

# Around the school

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Term2, Week 1

# NEWSLETTER



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Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2 of the school year. As most of you already know, I spent last term living in Oodnadatta while working as the Principal at the school there. It was a very rewarding experience and I certainly gained a great deal both personally and professionally during this time. I am happy to now be back at Willsden Primary School and would like to thank all of the staff who took on extra responsibilities and duties to cover my absence. It was exciting to walk back into the school knowing that it is still the place I love to come and work every day.

I would like to welcome the new families and students who have started at Willsden School this term. We enjoy having students and families join our school community and hope your experience with us is a positive and productive one. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to drop in for a chat or phone the school.

I am proud to inform you that student attendance last term was 78.80% which was greater than in Term 1 last year. This is an improvement and has a very positive impact on the progress of students who are attending school every day. It would be very rewarding to see us all working towards improving student attendance by attending over 80% this term. Being at school every day will ensure all of our students have access to the education they deserve and support they need to be the best they can be.

A reminder to all families that students are welcome onto the school grounds at 8:40am every morning. On Mondays students are dismissed early for the purpose of our staff accessing Professional Learning. At times this may mean travelling to other venues and will take time for them to get there. I ask that families be at school ready to collect their children no later than 2:20pm on Mondays to support staff in their endeavour to continue being the best educators they can be. Thank you for your co-operation and supporting the ongoing provision of high quality education at Willsden Primary School.

Kind Regards,

*Miss Linda*



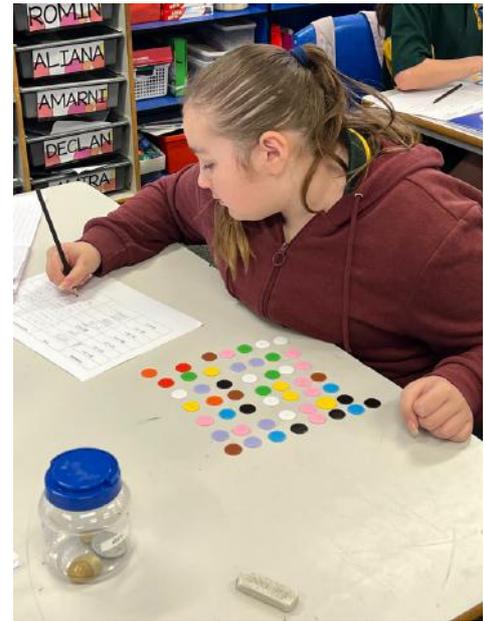
## Diary Dates for Term 2

- Walk safely to school day - Friday 19/5
- Parent Voice - Monday 22/5
- School Assembly - Wednesday 24/5
- Reconciliation Week starts - Monday 29/5
- SAPSASA Girls Football and Boys netball - Friday 2/6
- King's Birthday Public Holiday - Monday 12/6
- Student Free Day - Tuesday 13/6
- Parent Voice - Monday 19/6
- School Assembly - Wednesday 21/6
- SAPSASA Basketball - Friday 23/6
- NAIDOC Week starts - Monday 3/7

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## ROOM 15

This Term, Room 15 have been learning about multiplication and division. Students have been learning how to make arrays and how they help us work out multiplication and division problems. In this activity, students had to create and draw the array, write the equation and then work out what the answer is.



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## LANGUAGE AND AUTISM



As a part of my role, I learn about autism throughout the year. I would like to share the learning and new information with you through our newsletters. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and have a chat anytime.

This week, I would like to share something new about language and autism that I learned through the Positive Partnerships Workshop!

– “Neurodiversity refers to differences in people’s skills and abilities. For example, some people have an outstanding memory but find comprehension difficult. Autism is a type of neurodiversity.

The language used around autism has changed in the last few years. Most adults on the autism spectrum prefer to describe themselves as autistic or neurodivergent. Some autistic individuals prefer the phrase ‘on the autism spectrum’. It is always good to ask your young person (or their family) what they prefer. We do not use the term ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) unless referring to a diagnosis as the D has been dropped by most people and organisations. We do not use the term “with autism” as some autistic people have explained that they find this problematic.”

Also, some of the picture books I mentioned last term have arrived in the library so you are very welcome to come and have a look



**Kyoko Miyamoto (Autism Inclusion Teacher)**



**If your child is going to be away please contact the school on 86422722.**

**As per our Attendance Policy the Attendance Team will follow the following process on a daily basis.**

1. If the family has not contacted the school, the Attendance Team will attempt to contact via phone to seek the reason of non-attendance.
2. If the family is unable to be contacted, the Attendance Team will conduct a home visit to seek the reason of non-attendance.
3. If the family is not home at the time of the home visit, they will leave a calling card for the family to contact the school.

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## LUNCHTIME DISCO



Friday lunch time discos are back and the students loved the first one which was held Friday Week 1



## REMINDER

If you are dropping in lunch or recess for your child, please make sure you come at least 15 minutes before break time to ensure that we can deliver it to your child on time.

Break times are:

- Recess 10.50am - 11.10am
- Lunch Eating time 12.50pm - 1.00pm

Thanks for your understanding.

### UNIFORM PRICES

Willsden Primary School



T-shirt \$25

Jumper full zip \$35



Jumper half zip \$35

Bucket hat \$8



All uniforms are available to purchase from the front office, we accept cash or card