

# WHYALLA STUART PRIMARY SCHOOL R-6



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## Dates To Remember

Friday 16th August

New Reception School Tour

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd August

Book Week

Friday 23rd August

Book Week Parade 9:30am

Monday 26th August

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 29th August

Boys Basketball Carnival

Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th August

STEM Aboriginal Congress

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families,

Last Friday our students had "the best day ever" thanks to the great performers in Jam Band. Not only did our children listen to some great live music, but they also had the opportunity to dress up in some very cool costumes and be part of the performance. Students had been practicing the songs for weeks in preparation, and it was great to see them join in so enthusiastically. This year was the beginning of a new tradition of having them visit our school each year.

On Monday staff were engaged in professional learning focusing on Behaviour Management presented by Bill Hansberry, a former teacher and very respected expert in behaviour and restorative justice. Staff learnt a lot throughout the day, with some things reaffirming their already good practice. Over the later half of the year we may be "tweaking or trialing" some things in classrooms to see what impact it has on student behaviour.

Tomorrow morning I will be hosting a tour of the school for families of new Reception students looking to enroll their children at our school for 2025. If you have a child who will be beginning school next year, you are more than welcome to attend and pick up an enrolment pack. Towards the end of the term we will begin looking at classes for 2025.

In Week 6, three of our older Aboriginal students will be attending the 2024 STEM Aboriginal Learner Conference in Adelaide along with Mrs Cowan and Ashley. This is a great opportunity for our students to have. The STEM Aboriginal Learner Congress is an annual departmental initiative to engage and inspire the next generation of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians. It offers interactive and challenging STEM experiences designed to demonstrate that Aboriginal students are powerful STEM learners and lead thinkers. We look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return to school.

Last but not least, a reminder that next Friday is our Book Week Parade. The theme for this year is "Reading Is Magic". Parents and families are more than welcome to attend the parade.

*Jenny MacDonald*



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## Book Week Activities

### Monday 19th August - Break With Books

10 - 10:55am

Pancakes and fruit will be delivered to each class at 10am.

Students will pair up with a friend to read a book. Visitors are also encouraged to attend to read a book.

### Wednesday 21st August - Maybe a Miracle

12pm

Each class will watch the streaming of "Maybe a Miracle" in their classroom.

### Thursday 22nd August - Electives

12-1:15pm

All staff will choose a book and activity of their choice for students to complete after the story reading.

### Friday 23rd August - Book Week Parade

9:30-10am

Students will parade in front of the whole school.



## Girls Basketball Carnival



On Thursday in Week 2 we had a Girls Basketball Carnival.

The first game was against Whyalla Town and we won quite convincingly. The next game was against Hincks. We did our best, but unfortunately didn't win.

We played Nicolson and won and had a loss against Long Street.

We didn't quite make finals, however, our great attitude and team work skills ensured we came away with the Attitude Shield.

Our team mates were Shodie, Sophia, Melody, Destiny, Cienna, Lilah and Samarah. Thank you to Ms Polain for coaching.

## Tree Planting

Students from Whyalla Stuart Primary School together with council reps – have been planting native vegetation along the foreshore to help maintain the dune system while preventing sand from impacting nearby residents.

About 2,000 native tubestock will be planted once the program is finished. Mayor Phill Stone said it was great to have so many local students involved, who were really enjoying helping protect the environment – "Whenever these students visit the foreshore from now on, they'll be able to see the difference they've made and know that it's helping maintain our coastline."







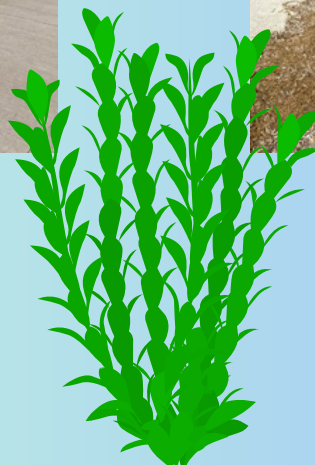
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# Tree Planting





# Classroom News

ART



The children had great fun exploring the Maths and Literacy through games. We read the story of the Rainbow fish and did some art work around it.

