



Warradale Primary School

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Teaching and Learning Update Friday 19 November 2021

KEY DATES & REMINDERS

OSHC Committee Meeting - 6.15pm Monday 22 November (Week 7)

Finance Committee Meeting - 6.30pm Monday 22 November (Week 7)

Governing Council - 6.00pm Monday 29 November (Week 8)

6/7 Graduation - Morphettville Park Football Club, Wednesday 8 December (Week 9)

Aboriginal Education Strategy 2019 to 2029

The Aboriginal Education Strategy was released in December 2018 to support Aboriginal students to reach their full potential.

The strategy supports:

- improved learning outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people
- better attendance and retention rates of Aboriginal students
- training to ensure teachers, education staff and leaders are culturally responsive
- increased opportunities for children and young people across SA to engage with Aboriginal languages
- creation of learning environments that respond to students' cultural needs
- development of detailed individual learning plans for Aboriginal learners in all schools

At Warradale Primary School we have established an Aboriginal Education Team. The team consists of Stacey Konidaros (Aboriginal Education Teacher), Michael Kilsby (Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer) and Sarah Harkin (Deputy Principal). Our focus has been on building relationships, attendance, working with teachers and raising awareness. Work with our broader leadership team and class teachers has also embedded Aboriginal perspectives into class programs.

This year our students had the opportunity to experience a Smoking Ceremony presented by Uncle Tamaru, a Kurna elder who performed a welcome to country. Knowledge gained through this experience is being applied to produce our own acknowledgment to country video, which will showcase Warradale students and our learning spaces on Kurna land.



To celebrate NAIDOC week, students participated in a variety of class based activities to learn about the traditional owners of our land. In addition, students had the opportunity to enter an Art competition with the theme of 'Heal Country'. We were fortunate to have David Booth - a Peramangk man and well known artist within the community - visit us to judge the competition and present students with prizes at an assembly. Congratulations to Morgen Roach who won first prize. As part of his assembly presentation, David performed a didgeridoo performance in which he shared his knowledge of the history and making of the didgeridoo.

We are proud to now be developing a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) to strengthen relationships, respect and opportunities in our classrooms, around the school, and in the wider community.