

# Wasleys Primary School *newsletter*

## Important Dates

### MARCH

- 10th Assembly
- 13th Adelaide Cup P/H
- 14th Pupil Free Day
- 20th Governing Council
- 21st Harmony Day
- 23rd School Photos

### APRIL

- 4th Interviews
- 6th Community Egg Hunt
- 7th Good Friday
- 10th Easter Monday
- 14th Assembly
- 14th Last day of term, early dismissal

### MAY

- 1st Term 2 Starts

#### Payments to Wasleys Primary School.

For all payments to Wasleys Primary School please use below details.

BSB: 105 009

Account: 065598640

Reference: please insert family name



Government of South Australia  
 Department for Education

Arbury Park Camp 2023



# From the Principal

We did it! Camp 2023 was a wonderful experience for all who attended and our students, your children, represented our school proudly. They showed bravery, resilience, teamwork and an amazing amount of energy. They worked together to explore nature, build, create and overcome challenges. We shared the campsite with students from Sandy Creek Primary, and it was wonderful to see students from both schools interacting and forming friendships. We will be looking for future opportunities to build on the relationship between the 2 schools. I want to experience my sincere gratitude to the Emma, Carol and Allison who attended camp, and to David Bywater for attending and assisting with supervision in the boys bunk. A huge thank you to Emma, for coordinating the camp, to Allison and Gail who supported the organisation, and to all the parents for the faith you showed in staff to look after your children.

Thank you to all who attended our AGM and **Governing Council** meeting on Feb 27th. It is wonderful to see some new faces joining our dedicated team this year. Governing Council plays an important role within our school community. Although our position holders have been elected, nominations for general membership can be received at any time within the year so please consider nominating yourself to join us.

As announced via Seesaw last week, the **Pupil Free days** (PFD) and School Closure Days have now be approved by Governing Council. Please note that the first of these of happening this coming **TUESDAY** March 14th.



## 2023 Governing Council Members

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ⇒ Amanda Evans (Secretary) | Ann-Marie Ellis (Principal)        |
| ⇒ Carol Martin (Staff Rep) | David Bywater (Chairperson)        |
| ⇒ Emma Jones (Staff Reps)  | Jessica Mitchell                   |
| ⇒ Kim Glazer (Treasurer)   | Melissa Bywater (Vice Chairperson) |

### Role Of GC: Set Broad Direction (In conjunction with the site leader)

The Governing Council identifies and incorporates, where possible, student, parent and community input and values into the broad direction of the school. The principal brings the staff perspective to these undertakings. The broad direction may include a future vision, a statement of purpose and a set of values that clearly focus on improving student learning.



## Pupil Free Days **CONFIRMED**

The following Pupil Free Days have been approved by Governing Council.

- **Tuesday March 14th (PFD following Adelaide Cup)**
- Tuesday June 13th (PFD following King's Birthday)
- Monday September 4th (**SCHOOL CLOSURE**)
  - Tuesday September 5th (PFD)
- Monday October 16th (PFD on first day of term 4)

**PLEASE ADD THESE DATES TO YOUR DIARIES**

Also in this newsletter you will find a notice informing you of our **intent to update our mobile phone policy**. This will be discussed at the upcoming Governing Council meeting on March 20th. All schools are required to have the new Department aligned policy in place by term 3. There will be little change to the current policy. If you have any concerns or queries, please address them the chairperson David Bywater via the school email address.

On Tuesday of week 10 (April 4th) we will be holding Parent interviews. A booking form will be sent out next week. At this stage, we are asking you to "Save the Date".

Wasleys Primary School is proud to be affiliated with the **South Australian Association of School Parent Communities (SAASPC)**, the state body for parents from



## 3 way Interviews

Term 1 interviews will be held **face-face** in week 20

Tuesday April 4th

3:25 - 6:00

Save the date

More information to be sent home next week.

government preschools and schools. We will be sharing snippets from their website and publications in each newsletter.

During the next 4 days of school, students in years 3 and 5 will be sitting the **NAPLAN testing**. NAPLAN provides us with

**SAASPC: by parents, for parents**



Conference 3 Annual General Meeting

The SAAPCS conference is held annually and attendance is open to all parents of students enrolled at affiliated schools free of charge. That means YOU!

Blair Boyer, Minister for Education, Training and Skills opened the conference and participated .

All those who attended found the topics discussed and the guest speaker, Andrew Fuller, who is a clinical psychologist working with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally, interesting and worthwhile.

Jenny Polley has a long association with SAASPC and represents our school community at regular meetings.

Website: [South Australian Association of School Communities \(saaspc.org.au\)](http://South Australian Association of School Communities (saaspc.org.au))

a snapshot of children’s performance on the day. We use a wide range of formative and summative assessments to collect information about student progress and to inform our next teaching steps. Parents of students sitting NAPLAN would have received a letter, which was also posted on Seesaw. If students are absent on the day, they will be required to make up the test on their return to school unless a exemption or withdrawal has been negotiated with the principal in advance.

