



TERM 1, WEEK 7, 2026

WALLAROO PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello Families, Caregivers and valued Community members,

It has been an exciting and vibrant start to Term 1 at Wallaroo Primary School, with many incredible events and learning opportunities enriching our school community.

Earlier this term, our children participated in the Winda the Owl lantern making workshops with Ms Williamson, joined by special guests Jasmine from Studio Surf, Sonia and Sheree Rankine, our Narungga cultural facilitators, and Kayla Perry from the Copper Coast Council. Our students created beautiful lanterns inspired by the Narungga Dreaming Story of Winda the Owl. These will be featured in the upcoming Flame Festival, celebrating both creativity and our local heritage. We also celebrated Sports Day, which was filled with fun, friendly competition, and great spirit. Congratulations to the Wildu Green Sea Eagles who were awarded the overall points trophy, well done to all teams for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Clean Up Australia Day, helping to care for our environment and community. Ms Williamson also facilitated our Toy Swap, encouraging sustainability and the joy of sharing.

NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5 has commenced this term. We wish our students all the very best as they demonstrate their learning, thank you to both staff and families for your ongoing support during this important period. We are delighted to welcome our new students: Tyler in Room 6, Zoey in Room 4, and Connor and Eli in Room 1. We look forward to seeing you thrive as part of the Wallaroo Primary School community!

Our whole school has begun Book Making Workshops with Lisa Burman. This initiative connects to our focus on curiosity as part of the Department for Education's Effective Learner Areas of Impact. We are strengthening our skills in making connections and asking meaningful questions to deepen our understanding of learning across all areas.

Thank you to all staff, students, families, and community partners for your enthusiasm and commitment, together, we look forward to an engaging remainder of Term 1!

Kind Regards,
Principal Jen Heinrich

TERM ONE OVERVIEW



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	26 th Jan <i>Australia Day</i>	27 th Jan Term 1 Starts	28 th Jan	29 th Jan	30 th Jan
Week 2	2 nd Feb	3 rd Feb	4 th Feb	5 th Feb	6 th Feb
Week 3	9 th Feb	10 th Feb	11 th Feb	12 th Feb	13 th Feb
	Water Safety Lessons, Office Beach				
Week 4	16 th Feb	17 th Feb Assembly 1:45-2:45pm 	18 th Feb  School Photos	19 th Feb	20 th Feb
Week 5	23 rd Feb	24 th Feb	25 th Feb	26 th Feb	27 th Feb
Week 6	2 nd March <i>Kindy Peschool Visit</i>	3 rd March	4 th March	5 th March <i>Clean Up Australia Day</i>	6 th March Sports Day
Week 7	9 th March  Adelaide Cup Day	10 th March  Pupil Free Day	11 th March NAPLAN	12 th March NAPLAN	13 th March NAPLAN
Week 8	16 th March	17 th March Assembly 1:45-2:45pm 	18 th March	19 th March	20 th March <i>National Ride2School Day</i> 
	Harmony Week				
Week 9	23 rd March	24 th March ROOM 3 BEACH KINDY	25 th March	26 th March	27 th March
Week 10	30 th March	31 st March	1 st April	2 nd April 	3 rd April <i>Good Friday</i>
Week 11	6 th April <i>Easter Monday</i>	7 th April ROOM 3 BEACH KINDY	8 th April	9 th April SAPSASA DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	10 th April  Term 1 ends 2pm

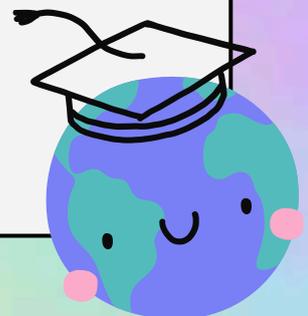
Water Safety Lessons



SWIM



START OF SCHOOL IN ROOM 3



WINDA THE OWL WORKSHOP



The whole school has been invited to take part in the biannual FLAME Festival, a vibrant community celebration held across the Copper Coast. This exciting festival showcases local Food, Light, Art, Music and Entertainment, bringing together artists, performers and community groups from across the region.



As part of the festival, Wallaroo Primary School students have been working with visiting artists and Narungga cultural facilitators to design and create beautiful lanterns that tell the Narungga Dreaming story of Winda the Owl. These lanterns will be proudly displayed during the festival parade, and our students are very excited to be involved in such a special community event. We will showcase our work on opening night **FRIDAY 8th of May** in front of the Sailing Club.

