

Life in the Wilderness

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Founders Day Festivities

[Belinda Arnfield, Principal](#)

As Miss Margaret Brown's birthday, 20 May is a very special day for Wilderness. On this day, each year, we celebrate Founders Day. This year, our annual assembly contained a special treat: a film showing the founders themselves, thanks to one of our current SRC Executive representatives, **Eliza Corbin** (Year 12), and her grandmother, old scholar **Chrystabelle Corbin** (1964).

Earlier this year, Chrystabelle uncovered video footage from her school days at Wilderness. Year 12 students **Amolika Bhatia**, **Eliza Corbin**, **Harriet Craig**, **Inika Weber** and **Toni Pham** filmed and edited video clips of our current school to contrast with this historical footage, to compare how the school has changed. You could hear everyone in the room take a deeper breath when the Misses Brown appeared onscreen; to have this footage on the day we set aside each year to celebrate them was incredibly special, and we are very grateful to Chrystabelle and these students for making this film possible.

Of the several factors which distinguish Wilderness from other schools, so many of them are born from the vision of our founders. They were ambitious on their students' behalf and set a standard for their education so that they would all experience the fullness of life, both personally and professionally. How could we not celebrate this every year?

It is always a pleasure to welcome back so many Old Scholars for this cherished event, and to hear about their experience in the Wilderness. As is often the case during the pandemic, we understand that many were unable to make it, and we hope to see them again in coming years.

I am sure the current students also enjoyed their celebratory piece of cake at recess, before they headed back to class.

Fittingly, on that same evening, we hosted the annual WOSA Quiz Night. Congratulations to the winning team and all the successful bidders who left with this year's silent auction items. The funds raised will support a range of projects within the school as well as the Old Scholars' Scholarship, to welcome even more people into our community in coming years.

In other campus news, our Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students have all completed their NAPLAN testing over the past fortnight. For many of the younger students, it is one of their first introductions to exam-style testing, and we are proud of each and every one of them for their hard work.

I also offer my congratulations to **Devika Mukherjee** (Year 11), who recently travelled to Canberra to compete with the South Australian debating team. She impressed enough to be selected in the Australian squad, which is a remarkable achievement. To think calmly, speak clearly and compose a logical, thoughtful argument under pressure is a useful life skill—one that we will continue to foster in our schoolwide debating program—and we are very proud of Devika for excelling in this area.

Next week will mark the halfway point of this second term. I hope that your daughters have found their rhythm as they balance their coursework with extracurricular activities and, of course, the need for rest and recharge. We know they will continue to make their community proud.

COVID-19 Update

We were glad to learn this week that mask mandates will be lifted from schools as of Monday 30 May 2022. Masks will now be strongly encouraged (but not required) for all adults on campus, including parents and visitors, and students in Years 3 to 12.

Mask mandates will only be reinstated in the instance where:

- An individual class reports ten or more cases over a seven-day period; and/or
- A site reports five classes with five cases or more over a seven-day period.

In line with the Government's rules, we will continue to act swiftly in response to the

virus, and I would like to remind you about the current rules for close contacts.

Close contacts are no longer expected to quarantine, which means that if your daughter(s) finds herself exposed to COVID-19 at home or in the community, and does not present with symptoms, they can continue attending school. However, if they are a close contact, they must continue to wear a mask outside of their house (if they are aged 12 years and over), take five rapid antigen tests over the seven-day period following exposure to COVID-19, must not visit high-risk settings such as hospitals or aged care facilities and must not attend overnight camps.

If your daughter develops symptoms, she must not attend school and must get tested as soon as possible.







EARLY LEARNING

Joining in With National Simultaneous Storytime

Rebecca Williamson, Assistant Head of Junior School - Early Years

"It started with a seed, and that seed was me. And, over time, laughter filled my garden..."

These two beautiful sentences were taken from the heart-warming story *Family Tree* by Josh Pyke and Ronojoy Ghosh, which we thoroughly enjoyed reading this week. This picture book, described as a heartfelt celebration of family, community and seasons of life, brought joy to our girls and millions of other children during the National Simultaneous Storytime.

The purpose of this special storytime was for educators and children all over the country to read the same story at 11.00am on the same day—Wednesday 25 May—which we did. Our participation is important to us, especially as this storytime aims to get children excited about reading.

