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Wirrabirra School



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SCHOOL PURPOSE

To provide a learning environment in which students are given the opportunity to develop their individual potential and to acquire skills, attitudes and knowledge to enable them to become responsible members of a changing society.

COMING EVENTS

Thurs	24 Sept	Wirrabirra Faction Sports Carnival
Fri	25 Sept	Free dress fundraiser Good Standing Reward Last day of Term 
Mon	12 Oct	SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY— STUDENTS <u>DO NOT</u> ATTEND SCHOOL
Tues	13 Oct	8.40am—Term 4 commences for students
Wed	21 Oct	Italian Car Club visiting Wirrabirra
Thurs	22 Oct	8.50am—Assembly A3
Mon	9-13 Nov	Year 7 Camp at Logue Brook

Wirrabirra School is an **ALLERGY FRIENDLY SCHOOL**. What does this mean? It means that we will respect the individual needs of students who have identified allergies (with care plans) to such products as nuts, kiwi fruit, milk and eggs to name a few. In particular, food products that have nuts or are made from nuts should **NOT** come to school - ie: peanut paste, Nutella and nut bars. Our canteen is "nut free" and "kiwi fruit free" to accommodate individual students with special needs.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents / Carers



★ CONGRATULATIONS A6

Well done A6 for last week's assembly! We were treated to a lovely assembly hosted by Mrs King, Mrs Flynn and the very talented A6 students. They showed us the fabulous igloo they are building out of 2 litre milk cartons (great maths—258 so far). They need more, so please send them in if you can. The ~~excellent~~ students sang 'Never Smile at a Crocodile' and 'Crocodile Rock'. Congratulations on a great assembly and good luck with building that igloo.



★ GOOD STANDING

Friday is 'Good Standing' Day and 'Free Dress'. Good Standing is held to celebrate good behaviour at Wirrabirra. Congratulations to the many students who will join in the fun activities. Remember, you must bring along \$5.00 to participate. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation if they wish to wear free dress on Friday.

★ LEARNING JOURNEY

Thanks to the many parents and carers who joined with their children and took time to celebrate the learning that happens at our school. It was wonderful to see the way students engaged in showing off their work and taking the adults on a tour of the school. Congratulations to all staff for the effort and excellent preparation that went into making the night a success.

★ SPORTS DAY (FACTION CARNIVAL)

Our Faction Sports will be held tomorrow and hopefully fine weather will eventually prevail! We hope to see as many parents and carers as possible coming to the carnival to support our students. Just a reminder that we **do not** encourage students from other schools to attend. Thanks.

★ NATIONAL ASSESSMENT IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY PROGRAM (NAPLAN)

Results from the NAPLAN testing in May this year have been posted home to families this week. Please read the information provided and if you need clarification, contact your child's teacher.

★ MANNERS

Our final 'Manners' focus for this term is 'Answering (responding) to others politely'. This may mean using your voice rather than a nod, using a positive tone, showing interest in the person addressing you and adding a "please" or "thank you".

★ FACTION BARBECUE

Last Friday Red faction were awarded the faction barbecue for the most points gained over the term. Special thanks to Mr Lucich and his helpers for the organisation and cooking on the day.

★ ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

WOW! What success! We had many winners in our Attendance raffle. This was held to celebrate and reward

REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSSES EARLY 2.30pm EVERY WEDNESDAY

those children who have had 95% or greater attendance over Semester One. Congratulations to those lucky children who won a prize. We will hold another raffle at the end of Semester Two.

Winners:-

Boys/Girls Bike	Zac Ivatts, Kelsey West
\$50.00	Hayley Clark, Caden Morgan
4 movie tickets	Elena Phimphan
3 movie tickets	Jemma Morgan, Alicia Morgan

These winners had their choice of a prize from posters, soft toys, sports equipment or jewellery:- Sean Courcha, Talitha Bryson, Jessica Anderson, Renee Lachance, Josh Hawking, Hannah Beverly, John Arellano, Jordan Buckley, Jake Buckley, Teagan Lyons, Sophie Driver, Britney Abela, Max Jones, Matin Ahmadyar, Zahra Ahmadyar, Joshua Anderson, Jessica Anderson, Tanayaa Brown, Michelle Butler, Taylah Austin, Rhianna Krans, Dennis Hernandez, Michael Froome, Sultan Mohamed, Shannon Murphy, Jarrad Walsh, Tayla Crabtree, Panfia Niyogushima, Tiffani Riddell, Eveleigh Arthur, Casey Grobe, Brooke Cotte, Sophie Haslam, Jaide Davis, Kacey Hassall, Billy Dean Parker, Vicky Jiang.