We would love to see as many of our students and families as possible come along to support our school and enjoy the celebrations. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see our students' creativity on display and to be part of a fantastic community atmosphere. More information about our school's involvement and the parade will be shared with families closer to the event via ClassDojo, so please keep an eye out for updates.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

WHAT DOES LEADERSHIP MEAN TO YOU

Portia - Being brave, being a role model and giving the students a voice

Georgia - To help others be better

Aaliyah - Working together and not giving up

Ebony - To help have no bullying

OUR FAVOURITE SPEAKERS

The guest speakers were a mix of young innovators, visionaries, and entrepreneurs. They shared real stories about taking risks, learning from mistakes, and building something meaningful. What made it special was that everyone had a different favourite. Each speaker brought their own vibe and message, and students connected in a different way.



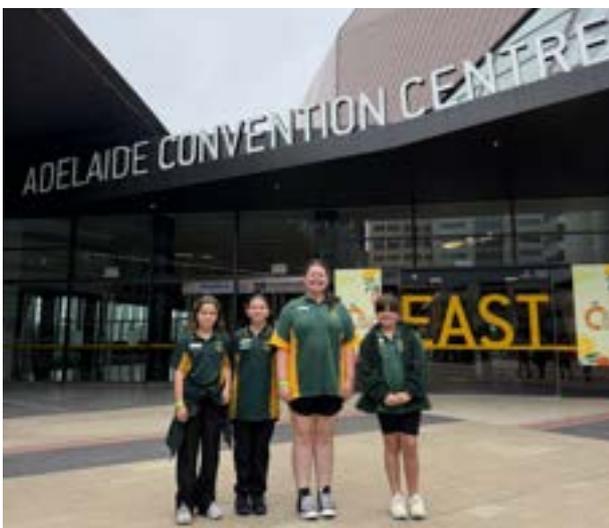
KEY TAKEAWAYS

Portia - To be brave and not be afraid to try new things

Georgia - Being a leader is important

Aaliyah - Even if you don't have a badge, you can still be a leader

Ebony - Find the balance



“LEADERSHIP IS GUIDING AND INSPIRING OTHERS THROUGH ACTIONS, VALUES AND STRENGTHS TO CREATE POSITIVE IMPACT”

Amazing Achievement!

Wallaroo Primary School would like to congratulate Richie on his incredible achievement in the International Maths Challenge (IMC).

Richie took part in the online competition in November 2025, completing the challenge in his own time outside of school.

The International Maths Challenge is a worldwide mathematics competition that has been running for over 25 years, attracting tens of thousands of students each year who test their problem-solving and mathematical thinking skills.

This year, more than 90,000 students from around the world participated. Richie's results placed him between the **80th and 95th percentile**, earning him the prestigious title of **IMC Elitist**. This honour recognises students who achieve exceptionally high scores compared with other competitors internationally, and only a small number of students in Australia receive this recognition.

Richie's dedication, persistence and enthusiasm for mathematics are truly commendable. Completing the challenge independently and achieving such an outstanding result is something to be incredibly proud of. At Wallaroo Primary School, we are thrilled to celebrate his success and the effort he has put into developing his mathematical skills.

Well done, Richie! Your school community is extremely proud of you and this fantastic accomplishment.

The International Maths Challenge will run again later this year, and it is free for students to enter. We encourage any students who enjoy a challenge and have a passion for maths to consider giving it a go.



SPORTS DAY 2026



Our recent Sports Day was a fantastic success, with perfect weather creating ideal conditions for a fun day. It was wonderful to see the positive interactions between students, staff, and families, and the strong support from parents throughout the day helped make the event even more special.

A big thank you to Mrs Martin for the tremendous effort she put into preparing and organising the day. We would also like to thank Graham for assisting with marking the running events and YP Donuts for keeping everyone fuelled throughout the day with their delicious treats.

Congratulations to all students who participated. Every student put in an amazing effort, and it was great to see so many students willing to give everything a go and support one another. Well done to our team captains for leading their teams so positively and for running the Health Hustle with enthusiasm.