Additionally, this story will be enjoyed repeatedly (as all good books are) as it links beautifully to our current learning about families. The Annie girls have loved sharing their family trees with the class. As **Selena Abayaratna** (Annies) said, "These are all the people who love me"—a sentence so special that it has stayed with me. We never underestimate the importance of family in our ELC, and this is especially reflected in the beautiful family photos lining the shelves.

Moving on from this week and into Reconciliation Week, we look forward to taking this

learning further by considering an Indigenous perspective on the concept of family. Once again, a picture book, *Family*, written by Aunty Fay Muir and Sue Lawson will launch us into this learning. This book is described (by Booktopia) as a remarkably simple story that teaches us how family can be many different things.

What does family mean to you?





JUNIOR SCHOOL

Visiting the Migration Museum

[Rebecca Ratcliffe, Junior School Teacher - Year 3](#)

Last week, the Year 3s went to the Migration Museum as part of our HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) learning this semester. We were split into two groups. In 3R, one group went with Elizabeth and the other went with David, while for the girls in 3M, one group went with Deidre and again one went with David. We learned about lots of interesting things such as:

- The stolen generation and how the white people stole the Aboriginal children from their families
- Aboriginal artists' paintings and what stories they tell
- How the white people came and took their land
- How they made Aboriginal people learn English and forced them to learn a new language, while the white people didn't learn the Aboriginal language
- What they used to eat
- What the Aboriginal people used to wear when they were forced to go to school
- Aboriginal string games, such as The Big Lizard.

We had a great time and enjoyed learning about all these different things.

By **Maya Dan, Amelia Davis and Evie Carter (Year 3)**

Year 3 Class Representative Events

Our Year 3 Class Representative Hita Modi (Kyra's mum) has planned a number of fun catch-up events for the Year 3 parents and students. Further details are to come about the Parents Dinner, Mini Golf and Woodhouse Activity, but please put these dates into your calendar/diary!

Wednesday 1 June

Coffee Catch-Up

After school drop off

Nest Bistro Coffee Bar

Friday 19 August

Parents Dinner

Time/Venue – TBA

Please RSVP by Friday 12 August

Sunday 18 September

West Beach Mini Golf

Time – TBC

Please RSVP by Sunday 11 September

Sunday 20 November

Woodhouse Activity (End of Year – Wrap a book – Gift from Santa)

Time – TBC

Please RSVP by Sunday 13 November







MIDDLE SCHOOL

Climbing, Paddling, Surfing, Learning

[Rhianon Giles, Acting Head of Middle School](#)

Student Helpers at WOSA Quiz Night

The Wilderness Old Scholars Committee would like to thank a number of girls who helped set up the Quiz Night during their lunch time last Friday, including **Matilda Winter** (Year 8), **Iris Newman** (Year 8), **Katarina Czechowicz** (Year 8), **Emma Portolesi** (Year 8), **Leila Thirlwell** (Year 8), **Jessica Davey** (Year 8), **Maya Kafagy** (Year 8), **Holly Bahr** (Year 8), **Lily Nicholls** (Year 8), **Rose Newman** (Year 10), **Arabella Bahr** (Year 10), **Jasmin Thirlwell** (Year 10) and **Hazel Newman** (Year 5).

Thank you to the girls from the Student Foundation—**Fengfan Zhang** (Year 10), **Sophie Reu** (Year 10), **An Do** (Year 10), **Jasmine Huynh** (Year 10), **Diya Patel** (Year 9) and **Jamila Macris** (Year 10)—who attended the Quiz Night and did a wonderful job selling raffle tickets and helping members of the WOSA Committee on the evening.

Wilderness World Happiness Expo

Today, the Year 7 students held a World Happiness Expo in Hender Hall, to present the design solutions they had created to increase happiness in countries around the world. These projects were part of the Year 7 Artemis unit called The Future of Happiness. It was a wonderful opportunity for the girls to share their learning with each other and the

staff who attended. Thank you to the Year 7 Artemis teachers for organising such a successful event.

