



Term 1 Week 1

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRESCHOOLERS



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dates to Remember:



Week 1
Monday 31st
January 2022
School begins

Week 5
Tuesday 1st
March
2022
Acquaintance
Night

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a good break and relaxed for a while. Pity the weather wasn't on our side.

You will notice that we are now emailing newsletters and not sending a paper form home. Most schools do this now and it saves on resources. Should you still need a paper copy please let us know.

This year is probably the most unusual start to the year I have seen in my 25 years of being an educator. However, as a school community we have proven that no challenge is too great and we will get through this as a team. New instructions and information on COVID is coming daily and I am committed to keeping you in form. I hope the communications I have sent have been helpful. Just to clarify:

Preschool, Foundation and Year 1s are required to be at school. If these students do not attend, they will not be provided with a learning pack, and they must access all learning on 'Our Learning SA' website. These are excellent lessons.

Year 2-6s are learning remotely from home and they have all been provided with packs. Children of essential workers can attend school (please bring your learning packs). Lessons are posted daily on Seesaw. At this stage Year 2-6s will begin school on the 14th of February.

Students/Parents need to communicate to the school via Seesaw. This can be a short note just to let us know you are doing the learning and you can also take photos of the work to show the teacher and they will give feedback. We would like all students to be uploading work completed (by photo is the best or scanner) so we can support student learning and ensure students are completing work.

We know that technology can be your friend or right pain. We are here to help. If you have any issues please contact the school. Thank you to all families that are supporting the learning.

The school won't be conducting any excursions or events in the first four weeks. We have scheduled the Acquaintance Night BBQ for Tuesday of week 5. We will ask for nominations for Governing Council then. For current members, don't panic about the AGM, we have 16 month window to have the AGM. I am hopeful for our first meeting in week 9. Thanks for all your support.

We have masks for students at school and plenty of sanitiser. Students are renewing masks as per instructions.

I would like to wish all new students in the preschool and school all the best. It was awesome seeing them settle in at school and seeing the pre-schoolers exploring their new area was golden. Well done guys!

Wish I could have said more exciting things about what is coming up. However, we are waiting patiently ready for another huge year of learning and fun. Stay safe and keep the dream alive!

Regards,

Wade Branford

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SCHOOL REMINDERS

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child/ren have their water bottles filled up each day.

No Hat, No Play

In Term 1 and 4, our No Hat, No Play policy is put in place. Please ensure that your child has a broad brimmed hat with no cords with them every day. We have hats available to purchase from the front office for \$8.80.

Breakfast Programme

There is breakfast available at the school on **Tuesday mornings** from 8.30am. Fruit, toast, cereal and orange juice are on the menu. Please return the parent roster if you are able to help.

Student Absences

Please remember to contact the school if your child is absent. You can use the skoolbag app, text the school's mobile number or ring the front office.

Technical Devices

We don't encourage students to bring electronic devices to school. However if they do need to, they are to pass them in to the front office for safe keeping during the day.

The school takes no responsibility for these devices.

Notes

Please remember to check your child's bag/communication book/diary/blue reader bag, each night for important notes home. While we have our Facebook page, SMS messages, and Seesaw, notes being sent home are still a huge part of our communication.

Student Sign In/Out Book

Please note all students arriving late or leaving early must come through the front office and be signed in or out.

Uniforms

Please name all uniform items including hats. Uniforms can be purchased from the front office.

Please contact the school if you have any queries.

COVID 19 Update

Parents, volunteers and visitors are welcome in schools and preschools. All parents, volunteers and visitors are required to COVID-Safe check in using the QR code when entering the buildings and practise physical distancing from other adults.

Parents and other visiting adults wear masks when entering school or preschool buildings. This includes volunteers.

Please be assured we have a management plan in place should a confirmed positive case on site.

STAFFING FOR 2022

Teaching

Principal - Wade Branford

Upper Primary Class

Brooke Slater - Monday & Tuesday

Luke Rowe - Wednesday - Friday

Middle Primary Class - Carla Morgan

Junior Primary Class - Amber Clarke

Preschool - Skye Bradford

Indonesian/The Arts/Technology - Sara Ling

SSO

Finance - Hayleigh Tassone Mon Tues & Thurs

Admin - Dan Morgan Wednesday & Friday

Library - Sam Pedler

SSO Class - Nell McRostie

SSO Class - Sam Pedler

SSO Class - Erica Fergusson

SSO Class - Kate Marner

AECO - Danielle Hirschausen

Grounds - Tom Kenny

Term Dates

Term 1: 31 January - 14 April

Term 2: 2 May - 8 July

Term 3: 25 July - 30 September

Term 4: 17 October - 16 December

Parent and Student Information





Australia Day Award for Best Organisation- Lake Wangary School and the Minya Custodians

Mr Branford attended the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula Australia Day Awards Ceremony at Cummins and accepted the award on behalf of the amazing staff at Lake Wangary School.

HELLO TO OUR NEW FOUNDATION STUDENTS!



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LAKE WANGARY SCHOOL GOVERNIN COUNCIL

Are you keen to join the Governing Council?
Please fill in a nomination form at the
Acquaintance night.

Does the Governing Council run the school?

The Governing Council is NOT responsible for the day to day running of the school – that's the job of our very capable Principals.



Do I need special qualifications?

No! Any parent or guardian of a child at the Junior Primary and/or Primary School, or any person over 18 who is passionate about children's education can be a member of the Governing Council.



How often do I have to go?

Meetings go for about an hour. There are 2 meetings per term.

*Our meetings are child friendly!
All ages welcome!*



Aren't governance and meetings out of date?

No... Shaping the future excellence of a school is so rewarding and governing boards are more dynamic than ever – especially in our current time. We are looking to recruit people that represent every student of any and all cultural backgrounds, social demographics, disabilities and neuro-diverse student of our schools.



What will I learn?

You will stay up to date with your child's learning and school programs.

Teachers, Curriculum Leaders and Principals (both schools) and guest speakers will share current learning and news from the classrooms and school.



What could we do?

The opportunity to fundraise for our students so we can continually improve our facilities/ equipment.

Add parent perspective and support to whole school events.

Share and promote the great things that our schools do for our kids.

Be more informed and involved in our children's education.



What do we do?

- Oversee and contribute to the schools' Site Improvement Plan
- Review and update current school policies (eg- Uniforms, Anti-bullying, Behaviour Procedures etc.)
- Oversee operations of our Canteen.
- Oversee our school's finances, budgets and actuals.

