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# NEWSLETTER



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Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2 and I hope you all had the opportunity to find time to relax and spend time together as a family. The first term has passed very quickly, and I have no doubt with all of the exciting learning and events we have planned for this term, that this one will be over before we know it. Last term we had some very impressive attendance data and it is wonderful to see students at school every day. The more time they spend at school the more they learn, and this is what we want for every student. We also know that winter will be arriving very soon, and we ask that students stay home when they are unwell. Please remember to contact the school if your children are absent from school.

A very big thank you to our reception student families who are supporting their children to take on the challenge of unpacking their school bags and developing their independence when they arrive at school each day. This will support them to work towards being independent learners now, and into the future. We look forward to welcoming our next group of Receptions as they begin transition this term, ready to start their first year of schooling in Term 3. I look forward to meeting you all for a quick get together when transition begins.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns. We are more than happy to work with you and your family to ensure all students are safe, happy and learning.

*Miss Linda*

**IF YOU'VE CHANGED ANY OF YOUR CONTACT DETAILS. PLEASE UPDATE THE FRONT OFFICE AS SOON AS YOU CAN.**

Mobile Phone Number    Home Address    Email Address    Emergency Contacts

## Diary Dates for Term 2

- Walk Safely to School Day - Friday 10/5
- SAPSASA Football/Netball - Friday 10/5
- Parent Voice Meeting - Monday 20/5
- National Simultaneous Storytime Wed 22/5
- Reconciliation Week Breakfast and Opening Assembly - Monday 27/5
- Whole School Excursion - Friday 31/5
- Kindy Transition Starts - Monday 4/6
- Grug performance - Wednesday 5/6



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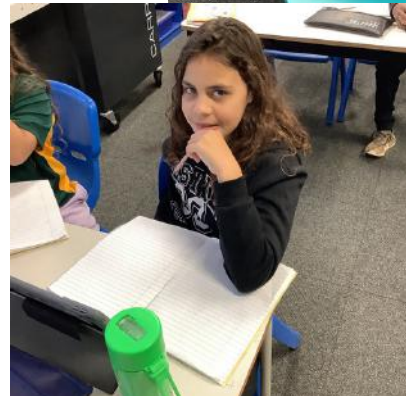
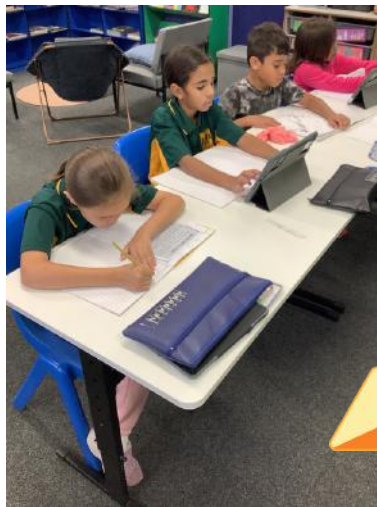
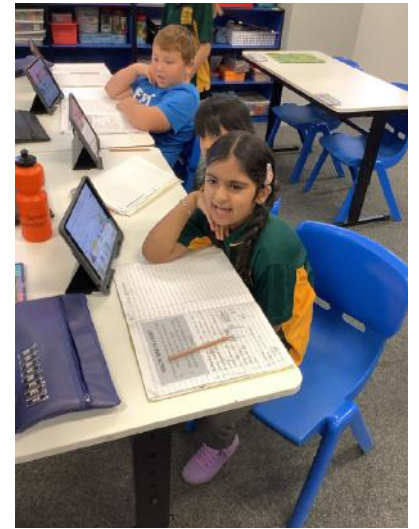
# ROOM 15

In Dynamite Dojo for Term 2 we have welcomed our student-teacher Mr. S (Sharrock) from Charles Darwin University for his final placement for teaching at Willsden Primary School.

He has started to develop relationships with the students who are excited to work with and learn from him while he is in the classroom.

In learning, we are looking at investigating cooking in a variety of subjects to integrate with our inquiry project. The students are aiming to make a Recipe Book to take home before the end of the year.

Pictured, are students researching the food pyramid and which foods we should be eating more of in our daily lives during Health.





## Meet the student teacher: **Mr. S**

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### About Me:

Hello! My name is Mr. S. I've worked in education for 9 years and this is my fourth year placement. Here are some fun facts about me!

