



DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✦ **Tuesday 5th February**
Chinese/Vietnamese New Year; *Year of the Pig*
- ✦ **Tuesday 12th February**
2019 Acquaintance Evening & Governing Council AGM.
- ✦ **Wednesday 13th February** Whole School Assembly – hosted by Kelly Blandford (1006) & Rachel Dolman's classes, (8013)
- ✦ **Friday 15th March** National Day against Bullying Assembly

Dear Families,

Welcome to all our families with special acknowledgment to new families and most importantly our Reception students who are experiencing their first days of school.

Walking around the school and visiting classes, families should be congratulated on:

- The majority of students are dressed in uniform.
- Children are enjoying playtimes; reconnecting with friends but also welcoming and supporting new students.
- Children's voices are positive and encouraging of each other.
- Staff are buoyed with enthusiasm and building positive relationships with their new classes.

All of these behaviours are indicative of the Golden Rule which is our focus for the beginning of the year;

"Treat others as you would like to be treated"

Classes across the school are revisiting this rule to ensure that all student are receiving a consistent message. One of the key questions that is supportive of the rule is:

"How would you feel if someone treated you like that?"

All classes are also focusing on the Bully Busting program to support children in knowing how to respond to situations. A key resource for families is the National Day against Bullying website

New Staff

This year we have four new faces and are fortunate enough to have several returning staff.

New to WGS are:

- Kie Babister – Preschool Teacher
- Renee Triantafilakis - Reception (1102) with Fiona Sullivan
- Danielle Librandi- (1103) Supporting in Teal with Reception students
- Rachel Bondarenko (6007) – Taking Debra Smithson-Tomas's Year 2 class for Term 1.



Kie Babister



Renee Triantafilakis



Danielle Librandi



Rachel Bondarenko

We are also waiting to hear who has won the Head of School, Primary position after Sue Charleston was appointed to a Principal's position at the very end of 2018. Students and staff have already been supportive and welcoming of all.

Acquaintance Evening & Governing Council AGM

All families and students are encouraged to get to know our staff and visit learning environments on the Tuesday evening of 12th of February 2019. The AGM will be at the conclusion and I would ask all families to consider staying for this meeting and contributing through the Woodville Gardens School Governing Council.

Year 7 Students Moving to High School 2022

Recently, the government has confirmed that Year 7 public school students will be taught in high school from Term 1, 2022.

The move will align South Australia's public schools with the national curriculum taught in high schools making it easier to deliver subjects and improve outcomes for students.

Access to dedicated facilities and resources and exposure to different teaching styles will also give each Year 7 student opportunities for deeper learning, greater peer interactions, and greater independence and responsibility.

For more information visit: www.education.sa.gov.au/7tohs.

Traffic Control



Please take care around the streets and in car parks when dropping children off or collecting them before and after school. We urge you to obey traffic rules and road signs. Please do

not park in disabled parking spaces unless you have a disabled parking permit displayed.



Please be careful, keep speed to a minimum and consider the safety of children.

Woodville Gardens School Uniform

All students are required to be in uniform every day.

In Terms 1 and 4 this means wearing their school hat at break times and when outside for long periods.

Australia has the highest skin cancer rate in the world, nearly two out of three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the time they are 70. Much of the damage is done when children are young, not understanding the damage they are doing.

In order to protect our children from potential risk can families please support by ensuring that all children have a sun-safe hat.

Surf Hat



Bucket Hat



We ask that parents support the school policy by ensuring their children are in uniform each day.

For all uniform inquires please contact:

Sports Centre, 142-146 Port Road Hindmarsh. Telephone 83463411.

Order forms can be obtained from the Front Office.

Kind regards,

Fiona Voigt