Dear Families,

Staff and students are busy preparing for the Showcase of Learning to be held on Thursday, September 1st 2016. We are opening the showcase with the book week parade where children, across the school, will be dressing up as their favourite book character and parading around the school paths. Many classes will be participating and providing students with opportunity to make costumes as part of their learning.

National Tree Planting Day
On 29th of July, Bridget, our Kitchen/gardener worked closely with a group of twelve students from the Year 6/7 classes to beautify and provide future shade for the classes at the back of Purple and Orange buildings. The groups were careful in the selection of plants and in preparing the soil, maximizing the potential for growth.

NAPLAN Results
The schools’ NAPLAN results have arrived and will be provided to families in the next 5-7 days. If you have a child in Years 3, 5 & 7 the reports will be sent home with your child. Please make a time to discuss the results with your child’s teacher if you need assistance to interpret or have any queries.

The Woodville Garden’s results show continued improvement from 2014 -2016 in several test aspects most notably writing. Significantly the Year 3 results have shown improvement in all aspects of literacy, bar the Punctuation and Grammar. The 2016 Year 3 students are the first groups that were part of the Early Years Intervention program, ‘Boost’.

Trends for the other test aspects across Years 5 & 7 are not as clear with improvement in some but not all. Numeracy is an aspect where the growth is minimal, requiring focus in forthcoming years.

Authors in Residence – Teal Building.
Ms Kellie’s Reception class have been busy creating and illustrating their own books. The books have been based on the theme of animals getting on a bus, building on the children’s own experience when visiting the zoo.

Ms Kellie’s Receptions proudly sharing their novels.

Kind regards,

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Fiona Voigt
YEAR 6/7 SPORT RESULTS

SAPSASA Basketball
In week one of Term 3 a group of boys and girls competed in a State basketball carnival at Wayville Stadium where they played against many other school teams. The boys did extremely well winning 5 out of 6 games and coming 2nd in the competition. The girls team won 3 out of 6 games coming home in 4th position.

Friday basketball
Throughout Term 1 and 2 two WGS basketball teams played in an inter-school basketball competition after school every Friday. The WGS Bull's finished 3rd and the Hornets finished 12th out of 14 teams. All of the players showed a lot of improvement over the competition and play really well as a team. A new season has now started which goes through terms 3 and 4.

Knockout Netball
In SAPSASA Knockout netball the boy’s team made it through to the 3rd round. In the last game in Week 1 they played against Colonel Light Gardens and the final score was CLG 15 and WGS 11. The students would like to thank Mr Chatto, Mr B, Mr Foale, Ms Lewis and Ms Dolman for their coaching and support.

Leanne Potter

The year 6/7 students have been busy cooking up a storm! Each week all students are involved in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, cooking in the kitchen using our healthy school grown produce or helping our garden specialist, Bridget in the garden. It has been wonderful to see the students’ skills develop and they have become enthusiastic and capable cooks and gardeners. Be sure to check out our school Facebook page for regular updates and yummy recipes. If your child is in year 6/7 ask them to cook for you one night!

Some of the delicious recipes we have cooked recently are lots of winter warmers, including:
- Moroccan sweet potato, carrot and chickpea soup
- Spicy pumpkin soup
- Sweetcorn soup
- Pizza
- Bread rolls
- Cauliflower, potato and chickpea curry
- Chilli con carne

Some of the fresh produce growing in our garden is:
- Cauliflower
- Broccoli
- Silverbeet
- Celery
- Cabbage
- Coriander
- Leeks
- Asian greens
- A range of herbs

Jodie Lewis
Inquiry – Olympic Glory versus Liveability

There has been a lot of talk about issues in Rio de Janeiro due to the Olympics. We researched some of these issues that are affecting the liveability of this city. These included government corruption, Zika virus, water and air pollution, poor health care and high crime rates. One of the big issues we felt strongly about was people being evicted from the favela communities to make way for Olympic infrastructure. We identified connections between these issues, and then developed a ‘How might we…?’ question to solve. Some of our questions included:

- How might we persuade the Brazilian government to stop evicting people from their homes? – Ivan, Brandon & Billy
- How might we reduce air pollution caused by big companies? – Wei and Yu Liang
- How might we raise awareness and money to cure Zika virus? – Abbey, Winette and Shayla

We prototyped some of our solutions, which included websites, petitions and Scratch animations.

We also learned about a range of different ecosystems in Brazil. We collaborated with our team members to gather information and identify problems. Some of the causes of the environmental issues include global warming, deforestation, coral bleaching and animal endangerment. We presented our learning to the rest of the class using PowerPoint, Scratch and model dioramas. These were very fun and creative tasks and we all enjoyed them.

By Romeeha

Camp was an amazing outdoor experience, even though the weather was disgusting it was still interesting and fun. There were two camps because we had way too many people for just one camp. The food there was very nice and delicious even though it was still healthy. The ladies who work there, gave us six meals a day and there were plenty of second helpings. Before camp we planned groups of sixteen people or less. The groups were for dormitories with a total of four large rooms, two for boys and the other two for girls. Each dorm had the same gender staff but they had their own room in the dormitories to supervise us. The staff at camp had lots of activities planned for us, even on rainy days we still had something fun to do. Camp one students had really heavy rain. The students on the second camp actually had hail. Some of our activities were: hiking, survival, woodwork, identifying skulls, scavenger hunt, etc. Once again we had an amazing time at camp with all our friends, sadly it ended too soon.

- Reina, Ha and Leah
Top Results for WGS Students in Australian Maths Challenge!

Our school has entered students in the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians since 2012, but 2016 has been our most successful year. We entered 24 students from Years 5 to 7 identified as being talented mathematicians. Year 5 and 6 students were in the Upper Primary division, while our Year 7 students competed in the Junior division against students Australia wide, some of whom are already in high school. We had four students (Reina, Kaia, Ha and Yen) achieve the highest certificate of Distinction in the Upper Primary section which is outstanding. Yen even managed a perfect score of 16 marks! There were three High Distinctions (Andy, Jordan and Jason) in the Junior section – another first for our school! These students can be very proud of their achievements as it shows that they are as good as any of the best students across Australia. Five other students achieved Credits including four Year 5 students doing the Challenge for the first time. This is promising for future success. Well done to all who competed in the three week long challenge!

Graham Wegner

These students received an award for showing respect, responsibility and fairness

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Planet Ark Schools for Trees planting day
29th July 2016

We had a great day, the weather was kind to us and the children worked hard.

There are new trees planted at the back of the Orange and Green building, the trees will have little cages around them to protect them.

A big thank you to all the children. A very enjoyable day

Bridget Williams