Message from the Principal

Encouragement

A famous singer was to perform at the Grand Opera House, the concert hall was packed. Suddenly, the house manager announced, "Ladies and gentlemen I regret that, due to illness, our special guest will be unable to perform this evening. However, we have found another singer of equal talent, so would you please give her a warm welcome."

The crowd groaned so loudly that nobody even heard the singer's name. You could feel the disappointment everywhere. The stand-in singer gave it everything she had, but when it was over, all she got was brief scattered applause, followed by uncomfortable silence. Suddenly in the balcony a child stood up and shouted, "Mommy, I think you're wonderful!" Realising what had happened, the crowd jumped to their feet and gave her a tearful standing ovation that lasted for several minutes as her son glowed with joy.

People love to hear "I think you're wonderful." Why? Because it gives them a lift, and EVERYONE needs encouragement. Sometimes it's so easy to concentrate on the negatives of life. When this happens, negativity can spread through your relationships like a cancer.

"ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND BUILD EACH OTHER UP." 1 THESSALONIANS 5:11 NIV

Resist the urge to dwell on the weaknesses of people. Take a risk and tell somebody, "I THINK YOU"RE WONDERFUL". I just did!


WLPS Sports Day

As you are aware, tomorrow, Friday, 16th March is WLPS Sports Day. All children will need to wear a T-shirt in their team's colour, along with their school sports shorts, school hat and sandshoes. Banners, mascots and streamers to decorate the team shelters are welcome on the day.

Hair colouring is OK, but needs to be done at home (aerosols are not permitted on school grounds due to the potential for asthma attacks etc). PLEASE NOTE THAT COLOURED ZINC IS NOT TO BE WORN AT SPORTS DAY!!

The program for the day is:

9:00am Roll call in class rooms then move to house shelters
9:15am Welcome and opening devotion
9:30am Individual events commence (see program tabloid on page 2)
10:30am Recess
10:50am Individual events continue
12:15pm Lunch
1:00pm Team events commence (including toots race and parent/teacher vs student relay)
2:45pm Presentations of Individual Medal Winners for each age group

Shield to winning team

3:10pm Pack up, tidy up and prepare to go home.
## WLPS Sports Day Tabloid of Individual Events

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### School News

#### Animals on school grounds

In the past few weeks, there has been a white cat touring the school grounds. Students have been asked not to encourage this animal, as some students have followed the cat out of the school boundaries and even onto the driveway. Please join us in alleviating this problem on our school site by also discussing this problem with them.

In the same way, please do not bring pets onto the school site as they pose a health and safety risk to students. Particularly, if you are walking your dog to school, arrange with your child to meet you at the front gate. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

#### Personal Property at School

A number of students have been bringing toys to school, in particular toy cars. Toys, electronic equipment and sporting equipment should not be brought to school unless special permission has been obtained from the classroom teacher.

#### Working Bee

There is a Working Bee scheduled for this Saturday, commencing at 8:00am.

#### School Council Meeting

Please note the next School Council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, 22nd March** at 7:30pm.

#### Choir News

This year we have 18 students in Years 4 to 7 taking part in the Festival of Music Choir. The students have 11 songs to learn including “Spice Up Your Life”, “Iko, Iko” and “Footloose”.

The first full rehearsal with the Waikerie/Barmera Cluster will be held on Monday, 19th March with the choir students travelling to Barmera leaving around 9:00am, (as soon as the bus arrives at school), and returning to school by 1:45pm. We will be travelling on our school bus to and from Barmera, with the bus being driven by Mr DeVroome. Students are required to bring their hat and water bottle as well as recess and lunch.

**Please note:** A photo of the choir for the Festival of Music program will be taken at this rehearsal, so all students taking part will need to dress in their summer uniform (dress/shorts and t-shirt), along with the appropriate footwear.
Lately caring friends have sent me articles of interest about such things as onions, (and garlic) and cucumbers. These articles were full of useful and lesser known information on the value of these foods that we take so much for granted. The antiseptic qualities of the onion even extend to absorbing viruses. This happens if it is cut open, and left in a room occupied by people with the ‘flu virus. Garlic has healing properties too which have been recognised throughout the ages (in the ‘vampire story’ it was thought to ward off those creatures - strangely the ancient traditional ‘vampire story’ also has ancient roots to Christian faith and God’s protection – but that is a whole other story not relevant to this discussion). The cucumber has such an array of vitamins and minerals together with high water content that it can be used to stave off dehydration and hunger. I’m sure we have all heard of the healing properties of many fresh foods that we have available to us.

