



Wandana
Preschool - Year 6

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4

Welcome back everyone! It feels like just yesterday we were saying goodbye for the break, and now here we are, already a few weeks into the term. Time truly flies! We've had a fantastic start to the term, with students settling back into their routines and engaging in some exciting learning experiences. It's been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and positive energy around the school. We know this is a busy term ahead, and we've sent home a lot of information and notes. We understand that this can sometimes feel overwhelming, but we believe it's important to keep our families and school community well-informed and connected to everything happening at school. We also want to thank everyone for their patience with all the renovations and changes around the school. It is looking amazing, but still in progress with some finishing touches still going in this year. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to a productive and fulfilling term together.

Important Term Dates:

24th-28th Feb: Parent Teacher Meetings

3rd-7th March: Swimming Week

10th March: Public Holiday

17th-21st March: Multicultural Week

21st March: Harmony Day

11th April: Sports Day



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Please follow us on Facebook
for regular updates and event
reminders



Week 6 Swimming

3rd-7th March 2025

As our swimming week fast approaches, it is time for some handy tips on getting ready for Week 6. Swimming is an important part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum that helps students develop a range of knowledge, skills, understanding and attitudes about:

- Water confidence
- Survival in the water
- Swimming techniques
- Rescue of others
- Water safety

REMINDER

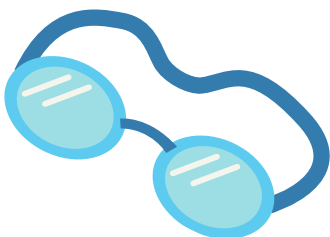
Payment due by
28th February
\$35 each
student

What to Pack

- Students can wear bathers under their uniform.
- Please pack a towel, a plastic bag for wet items, a change of underwear and uniform
- Any medication that is held at school will be taken to the pool by the classroom teacher.

Helpful Hints

- Clearly label all items, including swimwear, clothing, goggles, and towels.
- Hooded towels are a great idea as they allow students to be hands-free while dressing and drying, and they also provide a bit of extra privacy while changing.
- Before swimming lessons, practice getting into and out of swimming clothes and school uniforms with your child. Make it a game and set a timer to make it fun.
- Pack a spare bag for all their wet clothes after swimming.
- Teaching your child to dress and undress independently before swimming is a great idea.
- Goggles are important to protect children's eyes from chlorine.



PAYMENTS

Preschool & School Fees

This is a friendly reminder that preschool and school fees are due by 11th April 2025 (end of term 1), unless you have applied for School Card and are waiting on an outcome. If you require a payment plan, please see Ali in the front office.

School Card scheme (assistance for low-income families)

The School Card scheme is administered by the Department for Education and provides financial assistance towards the educational expenses incurred by families at government and non-government schools who meet the eligibility criteria.

Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family income for the 2023/2024 financial year being within the School Card income limits. School card applications are lodged online. Information and applications can be found at www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the School Card team on 1800 672 758.

NOTE: A new application for School Card must be completed and lodged each year. Thank you to families who have already submitted their School Card Application.

If you need any assistance completing the form, please do not hesitate to come and see Ali or Shailey in the front office.



Upcoming Events

Parent & Teacher Connection Meetings

We look forward to spending time one-on-one with our families during the parent and teacher connection meetings, which will be held next week, 24th-28th February. To book a meeting with your child's teacher, please visit www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter this code:

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Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below.

This is a valuable opportunity for families and teachers to build strong connections between school and home and gain insight into how their children have settled into the new school year. Building these strong and open lines of communication early in the year will ensure that we set all our learners up for success as the year progresses.



NAPLAN

In Weeks 7 and 8 of this term, our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in NAPLAN. NAPLAN is a national assessment that tests students' ability in three domains of literacy (reading, writing and language conventions) and in numeracy. These results are an important measure of our education system because they tell us how well we are equipping young Australians with critical literacy and numeracy skills.

- For teachers, NAPLAN gives access to student results for each question, which they can use to develop appropriate intervention strategies to improve outcomes.
- For parents, NAPLAN provides information on how their child is performing against national standards, not just against other children in a class.
- For students, NAPLAN provides an opportunity for them to demonstrate what they have learned.



Upcoming Events

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.



Ramadan

It is expected that Ramadan will begin on the evening of 28th February and end on the evening of 30th March. It is a month of fasting, worship, service, communal gathering, and spiritual development. To all our families observing this custom we respectfully wish you Ramadan Kareem.



Meet our staff...

