



Lake Windemere B-7 School

The nature of learning

Term 2 Week 1



Principal's report

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to everyone this term. Whether you are learning from home or learning at school we are very pleased to have you back this term. I would like to offer my deepest gratitude to my staff who have demonstrated amazing skills over the last weeks of term 1 to develop a blended curriculum delivery model. They showed amazing courage as they began their own learning journey to be able to provide some on-line communication with our at home learners. To say I am proud is an understatement. I would also like to thank our community who demonstrated amazing generosity, kindness and understanding during these changing times. And lastly I would like to thank our incredible students who have been engaging in their learning at school and at home, sharing it with their teachers on the on line platforms.

We welcomed back approximately 60% of our student population this week. Students were excited to connect with their friends and teachers after the break. I have been amazed at the swift implementation of amazing on line learning happening across the school. Today I watched teachers talking with students through video conferencing on Microsoft Teams in the middle and upper primary and also saw recorded teacher phonics videos to Junior Primary classes. What was fabulous, was the quick response by students, sending back their work through the on line forums ready for the teacher to assess.

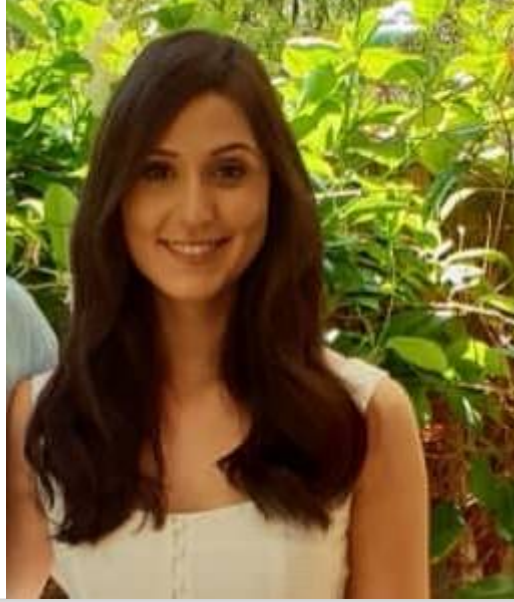
I was extremely excited to learn that I had successfully applied for the Principal position for 2021 - 2025. Thank you to everyone who sent messages of congratulations. I am honoured to continue the work with our Lake Windemere community.

We normally would not have a newsletter until Week 3 but given the fast moving times I thought it important to get this information out to you as a priority.

Stay safe and stay well.

Michelle Lennox





Staffing changes for Term 2

We would like to welcome Julia Polisen to the team. Julia has been employed behind Molly Evans who has just welcomed her first child into the world. Julia has penned a letter for our community

Hello to the Lake Windemere Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Julia Polisen and I am very happy to be joining the Lake Windemere team as the Student Wellbeing Leader for the remainder of 2020 while Molly Evans is on leave. At the end of Term 1, I was able to spend some time at Lake Windemere meeting staff, and felt warmly welcomed. Now that Term 2 has begun, I am very much looking forward to meeting and getting to know students and their families.

For me, it is a great privilege to be part of a school where student wellbeing is prioritised and supported and I am very eager to continue the great work that is already being done in this area. For Weeks 1 & 2 I will be at Lake Windemere on Thursdays and Fridays and will be starting full time from Week 3.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all soon!

Julia Polisen

With all of the accommodations required to support our staff during the COVID situation there have been other staff changes also.

Rm 34

We welcome Brianna Sherin to the classroom. Brianna has been working as our Phonics intervention teacher during term 1 and will bring her Literacy expertise into Rm 34. Ms Natasha Giles will be working from home for the first two weeks of school, supporting Brianna and the learners of Rm 34 and Lily building.

EALD Primary

Cathy Trimboli will be working from home delivering her English support learning to learners at school and at home, utilising Microsoft Teams

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ACEO

Joanne Newchurch will be working from home supporting our Aboriginal families who are learning at school and learning at home as well as providing resources to our teachers.

Room 12

We welcome Shweta Mehta who is backfilling Sherrie Fairhurst for the first four weeks of term on Mon, Tues and Wednesdays. Shweta has been a regular teacher at our school and has built fabulous relationships with our students.

Spanish

Bienvenida (Welcome) Angela Crespín behind Senora Ebony Darkins. Angela has been teaching in our Spanish room alongside Ms Darkins and is looking forward to continuing the amazing work that happens there.

COVID - 19 procedures

Gates

A huge thank you to our families dropping off and picking up children from outside the gates. We have seen our children being so independent and resilient in the face of these changes. For week 2 the same gates will be open (Uraidla Ave, Oval and Holstein Dve) with staff at each gate to support children to class from 8.20 to 8:40 in the morning and 3:00 to 3:20PM in the afternoon. The Uraidla Ave gate will open at 8:00AM for Breakfast club attendees. Any parents wishing to access the front office please phone ahead as we are trying to minimise the number of adults entering the site.

Distribution of Home Learning Packs

Week 1&2 packs should by now been collected. Week 3&4 packs will be available for collection from Friday 8th of May. The distribution centre is in our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and can be accessed through the Yulti Rd gate. There are clearly marked paths to the window and back out to Yulti Rd. *Please note there is no access to distribution centre through the Uraidla Ave gate.*

Finished work in hard copy packs, readers and Library books can be returned to the distribution centre. They will be cleaned and quarantined for two weeks before being returned to the class room teacher and library.

Cleaning procedures

Rigorous cleaning is occurring throughout the site. On top of our normal nightly cleaning schedule we have a cleaner throughout the day cleaning all hard surfaces throughout the site. Laptops and iPads are being cleaned by a group of SSOs daily. We also have our outdoor equipment being cleaned and disinfected daily. There are ample supplies of soap, sanitiser, toilet paper and tissues across the site. All students are encouraged to be practising safe handwashing techniques with teachers supporting this throughout the day and posters displayed.

Letter of thanks from Kangaroo Island

Last term a Children's University group at school called Thursday and Friday Club made hundreds of crafts for a school on KI that was heavily affected by the Bush Fires. We wrote cards as well. Here is a thank you note from their Head of Campus. Well done crafty kids!

Dear Jillian,

I am writing to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the truly beautiful gesture sent by your students to us all here at Parndana Campus.

Words can't really express how much it has meant to us all, we've had many of the crafts on display in our front office here at the school as well as gifts that have brightened many days for our students.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

We're thinking of you all now in what is also a challenging time and trust that Term 2 is successful for you.

Take care.

Kind regards,

Matt Linn

Head of Campus - ParndanaKangaroo Island Community Education



School Calendar - Term 2 Draft version due to COVID-19

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Important Diary Dates

13th May	Governing Council
27th May - 3rd June	Reconciliation Week
8th June	Public Holiday Queen's Birthday
17th June	Governing Council
3rd July	Last Day of Term 2PM Dismissal



SkoolBag

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