

Newsletter #1

Term 1, Week 1



Wandana

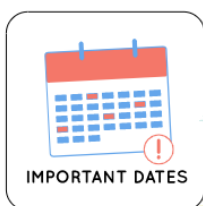
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Upcoming Events

Term 1

3 Feb	Football Connect (Room 11)
10 Feb	Football Connect (Room 11)
16 Feb	Assembly @9am – Room 11
17 Feb	Football Connect
2 Mar	Assembly @ 9am (Room 12)
3 Mar	Football Connect (Room 11)
7 Mar	Acquaintance Night
7 Mar	AGM (following Acquaintance Night)
10 Mar	Pupil Free Day
13 Mar	Adelaide Cup Day Public Holiday
15 Mar	Police Band 1:40pm-2:25pm
16 Mar	PRESCHOOL Free Day
16 Mar	Assembly @ 9am (Pudna)
17 Mar	Football Connect (Room 11)



PUPIL FREE DAY

Primary School
10th March 2023

Preschool
16th March 2023

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 9 – starting Monday, 27th March 2023 through to Thursday, 30th March.

For ease of booking we will be using an Online Booking System. More information will be sent out closer to the date. You will also still be able to book through the front office or your child's teacher.

Principal:	Robyn McLachlan
Deputy Principal:	Silvia McMullen
Wellbeing Leader:	Cuc Doan
Literacy Co-ordinator:	Kasey Bleasdale
Business Manager:	Eileen Hullstrung

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

Welcome to 2023 at Wandana P-6 School!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and their families to the primary and the pre-school. The students have settled in so well I am so proud of everyone helping to make them feel a part of our wonderful Wandana community. It is brilliant to see the Wandana family continue to grow.

I would also like to welcome our new staff to the school. Stephanie Sellar (Year 2/3 teacher), Romney Granger (Year 2/3 teacher) and John Musolino (Groundman to support our current groundsman Colin).

Our committed teaching staff have worked hard to prepare classrooms and learning programs for their students. They are excited and looking forward to working with the students and meeting families. In Week 6, during Acquaintance Night (Tuesday, 7th March), teachers will have the opportunity to share programming overviews, class routines and communication channels with parents.

All teachers use the SeeSaw app as their main communication tool but may email at times. It is important to read all of the information provided so that you are up to speed with what is going on in your child's class.

The dedicated school administration and curriculum SSOs have worked rigorously to ensure school operations and intervention programs and support are in place for our students.

2023 is going to be an exciting year of learning for all our students. We are going to encourage and support all our students to try to stretch themselves and learn new things. We will encourage our students to be inquirers and risk takers. We want them to continue to grow a positive mindset. It is a powerful tool and so important in promoting mental health and well-being. If we empower our children to have a positive approach to learning, to be resilient and give new things a go they will **flourish**.

Please note dates for our:

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| • Acquaintance/AGM Night | Tuesday, 7 th March |
| • Parent Teacher Interview's | Week 9 |
| • Pupil Free Day – Primary | Friday, 10 th March |
| • Public Holiday | Monday, 13 th March |

Warm Wishes
Robyn McLachlan
Principal



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Ms Aloï 2023 new teaching role



Ciao a tutti!!

You all know me as Ms Aloï, a classroom teacher. However, this year, my role will look very different. I will be the Italian teacher!!! Sì sì!! I will teach Italian to most classes on Fridays, swapping in Term 3 with Ms Laura (who will teach Pitjantjatjara) those classes who haven't done Italian. We are so fortunate to have two languages being taught at Wandana this year. Miss Laura and I will be doing some cross referencing between the two languages to enrich our lessons.

A little about myself

I am trained as a Secondary Italian teacher and taught Italian at both primary and high school level from 1993 to 2003, so in a way, I am returning to my roots.

I am of Italian background, being a daughter of Italian immigrants (Calabrese) in the 1960's. I have relatives in Italy and have visited them at least 5-6 times in my lifetime. I absolutely love visiting Italy and really enjoy the fabulous social life there. I love how Italy can be so relaxed and traditional and yet quite modern. I would say I have an intermediate level of fluency in communicating in Italian and I love watching Italian films, listening to Italian music and conversing in Italian, which always helps improve my knowledge.