Leadership



Ms McLachlan
Principal



Mrs McMullen
Deputy Principal



Ms Cuc
Wellbeing Leader



Mrs Bleasdale
Literacy Leader



Mr P
Inclusive Practices Leader



Ms Daniela
Early Years Coordinator

Teachers



Ms Claudia



Mrs O'Connell



Ms Vicky



Mr Zane



Miss Jess



Mr Granger



Mrs P



Mr Corey



Mr Nigel



Ms Emma-Lee



Ms Daniela



Ms Catherina



Merridy



Ms Bosse



Lilli Cock

Meet our staff...

Specialist Teachers



Ms Inna
(Science)



Miss Laura
(Performing Arts/Pitjantjatjara)



Mr P
(PE/Health)



Mrs P
(Autism Inclusion Teacher)



Ms Alois
(Italian)

Support Staff



Ali



Shailey



Kendal



Andrea



Rita



Kianni



Grace



Michelle



Andy



Maddie



Rachel



Lilly



Jane



Dimi



Tyson



Anik



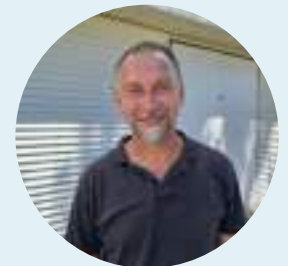
Ann-Marie



Mandeep



Ashton
(Pastoral Care Worker)



Richard
(Groundsman)



Matt
(IT Technician)



Leah
(Aboriginal Community Education Officer)



Regular attendance is the key to successful learning outcomes for your children.

Please ensure that you contact the school via SMS or call to let us know about any absences. If your child arrives after 8:40am or needs to leave before 3:00pm, please sign them in or out at the office. These are important procedures to ensure duty of care is provided.

**Reminder:
Public Holiday
10th March**

Wandana Parent Group

Please join **Michelle Harris**

for a relaxed parent get together with
coffee, tea & biscuits

every THURSDAY









in Mukurta Foothills from 2:00pm

(non-school age children more than welcome)



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Respect - Belonging - Learning

Term 1 – 27th January to 11th April 2025

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	27/1 Public Holiday Australia Day	28/1	29/1	30/1 Parent Group 2pm	31/1 Assembly 9am
2	3/2	4/2 8:45am Governing Council Meeting	5/2	6/2 Parent Group 2pm	7/2
3	10/2 PUPIL FREE DAY	11/2	12/2	13/2 Parent Group 2pm	14/2 FOOTSTEPS  Assembly 2:30pm
4	17/2	18/2 Acquaintance Night & AGM	19/2	20/2 Parent Group 2pm	21/2
5	24/2 Teacher Interviews & Preschool Conversations	25/2	26/2	27/2 Parent Group 2pm	28/2 FOOTSTEPS  Assembly 2:30pm
6	3/3 	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3
Swimming Week					
7	10/3 Public Holiday Adelaide Cup Day NAPLAN WEEK	11/3 8:45am Governing Council Meeting	12/3	13/3 Parent Group 2pm	14/3 Assembly 9am PRESCHOOL PUPIL FREE DAY <small>(pending approval)</small>
8	17/3 Choir Excursion  NAPLAN WEEK	18/3	19/3	20/3 Parent Group 2pm	21/3 Harmony Day FOOTSTEPS 
Multicultural Week					
9	24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3 Parent Group 2pm	28/3 FOOTSTEPS  Preschool Photos
10	31/3	1/4	2/4	3/4 Parent Group 2pm	4/4 FOOTSTEPS  Preschool CaFHS checks
11	7/4	8/4	9/4	10/4 Terrific Kids Assembly 2:30pm Parent Group 2pm	11/4 SPORTS DAY  School ends at 2pm



REPEAT SESSION

LIMITED SEATS!

**STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

**ADHD: A PARENT'S GUIDE TO
SUPPORT AND SUCCESS**

Learn how Student Support Services can help your child with additional needs at our upcoming Parent Information Session

WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 2025

4PM - 5PM

**LOCATION: PARA HILLS EDUCATION OFFICE
26-34 WILKINSON ROAD, PARA HILLS, SA 5096**

PHONE: 8207 3300

EMAIL: EDUCATION.SSSPARAHILLSOFFICE@SA.GOV.AU

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MODBURY HIGH SCHOOL
YOUNG RESPECT

YEAR 7 STUDENT INFORMATION

OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY, 5:30 - 8:00pm

School Tours 4 March 3.30pm | 6 & 13 March 9.15am

Bookings through our website www.modburyhs.sa.edu.au

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Starts Friday 21st Feb at 5pm

Register for FREE using ORSR Voucher

More Info - jsennis@myune.edu.au

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