
<i>Cycle 4</i>	David Coulter Tim Moore Alice Nisbet
<i>Wairoa Assistant Principal</i>	Pippa Milroy
<i>Middle School Assistants</i>	Wendy Birch Gabes Maher
<i>Middle School Kitchen Assistant</i>	Denise Manson
<i>PE (Preschool – Year 10)</i>	Attila Nandori
<i>Music (Preschool – Year 6)</i>	Bonnie Scott (Term 1)
<i>Indonesian Cycle's 1 &amp; 2</i>	Ellis Robb
<i>Indonesian Cycle's 3 &amp; 4</i>	Lyndal Chittleborough
<i>Gardening Specialist Cycle 1-3</i>	Robert Doolan
<i>Learning Support</i>	Anne Winter
<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>	Nikki Green
<i>Primary School Assistant</i>	Janine Moses
<i>Resource Centre Manager</i>	Marissa Woods
<i>Child Care Co-ordinator</i>	Narelle Kenning
<i>OSHC Co-ordinator</i>	Megan Lynch
<i>Student Wellbeing Worker</i>	Libby Roberts
<i>Yultiwirra Assistant Principal</i>	Susan Harris Evans
<i>Business Administrator</i>	Paul Noon
<i>Enrolment Officer/Admin Assistant</i>	Jodie Searle
<i>Finance Assistant</i>	Gab Tooth
<i>Community Engagement Officer</i>	Anthea Hagar
<i>Receptionists</i>	Jodie Searle Gab Tooth
<i>Groundsperson</i>	Robert Doolan

## 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 to your fee payment arrangements.**



# Cycle News

## CYCLE 1 PRESCHOOL

The preschool children have really enjoyed building their vocabulary for talking about animals this term with a range of spoken and written activities. New language has included animal names, types, characteristics, parts and life cycle phases. Other terms have included vertebrates/invertebrates, types of vertebrates (i.e. fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals) and herbivorous/carnivorous. All children have benefited from observing a range of real animals such as the Henny Penny chicks, Scarlett's Shetland ponies, Susan's frogs, our rabbits and a range of birds and lizards in the natural environment. Many children have also enthusiastically engaged with classification picture cards, three part cards and labels to enhance their zoology learning and literacy.



## CYCLE 1 PRIMARY

The weekly Big Brother/Sister program is popular with all the participants including the teaching staff. Cycle 3 students, Carl and Frances work in Ruth/Lauren's class on Fridays. Clancy said, "Carl does maths with me and it's fun doing it with Carl." Tabby revealed, "I like doing PE with Frances and Carl because I catch both of them." "Sometimes I work with both of them" mentioned Lucy. "When I have snack, Frances always reads books to me" responded Jak. Annabel said delightedly, "Frances is my best friend, and Carl!" Frances and Carl assist the students with their morning work including listening to the children reading and using the maths and language materials. "It's really nice to get to work with all the younger kids" mentioned Carl. "I like being with all the kids. I like learning about them and working with them" said Frances.



## CYCLE 2

We have been lucky enough to have Lachlan's mum, Briali and Lachlan, show the class how to marble beautiful paper. Briali also taught the children how to make hand-sewn books as well. Many students have also finished sewing their section of the friendship quilt onto their library bags. Lily says "I made mine into a pocket on the front."



## INFANT PROGRAM

A typical day in Infant Program for dad Kerry overseeing big brother Felix overseeing little brother Elijah. Showcasing eye/hand coordination, dexterity and concentration perfectly.



## CYCLE 3

Cycle 3 has spent 3 action packed days on our annual school camp. We ventured to Port Hughes on the Yorke Peninsula to participate in various aquatics activities including snorkeling, kayaking and rock pooling. We all pitched in to help cook, organise and clean up after ourselves. We got to make and fly kites, build sand castles and work in teams to attempt problem solving activities. We would like to thank our wonderful parent helpers who came along to support and encourage. We really appreciate your support. We had a wonderful time and gained so much from our camp experience.



## CYCLE 4

Cycle 4 students have again ventured out on camp, this time with a focus on camp craft and aquatics. One group heading to the riverland on expedition for the week whilst the others prepared for base camp. Due to the weather, we needed to modify but still managed to get in a day of surfing, a day of snorkelling, a beach day, a camp out and the tranguia challenge. Students were enthused and threw themselves into the aquatics activities on Tuesday and Thursday, all having a go and learning new skills. Students set up their tents and enjoyed the West Beach Parks facilities on Thursday afternoon followed by cooking up some masterpieces on their tranguia's that night. Friday was another fantastic day, swimming and playing games in the sand at Henley.



# School Dates & Info

## TERM 4 DIARY DATES (for the coming fortnight)

### Friday November 29

2020 Class Transition 9.30am – 10.30am

Full day Transition Visit @ Wairoa for Yr 6 students

### Sunday December 1

Stirling Christmas Pageant

### Tuesday December 3

Executive Meeting 6.00pm

### Wednesday December 4

Year 6 Graduation.5.30pm – 7.30pm

### Friday December 6

Wairoa Exhibition of Work & Learning

Cycle 4 Graduation

### Monday December 9

End of Year Concert for Yultiwirra families 6.30pm

### Tuesday December 10

Wairoa Big Day Out

Cycle 3 End of Year Excursion

Finance Meeting 6.00pm

Board Meeting 7.30pm

### Wednesday December 11

Term 4 ends –2pm finish

## KEY DATES FOR TERM 1 2020

### Tuesday January 28

Pupil Free Day

### Wednesday January 29

Term 1 begins

### Friday January 31

Family Welcome @ Yultiwirra 6pm – 7.30pm All Welcome!

### Wednesday February 5

Wairoa Welcome & Information Evening – 6pm

### Thursday February 13

Yultiwirra Information Evening

## 2020 TERM DATES & PUPIL FREE DAYS

The School Board has 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.

**Please Note:** The 2020 school will start on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January as Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January is a public holiday and so the pupil free day will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Term 3 pupil free day will be held in Week 4 on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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)

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“And such is our duty toward the child; to give a ray of light and to go on our way.”*

*Maria Montessori*

## 2019 TERM DATES

TERM 4: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Wed 11<sup>th</sup> December

## 2020 TERM DATES

TERM 1: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

TERM 2: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

TERM 3: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

TERM 4: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Wed 9<sup>th</sup> December

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 – FRI 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019**

Vacation Care will close:

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

Vacation Care will reopen:

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and run until Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020.**

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE RAFFLE

### Something special for Christmas:

WIN a beautiful *Gingerbread House* full of delicious treats (*on display in the office*).

Tickets are available now for only \$2.

They will also be on sale at the End of Year Concert.

Many thanks to Ros Evans for making it for us.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### School Holidays at Cleland!

Get up close and personal with some of Cleland's lively new lizard friends on a self-guided discovery trail or drop the kids off at Cleland Wildlife Park and their day will be filled with activities including feeding animals, games, craft, keeper presentations and a special animal experience with lunch included.

For further information visit [clelandwildlifepark.sa.gov.au](http://clelandwildlifepark.sa.gov.au) or call 8130 9016