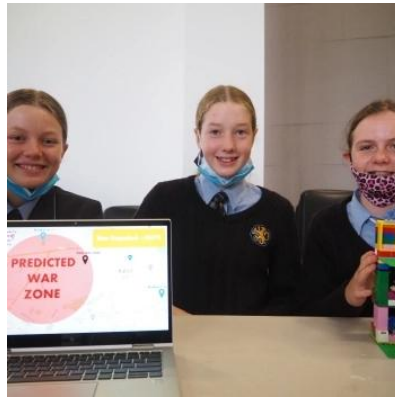
REALISE Core Group 2 Returns

Another group of our Year 9 students just returned from their REALISE experience. We hope you enjoy this reflection from Year 9 student, **Georgia Inglis**, who was part of Core Group 2.

“During the first three weeks of Term 2, Core Group 2 headed down to Crawford for their REALISE experience. Girls discovered new things about themselves, developed and strengthened existing relationships and learned to live collaboratively. Some of the highlights of the experience were returning to Mount Arapiles in Victoria for rock climbing (after a few years of climbing in South Australia); glassy conditions on the Coorong for the first few days of our paddling expedition, and then a challenging but exhilarating final day crossing; and a memorable day at Robe surfing and supporting each other in the waves.

Many girls enjoyed the crazy bus singalongs, cooking in their cabins and the intense Monopoly Deal games in their free time, as well as the hour of reading, writing and catching up on sleep in Chill Out. The girls faced physical and mental challenges throughout their experience, making them stronger individuals. Over the 21 days of the program, the girls learned how to be independent young women and discovered what life may look like after graduating from school.”







SENIOR SCHOOL

Succeeding with Merit

Ben Manifold, Head of Senior School

Last week I was fortunate to attend Government House for two of nine Merit ceremonies, to celebrate the academic achievements of our Years 11 and 12 girls who undertook Stage 2 studies in 2021. The Classes of 2021 and 2022 will be remembered for undertaking their final two years of secondary schooling during the global COVID pandemic, yet the resilience, optimism and spirit with which the girls approached their studies has prepared them well to tackle whatever lies ahead of them.

The SACE Merit Ceremony provides an opportunity for the South Australian community to honour the outstanding achievements of those students who achieved in the top one percent of all students in the subject area. Wilderness students achieved 76 merits in 2021 across 17 different subject areas. This is an incredible achievement and one that recognises the commitment and dedication of our students and staff through a time of uncertainty and change. **Nikita Page** (2021) was also awarded a Governor of South Australia Commendation—Excellence Award. Nikita is an exceptional role model and citizen of our School who is congratulated on this achievement.

The focus of our Middle and Senior School Assembly this week was our school value of Responsible Citizenship. This value centres around developing responsible, respectful and generous global citizens and leaders, who act with integrity for a socially just world and a sustainable future for the Earth. I talked to the girls about the importance of service and giving back to their communities, in particular those less fortunate.

At the Assembly, we welcomed back old scholar **Ashleigh Desilva** (2018) who is the current Girl Up Global Ambassador. Ashleigh was involved in the setting up of the Girl Up Club at Wilderness and it is fantastic to see her continuing her involvement and supporting UN programs to promote the health, safety, education, and leadership of girls in developing countries. The Term 2 initiative for the Girl Up Club at School will focus on domestic and gender violence prevention in conjunction with Catherine House.

We also discussed the 2022 SONY Camp. The camp aims to provide an enjoyable experience for each camper as well as respite care for their families. The children, who range between 8 to 14 years of age, have varying degrees of developmental challenges, some relatively mild and some more significant. While there are always challenges in running the SONY Camp, there is no doubt that these camps are life changing for the camper, their families and, in particular, the students who are involved in the running of the camp. Girls in Years 10 and 11 are encouraged to apply to be involved with the 2022 Camp.

The next two weeks at school will see a focus on Reconciliation and the Arts. We look forward to welcoming our 2022 Artist in Residence, Mr Hamish Fleming and our Musician in Residence, Mr Adam Page.

Finally, a reminder that Years 11 and 12 girls will undertake their Mid-Year Exams in Weeks 7 and 8 of this term. It is important that girls are planning ahead to ensure that they meet the assessment requirements and are prepared for these important formative exams.

Wilderness Year 11 Mothers Lunch

Dear Year 11 Mums,

You are invited to lunch on the last day of term at the Kentish Hotel in North Adelaide. We would love you to attend. Please see the invite in the image gallery below, and RSVP by email or phone. We look forward to seeing you there.

