



Pictured above: Kaurna Class team building activity (see article on the next page)

## Upcoming Events

### Friday 1st March

- Assembly hosted by Year 5/6 class - Gratitude
- Governing Council Meeting 9.30am

### Monday 11th March

- Public Holiday

### Tuesday 12th March

- World Maths Day

### Friday 15th March

- Pupil Free Day
- Bullying No Way Day

### Thursday 21st March

- Harmony Day

### Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March

- Life Education Van

### Friday 29th March

- Assembly hosted by Room 6 - Teamwork

### Monday 1st - Thursday 4th April

- Parent Teacher Interviews

### Thursday 11th April

- Sports Day

### Friday 12th April

- Terrific Kids Assembly 1.30 pm
- Last day of Term 1
- Early Dismissal 2pm

## Principal's Message

It was great to see such a wonderful turnout of families for our Acquaintance Night and AGM last week. On the night, Dianne Floreani (EALD Teacher) shared a presentation about our literacy programs – Read Write Inc and Fresh Start. During this presentation, Dianne talked about our phonics program and the importance of reading. It is well researched that literacy is the building block of academic success and so students developing their reading skills in primary school is a priority. Parents sharing reading with their children at home is also important to reading development, no matter how old the child is.

If you weren't able to come along on the night and would like some information on our literacy programs, please speak with your child's class teacher.

To support our students and their families in reading, we are excited to announce that we are currently in the process of setting up our new Reading Room. Our new furniture and books are currently being ordered and will soon be on their way. This will be a space open every morning, 8.15 - 8.30am and some play times, where children can come in, read and enjoy a book or two with either their parents, a friend or school staff. We will have more information home soon about this wonderful space.

### Staffing Changes

Last week we farewelled our wonderful ICT Technician Dave. Dave has worked at Wandana over the last few years, however has decided to embark on a career change and move into finance. Dave is replaced by Marc who will also be working on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you see him around, please make him feel welcome.

Next week will also be the last week for Caitlin, one of the teachers in the preschool. Caitlin is also moving onto a new career in Human Resourcing. We wish her all the best. Francine Schiller will be joining our preschool team until Daniela returns from maternity leave.

We would also like to welcome Luke. Luke Davies will be working with a small group of students on a Monday and Tuesday for the remainder of the year.

**Belinda Smith**  
 Principal



## Reading Matters!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF  
**READING 20**  
 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads	A student who reads	A student who reads
<b>20:00</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>1:00</b>
minutes per day	minutes per day	minute per day
will be exposed to <b>1.8 MILLION</b> words per year and scores in <b>90th PERCENTILE</b> on standardized tests	will be exposed to <b>282,000</b> words per year and scores in <b>50th PERCENTILE</b> on standardized tests	will be exposed to <b>8,000</b> words per year and scores in <b>10th PERCENTILE</b> on standardized tests

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## Site Improvement Priorities

Wandana P-7 School has been chosen to undergo teacher training and implementation of the Brightpath writing moderation tool. This opportunity has seen our teachers experiment with the program already, noticing huge potential benefits for the students they teach. Several teachers will use this tool in 2019 to help support student writing by giving specific feedback on their work samples. We cannot wait to tell you how they have gone!

## Character Strengths

### TEAM WORK

Team work is our focus for weeks 4 to 6. Already we have seen classes working on their team work by playing games and finishing challenging learning group tasks. Being part of a team is an important life skill especially to learn to how to effectively co-operate, collaborate, communicate and build relationships. Trust, adaptability and diversity of strengths, all help support efficient team work.

## Governing Council Update

We would like to introduce our Governing Council members for 2019:

**Cindy Wills, Kayla Truscott, Sourav Dey Roy, Fouzia Sultana, Sarah Tucker, Rachel Sorensen, Crystal Mahoney, Catherine O'Grady**

We still have a few vacancies on Governing Council if you would like to join. Our next meeting is on **Friday 1st March** after the assembly. Please feel welcome to join us for a coffee and morning tea.

## Wandana Action Team

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open to ALL STUDENTS Monday - Friday mornings from 8:10am until 8:30am in the Gym.

So students why not join our staff volunteers and enjoy some toast, cereal, fruit, milk or yoghurt. It's a fun way to have breakfast, enjoy some friendly conversation and a great way to meet some new friends too! Pop in and give it a go!



## Kaurna Class News

### Team work

Our class has been learning about how to work in a team.

#### **What is the definition of team work?**

The ability of a group of people to work together.

#### **Some synonyms for team work are...**

Collaboration, Union, Partnership, Collegiality, Fellowship, Association, Alliance

#### **What does team work mean to you?**

- Wania – to include others, respect and listen to each other
- Toiquisha – helping others and working together
- Zena - being in a team and working together, being a good team player
- Celina – helping others, sharing ideas and having fun
- Eddie – sharing things and being helpful
- Trelleale – help other people if they're struggling
- Liana – working together and getting along

#### **What are some examples of team work in life?**

School, friendship, basketball, Homework Club, having a job, building a cubby house, pulling a really big stick, cleaning, team sports, making a robot in a group, medical profession, emergency services

#### **Is team work important? Why or why not?**

- Yes – because you help others, you can get rewarded, so every one can get along, learn how to work as a team
- Teamwork is important and we use it in daily life. Computers and laptops are important and a person did not make them themselves - they used teamwork to invent them!!!

#### **What are some skills we need to work in a team successfully?**

- Giving everyone a chance to have a go
- Sharing things
- Caring about each other
- Participation
- Kindness
- Listening to each other
- Respect each other eg. no putdowns
- Helping others



Pictured on the front page:

*Team Building - Toilet paper activity (wrap each other up in toilet paper without breaking the paper!!!)*