



# WANDANA NEWSLETTER

WEEK 7  
TERM 1

## Swimming Week

We are pleased to share that our students had an enjoyable and successful week at the Salisbury Aquatics Centre. This new venue gave our students an exciting opportunity to enhance their swimming skills.

Throughout the week, our students demonstrated enthusiasm, teamwork, and perseverance in the water. The program's varied activities, which included water safety lessons, and fun water games, kept everyone engaged and excited to learn. It was wonderful to see how quickly they gained confidence and improved their skills.

A big thank you to all the staff at Salisbury Aquatics Centre for their commitment to making the experience enjoyable for our students. We also appreciate the support from our staff and families in ensuring the students were well prepared for each session.

If you have any feedback or questions about the swimming program, please feel free to chat to your child's class teacher or the Leadership team.

## Upcoming Events

11th-21st March NAPLAN (year 3 & 5)

14th March Preschool Pupil Free Day

17th March Choir Excursion

17th-21st March Multicultural Week

21st March Harmony Day & Assembly 2:30pm

28th March Preschool Photos

28th March Assembly at 2:30pm

10th April Terrific Kids Assembly 2:30pm

11th April Sports Day

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# COMMUNICATION



So that we can have seamless communication and keep all families informed, please ensure you update your contact details, emergency contact details and address with the school if there are any changes.

Please stay connected by following our Facebook page "Wandana Primary School" and logging into Seesaw. This will help you stay up-to-date on important notices and announcements. If you need assistance with Seesaw login information, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or the front office.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during peak times, such as the beginning and end of the school day, when the office experiences a high volume of calls and visits.



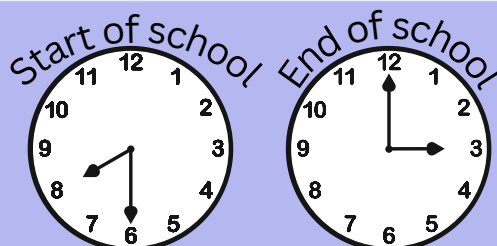
Similarly, when absence messages are sent, we receive a large number of calls. We appreciate you informing us of your child's absence. If you are unable to reach us by phone, please try again later or send a text message to the school using the same number you receive texts from.

## SCHOOL TIMES

We have noticed an increasing number of students arriving before 8:30am and being left at school after 3:00pm

If you are running late or need to make a once off arrangement, please call the office to notify them.

If your child is regularly arriving early or waiting in the office after school, you will need to enrol your child in OSHC.







REMINDER



# Preschool Pupil Free Day

## Friday 14th March

*\*This does not impact school\**



# Playgroup

Every Tuesday during the school terms  
9:15-10:45am

**\$2**  
Per family



For children  
0-5 years old  
and their  
parent/carer

**\*Please bring fruit and a hat\***





# Children's University

Our students have the opportunity to be involved in an exciting program called Children's University. This program aims to encourage high quality out of school activities for children aged between 8 and 14 years, engaging the wider community as learning partners in this process. Participation is voluntary and activities must take place outside the normal school day (after school, weekends and holidays).

Children are issued with a Passport to Learning which records their individual learning journey, and are rewarded for their participation at a graduation ceremony held at the University of Adelaide.

## Cost:

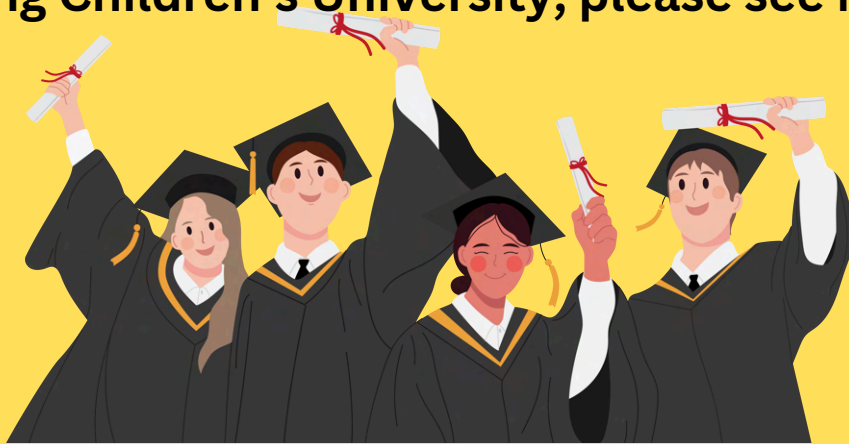
\$16.50 for new members in 2025 (which includes a Passport)

\$0 for renewing members

\$7.70 for replacement Passports

Registration closes on 31st March 2025

**If you would like to join or require any further information regarding Children's University, please see Ms Cuc.**





# Upcoming Events

## Sports Day



Get ready! Our school sports day is just around the corner on **April 11th 2025!**

Last week, all students received a note with their team colour. If you haven't received yours yet, please contact the office.