Please remember to provide a **healthy snack** for your child to eat at Brain Break. Most children bring fruit, however a list of alternatives is included in this newsletter on page 4 should you wish to mix it up a bit. If you have fruiting trees and surplus fruit, we are happy to accept donations for our fruit bowl.

We have a number of events coming up soon (must be Mad March!).

School photos are scheduled for March 23rd. Please ensure your child is wearing correct uniform.

Watch out for more information coming home on 31/3



Wasleys Primary 1944 "Whole School Photo"

## School Photos

23rd March 2023

Payments made direct to MPS photography  
Order slips / Payment envelopes will be sent home soon

Check diaries for updates

about our fundraising event in week 1 of next term “Wheels Day” then come join us for our special Easter event!!

# Wasleys Primary School Community Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 6th April

All children aged

14 and under

welcome.

4:00 - Easter Crafts

4:30 - Easter Egg Hunt

Enter near the school crossing and follow the bunny feet



# Packed with Goodness.

## What does a healthy snack look like?

Reaching for healthy snacks has many benefits including managing portion size, reducing the amount of added sugars, saturated fats and salts, adding wholegrains, vegetables or fruits and saving money. Choose from the five food groups and encourage children to get involved in learning how to make healthy snacks too.



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### **10.3.23 Notice of update to Mobile Phone Policy**

Dear parents and caregivers,

The Department for Education's student use of mobile phones and personal devices policy has been updated.

The updated statewide policy will ensure we help promote:

- safe environments with reduced negative impacts from inappropriate use of devices at school, such as cyberbullying or exposure to harmful content
- classroom environments where teachers can teach and students can learn free from distractions caused by personal use of devices

use of breaks as quality time away from screens, encouraging physical activity, play and meaningful face-to-face connections.

The updated policy means students must keep their mobile phones and other personal devices, such as smartwatches, off and away for the whole school day.

Students will only be able to use personal devices during school hours if they have received an approved exemption from the principal due to extenuating circumstances, such as managing a medical condition, or for another specific purpose that has been agreed by the school. This also applies while students are attending school activities including camps and excursions.

All South Australian government schools must use the department's updated policy by the start of term 3.

For our school this means there will be very little change and we will be simply updating our local policy document in line with the department's template.

We will keep you informed about the updates to our policy as this work progresses. In the meantime, our current policy on student use of mobile phones and personal devices will continue to apply.

Further information about the department's policy update can be found on the department's [mobile phones and personal devices at school](#) webpage.

If you have any questions or concerns about the department's policy, contact the mobile phone policy helpline:

Phone: 8463 5605

Email: [education.mobilepolicy@sa.gov.au](mailto:education.mobilepolicy@sa.gov.au)

Please contact Principal Ann-Marie Ellis if you have any specific questions about how the policy is being implemented at our school, or if you need to discuss a request for exemption for your child due to extenuating circumstances.

### 2023 Student Representative Council



Students wishing to be on the executive group apply for the positions in writing and are chosen by a panel of their peers. Class reps are elected at a class level.

**Congratulations to our elected SRC reps**

#### EXECUTIVE TEAM

- \* Bella (Secretary)
- \* Peyton (Chairperson)
- \* Indi (Proxy)

#### CLASS REPS:

##### Semester 1:

Bailey \* Beau \* Scarlett \* Jacob

##### Semester 2:

Felix \* Kelvin \* Marcus \* Paiton



## JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED



**Hamley Bridge Football Club** is seeking players (male and female) for all junior grades:

- Auskick
- Under 8s (born 2015 – 2017)
- Under 11s (born 2012 – 2014)
- Under 14s (born 2009 – 2011)
- Under 17s (born 2006 – 2008)

**Regular playing opportunities for all players**

**Focus on player development and enjoyment**

**NO CLUB FEES for Under 8s and Under 11s**

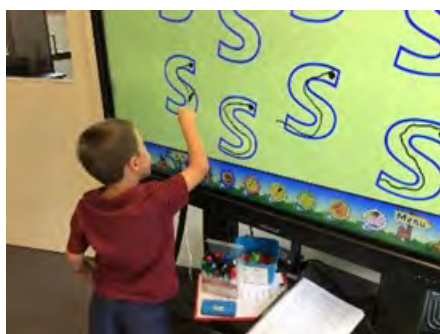
Providing a positive, welcoming, and family friendly environment is at the heart of the Hamley Bridge Football Club. If you or anyone you know are interested in getting involved, please contact James Peters, President, on 0416 466 125 or email [hamleybridgefc.president@gmail.com](mailto:hamleybridgefc.president@gmail.com)

*'To provide a positive environment for both club and community'*



# Junior Class News

In Science we have been learning about our 5 senses. We did a Science experiment with delicious marshmallows. We had to see and describe the marshmallow, feel it, hear it, smell it and taste it.



We have been practicing our daily phonics letter formation on the interactive whiteboard.

In Numeracy we have been using our Big Ideas in Number strategies. We have been learning about subitizing and using many strategies to count on and back.