Naomi Fahey Quick and Rachel Southon

Year 11 Parent Representatives





BOARDING

Celebrating National Boarders Week

[Renee Coventry, Head of Boarding](#)

Celebrating National Boarders Week

Last week, we celebrated National Boarders Week through a range of small activities and initiatives, including the sharing of Wildy Boarder cookies and a Boarders Week Raffle that was drawn on Monday night. Boarders Week is a wonderful time for us to appreciate the diversity of our boarding community—including parents, students and staff.

Who is Coming to Dinner?

Over the past week, we welcomed Mr Brad and Mrs Kate Snell, Dr Rhiannon Giles, Mr Matthew D'Aloisio and Miss Billie Newton to dinner for our first week of 'Who is Coming to Dinner?'. It was wonderful for our girls to interact with these teachers in a relaxed and casual fashion. This week, we were joined by Ms April Bickley, Ms Chris Lanthois, Mr Andrew Mittiga, Ms Sarah Wheeler and Mr Tobia Trentin.

Events

Following the initiative of our girls, Wildy will host the first Interschool Social for senior

boarders in Term 3. We have received pleasing interest from boarding schools across Adelaide for this event, scheduled for Friday 5 August. We will set up a committee of girls to assist with the organisation and planning of the event.

I know that our girls are very excited about the prospect of interschool events returning, and I applaud them for taking the initiative to move this idea forward.

This weekend, we look forward to our first event of the year. Our girls and St Peter's Boys will gather together for a Mini Golf event on Friday 27 May.

Other upcoming events include:

- Friday 3 June at 6.30pm: Girls ice skating with Wilderness and other girls' schools
- Friday 4 June at 6.30pm: Thunderbirds netball game
- Friday 17 June at 7.00pm: Karaoke at Seymour College.

We encourage girls to sign up to these events with other schools, and embrace the opportunity to socialise with students from other boarding schools in Adelaide.

Bliss Ball Making

Over the weekend, a few girls helped to make some yummy and healthy bliss balls, which were very popular and nut free. We hope to have bliss balls as a regular feature of our evening suppers.







SPORT

Winter Sport Kicks Off

[Jon Trovas, Director of Sport and Recreation](#)

Winter sport is well underway with our Junior School Netball, Hockey and Minkey teams developing their skills and enjoying the chance to apply these in our Junior School Competition. As always, it is a leadership opportunity for our Middle and Senior School girls to engage with our Junior School girls in umpiring, coaching and mentoring roles.

Our U15 Lacrosse girls had the first playing honours for our Middle and Senior School Sports in the Lacrosse SA competition. The girls have had a promising start to the season with some competitive results producing two wins in the first three matches.

This week we began our first round of IGSSA Winter Sports. Our girls and coaches have been hard at work throughout the first three weeks of term to trial and prepare for our opening matches. It is fantastic to see so many members of our teaching staff taking up coaching roles and encouraging our girls in their co-curricular offerings.

Our Division 1 and 2 Soccer teams played on Wednesday afternoon against Woodcroft and Walford respectively, enjoying their first hit out of the season with the Division 2 girls securing a win over Walford. Our Premier League team played a friendly fixture against Seymour to test some strategy and game play ahead of our Term 3 Intercol fixture.

We wish our AFL, Badminton, Hockey and Netball teams well for their first weekend of fixtures.

Our netballers will be stepping out onto our newly refurbished netball and tennis courts in the Park Lands this season, thanks to State Government funding. We are very grateful

for this support, and cannot wait to watch our athletes excel with these facilities.

SSSSA A Grade Swimming Championships

On Thursday, Wilderness was represented by 20 of our strongest swimmers at the SSSSA A Grade Swimming Championships, held at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre. This was a significant occasion for Wilderness as it was our first year contesting the A Grade division in several years.

We are delighted to announce that our Wilderness team were outstanding on the night in a closely contested event, managing to place first and take out the A Grade Championships!

This event has been running since 1967 and this is the first time Wilderness has won the A Grade event—a simply magnificent result.

Our swimmers put in enormous effort, training each week behind the scenes with their individual clubs, and this is a very deserving recognition of our talented young group.

