Dear Families,

This week is the beginning of Reconciliation Week which in 2020 is themed #inittogether there couldn't be a more pertinent time to need to respond together.

National Reconciliation Week is about sharing culture, connecting with community and celebrating Indigenous success at every opportunity. Here at West Lakes Shore School we have 12 Aboriginal students. These individuals and their families are an important part of our school community. Our senior Aboriginal students take on the role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders and over the past year they have worked with the youngest Aboriginal students, the Learning Landscape Committee and Simon from Climbing Tree to create our very own Indigenous garden to be enjoyed now and in years to come.

A huge thank you to the key staff Kieran Davidson and Jacqui Thomas for their leadership of this key outdoor learning project. We thank Climbing Tree, our former ACEO Eva Wilson, and our Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander students and their families who helped to research and contribute ideas to the garden design. To each of the students involved in the workshops we are proud of your hard work and success. We look forward to a time when we can share this wonderful space with our families at our annual opening evening late in Term 3. This is when we will hold an official opening ceremony. For now, please enjoy watching the culmination over time of how this wonderful play space came to be. CLICK HERE TO VIEW OUR RECONCILIATION ASSEMBLY AND TIME LAPSE OF ABORIGINAL GARDEN CONSTRUCTION VIDEO Via FACEBOOK

Semester 1 Reports

Staff are busy analysing evidence and using information from your child’s learning so our annual mid-year reports can be compiled. This year our semester 1 reports will include key achievement and effort grades for years 1-7 and an effort grade for Reception students. All students will receive this for English, Mathematics, Science and in specialist areas of Japanese, Drama, Visual Arts and PE. Other subject areas of the curriculum will be assessed as agreed by year level teams.

Teacher comments will incorporate individualised information about your child’s strengths and their next steps in learning. These are the areas we strongly encourage you to support your child with and practise further. Our focus on student general capabilities will be aligned to our 2 values of resilience and responsibility and whether students are showing these in age appropriate ways.

Reports will be sent home electronically in the last week of term with printed copies made available for those families requesting them. Please make sure your email addresses are up to date. If you have any questions around your child’s learning please do not hesitate to contact their teacher.

Uniform Policy 2020

Our new Uniform Policy is now available for all families to access. Student Leaders, Staff and families have all had a voice in updating and amending our uniform with comprehensive feedback used to shape the policy. Additional items that have been approved include a navy skort and a West Lakes Shore School navy beanie that can be purchased from Lowes for $14.95.

The student leaders were instrumental in supporting the introduction of our very own school beanie and we are enjoying seeing how toasty and warm these keep our students. (Children please remember that they are outdoor items as it’s toasty and warm already inside) Other uniform changes include socks which must be navy, dark or white in colour. Smart watches with internet or messaging capability are classed as per our school phone policy and are now added as items that need to go into classroom safes. As per any student owned item the school cannot be held responsible for lost or damaged items.

The Governing Council have had significant input in the new ratified policy which is now in effect with all students expected to adhere to this.

A second-hand clothing rack is made available on the first Friday of the month for families to access if required. If you have any second-hand uniform items, especially jackets, tops and long sleeve tops that your child has grown out of we appreciate and encourage you to donate these.

Lost property will temporarily be located outside the administration entrance so families are able to access this.

Be Strong, Be Kind and Stay Safe,
UPDATED DRESS CODE / UNIFORM POLICY

Please find attached the updated Dress Code / Uniform policy.

Download

RECONCILIATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

SD8 spent some time unpacking what Reconciliation means and then looking at the five dimensions of reconciliation (race relations, equality and equity, institutional integrity, unity, and historical acceptance).

We then focused on the inspirational story of Sir Douglas Nicholls. Sir Doug was a professional sportsman, pastor, activist, and Governor of South Australia. He was also an important pioneer in the fight for equality and equity for Indigenous people.

The AFL's Indigenous round is named in his honour and to tie in SD8 designed our own Indigenous AFL guernseys.
Designing our Indigenous Guernsey
**2022 - YEAR 7 & 8 - HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE**

Information will be coming home to all current Year 5 & 6 students regarding the move to high school in 2022 at the beginning of Term 3 2020.

It is important for all families to familiarize themselves and start exploring programs and options available at local high schools via websites. Some schools will start their application processes shortly, so we encourage you to make this a priority. The following schools have Capacity Management Plans in place and unless you live in the zone, limited entry is via Specialised Music, Sport, Language or Academic placement.

- Adelaide High School
- Adelaide Botanic High School
- Henley High School
- Brighton High School
- Roma Mitchell Secondary College (Unisex Campus)
- Glenunga International High School
- Mark Oliphant College

You are able to search what high school you are zoned for [HERE](#)

**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR SEATON SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS - YEAR 7 & 8 2022**

[http://www.seatonhs.sa.edu.au/SpecialInterestPrograms-Overview](http://www.seatonhs.sa.edu.au/SpecialInterestPrograms-Overview)

Please click the link to be taken to Seaton High School for information regarding their Special Interest Programs.

Any families that are interested in applying for their current year 5 or 6 child are encouraged to do so via the link.

For more information please contact Seaton High School.

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**2021 ENROLMENTS**
West Lakes Shore is now accepting enrolment enquiries for vacancies in all year levels, especially Reception, in 2021.

We strongly encourage families who know of others wanting a place in Reception, or other year levels in 2021, to enquire with our enrolment officer, Janet Massey.

Please see the attached enrolment flyer and forward this on to any interested families. We currently have a small number of vacancies in different year levels for any families wishing for their children to be considered for a current vacancy.
For current families whose child/ren are taking up an alternate school place in 2021, including those that will be transferring to a private school for Year 7 2021, please email janet.massey644@schools.sa.edu.au, as soon as possible. This supports our whole school staffing and class structure processes and helps us to provide your child with the best possible transition.

Parking around School

Parking rules and regulations - Reminder to all Families

Since a number of students have returned to school, the City of Charles Sturt has received concerns regarding the parking around schools.

Families are also continuing to inform us of the dangerous behaviours of a minority of students on scooter and bikes.

Please make sure you are following the road rules and obeying signs etc around the school zone.

- Parking in the 2 minute 'Kiss and Drop' zone at the front of the school during peak times and coming into the office. You must remain with your vehicle.
- Do not stop on the crossing at the front of the school to pick up or drop off children - this is dangerous. Move into the 'Kiss and Drop' zone.
- Do not park on yellow lines or block neighbourhood driveways
- Scooter and bike riders are to adhere to all road rules.

Please click on the link below for more information about safety around schools.

IMPORTANT TERM DATES TO REMEMBER

- TUESDAY, 12TH MAY 2020 - International Nurse Day - Dress up as a Superhero Day. Please bring a gold coin donation
- WEDNESDAY, 27TH MAY - WEDNESDAY, 3RD JUNE 2020 - Reconciliation Week - 'In this Together' #NRW2020 #InThisTogether2020
- MONDAY, 8TH JUNE 2020 - Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- TUESDAY, 9th JUNE 2020 - Pupil Free Day
- FRIDAY, 3RD JULY 2020 - Last Day Term 2
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