This started me thinking about how richly God has provided for our health and healing. He gives us fresh food, as well endowing our skilled medical professionals with their talents and abilities. Even in the Bible we often read of these very foods like cucumbers, onions, fish, honey and wholegrain breads and even wine (in moderation of course) that we now know are so health packed with healing properties. The Bible also speaks positively of doctors and medical care. God feeds us amply both spiritually and physically. He is concerned not only about our spiritual health, but also about our physical health, and provides, in His loving care, in both these areas in our lives.

God bless and keep you all
Moira

**Staff Profile**

**Mrs Kimberly Waterson (nee Barker)**

**Job Title:** Year 6/7 Teacher

Miss Kimberly Barker attended Waikerie Lutheran Primary School for her entire primary school life, and attended Waikerie High School. Kimberly Barker commenced at Waikerie Lutheran Primary School in 2009 teaching the Year 4/5 class. In 2010 Miss Barker taught the Year 5/6 with Mrs Burns as well as taking on the role of LOTE (Indonesian) teacher. Prior to joining the WLPS team, Miss Barker worked in the Northern Territory, teaching at Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Darwin. In 2011 Miss Barker married Mr Tom Waterson, returning to work after the July school holidays as Mrs Kimberly Waterson. Last year Mrs Waterson went on a very relaxing holiday to Bali and looks forward to doing more travel in the future. Mrs Waterson is the proud Auntie of a little boy and is looking forward to becoming an auntie again later this year.

**Born:** Calvery Hospital on 4th April, 1985.

**Went to:** Waikerie Lutheran Primary School and Waikerie High School.

**Qualifications:** Bachelor of Education and Diploma of Educational Theology.

**Favourite Food:** Anything spicy or exotic.

**Favourite Music:** Top 40, Pop music and Matchbox 20.

**Something I want to do is:** Travel

**My hobbies are:** Gardening, cooking, spending time with family and friends.

**My ideal holiday destination is:** Europe.

Mrs Waterson
**Lent**
A time to consider the giving up of what we are for what we may become.

**Students of the Week**

Teachers are encouraging the attitudes of appreciation, commitment, confidence, cooperation, creativity, curiosity, empathy, enthusiasm, independence, integrity, respect and tolerance as a tool kit for successfully relating with others. As a way of celebrating the demonstration of these attitudes by students, staff have elected these students this week.

**6/7 Class**
**Integrity** - Tiffany Catford. Within our “Human Body” unit, Tiffany demonstrated integrity by making consistently making good choices.

**Confidence** - Mark Noack. Mark has grown in his confidence which has been evident in his leadership of the Wallabies.

**4/5 Class**
**Commitment** - Ellie Mihalopoulos. Ellie showed a huge amount of commitment when she spent nearly a whole day of her weekend on her final assessment task for our Unit of Inquiry. Fantastic effort Ellie!

**Independence** - Sam Souter. Sam has shown great independence throughout the term, especially within our final assessment task for our Unit of Inquiry. Keep up the great work Sam!

**2/3 Class**
It’s a secret! To be announced at assembly on Monday.

**R/1 Class**
**Creativity** - Chloe McPherson. Chloe has demonstrated creativity in her approach to her learning and presentation of tasks. Fantastic work Chloe!

**Tolerance** - Lucy Kroehn. Lucy has shown tolerance in the classroom as she sits and works with various students. It is great to see Lucy.

**Reception Class**
**Commitment** - Theo Pipikos. Theo tackled his writing and phonics tasks with commitment on Wednesday with Mrs Mason.