★ **FAREWELL AND END OF TERM 3**

Sadly, it is time to say farewell to two staff members who joined us for Term 3. Firstly to Mrs Tena Ring (D1) who has done a wonderful job in teaching the students while Mrs Hazel Van Dalen has been ill. Also Ms Sherree Gull has had a support role over this term and she will be leaving us. I sincerely thank both staff for their support and contribution over the term and wish them every success for the future.

Great news! Mr Richards will return from long service leave and be with us next term. We are all eager to hear about his trip and see his holiday snaps. On that note, I would like to thank Wirrabirra community for their support.

On behalf of all staff, I wish families a terrific break with their children and look forward to Term 4 starting on **Tuesday 13 October**. I would also like to thank all staff for an excellent term of learning in our school.

There will be workers in our school throughout the holidays but if you see any suspicious persons, please call School Security on 9264 4771 or Police on 131 444.

Regards
Ann-Maree Melvin, Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

17 September 2009

CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

Paige Cameron	Ethan Tomlinson
Tahlea Martin	Mariah Carston

Honour Certificates were presented to:

Desiree Brown, Brandon Woolf, Cha Na Chai, Sydnie Murray, Sophie Driver, Josceline Wood, Chloe Trump, April Watterston, Zac Gregory, Marcus Yong, Elton Miranda, Say Hsa Lah Klay Neilaw, Jasmine Barker, Douglas Farmer, Reece Stephenson, Cody Boyne, Shaun Courcha, Sian Bull, Rozalia Sumadi, Taila Tamati, Nikira Browning, Shane Fensom.

STUDENT COUNCILLORS' AWARDS

Uniform Award—D2, Environment Award— A1/2, Excellence Awards—Sean Santostefano, Mrs Sansom

Congratulations and well done everyone.

Congratulations Year Sevens

Wirrabirra School would like to extend our congratulations to the Year 7s who have been fortunate enough to secure scholarships for high school in 2010. We are extremely proud of the dedication that they have demonstrated whilst at our school and it is pleasing to see their efforts acknowledged.

Dannielle Robinson	Soccer	Kelmscott SHS
Amber Stagg	Music	Kelmscott SHS
Rory West	Soccer	Kelmscott SHS
	Baseball	South Fremantle SHS
	Baseball	Forrestfield SHS
	Academic	Southern River College
Andre Wang	Academic	Kelmscott SHS
	Academic	Southern River College
Angelique Stannett	Academic/Athletics	Kelmscott SHS
Caitlin Roberts	Academic/Music	Kelmscott SHS
	Academic	Southern River College
Matthew Anderson	Music	Kelmscott SHS
	Music	Thornlie SHS
	Academic	Southern River College
McKayla Stephenson	Athletics	Kelmscott SHS
Zoe Barker	Music	Thornlie SHS
Shayne Rickards	Academic	Southern River College
Syafiq Pike	Academic	Southern River College



Parent Information Centre News

Hi everyone. I'm sure you're all excited about the school holidays and spending some special time with your children. On the subject of children, if you want more ideas on kids and parenting, if you want to share your own ideas or if you want to receive regular updates on parent information and advice, then this website is just for you—Kidscount.com.au - a website just for parents. Being a parent is the most important job you can do. Some say it is a journey filled with amazing rewards and sometimes seemingly impossible challenges. You don't have to know everything (I certainly don't). No parent has all the answers. Parents can often feel judged and alone but you will find that many other parents feel exactly the same way! The Kidscount website is part of the Every Child is Important Campaign (Australian Childhood Foundation). The campaign is aimed at highlighting the importance of positive relationships between parents and children. It also promotes the view that all parents need information and support at some point. It has lots of valuable information for parents about parenting and child development. So check it out and I hope that it will be helpful for you in your parenting.

The following community workshops/courses are coming up during October:

- Free Cycling Skills Workshops. For more information phone Jillian Woolmer on 9398 7241.
- Clan WA are running a free course on 'Anxiety & Depression – Building Resilience through Understanding' in Armadale on Wednesday 14 October, 7pm – 9pm. For more info phone 9498 2829.
- Book early to ensure a place for the ClanWA workshop and for the WRAP course which is being run by Ruah. The workshops are run by experienced facilitators and are provided at either low cost or for free, so I would encourage you to make the most of these opportunities if they are relevant to you.
- Wellness Recovery Action Plan—Do you experience stress, anxiety, depression or other mental health issues? Would you like to learn simple safe skills and strategies to improve your mental health and wellbeing? Then WRAP is for you. The WRAP course teaches you practical and simple skills and strategies to improve your physical, emotional and mental health and wellbeing. It is held over 8 weeks for 2.5 hours per week.

