

# WOOMERA AREA SCHOOL



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2022. We were fortunate to be able to start the year with very little disruption as our students all were in the category to attend school. We have had a smooth start to our year with two classes, one junior class and a senior class catering to all of our students. We welcome Karl in Reception and Faith and Riley to our integrated preschool class. Faith and Riley attend Tuesday and Wednesday. Welcome back to all of our previous students and staff.



We have had numerous restrictions from the Department for Education in the first four weeks of the term but these are starting to relax. We are still minimising our visitors on site and all adults and students year 7 and above are required to wear masks at all times. We thank you for your support in this area.

Last year Vivienne Kleemann and I worked to apply for a grant under the 'Parents in Education funding'. Although there were some technical problems with our submission we were able to overcome this and were successful in obtaining a grant for \$4000 for a 'Literacy and Language for success' programme. We will be working in conjunction with 'Talk Speech Pathology' from Adelaide to deliver this next term. Watch out for the information coming your

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## COMING UP...

8th March	International Women's Day
14th March	Adelaide Cup Day
17th March	Saint Patrick's Day
21st March	Harmony Day
25th March	Possible School Photos
15th April	Last day of term.

### Tongue Twister

The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is believed to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.



way and I encourage all parents and carers of children of all ages to be involved to help support their literacy development. Special thanks to Viv for all the research and work she has put into this.

### Governing Council AGM

On Tuesday we held our Governing Council AGM. My thanks to all who attended and those of you who put in your apologies. The Governing Council has an important role to play in a school and it was wonderful to see so many people wanting to be involved. This year we had more nominations than positions so had a vote. This is a wonderful position as it shows how many people are wanting to be actively engaged in our students learning.

Congratulations to Tara Andrews, Ann Togo, Danielle Szcesny and Billie Hirschausen who are our new parent members with Ben and Viv Kleemann continuing with their two year tenure. Congratulations also to Annette Capponi and Scott Davey who are our community members.

Nana and Kara Brown have been long term members of our Governing Council with Nana retiring as our Chairperson and Kara as our Treasurer. Thank you both for all of your support to our school and students over so many years. Your knowledge and experience is invaluable and we thank you for both your past and future support.

In our first meeting Ben Kleemann was elected as our Chairperson with Scott Davey as Deputy Chair. Vivienne Kleemann is our secretary with Tara Andrews as our treasurer. Thank you all for your willingness to take on these roles. I look forward to working with you all this year, improving the learning for all of our students.



## INTERNATIONAL *WOMEN'S Day*

**Tuesday 8th March**

Australia's first International Women's Day was held in 1928 in Sydney. Organised by the Militant Women's Movement, women called for equal pay for equal work, an 8 hour working day for shop girls and paid leave. The next year the event spread to Brisbane. In 1931, annual marches were launched in both Sydney and Melbourne and both marches continue to be held today.

Since these early days, International Women's Day has continued to grow. It is a day to celebrate women's achievements and both highlight and work to address barriers that continue to perpetuate gender inequality.

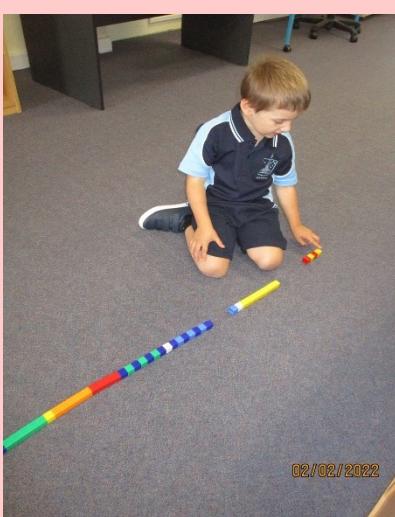
International Women's Day has become a time to reflect on progress, to call for change and to celebrate the courage and determination of the women who changed history, and those who will advance gender equality into the future. International Women's Day is an occasion to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. It is also an opportunity to unite, network and mobilise for meaningful change.

Each year, UN Women Australia hosts some of the largest International Women's Day events around the country – in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, and Perth – to celebrate global achievements and discuss actions needed to continue accelerating gender equality.

Taken From UN Women's Website.

# First weeks at school!

We are already off to a great start in the junior primary class, with the first weeks of school seeing students organizing their books, getting into routines and expectations and being involved in how things run at school. We have two students that attend pre-school twice a week and they are learning school routines in readiness of starting school.



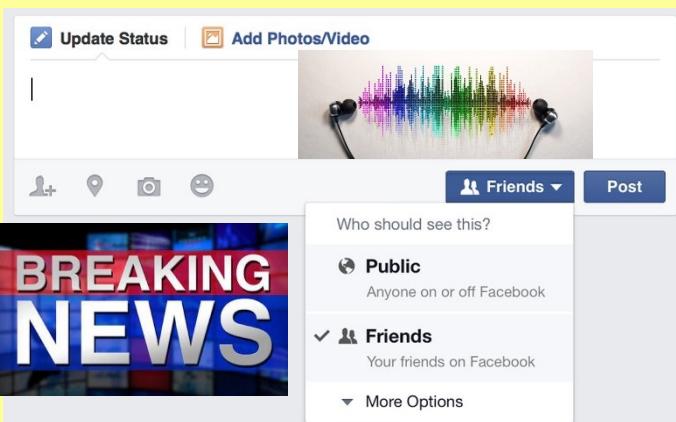
# Thinking Deeper

This year the middle school class in working on thinking deeper about our learning. So far we have been working on deeper comprehension of a variety of texts, problem solving and goal setting.

When exploring texts it is important we ask ourselves who, what, when, where, why and how. Asking questions like the ones below help us critically think about everything we read and hear.

- Who wrote it?
- Who is it written for?
- What are they saying/key points?
- What biases do they have?
- What response/emotional reactions do they want?
- What is its purpose?
- When was it written?
- Where does the text appear?
- Where does the information/data come from?
- Why are they saying it?
- How are they getting their point across?

We look at different types of texts including music, news articles, video clips, social media and other texts.



We have also been looking at how to set ourselves goals using the SMART strategy.

S—Specific  
M—Measurable  
A—Attainable/Achievable  
R—Realistic  
T—Timely

Through setting goals using this guide we can easily see what we are aiming for and how we can achieve it. Often we set goals that are vague or not very realistic.



Problem solving is a skill that we all continue to work on throughout our lives. We have used challenges like those seen on the TV game show Countdown (Letters and Numbers in Australia). We have had great fun exploring strategies to solve the Number challenges and seeing if we can beat Miss Fowler at solving the problem.

We have worked out some of the best strategies are seeing how to get to one of the nearest 10, 50 or 100. We have also discovered it's ok to get as close as possible because sometimes the solution is not possible.

*Can you solve the one below?  
Can you get it more than one way?*

**Goal: 821**

**75**

**50**

**9**

**4**

**4**

**1**

