

WANDANA NEWS



DATES:

20th August

Choir Rehearsal

22nd August

Book Week Parade 9am

1st September

School Closure Day

4th September

Father's Day Stall

5th September

Assembly 9am

12th September

School & Preschool Pupil Free Day

17th September

Festival of Music Concert

19th September

Educator's Day



NEW FISH FRIENDS

We're thrilled to announce a wonderful new addition to

Tirkandi (our resource centre/library)! We now have a beautiful fish tank, bringing a calming and vibrant new element to our space. Come to meet our new aquatic friends!

FEES:

School Fees are now overdue. These fees help provide important resources for students.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to share some personal news with our Wandana community. At the end of this year, I will be finishing my time as Principal here at Wandana Primary School. In 2026, I will begin a new chapter as Principal of Charles Campbell College R-12.

This has been a very tough decision, and one I made with a heavy heart. Wandana has been my professional home for many years, and I feel incredibly sad to be leaving. It has been an absolute privilege to work alongside our dedicated staff, wonderful students, and supportive families. Together, we have achieved so much – from strengthening our teaching and learning, to updating and improving our facilities so they better meet the needs of our students, to building a positive, inclusive culture where our learners can thrive.

While I am excited for the opportunities ahead, I will always treasure my time at Wandana and the relationships we have built. I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition and to supporting our school right up until my final day in December.

Please know, this is not goodbye forever. You will always be welcome to visit me at Charles Campbell College, it isn't that far from Wandana – I would love to see familiar faces and hear how our Wandana students are going. Thank you for the trust, kindness, and collaboration you have shown me throughout my time here. It has truly been an honour to work in this community.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Robyn McLachlan



goodbye

UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL CLOSURE & PUPIL FREE DAY

School will be closed on Monday the 1st September for the Adelaide Show.

We also have a Pupil Free Day (no students) on Friday the 12th September for staff training.

Please make alternative arrangements for these days. Happy Haven OSHC will be available for bookings and more information available soon.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our Father's Day stall will be held on Thursday 4th September with gifts able to be purchased for \$2 or \$5.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Come along to our Book Week Assembly and Parade at 9am on 22nd August. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful costumes this year!

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

On the 20th August, choir students will travel to the Entertainment Centre at 7:45am for a rehearsal.

On the 17th September our choir and Auslan performers will travel to the Entertainment Centre at 12:30pm. They will perform in the Festival of Music during the evening.

Reminders about our school day

School Times

School is open at 8:30 am and classes start at 8:40 am.
School finishes at 3:00 pm (2:00pm on the last day of each term).

8:30 – 8:40	Supervised in yard
8:40 – 10:50	Lesson time
11:00 – 11:30	Recess play
11:30 – 12:50	Lesson time
1:00 – 1:30	Lunch play
1:30 – 3:00	Lesson time



Before School

Students are only supervised from 8:30am onward. Please ensure that they do not arrive before this time. The drop off and pick up location is the asphalt area where a staff member is on duty.

After school

Children must be picked up at 3 pm. If this is not possible, please make arrangements with Out of School Hours Care (OSHC). Please notify the office if you are running late or have a new person picking up your child from school.

Absences

Please ensure that you contact the school via SMS 0438061286 or call 8261 1699 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.



To celebrate Science Week and Bullying No Way Week, we had a very exciting Thursday! The students were treated to Bluegum Bill's Suburban Wildlife Safari, where they had a truly wonderful experience learning about Australian wildlife. Through engaging discussions, songs, dances, and puppetry, the children learned about and even had close-up encounters with some little creatures. To represent the "Donut bully" message, we also had a whole school picnic and shared some delicious donuts.



Important Health Reminder for All Families

A gentle reminder to please keep your child at home if they are unwell. We've seen a recent increase in illnesses, and it's impacting the whole school community.

With a rise in flu and COVID-19 cases, we strongly encourage parents to be vigilant. The Department for Education recommends that if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19 or flu, they should get tested immediately and isolate at home until a negative result is received and their acute symptoms have cleared.

The Department for Education in South Australia also recommends specific exclusion periods for other illnesses. For gastroenteritis (gastro), which causes vomiting and/or diarrhoea, students should be kept home until there has been no vomiting or loose bowel movements for at least 24 hours.

Your cooperation in following these guidelines helps us keep our school a healthy and safe place for everyone.



Term 3 2025

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	18/8 Book Week "Book an Adventure" 	19/8 Playgroup 9:15am -10:45am	20/8 Choir Rehearsal 	21/8 Parent Group 2pm	22/8 Book Week Parade 9am 
6	25/8	26/8 Playgroup 9:15am -10:45am	27/8	28/8 Parent Group 2pm	29/8
7	1/9 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY Royal Adelaide Show SHOW	2/9 Playgroup 9:15am -10:45am	3/9	4/9 Father's Day Stall Parent Group 2pm	5/9 Assembly 9am Father's Day 7th Sep
8	8/9	9/9 Playgroup 9:15am -10:45am	10/9	11/9 Parent Group 2pm	12/9 SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL PUPIL FREE DAY
9	15/9	16/9 Playgroup 9:15am -10:45am	17/9 Governing Council Meeting 9am Festival of Music Concert 	18/9 Parent Group 2pm	19/9 Assembly 9am Educator's Day 
10	22/9	23/9 Playgroup 9:15am -10:45am	24/9	25/9 Parent Group 2pm	26/9 Terrific Kids Assembly 1:30pm SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM



Has anyone seen Michelle's special scarf?

Our wonderful school counsellor, Michelle, has lost a scarf that holds a lot of sentimental value to her. Its last known location was in Karnu.

If you've seen it or accidentally picked it up, please return it. She would be so grateful for its safe return.

Festival of Music Choir Concert Ticket Sales:

Wandana choir and Auslan signers perform on Wednesday 17th September. General ticket sales for schools and the public are open now. Tickets for all Festival of Music concerts are \$49.50 per person. Children under 3 are free if seated on an adult's lap. A Ticketek Service and Handling Fee will apply (charged per transaction, not per ticket).



Saver Plus – Get \$500 for Education Costs

Saver Plus is a free 10-month savings and financial education program that helps eligible families save for education expenses.

Save \$50/month for 10 months and receive \$500 matched savings

Eligibility:

- Must be 18+ years old
- Hold a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Receive an eligible Centrelink payment
- Have regular income from work (you or your partner) inc child support and carers payments
- Not completed the program previously.

To learn more visit the Saver Plus page or call 1300 610 355.



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- Hampers
- Essential items
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Windsor Gardens

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