



LAKE WANGARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 – Week 4

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DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 5

THURSDAY 26TH
SURF LIFE SAVING
VISIT

OPEN CLASSROOMS
& ASSEMBLY

WEEK 6

THURSDAY 5TH
FOODY FUNDRAISER

WEEK 7

MONDAY 9TH
ADELAIDE CUP
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH
SPORTS DAY

WEEK 8

THURSDAY 19TH
MARCH
PRESCHOOL ONLY
STUDENT FREE DAY

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through Term 1 of the 2026 school year at Lake Wangary School. The start of Term 1 has been marked by a wonderful sense of enthusiasm and engagement from all students and staff.

We are pleased to share that Reception to Year 5 students have commenced their swimming lessons this week. These lessons provide an invaluable opportunity for our students to develop vital water safety skills and build their confidence in the pool. We are proud of the positive attitude and effort shown by all students as they participate and learn in this important program.

As we look ahead, students across all year levels are beginning to practice for our upcoming annual Sports Day, which will take place on Friday, 13th March. Sports Day is a highlight of our school calendar, fostering teamwork, physical activity, and school spirit. We look forward to seeing students challenge themselves, support each other, and demonstrate our school values throughout the event.

We would also like to express our appreciation for the high level of attendance demonstrated by students since the beginning of the term. Consistent attendance is essential, particularly during busy periods when routines are being established and key learning experiences are underway.

The Benefits of Regular Attendance

Attending school every day helps students develop a routine, which builds a solid foundation for future learning and organisation skills. Additionally, regular attendance has a positive impact on wellbeing, as it supports student engagement, social connections, and a sense of belonging. When students attend regularly, they are best placed to achieve both academically and personally.

NAUO COUNTRY

Creativity Resilience Responsibility

Principal's Message

Lake Wangary School Website

In the coming weeks the school website will undergo reconstruct. We hope the updates and reimagining will provide parents and the wider school community a website that is easy to navigate and a hub of information regarding school policies and procedures, school events and initiatives, staff info, and student work.

2025 Annual School & Preschool Report

The 2025 School Annual Report has been uploaded to the school website. This report provides parents, caregivers and the wider school community information such as: Governing Council Report, NAPLAN results, Preschool & School Attendance, Preschool Family Opinion Survey, School Parent Opinion Survey and Staff Qualification information.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community. We encourage families to maintain strong attendance habits and communicate with us if your child requires any additional support.

Kind regards,

Clint Beard
Principal
Lake Wangary School

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE THREE NUMBERS FOR THE SCHOOL:

MAIN NUMBER: 8685 4137

PLEASE CALL THIS NUMBER TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL

MAIN SCHOOL MOBILE: 0447 899687

OUR MAIN MOBILE NUMBER TO TEXT/CALL PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

EXCURSION ONLY MOBILE: 0417 630801

USED ONLY TO CALL THE CLASS ON EXCURSION

PLEASE CALL THE LANDLINE NUMBER TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL

MANY THANKS

PRESCHOOL PAGE

Welcome to our new Preschoolers

The preschoolers have settled in beautifully and are really enjoying spending time outdoors and exploring their new learning environment.



Little Jazzy



Mr Taj





LAKE WANGARY SCHOOL

2026 STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We are proud to announce our 2026 School Leadership Team, a group of outstanding students who will represent our school with pride, responsibility, and commitment.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Jarra Bowyer & Mia Clarke



HOUSE CAPTAINS

BLUE RAYS

Lenny Abinett & Lani Pierce

FIRE FISH

Taylor Montgomerie & Yarah Mercer

TIGER SHARKS

Makani Saxby & India O'Grady



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

Reception – Mia Ouglitchinin, Alby Rowe

Year 1 – Wren Montgomerie

Year 2 – Cole Montgomerie

Year 3 – Loeki French

Year 4 – Ciunas Fealy

Year 5 – Laiken Clarke

Year 6 – Nevaeh Sayers

🌟 Congratulations to these future leaders as they guide, inspire, and represent Lake Wangary School throughout 2026!



