Newsletter # 9

Term 2, Week 8 2021





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Preschool children harvesting produce from the orchard

Upcoming Events:

Monday 21st June Governing Council Meeting 2:15pm

Monday 21st - Thursday 24th June **Reception - Year 4 Swimming**

Thursday 1st July NAIDOC Week Celebration Colour Explosion School Fun Run

Friday 2nd July Last day of Term 2 **Reports sent home**

Monday 19th July First day of Term 3

School Photo Day

PHOTOS Thursday 29th July

Monday 9th - Friday 13th August Dental Van onsite

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th August Book Week



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From the Leadership Team

Semester 1 Reports

Our Semester 1 written reports will be sent home on Friday 2nd July. Teachers put an enormous amount of work and thought into the grades and comments they provide using evidence and professional judgement. We hope that parents and carers will look carefully at all three aspects of the report, which when read together should give you a thorough understanding of how your child is doing, and where they can further improve:

1. Achievement levels: The grades are decided through evidence by assessing student learning against the achievement standards outlined in the Australian Curriculum for all subject areas. A 'Satisfactory' rating, equates to a 'C', and is given to a student who is currently achieving or is on track this year to achieve the year level achievement standard. To receive an 'Excellent' rating is something very superior. An 'Excellent' student achievement rating not only shows an advanced understanding of the knowledge, skills and understandings of the subject but indicates he or she can apply them in new and unfamiliar contexts. The Australian Curriculum achievement standards can be accessed at <u>www.australiancurriculum.edu.au</u>

2. Effort rating: It is important to look at this in relation to the achievement level. All we can ask for is for every student to do their best. This rating will give an indication of how much room for improvement the teacher believes exists.

3. Comments: The comments focus on areas of strength and goals for further improvement in some detail. The general comment can refer

to social or work skills or to other areas of the

curriculum. In this section, teachers often highlight a focus area for the remainder of the year. After reading the report, please contact your child's class teacher if you have any additional questions.

Colour Explosion Fun Run

Thursday Week 10 (1st July) is our Colour Explosion Fun Run. The students all receive a t-shirt which will be presented by Troy Bond (a former premiership Crows player) next week. A big thank you to Troy Bond and his company for donating the t-shirts. Please remember to register online. A pamphlet was sent home with your child outlining the details. I hope to see all the families and caregivers at this exciting fundraising event.

Visit myprofilepage.com.au to create your child's cyber safe fundraising profile.

Staffing

Last week we farewelled Hannah Darling, who was our Aboriginal Education teacher on Mondays. Hannah has taken full-time work as a Visual Arts teacher at another site. Margie O'Connell, who is our Technologies and Auslan teacher and has been a part of the Wandana community for 9 years, will take up this position on Mondays for the rest of the year. Nathan Watkins is our other Aboriginal Education teacher and works on Thursdays and Fridays. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Margie, Nathan or Aunty Judy.

Robyn McLachlan Principal

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Swimming Lesson Keminder

Our Swimming and Water Safety program starts next week -Monday 21st June until Thursday 24th June.

It will be at The Adelaide Aquatic Centre (Jeffcott Road, North Adelaide).

Years R/1/2 Bus departs at 9:00am and returns at approximately 11:45am.

Years 3/4 Bus departs at 10:00am and returns at approximately 1:10pm.

Please arrive to school on time so you do not miss the bus.

Your child will need appropriate bathers (swimming costume) and a dry towel each day.

The school cannot supply towels.

Acceptable Swim Wear

- Unacceptable Swim Wear
- Synthetic swimming costume
- Rash vest
- Synthetic board shorts
- Football shorts

- Street wear
- T-shirts, shirts and singlets
- Cut off jeans / shorts
- Underwear

Room 7 Character Strength

Over the past 2 weeks, Room 7 have been exploring the character strength of **perspective** through big problems and little problems. As a class we discussed the difference between little problems and big problems and how we would react. We role played scenarios to find out what differences there are.

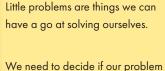
We decided that big problems are things that are an emergency, when someone is hurt, when someone is sick or when someone is being unsafe. When we have big problems, we need to let an adult know so they can help us.





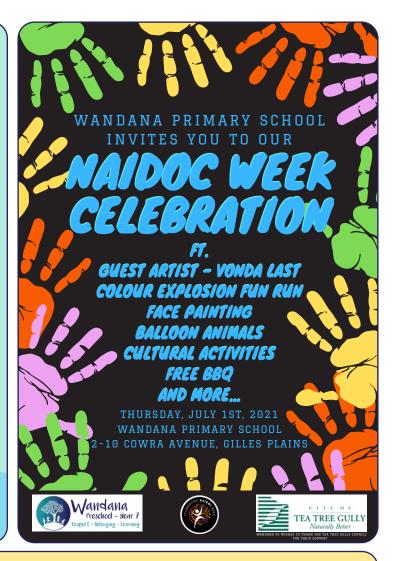




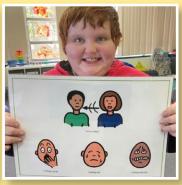


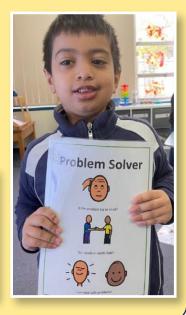
We need to decide it our problem is little or big and think about how we are going to react and what we should do next.











Preschool News

Did you know the preschool has an orchard? Over the last few weeks we have been busy harvesting and trying different foods from our orchard. We've harvested apples, persimmons, oranges, lemons, parsley and recently hunted for potatoes. The children have been learning about good nutrition and have been brave, taking risks and trying new foods. The apples, oranges and potatoes were a big hit!

We have just planted some new seeds that will hopefully bring us some different produce to try. Over the coming weeks we will be tracking the growth of our seeds as they sprout in to seedlings, drawing the different stages of their life cycle and using the sprouted seedling as inspiration for some still life drawings and paintings.

These activities are designed to foster healthy lifestyles and positive values in sustainability as children learn to care for their environment and interact with empathy and respect towards nature. As educators, we hope to inspire our next generation into the future with the skills to thrive whilst caring and supporting the environment.



Rugby Carnival

Last Friday some of our Year 4-7 students participated in a local Rugby Carnival hosted at Burton Primary School. Congratulations to our girls who came 2nd and our boys who came 3rd. Thank you to Mr Nigel and Mr Watkins who supported the teams and a huge thanks to all of the

students who represented our school so well. We are so proud of you all!