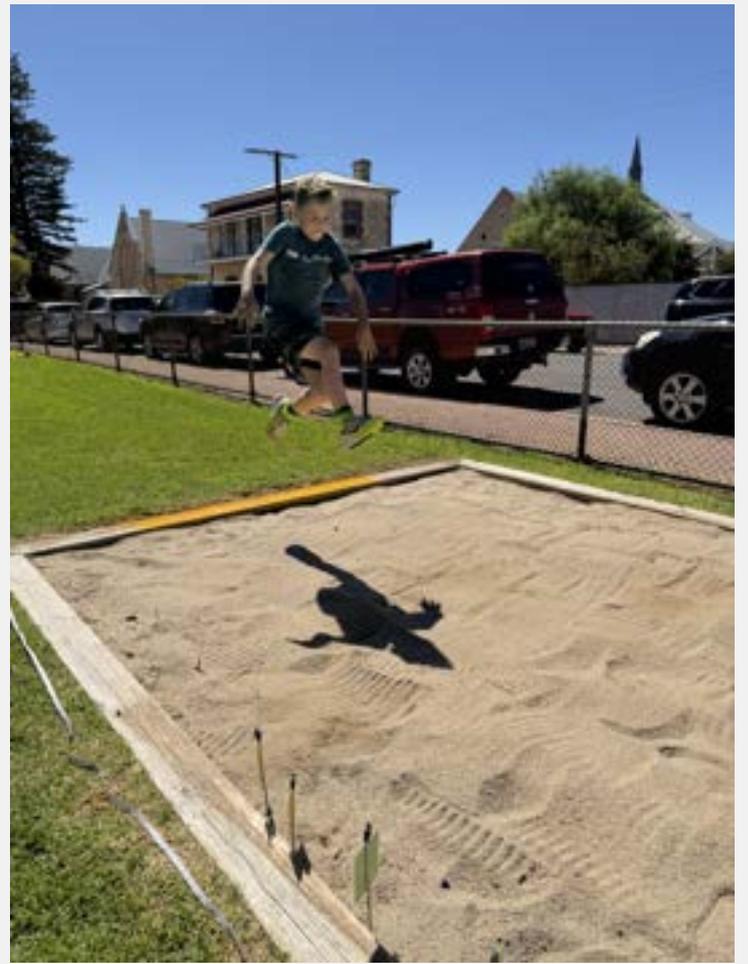
Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a memorable and enjoyable event for our school community.

Finally, a huge congratulations to Wildu for taking home the championship shield this year! What a fantastic achievement.

CONGRATULATIONS WILDU!







Play, explore, rhyme time
and books!

PLAYGROUP
Monday's during
school term time

9 to 10.30am

Lamshed Gym

Phone 88 232 190 for queries

Healthy snack provided by
Wallaroo Drakes Supermarket

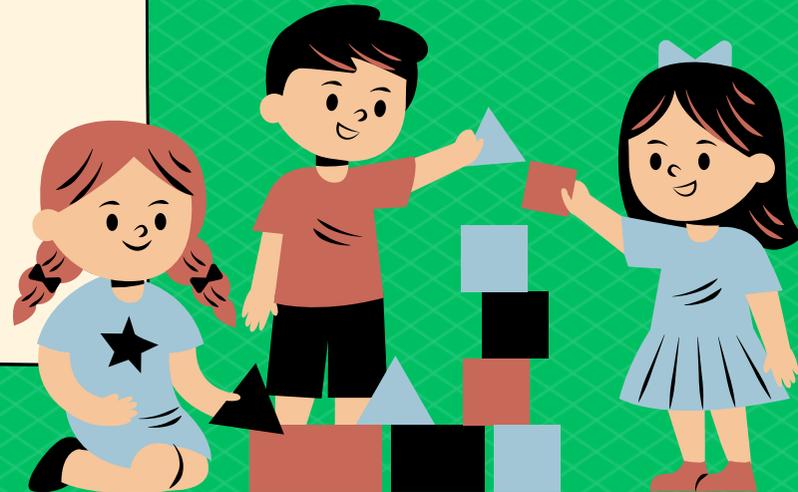


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Hughes Street
Wallaroo



DISCO AND CASUAL DAY



**GOLD COIN
DONATION**

**RAISING MONEY TO
MAKE A DONATION TO
ASPECT FOR AUTISM
AWARENESS DAY**

**2
APRIL**

2:10 - 3:00
STUDENTS TO BE
COLLECTED FROM THE
GYM

**EASTER
GOODIES
AND
PRIZES**



**WALLAROO PRIMARY SCHOOL
& COMMUNITY
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

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Pupil Free Day Care**

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OSHC needs**