School Captains

Congratulations to Mia Clarke & Jarra Bowyer who have been voted by the students to show leadership and represent our school with pride.

SCHOOL NOTICES



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

DATE CHANGE!

THURSDAY 26th FEBRUARY

5/6 CLASS HOSTING

OPEN CLASSROOMS

2.15PM - 2.45.PM

2.50PM ASSEMBLY IN THE GYM

EVERYONE WELCOME

MINYA SHIRTS

If your child has outgrown their Minya shirt, we would appreciate them being donated back for other students.
Many thanks!

FOODY FUNDRAISER

WEEK 6

Thursday 5th March

PIZZA

Please return orders by Friday 27th February

Please ensure EFT payments are made



PRESCHOOL CLASS ONLY

STUDENT FREE DAY

WEEK 7 THURSDAY

19TH MARCH



SPORTS DAY - WEEK 7



FRIDAY 13th March

Held at Marble Range Community & Sports Centre Oval. Students are to wear a t-shirt in their team colours. No singlet tops please.

Blue Rays

BLUE & WHITE

Year 6

Lani - Captain
Lenny - Captain
Nevaeh

Year 2

Maggie
Ava
Sebastian
Kyanah
Ocea

Year 5

Laiken
Cooper

Year 1

Xavier
Jethro
Sahara

Year 4

Billie
Caitlyn
Ollie

Foundation

Marlee
Eve

Year 3

Ryder
Mason
Clementine
Iluka

Benny Z
Benjamin U

Preschool

Myrtle
Jazzy
River L

Fire Fish

RED & BLACK

Year 6

Taylor - Captain
Yarah - Captain
Mia O
Jarra

Year 2

Lilly
Maycee
Cole
James
Sione

Year 5

Mason
Leo

Year 1

Callie
Wren
Reef

Year 4

Harper M
Faith
Flynn

Foundation

Finn
Hara
Sadie
Jon

Year 3

Phoenix
Harper C

Preschool

Teddy
Khoko
Vivianna
Cain

Tiger Sharks

YELLOW & BLACK

Year 6

Makani - Captain
India - Captain

Year 2

Summer
Jasper
Isabella

Year 5

Vinnie
Astro

Year 1

Harrison
Elsie
Mila
Declan

Year 4

Maebh
Ciunas
Kayden

Foundation

Tilly
Mia O
Alby

Year 3

Loeki
Banjo
Callum
Jazmiah

Caspian
Bonnie
River L

Preschool

Taj
Colby



Autism Inclusion & Student Wellbeing Teacher (AIT)

Lake Wangary School is proud to support neurodivergent students through the Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT) initiative AIT Teacher Duties Statement.

In my role, I work alongside teachers and families to strengthen inclusive classroom practices, support appropriate adjustments, and promote positive student wellbeing. My focus is ensuring all students feel safe, understood and able to thrive both socially and academically.

With 14 years' experience in education and a strong background in inclusive and trauma-informed practice, I am passionate about building a culture where every child has voice, agency and belonging.

I work Thursdays and Fridays. Families are warmly encouraged to contact the school office if they would like to connect.

Beck Paterson



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Enrol now for preschool

Learn through play at
your local preschool

education.sa.gov.au/preschool-enrolment



Term Dates for 2026

Term 1 – Tuesday 27 January to Friday 10 April

Term 2 – Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July

Term 3 – Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4 – Monday 12 October to Thursday 10 December



SUPPORTING STUDENTS EXPERIENCING SCHOOL REFUSAL



WHAT IS SCHOOL REFUSAL?

School refusal refers to situations where a child experiences significant emotional distress that makes attending school feel overwhelming. This is most commonly linked to anxiety and nervous system dysregulation. It is not defiance or a lack of motivation. It is a stress response.

