

WHYALLA STUART PRIMARY SCHOOL R-6



Week 3 Term 3 2023

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Dates To Remember

Monday 14th August
Choir Rehearsal
1-3pm

Thursday 17th August
Reception Tour
9:30-10:30pm

Monday 21st August
Tennis Carnival

Friday 25th August
Book Week Parade

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families,

We have had a very busy and productive start to the term. On Friday 4th August we celebrated National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. All of the students in the school received a hot dog and enjoyed a shared fruit platter.

We currently have 80 students enrolled. In the first week back at school this term we averaged 61 students present. This week our attendance has averaged just below 60 students. Poor attendance has a significant impact on student learning outcomes. Whilst we don't want students to come to school when they are unwell, it is very important that they attend school regularly.

One of the strategies we have formed to assist parents with this is the use of the school bus. It concerns me that even with the support of the school bus there are still some students who are not attending school. Whyalla Stuart Primary School's Attendance Policy states that the school should be notified of a student's absence. After three days with no contact or explanation, school staff are required to contact the family. If we still cannot make contact then two members of staff will conduct a home visit.

If there are still attendance concerns about a child, we will need to refer to the Social Work Truancy Team. Where possible we always try and work with families to support getting their children to school before having to refer.

NAPLAN Results for students in Year 3 and 5 were posted out to families this week. You may notice that the way in which they report your child's progress has changed. You will find a letter outlining the changes along with your child's NAPLAN results. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's teacher.

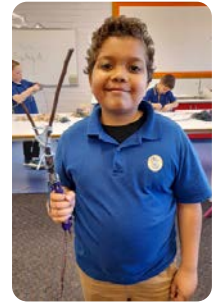
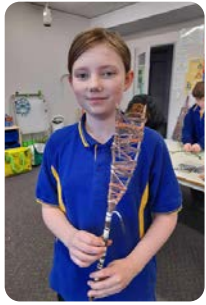
Last week I hosted the first of three school tours for families of students beginning Reception in 2024. We will be hosting a further two tours in Week 4 and 5. If you have a child starting school next year, pop in to the office to get an enrolment form.

Jenny MacDonald

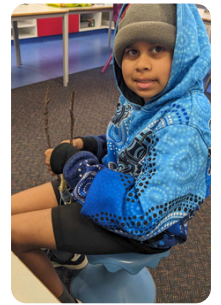


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Parent Survey

You're invited to complete the 2023 annual parent survey, which is now open.

In the week beginning Monday 31 July you'll receive an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey.

If you didn't receive an email or SMS with your unique survey link, contact education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au and include our school's name in your email.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes and will help us understand:

- what we're doing well
- where we can improve
- what's important to you.

It has been coordinated centrally so that added administration workload isn't placed on the school.

Your answers won't identify you or your child. Only collated feedback will be provided to our school.

Information collected will inform school improvement planning and activities at the school.

The survey closes midnight Sunday 27 August.