**Tolerance** - Courtney Wood. Courtney displays tolerance when working with others in big and small groups.

**Lutheran Worship**
**Sunday, 18th March - 3rd Sunday in Lent**
- Waikerie: 9:00am
- Lowbank: 9:00am  HC (Pastor Len Tscharke)
- Morgan: 11:00am  HC (Pastor Len Tscharke)
- Ramco: 9:00am

**Wednesday, 14th March - Mid Week Lenten Service**
- Lowbank: 7:30pm  Pastor Mark Hansen

**Cleaning** this Friday, 16th March 2012
- Library/Computer Room:  McPherson
- Art Room:  Connelly

**Canteen** next Wednesday, 21st March 2012
- Lunchtime Packing:  Curtis
  Thank you - your help is appreciated.

**Prayers**
- Ask God to be with all of the students on Friday at Sports Day and pray that they will display great sportsmanship at all times.
- Ask God to keep the students who are travelling to SAPSASA today safe and pray that they will do their best.

**Families In Our Prayers**
- **Friday**: Kuchel
- **Monday**: Labuschagne
- **Tuesday**: Lloyd
- **Wednesday**: Loffler, G&S
- **Thursday**: Loffler, S&K

**God Bless You!**
- Brodie Fechner
  15th March
- Peyton Kreusler
  21st March

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Mr Braun and Mr Borgas have decided to take up the challenge and “Be Brave and Shave” for the Leukaemia Foundation’s “World’s Greatest Shave”.

The “Shave Off” will take place on **Friday, 23rd March at 2:30pm**, with all money raised going to this very worthy cause.

If you would like to make a donation, you can either pop into the office and place a donation in the donation box or visit [www.worldsgreatestshave.com](http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com), click sponsor and search for Steven Braun or Adam Borgas and make a donation. All donations over $2 are tax deductable.

If you would like to have the privilege to shave Mr Borgas or Mr Braun’s head, we are holding a **Silent Auction** where people can donate specifically to shave one or both of their heads!

Miss Dutschke will be making “Chin Face” Biscuits and “Crazy Face” Cupcakes for sale at recess on Friday, 23rd March for the bargain price of $0.50 biscuits and $1.00 cup cake.

In addition to The World’s Greatest Shave, we will also be holding **Crazy Hair Day** and **Casual Day** on **Friday, 23rd March via Gold Coin Donation**, so the students can help raise some money for this worthy cause.

A “Crazy Hair Parade” will be held immediately after Chapel, with Certificates and edible prizes (some of Miss Dutschke’s yummy biscuits and cakes) awarded to the Boy and Girl with the Craziest Hair in each Class.

All classes will be collecting coins (silver or gold) next week for a coin line with the aim to try and collect enough money to write the words - World’s Greatest Shave! All coins donated will be greatly appreciated!

We need your support to make this fundraiser for the Leukemia Foundation a HUGE success!!!!!
Community Noticeboard

**Saturday Morning Junior Netball**
Training commences Wednesday 21st March 2012 at the Waikerie Netball Courts from 3.45 – 4.45. Registrations are still being accepted and forms are available from the Rec Centre. This year a sub committee has been formed and all interested parents are invited to join. For more information, please contact: Janine Griffiths, Kym Bannister, Mel Taylor or Kerry Collins.

**Loxton Waikerie Libraries**
Waikerie Public Library will be holding its bi-annual book sale on Saturday, 31st March in the Waikerie Council foyer from 9:30am until 3:00pm. All stock are ex-library books, consisting of fiction and non-fiction for adults and children. All books are great value for money with prices starting at $0.50. Please contact Michael Cox (Library Manager) on 8541 0720 for further information.

**Under 13’s Football Training**
Waikerie Under 13’s football training will commence on Monday, 26th March 2012 at 4:00pm at the Waikerie Football Oval. Full training gear required with football boots or sneakers OK. For further information, please contact Grant Carnell (Coach) on 0407713960.

**Blanchetown Kart Club**
J Junior Light / Heavy, Rookies and J Open Trophy Day. Where: Blanchetown Kart Club. When 25th March 2012. Scrutineering from 8:30am, racing scheduled for 10:00am. Canteen and drink facilities available. NO ALCOHOL to be brought onto the premises. Enquiries to Angela Pfeiler on 85413326. Nominations after Monday, 19th March will be put ROF.

**Barmera United Soccer Club**
Final registration night and first training on Wednesday, 21st March at Bruce Oval. U6, U8, U10 at 4:00pm until 5:00pm. U13, U16 at 5:00pm. Coaches still required for all junior grades. Contact Jim: 85881114.