We encourage all students (and parents/carers) to show their team spirit by wearing their team colours on the day.

Stay tuned for more information and the event schedule, which will be shared in the coming weeks.

## Multicultural Week

Multicultural Week is held on the 17th to 21st March and is a celebration of Australia's diversity, bringing together people from all different backgrounds. It's a time to embrace inclusiveness, show respect, and foster a sense of belonging for everyone. Throughout the week, students will participate in engaging activities that promote these values and create a welcoming environment for all.

## Harmony Day Celebration

We will hold a Harmony Day celebration on Friday, March 21st, to finish off our Multicultural Week. Students are encouraged to wear orange or express their cultural heritage by wearing traditional clothing.





A pirate-themed invitation poster. At the top left is a black pirate hat with a white anchor. A string of red and green pennant flags hangs across the top right. The background shows a blue sky with white clouds, a blue sea with white waves, and a small pirate ship on the horizon. In the foreground, there's a sandy beach with green tropical leaves and two wooden treasure barrels. One barrel is upright and overflowing with gold coins and colorful gems (blue, yellow, red, green). The other barrel is lying on its side. A large, light-brown parchment scroll is pinned to the background. It contains the text: 'YOU'RE INVITED TO PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN 06 MAY 1.30PM MATINEE & 5.30PM EVENING'.

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## COSTUMES

*Please bring costume items to school for our dress rehearsal on Wednesday 30 April.*

**Room 9 (island monkeys):** Brown, grey or black clothes. Mask/ears provided.

**Yarlu (ship rats):** Brown, grey or black clothes. Mask/ears provided.

All other students are in the **troupe** (dancers) or **chorus** (singers).

They can choose to dress as a:

- **Pirate:** striped clothes (bandana provided) or
- **Sailor:** blue and white clothes (neckerchief provided)

*All students with a character role will organise their costumes with Miss Laura.*

*Miss Laura can be contacted with any questions via Seesaw.*



# Happy Haven OSHC

Are you ready for the Autumn school break?

Happy Haven OSHC offers an exciting program of incursions, excursions and theme days as part of our Vacation Care Program.

Families can enrol and book sessions via the Happy Haven OSHC Parent Portal. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Happy Haven OSHC support team.



**HAPPY  
HAVEN**  
OSHC

## **WANDANA** VACATION CARE PROGRAM AUTUMN 2025

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**HOURS**

6:45 AM - 6:00 PM



MONDAY APRIL 14	TUESDAY APRIL 15	WEDNESDAY APRIL 16	THURSDAY APRIL 17	FRIDAY APRIL 18
<b>In Day</b> <b>Pyjama Party</b> Arrive by: Anytime Return after: Anytime Pyjama day with chill-out activities, movies, and mini pizzas.	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Odeon Star Cinema</b> Arrive by: 10:30am Return after: 3:30pm Relax in comfort at the cinemas watching Dog MAN. Pack some snacks!	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Library &amp; Civic Park</b> Arrive by: 9:00am Return after: 2:00pm Explore the TTG library and then head over to Civic Park playground for some fun.	<b>In Day</b> <b>Easter Eggstravaganza</b> Arrive by: Anytime Return after: Anytime Easter-themed day with crafts, cooking, and an egg hunt.	<b>N/A</b> <b>Public Holiday</b> Arrive by: Anytime Return after: Anytime Sorry, we are closed today.
MONDAY APRIL 21	TUESDAY APRIL 22	WEDNESDAY APRIL 23	THURSDAY APRIL 24	FRIDAY APRIL 25
<b>N/A</b> <b>Public Holiday</b> Arrive by: Anytime Return after: Anytime Sorry, we are closed today.	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Goldenfields Reserve</b> Arrive by: 10:00am Return after: 4:00pm Fun day at Goldenfields Reserve with games, sports and a playground for the children.	<b>In Day</b> <b>Happy Haven Has Talent</b> Arrive by: Anytime Return after: Anytime Practice your talent ready to perform to all your friends in our very own talent show!	<b>In Day</b> <b>ANZAC Day Activity</b> Arrive by: Anytime Return after: Anytime Honouring Australian and New Zealand Troops with crafts, medals, and ANZAC biscuits.	<b>N/A</b> <b>Public Holiday</b> Arrive by: Anytime Return after: Anytime Sorry, we are closed today.

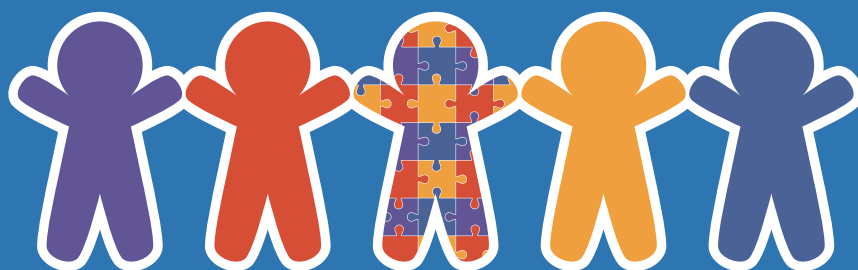




For those who are new to our school community, my name is Anna Halikias, and students know me as Ms P. I am the Autism Inclusion Teacher here at Wandana Primary School. My role is dedicated to guiding and supporting our staff in implementing best practices and enhancing their understanding of neurodiversity.