About the Italian lessons

Italian lessons will be 50 min long and will be structured into the four communication and language learning skills of listening/speaking/reading and writing. Students will listen and respond to spoken Italian to demonstrate their understanding; participate in brief conversations, including questions and answers; read aloud and write/spell vocabulary and brief sentences in Italian.

Students will also be involved in learning about cultural aspects of Italy and Italian people living in Italy and Australia, such as immigration, celebrations like Carnevale and Saint days, tourist destinations, food, history of Italy, school, family etc.

I know that for many of our students at Wandana, learning Italian will be a third language, or even a fourth, which will make Italian lessons even more amazing, as we will have a vast array of languages and cultural backgrounds to learn about. Students will have the opportunity to reflect upon their first languages and cultures as well as learn and celebrate each other's.

Why teach Italian in Australia?

Italian is a community language in Australia, meaning there are many members of our community who speak Italian or come from Italian cultural backgrounds. Italian immigrants have had a big impact on our way of life, including food, fashion, cars and businesses. We have many connections with Italy such as dual citizenship and passports; our Medicare system is recognised in Italy; work visas; and lots of imports and exports.

Why learn another language at school?

Research has shown that learning another language at school age improves communication skills overall as well as in students' first language. Learning another language helps improve awareness and understanding of how language works. The world is becoming more and more a global community and future generations will only benefit from learning other languages and about different cultures.



VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION

Friday, 17th February at 9:00am
Wandana School Kitchen

Dear Families,

Ms Cuc will be hosting an information session for any parent, caregiver or community member who is interested in volunteering here at Wandana.

Please meet Cuc Doan in the Wandana Kitchen at 9:00am on Friday, 17th February (Week 3) and Ms Cuc will explain all of the details, new procedures and what you need to do to attain your volunteer status.

We look forward to seeing you there and for supporting our wonderful school.

Kind Regards

Cuc Doan



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Our vision: Empowering our community to flourish in their relationships and learning.
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Term 1 2023 Wandana Preschool		Playgroup Calendar
Week 1	Tuesday 31st January 2023	NO Playgroup
Week 2	Tuesday 7th February 2023	Playgroup 9:15-11:15am
Week 3	Tuesday 14th February 2023	Playgroup 9:15-11:15am
Week 4	Tuesday 21st February 2023	NO Playgroup PRESCHOOL SESSION
Week 5	Tuesday 28th February 2023	Playgroup 9:15-11:15am
Week 6	Tuesday 7th March 2023	NO Playgroup PRESCHOOL SESSION
Week 7	Tuesday 14th March 2023	Playgroup 9:15-11:15am
Week 8	Tuesday 21st March 2023	Playgroup 9:15-11:15am
Week 9	Tuesday 28th March 2023	NO Playgroup PRESCHOOL SESSION
Week 10	Tuesday 4th April 2023	Playgroup 9:15-11:15am
Week 11	Tuesday 11th April 2023	Playgroup 9:15-11:15am

Playgroup coordinator is Grace. **Cost is \$2 per family. Please bring fruit to eat and a hat.**

Thank you

Join us

Term 1 - 2023

**Parent / Caregiver
Support & Coffee
Group**

Our Parent Group is up and running and
we would love you to join us in the
Kitchen Room every
Thursday, 2:00pm to 3:00pm

We listen, We care, We belong

All Welcome




Every FRIDAY Subway Lunch Orders

6 Inch Sub = \$5.50

Cookie = 60c

Drink = \$1.50

TOTAL = \$7.60 (for all)

Please complete the lunch order slip contained in the
white box and include **THE CORRECT MONEY**
No Change given

SUBWAY



School Card 2023

The School Card scheme offers financial assistance with school fees (materials and services charges) for students attending government schools in that year.

Parents of students attending non-government schools should speak directly to their children's school about financial assistance that may be provided.

For more information about the School Card scheme, please visit:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

You can apply for school card online. Click on the link below to take you straight to the application.

[Application for School Card \(forms.sa.edu.au\)](https://forms.sa.edu.au)

Paper forms are also available from the office.

Income limits


The income limits are for applications lodged in 2023 – based on the family's gross income in 2021-22.

To qualify for School Card, your family's gross income must be below a certain limit. This limit depends on how many dependent children you have and whether your child attends a government, independent, or Catholic school.