### Fun Facts:

- I love to go snowboarding, and was an instructor for 3 years.
- I have a German Shepherd named Gussy.
- I love all sports, especially football. Go FREO!
- I love to travel and have lived in 5 different countries.

Look forward to meeting and working with you all!



## Autism Inclusion News

### Reading a picture book about Autism

During Autism Acceptance Month, some classes read a picture book about autism. I would like to share some of their wonderful learning experiences as reported by the teachers.

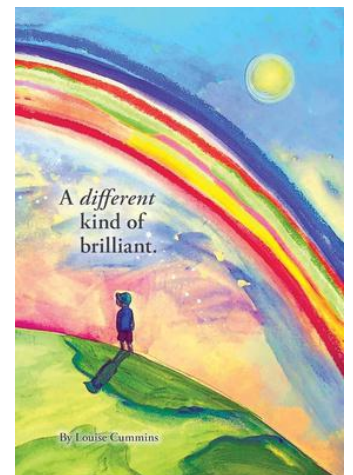
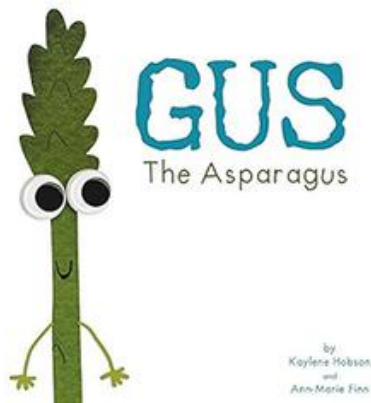
Mx Chels's class read a book called "Gus the Asparagus". The students enjoyed the story and quickly made connections to autism independently. Most of the students wanted to participate in the discussion and talked about autistic people they know such as friends and family!

Miss G, with the Reception and Year 1 classes, viewed a YouTube version of the book "A Different Kind of Brilliant". The students were very engaged and they said people see things differently and everyone's brain thinks differently like Lachlan in the story, and it is brilliant!

We have found that quite often it is not easy for students to understand autism and neurodiversity, nor easy for us to teach about these topics. However, our school values the importance of an inclusive society and we keep trying to learn together to work towards it!

If you have any questions or concerns, please come and have a chat anytime.

### Kyoko Miyamoto (Autism Inclusion Teacher)



## Bike Track Open!

The bike track will be open for students again as of next week. The track will only be available for students to use as a bike/scooter track and no children will be allowed in the area unless on a bike or scooter.

The same rules apply as always, ALL children on bikes and scooters must wear a HELMET!



## WELLBEING AND ENGAGEMENT COLLECTION

The wellbeing and engagement collection (WEC) is a survey that collects information from students in years 4 to 12 about non-academic factors relevant to learning and participation.

The 2024 WEC will be held this term at our school from week 2 to 5 for students in years 4 to 6.

The WEC gives schools, the community and government an insight into what needs to occur to ensure students experience success and are provided with resources and opportunities to reach their full potential.

## Disco Time



The students enjoyed the first lunchtime disco for Term 2. Here are some pics of our dancing superstars!



**ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS**

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**FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024**

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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**POSITIONS VACANT**

Canteen Assistant - Casual - 15hpw  
Monday to Friday 9am - 12pm  
Start Date - A.S.A.P. / negotiable

School Services Officer (SSO1) - 16hpw  
Resource Technology Centre  
Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 12.30pm  
Start Date - beginning of term 3, 22/7/24

For more information on 'how to apply' for these positions, please contact Di Pratt at the school on 8647 3300, or by email DL.0790.info@schools.sa.edu.au



**MONDAY, 27TH OF MAY**

*from 8:40am to 10am*

**BARBECUE  
BREAKFAST &  
OPENING  
ASSEMBLY**

**RECONCILIATION WEEK**

•8:40am to 9:15 am Breakfast  
•9am to 9:30am Classroom open for families  
•9:30am Opening Assembly (Activity Room)

Students will each present their Acknowledgement of Country



**Occasional Care at Willsden Kindy.**

There are a few spots for Occasional Care this term if you are looking for 3 hours of care for your child aged between 2 and 4.

This is a great stepping stone and opportunity for your child to be in an engaging learning environment.

Please ring Tammy at the Kindy on 86 422 761



**Foster Care**

Do you have spare time on week-ends?  
Or maybe free time in the school holidays?

**Did you know that you could apply to become a Respite Carer?**

If you would like to know more about the difference Respite Carers can make to a child please contact us.

Ph 86339023  
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