Newsletter #9 Term 3, Week 6



# Wandana Preschool - Year 6

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## **Upcoming Events**

## This Term

2 Sept Hockey Clinic Starts
5 Sept SCHOOL CLOSURE
7 Sept Cricket Blast P-6
(Runs for 4 Weeks)

8 Sept Preschool Health Checks

8 Sept R U Ok? Day 12 Sept Dental for Schools (All Week)

14 Sept Special Classes Movie Day

17 Sept Festival Choir

30 Sept Terrific Kids Assembly 30 Sept Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm

**End of Term** 

# School Closure Day Monday 5th September

Principal: Deputy Principal: Wellbeing Leader:

Robyn McLachlan Silvia McMullen

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Literacy Co-ordinator: Kasey Bleasdale

Business Manager: Fileen Hullstrung

Business Manager: Eileen Hullstrung

# From the Leadership Team

**Dear Families** 

### **Book Week**

We loved our Book Week celebrations in Week 5! The week started with an opening assembly and a Parade. There were colourful costumes and a wide range of dress up ideas on parade; some in relation to the Book Week theme and others relating to favourite book characters. Throughout the week the students were involved in Book Week activities which included the Pre-school joining in on Thursday. Our week closed on Friday with a closing assembly. Thank you to all parents who supported students with dressing up and to those who came along to share the fun! Thank you also to our staff for organising the week and for continuing to promote the love of books for our students.

### **SSO Week**

This week our school celebrated SSO Week. On Wednesday we organised a special morning tea and every SSO (School Support Officer) and other support staff were recognised throughout the week by staff and students. SSOs play a vital part in the successful running of our school and working with our teachers and students in classrooms. I would like to thank our SSOs and support staff for all that they do. We have a great team. Please feel free to join in with our appreciation.

### **Progressive Achievement Tests**

As part of DfE policy, all year 3-10 students are required to complete diagnostic assessments called Progressive Achievement Tests. These assessments give valuable information to teaching staff about your child's current learning needs and enables them to better plan learning programs as they progress through the levels of schooling. The diagnostic assessments are conducted to measure student's growth throughout the year.

Students will complete Reading and Numeracy assessments during Week 8 and 9 of Term 3. Teachers will schedule the tests through the week as part of their regular lesson planning. The test is completed online during your child's normal lesson time. Teachers will support students to understand, prepare for and start the assessment.

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.



Robyn McLachlan Principal



# **Book Week Celebrations**

Last week we celebrated Book Week, the Theme 'Dreaming with eyes open..' We had two fabulous Assemblies showcasing all the wonderful Book Week outfits but not only our students but staff too.

On Thursday all the students got together to participate in some fun Book Week activities. We celebrated the love of reading, our favourite books and lots of great Book Week stories. We thank our School Community for helping put together the most wonderful costumes.



# Information Update

In South Australia, 'preschool' and 'kindergarten' are the same. Children can attend preschool the year before they start school. Aboriginal children and children in care can access preschool from 3 years of age.

Government preschools support your child's learning and development to give them a great start in life. Through play-based learning, exploration and experimentation, your child is set up to thrive when they're ready for school.

To start the enrolment process you must complete a preschool registration of interest form. This includes enrolment for our new mid-year intake, which is now open!

### Start the enrolment process in 3 easy steps

### 1. Confirm you child is ready to start

If your child turns 4:

- before 1 May 2023, you can register your child to start preschool in term 1 of 2023.
- between 1 May to 31 October 2023, you can register your child to start preschool in term 3 of 2023 through the mid-year intake.

Find out when your children can start preschool with our age calculator.

### 2. Choose a preschool

Your child can attend your local preschool, or you can choose non-local if there's space. Find your <u>local preschool</u> if you're not sure. Priority is given to children in the local catchment area.

### 3. Submit a preschool registration of interest form

Fill in the form and submit to your local preschool. Wait to receive an enrolment offer via email or letter from the preschool.

To register for the mid-year intake, submit the registration of interest form by 30 September 2022. As mid-year intake is being implemented for the first time in 2023, you may not receive an enrolment offer until term 1, 2023.

# **Community Information**







# Planetarium Excursion - Karnu

Our class had the opportunity for a brief but very memorable visit to the Planetarium on the 29<sup>th</sup> Aug.

We were greeted by Martin, the astronomer, who gave us an hour long lesson on the sun, moon and stars!! The students asked lots of pre-prepared questions which Martin was able to answer with his vast knowledge!!

There were lots of ooooh's and ahhhhh's as the ceiling dome projector screen was transformed into a night sky, and we were transported light years away to faraway planets and galaxies!! Our adventure ended with an enthralling children's video called Tycho to the moon, a story of a curious dog who finds his way to the moon and sun in an abandoned rocket ship.

Here are some student reflections:-

Mahnaz Ava Gaby Lily Axel Sophie Luna Riley – I enjoyed the movie 'Tycho goes to the moon'

Axel – I liked how Martin answered all my questions while we waited for others

Tanisha – I loved it when I saw the star constellations

Taileah – I enjoyed seeing Pegasus in the stars

William – I liked being in the dome and watching the meteors

Jasmine - I liked the movie Tycho because he went flying into space

Sophie – I enjoyed the dome moving around and I enjoyed looking at the stars

Aisha – I loved the movie Tycho and when the dome zoomed in and out of the stars

Charlie – I liked learning about space and Jupiter

Hisham – I enjoyed when we zoomed into the Milky Way

Nyree – I loved seeing the night sky and stars

Cody – I had fun learning about outer space

Luna-I enjoyed how the movie was about Science and how the dome moved

Aleera – I enjoyed zooming into the stars and planets

Riley – I enjoyed the part in the movie when they go to the sun





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