My focus is fostering strong connections between our school and families, as well as building meaningful peer-to-peer relationships among our students. I am here to ensure that each child receives the support they need to thrive academically and socially.

If you have any questions or if there is anything I can do to assist you, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to working together to create a supportive and inclusive environment for all.





# ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFICER

For those who haven't met me yet, I'm Leah, the Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO) here at Wandana Primary School. I am a proud Noongar (WA) and Narranga (SA) woman. I'm dedicated to supporting our Aboriginal students and their families, both within the school and preschool. You may have seen me running our Breakfast Club each morning or supporting students at Homework Club on Thursdays.

I collaborate with teachers to incorporate Aboriginal Cultural Studies and perspectives into our classrooms, ensuring a rich and inclusive learning environment. I also perform administrative tasks such as record-keeping, maintaining our Aboriginal students' information and contributing to individual learning plans, with a focus on enhancing social development, wellbeing, and academic achievement.

My goal is to foster strong connections between our teaching staff, Aboriginal students, and their families. I aim to promote a strong Aboriginal community voice within our school's decision-making processes.





# Michelle Harris

## School Counsellor

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I am excited to introduce myself in my new role as the School Counsellor at Wandana Primary School. My goal is to work closely with students, families, to promote student wellbeing and help each child reach their full potential.

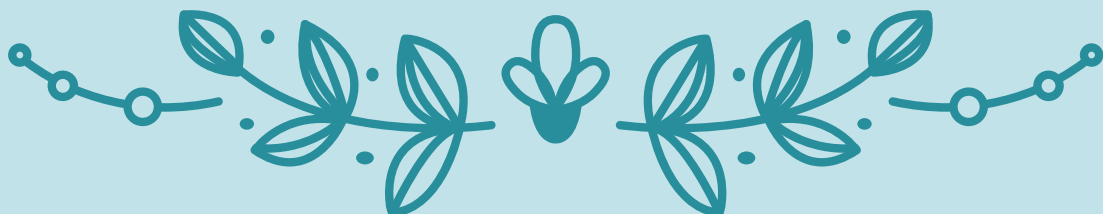
You will find me in my new office across from the library office, in the library. Some of you may have already seen me as an SSO for the past 4 years and I am also the parent group facilitator, all roles that I will also continue to do.

I hold a double diploma in counselling and community services supporting families from my business of 10 years, “New Day Support “, bringing both professional and personal experience to my role. As a mother of three children—two of whom have ADHD, bipolar, and autism— I understand first-hand the challenges families may face in supporting their children’s emotional and social development. My approach is compassionate, collaborative, and focused on creating a positive, inclusive environment for all students.

My role involves providing social and emotional support to students, assisting with strategies to manage challenges such as anxiety, emotional regulation, friendships, and self-confidence. I also facilitate social skills programs, of “What’s the Buzz?” both during school hours and after school programs in Wynn Vale and Modbury, to help students develop valuable interpersonal skills in a supportive setting.

In addition to group work, I am available for one-on-one appointments with parents to discuss any concerns and explore tailored strategies to support their child’s individual needs. I believe that children thrive when they feel safe and understood, so I incorporate creative and engaging activities such as games and movements breaks along with hands-on projects like crafts, cooking, bead/ bracelet making, ball games etc during our sessions.

I am truly passionate about supporting the well-being of the students at Wandana Primary School, and I look forward to building strong partnerships with staff and families. Please feel free to contact me at michelle.harris111@schools.sa.edu.au or through the school office if you have any questions or would like to arrange a time to meet.





EASTER 'EGGSTRAVAGANZA'



Raffle

50 c each

or 5 for \$2.00

Come into the front  
office and check out  
the great prizes

*Prizes drawn  
on Sports Day  
11th April 2025*







Our lovely librarian, Ms. Andrea, has noticed that many library books are missing. Please take a moment to search your homes for any misplaced library books and return them to the school library as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our library well-stocked!



## Community Notices



### **Play Therapy: a Child-Centred Approach to psychotherapy**

Play Therapy is a psychotherapy approach that uses play to support children with their lives.

FOR:

Dysregulation

Autism

ADHD

Global Development disorder

Trauma

Grief and loss

Divorce

Sudden life changes

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# HOOPS & KICKS

## @ Gilles Plains

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Powered by One Culture Group

Every Wednesday 3:30pm-6pm <small>(Until Christmas)</small>	Basketball Futsal Tennis Food FIFA	Gilles Plains Sporting Complex 3 Park Terrace, Gilles Plains
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Futsal, Basketball, Tennis, FIFA  
& Food all for Free!