

Newsletter

Willsden Primary School



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Term 1 Week 2

Thursday 7th February, 2019

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Diary Dates

Aquatics Year 6/7

Monday 12th Feb

Aquatics Year 6/7

Wed 14th Feb

Student Free Day

Fri 15th Feb

Student Free Day

Tues 19th Feb

Whole School

Assembly

Wed 20th Feb

A Word From the Principal

Welcome to the start of the school year. It has been wonderful to see so many students at school ready to start a new year of learning. I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday over the Christmas and New Year break.

We would like to offer a very special welcome to our new receptions, our new families who have enrolled with us this year and our new staff. We hope that you enjoy your time with us and we look forward to working together to grow our students and one another from Good to Great.

We have all made a great start to the year with teachers planning and preparing lessons and most students making the effort to come to school every day. It was great to see so many families stop by on the first day of school to have a shared bacon and egg breakfast and meet the staff.

You may have noticed that during the holidays the foyers in the teaching blocks have been renovated to improve learning environments for our students.

We had a very successful year in 2018 with many students making progress in their learning, especially reading. I would like to ensure that we continue to improve with students attending school every day and reading at home with their families.

Parents and guardians are more than welcome to come into the school as a volunteer. The canteen are always looking for extra help and our students enjoy reading to adults which greatly helps improve the literacy skills of our students. Parent Voice also meets twice a term and is an opportunity for you to discuss and make decisions regarding school matters and we welcome new families to attend these meetings. An evening meal, refreshments and supervision of children will be provided to those in attendance.

Kind regards

Miss Linda



A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR NEW STAFF

WANDA RAINSFORD



A little bit about me : I am the literacy intervention teacher here at Willsden Primary School. This is my second year at Willsden. I travel across the ranges from Melrose 3 days each week. I love living in Melrose with the National Park as my backyard. I have 2 big kids; a daughter, Ella at Uni and a son, Jack in Year 12

Favourite Food: Indian

Favourite Childhood Memory: Beachside Holidays

KARLIA VINALL



A little bit about me : I've come straight from University and working part-time as an ECT in long day care. When I'm not at school I enjoy baking cakes and walking my dog, Brandy. I just moved to Port Augusta from South of Adelaide and am enjoying learning about the community.

Favourite Food: Chocolate

Favourite Childhood Memory: Playing netball

MATTHEW GREENROD



A little bit about me : Hi everyone, really excited to be at Willsden Primary School. I have my family with me here and my son is in Year 1. We're going to enjoy this year by immersing ourselves in the local surrounds. I enjoy many Australian Sports but particularly dirt bikes. Feel free to say hi and share about yourselves.

Favourite Food: Spaghetti Bolognaise

Favourite Childhood Memory: Cycling up Tilly's Hill Road in Brown Hill Creek

KIMBERLEY MARDEN



A little bit about me : My name is Kimberley Marden, I am Kokatha and grew up in Port Augusta. For most of my adult life I have lived all over South Australia on different sheep stations. I love the outdoors, riding motorbikes, bushwalking, kayaking. Pretty much anything out bush or in/on water. I like doing anything creative and love a good DIY project. I am currently teaching myself a bit of carpentry. I am really excited to be teaching Year 6 and 7 at Willsden and think the students and community connections at Willsden are fantastic.

Favourite Food: Anything that is delicious

Favourite Childhood Memory: Being with my Nanna. She taught me how to cook, garden, sew and so much more (even though I didn't realise she was teaching me at the time.) Our nanna's are precious!

ROS EDWARDS



A little bit about me : I grew up in Sydney and loved going to Manly. I loved playing tennis every Saturday when I was at school I have 2 married sons and 3 delightful grandchildren.

Favourite Food: Chocolate

Favourite Childhood Memory: My dad took a day off work when it was snowing at Katoomba. My whole family(my 5 sisters and I) had a day off school to drive up and build a Snowman at Katoomba and eat meat pies!

SARAH PARNANZINI



A little bit about me : I am from an Italian background and have grown up in Port Augusta. I have always grown up wanting to be a teacher. I love making a difference, inspiring young students and watching their big smile, “ah moments” when they understand new learning and things “click”

Favourite Food: Pasta

Favourite Childhood Memory: Family trips to the shacks

FRANKIE WILSON



A little bit about me : I have lived in Port Augusta since I was 12 and even though I have moved away from time to time I have always made my way back home. I have taught in both local schools in Port Augusta and Whyalla. I get very excited when I see children experiencing learning and eager to come to school

Favourite Food: Anything Thai

Favourite Childhood Memory: Our annual family holidays to Tumby Bay

NICOLE JOHNSON

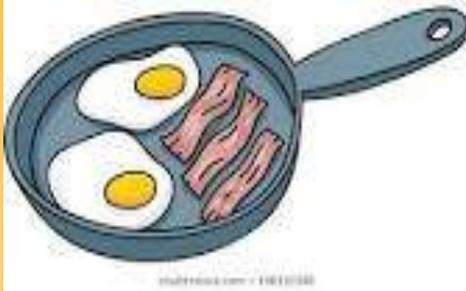


A little bit about me : I’m from Nepabunna, this is my first year working with older children as I’m preschool trained. Before coming here I was at Flinders View Primary in the pre-school.

Favourite Food: Pizza

Favourite Childhood Memory: Rainy days growing up in the bush

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



Thank you to all the families and community members that joined us for our bacon and eggs breakfast and welcome back to school assembly.

PORT AUGUSTA AFTER SCHOOLS



PORT AUGUSTA AFTER SCHOOLS PROJECT

SESSIONS DAYS AND TIMES:

MONDAY—THURSDAY

3:30—5:00pm

VENUES: COMPLEX or LOCAL OVAL

WHAT'S ON OFFER

45 MINUTE OR 1.5 HOUR SESSIONS

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

AFTER SCHOOL FUN PLAYING SPORT

SPECIALIZED COACHING IN BASKETBALL & FOOTBALL

TEAM PLAY, SPORTS DISCIPLINE, FITNESS, HIGH PERFORMANCE

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FREE EVENT

Program details

When: 7th March – 4th April 2019 (5 sessions) 10am – 12pm

Where: Early Years Parenting Centre (EYPC) – 1 Stirling Road, Port Augusta SA

Children welcome to attend. Activities will be provided. Light morning tea will be supplied. Please phone Kelly at EYPC on (08) 8646 5910 to register your interest.



For more information

Early Years Parenting Centre
1 Stirling Road, Port Augusta SA 5700
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