



## Upcoming Events:

### Week 7:

**Monday 8th June**

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

**Wednesday 10th June**

Governing Council Meeting, 9.00am

### Week 8:

**Friday 19th June**

Pupil Free Day

### Week 9:

**Monday 22nd - Wednesday**

**24th June** ★

Dental for Schools

### Week 10:

Reports go home

**Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd**

**July** ★

NAIDOC Week

"Always was, Always will be"

**Friday 3rd July**

Last day of Term 2

## National Reconciliation Week

**National Reconciliation Week: 27th May - 3rd June "In this Together"**

Wednesday saw the culmination of National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

We commemorated the start of National Reconciliation Week by assembling together last Wednesday for the raising of our Aboriginal flag. Aunty Judy, Luke and our senior Aboriginal students read the Kurna welcome, talked about the flag and what it represented before the ceremony commenced.

During National Reconciliation Week, Aunty Judy and Luke visited all of the classes, from Preschool to Year 7, to support the students and the teachers to start their learning around Aboriginal cultures and histories. The focus of their visits was around the importance of Reconciliation Week, cultural perspectives and to introduce the students to some Ngarrindjeri language.



**Our vision:** Empowering our community to flourish in their relationships and learning.

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# The Importance of Attendance:



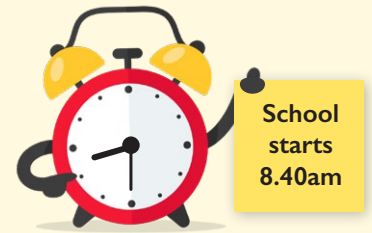
Attendance at school is compulsory. The Department for Education encourage a 95% attendance rate. That's no more than 2.5 days off per term or 10 days off per year. All schools work with their community to develop positive attendance habits and this is done through providing a safe, inclusive and culturally respectful environment. At Wandana Primary School we align with the DFE attendance policy.

- ✓ We promote the importance of education.
- ✓ We actively engage and include all children and their families.
- ✓ We provide support to address the barriers to attendance, learning and wellbeing.
- ✓ We monitor and assess patterns of non-attendance and address this.

## WHAT SORT OF START IS YOUR CHILD GETTING?

*Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but...*

He/ She is only missing...	That Equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly Half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years.



*Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?*

*That's when every minute counts the most!!!*

*School starts at 8.40am.*

# School Uniforms

As we are coming into the cooler months, we are seeing students increasingly not adhere to the uniform policy. Wearing of the Wandana School uniform is compulsory for all students in Reception through to Year 7.

School uniform is important because:

- we know immediately if there are strangers on campus
- it encourages student pride in themselves and their school
- it enhances our public image and identity
- reduces peer pressure
- provides families with a cost effective option for school clothing

*The Governing Council has endorsed our Uniform Policy.*

*Please refer to the full School Uniform Policy on the school website for further information: <https://www.wandanac7.sa.edu.au/policies/>*

## All students must wear:

- Navy blue t-shirt or polo shirt – either plain or with the Wandana School logo
- Plain navy blue shorts, skirts or skorts (knee length) or plain long navy blue pants
- Navy blue school jacket with logo or navy jumper/jacket
- Blue and white gingham summer dress
- Shoes: sneakers/joggers
- Hat: Wandana School legionnaire's hat (provided) – all year

Students who are not wearing school uniform will be given a uniform to wear by the Office. Students will need to change back into their original clothing at the end of the day.

# Character Strength: Curiosity

To be curious is to explore and discover. It is being open to new experiences and having the desire to build personal knowledge.

This term the students in Room 14 have been especially interested in spiders. They have been fascinated to learn the answers to some of their questions including what spiders eat and why they are different colours. Hisham wanted to know "How do they make their webs?" and Ravneet asked "What is the biggest spider?" (The Goliath bird eating spider).

We now have a WONDER WALL to encourage the students to ask questions and post what they want to learn about at school. Students are continuing to use Information Texts from our school library to explore their interests and build their knowledge.

Here are some of the thought provoking questions they have come up with on their own.

*How are planets made? (Archie)*

*Do elephants eat snakes? (Mahnaz)*

*I wonder what the sun is made of? (Hisham)*

*How do snakes make their colours change? (Prachi)*

*Can tigers eat elephants? (Travis)*