UNDERSTANDING THE WELLBEING LENS

At Lake Wangary School, we approach school attendance difficulties through a trauma-informed and relational lens, aligned with the Berry Street Education Model and the South Australian Department for Education's Areas of Impact. We prioritise: • Positive Conditions for Learning • Student Wellbeing and Engagement • Inclusive Education and Early Intervention. Regulation, connection and predictability are foundational before academic expectations



COMMON SIGNS OF SCHOOL ANXIETY

- Frequent physical complaints before school (tummy aches, headaches)
- Distress at separation Avoidance, shutdown or panic behaviours
- Sleep difficulties before school days
- Escalated resistance linked to specific triggers
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HOW FAMILIES CAN SUPPORT AT HOME

- Validate feelings first- 'I can see this feels really hard.'
- Separate the child from the anxiety – 'Your worry is trying to protect you.'
- Maintain calm, predictable morning routines.
- Focus on regulation before problem-solving.
- Work collaboratively with the school on gradual re-entry steps.



HOW LAKE WANGARY SCHOOL SUPPORTS STUDENTS

Support may include gradual return-to-school plans, structured check-ins, safe spaces, learning adjustments, and collaborative family meetings. Our aim is to rebuild confidence while strengthening resilience and responsibility in safe and supported ways.

HELPFUL EXTERNAL RESOURCES

- Raising Children Network–raisingchildren.net.au
- Beyond Blue– beyondblue.org.au
- Emerging Minds – emergingminds.com.au
- Head to Health – headtohealth.gov.au



Creativity • Resilience • Responsibility

Bottles & Cans Trailer Roster 2026/27

Lake Wangary School

Month	Family
January 2026	Jordan & Janis Ellul
February 2026	Todd & Kate Coleman
March 2026	Luke & Tara Rowe
April 2026	Duran Pringle/ Claire Loveridge
May 2026	Matt & Cara Pierce
June 2026	
July 2026	Jordan & Janis Ellul
August 2026	Tyrell Taylor/ Tanielle Bache
September 2026	Matt Slater
October 2026	Jordan & Janis Ellul
November 2026	Mick & Rachel Plakakis
December 2026	Robbie Warcon
January 2027	Duran Pringle/ Claire Loveridge
February 2027	

Trailers to be taken to the Coffin Bay Waste Transfer Station (Harder Street), on one of the following days:

Tuesday 2pm-4pm
Wednesday 9am-12pm
Sunday 9am-12pm

DCLEP staff will process the bottles & cans on Tuesday or Sunday.

The trailer is padlocked to the back fence of the school.

Padlock key & trailer net can be collected from the front office.

Cover trailer with a net before transport.

Park the full trailer around the side (behind the sheds) near the fence (dump staff will direct you where to park if needed).

Where possible please use the 7x5 trailers for the school, as the older 6x4 trailers need to be used at the Coffin Bay Hall.

Please return the padlock key & trailer net to the office.

During your rostered month if you are not able to swap the trailer over, please call the school on 8685 4137 or 0447 899 687 & Janis will organise someone.

Also please contact the school if you become aware of any maintenance required on the trailers.

Thank you again for your help.

Lake Wangary School Governing Council

Bottles & Cans Trailer Roster 2026/27

Coffin Bay Hall

Month	Family
January 2026	Irish & Sarah Fealy
February 2026	Matt & Shelly Mercer
March 2026	Jake & Renae Bowyer
April 2026	Dave & Stefana Zadow
May 2026	Todd & Kate Coleman
June 2026	Bas & Amy Carr
July 2026	Tom & Matilda Montgomerie
August 2026	Matt & Shelly
September 2026	Mercer Beau & Amber Clarke
October 2026	Dave & Stefana Zadow
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December 2026	Bas & Amy Carr
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The key to the lock chaining the trailer to the tree is at the IGA.

****If there is a combination lock the code is 0563****

Cover trailer with a net before transport. Please collect the net from the family rostered on previous month and keep it for your allocated month or collect a net from the school if one is not available.

Park the full trailer around the side (behind the sheds) near the fence (dump staff will direct you where to park if needed).

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