Where: Ruah Meeting Room
1917 Albany Hwy, Maddington

When: Starts 23 October 2009
Fridays 10am – 12.30am

Cost: \$25.00/person

To book your place phone Ruah Community Services on 9227 7012.

"A happy life consists in tranquillity of mind". (Cicero)

*Enjoy the holiday break and take care.
Helen Ivatts*

Chaplain and School Based Community Liaison Officer

LOTE NEWS—ITALIAN WEEK 2009

On Wednesday 22 October (Term 4—Week 2) Wirrabirra is holding an exhibition of Italian motor vehicles.

The Alfa Romeo Club, the Fiat-Lancia Club and the Ducati Owners' Club have generously agreed to participate and to drive their prized possessions to the school!



The vehicles and our guests will be at the school until after lunch to give students the opportunity to see and appreciate the art, technology and science that is typical of Italian design.

To celebrate Italian Week in real Italian fashion, the Canteen's menu during Week 2 will include all sorts of "yummy" Italian lunch ideas, such as:-

Pizza ~ Lasagne ~ Spaghetti and Meatballs

We hope you can all take advantage of this great opportunity to enjoy the very special tastes of Italian cuisine, right here at our own Wirrabirra School.

Ciao e a presto! *Signora Bibby*

Kalamunda Senior High School—Applications are now open for all Year 6 students to apply for KSHS Outdoor Education Program for 2011. Students who nominate for this program may be provided with opportunities to be involved with a wide range of outdoor pursuits including: canoeing/kayaking, mountain biking, food preparation, first aid training, swimming certificates, bush walking, bush navigation, Aboriginal culture, roping, fitness training, plus much more.

Applications close Friday 16 October 2009. Nomination form is available from Wirrabirra office or for more information contact Dale Watson on 9293 6400.

COMING HOME TODAY

- ☺ Faction Carnival Program
- ☺ Internet and Mobile Phone Safety notes for classes in A, B and C Block.

☺ **COUNTING ON YOU 2**

☺ **HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS REALLY ADDS UP**

Two new booklets to help you support your child with Maths at home have recently been sent home to families.

These booklets follow the popular one that was sent out recently about reading. Many Western Australian parents gave positive feedback about how it helped them gain more ideas and confidence.

- 95% of parents learned new ideas after reading the booklet
- 98% of parents used at least one of the ideas suggested in the booklet
- 89.5% of parents reported feeling better able to help their child learn to read

Hundreds of positive comments were received including the following:

- *"My son has trouble reading and is now improving"*
- *"The booklet has inspired me again to read more to the kids and to always say "Yes" if they ask me to read, no matter how busy!"*

We hope you will find the Maths booklet just as useful.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wirrabirra Dental Therapy Centre will be closed for the October school holidays (From Tuesday 29 September to Monday 12 October inclusive). In case of an emergency during this period, please contact South Thornlie Dental Therapy Centre, Ovens Road, South Thornlie 9459 4270.

Forest Lakes 3s Plus Kindy – Towncentre Drive Thornlie now has enrolment packages available for 2010. Enrolments will be taken on 15 October 2009. For further information please phone 9493 3122 or email info@familycentre.com.au

Riverside Multi Sports Camps at Trinity College - Riverside Multi Sports are hosting a sports program for all students aged 7-13 at Trinity College from Monday 5 October to Wednesday 7 October. Each day will commence at 9:00am and conclude at 12:30pm with the focus being on a wide range of sports supervised by specialist coaches in a fun yet safe environment. To secure a place on this exciting program or for more information, email riversidesports@live.com.au or call Jenny on 0419958356.

Armadale Kelmscott Swimming Club will hold its registration day on Sunday 18 October at the Armadale Aquatic Centre, Champion Drive, Armadale from 11.00am-1.00pm. Financial members will receive free entry to the Aquatic Centre on the day and refreshments. The Aquatic Centre's new inflatable obstacle course will also be available to try out. Further enquiries please contact Chris Brown 9525 2117 or Margaret Laing 9459 5295.

One Night in Egypt—a fundraiser for Gosnells Women's Health Service. The night is set to be one you won't forget. With belly dancing performances throughout the night, a Mezza meal, door prizes, live musician, Arabic DJ, silent auctions, cash bar and a chance to get up on the dance floor, this night hold something for everyone.

Saturday 3 October 2009 7.00pm at Maddington Community Centre—cnr Alcock & Yule Streets. Tickets/information available—9490 2258.

Wirrabirra Sports Day

Thursday 24 September 2009



PLANNING FOR 2010

Will your child/children **NOT** be attending Wirrabirra in 2010?

Please complete this slip and return to the office **before 27 November 2009**.

Child's/children's name/s: _____ Class/es _____

School your child/children will be attending in 2010: _____