You will need to provide proof of income – such as payslips or Centrelink information.

Government schools

Number of dependent children	Combined gross family income limit for the 2021-22 financial year	Gross weekly school card income limit
1	\$66,412	\$1,277
2	\$67,598	\$1,300
3	\$68,784	\$1,323
4	\$69,970	\$1,346
5	\$71,156	\$1,369
Each additional dependent child	\$1,186	\$23

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	30/1 <i>School Commences</i>	31/1	1/2	2/2 Assembly @ 9am [Leaders]	3/2 Football Connect (Room 11) Whole School Event Parent/Caregivers
2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2 Football Connect (Room 11)
3	13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2 Assembly @ 9am [Room 11-Nigel]	17/2 Football Connect (Room 11)
4	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2	24/2 Football Connect (Room 11)
5	27/2	28/2	1/3	2/3 Assembly @ 9am [Room 12 - Corey] ATSI Night	3/3 Football Connect (Room 11)
6	6/3	7/3 Acquaintance Night & AGM	8/3	9/3	10/3 PUPIL FREE DAY
7	13/3 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	14/3	15/3 Police Band 1:40pm-2:25pm	16/3 Assembly @ 9am [Pudna - Vicky] PRESCHOOL PUPIL FREE DAY	17/3 Football Connect (Room 11) National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
8	20/3	21/3 Harmony Day	22/3	23/3	24/3 Football Connect (Room 11)
9	27/3 Family Interviews	28/3	29/3	30/3 Assembly @ 9am [Karnu-Romney]	31/3 Football Connect (Room 11)
10	3/4	4/4	5/4	6/4	7/4 Good Friday
11	10/4 Easter Monday	11/4	12/4	13/4 SPORTS DAY 	14/4 Terrific Kids Assembly @ 1:30pm School finishes @ 2pm

Term 1 Planner



Homework Club is Back!

Starting Week 3 for
Aboriginal Students

Thursday, 16th February 2022

and then every Thursday thereafter

3:00pm to 4:00pm

in Mrs Bleasdale's Room

DREAM BIG,
WORK HARD,
MAKE IT
happen.



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IGNITE Program

IGNITE at The Heights School – REGISTER NOW



IGNITE is a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential. The Heights School is the official Department for Education school for gifted learners in the northern metropolitan area of Adelaide.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED?

The characteristics of gifted learners vary, however, many display some or all of the following traits:

- High levels of curiosity and deep levels of knowledge in one or more areas
- Excellent creative thinking and ability to problem solve
- Strong empathy and sense of social justice
- Highly developed sense of humour

HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THIS PROGRAM?

Initial selection for the IGNITE program is based on performance in the Australian Council for Education (ACER) Gifted and Talented Assessment.

WHEN DO STUDENTS ENTER THE IGNITE PROGRAM?

Students who wish to be considered for the IGNITE program sit the ACER assessment in Year 6 for entry into the program in Year 7. Entry does **not** occur at other year levels.

In 2023 Year 6 students are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 7 IGNITE program in 2024. The date and location of the test are:

DATE: SATURDAY 25 February 2023 9AM - 1PM

LOCATION: THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL, BRUNEL DRIVE, MODBURY HEIGHTS, 5092

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR THE IGNITE ENTRY TEST?

Register your child to sit the test at:

<https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/index.php/programs/ignite/>

A registration fee of \$135 applies for non-school card holders.

Registrations close on Friday, 17 February 2023.



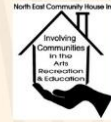
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North East Community House offers a broad range of programs to meet the needs of the community.

MISSION: Develop and create a Centre accepting and integrating the social and cultural differences of the community

VISION: Create a community with strong links
VALUES: Respect, Understanding, Harmony, Cooperation, Unity, Relationships, Skills

**North East
Community House**
27-31 Queensborough Ave
HILLCREST
SA 5086



EMBRACE YOUTH GROUP

A fun, relaxed, "drop in" vibe where you can meet new people and hang out.

Ages 8-12

\$2 p/w

**Tuesday
3.30 - 5pm**

To register your interest and for more information contact us on 8369 0329 or at nenh@tpg.com.au





Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



Mandy Duncan



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0417 060 559 or 1300 610 355

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everyone's family

Find out more
at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.