Thank you to our girls and parents for their support of Wilderness Swimming. Every girl in every event earned valuable points toward the tally, regardless of placing. We are looking forward to competing in the IGSSA Championships next on Tuesday 31 May.

Sport Information Reminders

Please be reminded that, apart from a start of season reminder email, emails are typically not used to communicate Sport information. If there happens to be late changes, we will use email to contact girls and their families.

Sport information—including draws, venues and playing times—is available through Clipboard and will always be available by 12.00pm the day prior to the match. Each week, our teams are confirmed as quickly as possible following their final training session, before being updated in Clipboard.

A link to the weekly team list is available through the parent information notes in Clipboard by clicking on the fixture for the week.

New Coordinator Welcomes

We are delighted to have recently appointed Ms Tracy Frith to the role of Netball Coordinator and Ms Rebecca Keller as our Lacrosse Coordinator. Both Tracy and Rebecca are registered teachers and bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their respective roles.

We look forward to their positive influence enriching the girls' experience and trust they

will be warmly welcomed into our community.

Coming Up Next Week

Next week, several Wilderness teams will compete in their respective representative competitions.

Monday will see our selected girls in Years 4-6 compete at the North Adelaide District SAPSASA Cross Country. Our girls will compete in their age groups against the top District schools for selection in the North Adelaide team to contest the SAPSASA State Championships in June.

Tuesday sees a double header with our IGSSA Swimming team looking to continue their SSSSA results against the IGSSA schools, and our Years 7-10 Touch representatives will look to defend their 2021 SSSSA Statewide Championships success as they compete in the 2022 Finals Day at Park 17.

Finally, our Open Touch girls will be looking to go one step further from their second-place finish in 2021 at the 2022 SSSSA Statewide Championships Touch finals.

We wish the best of luck to all our girls and we look forward to sharing their results with you in the next issue.





CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Into the Recording Booth

[Anna Lenartowicz, Head of Music](#)

This week, we took our Big Band 1 and 2, Jazz Choir and Jazz Incorporated ensembles to Wizard Tone Studios to experience a professional recording session. We had two purposes for visiting the great studio in Hendon; the first was to have the opportunity to record the repertoire that the students have been working on so diligently this year. These recordings will become part of a special Wildy Generations In Jazz 2022 Podcast in the coming weeks, so keep an eye open for how to listen to this. The second reason for these excursions was to record the full set of repertoire in readiness for this week's submission for the Generations In Jazz Festival.

Working alongside music producer James Brown at Wizard Tone, the students had a half-day for each ensemble to do a couple of takes and get some great photo shots at the same time!

[Jazz at the Gov](#)

Please view the 2022 poster for [Jazz at the Gov](#).

To book your tickets, [click here](#).

Anna Lenartowicz

Head of Music

Artist in Residence 2022

This year's Artist in Residence is Adelaide-based painter, Hamish Fleming. Hamish will be working with our students in the Art Centre in Week 5 this term and Week 7 in Term 3. When he is not directly working with our Art students, Hamish will be developing his newest series of paintings for an upcoming exhibition, where students can see the evolving process of a contemporary artist.

Hamish predominantly works in the genre of expressive realism, combining more contemporary aspects with the traditional painting forms of still life, landscape and portraiture. His work centres around the potent and unspoken emotional significance of objects, places and people, exploring the nature of human experience and contemporary life.

[An exhibition](#) of his artworks will be shown in the Art Centre during his residency and can be viewed between 8.30am-4.00pm on weekdays.

Brooke Porter

Head of Art







CAREERS CORNER

Careers Corner

Caroline Palmer, Careers Counsellor

There are a number of interesting articles and webinars about what is happening in the careers space for our students to look into.

Careers in Fashion

Ahead of Australian Fashion Week, learn about six exciting roles to consider in the industry [here](#).

Careers in Nursing

This [article](#) is great for students who are keen to explore nursing as a career pathway.

Careers in Criminology

According to The Good Universities Guide, criminologists examine the systems by which people accused of crimes are brought to justice, attempt to explain the reasons for criminal behaviour and suggest ways crime might be reduced.

Criminologists perform the following tasks:

- Study the ways certain criminal justice agencies operate, including the law courts, police services, prisons and community-based correction centres
- Provide information about crime and the ways in which people are processed by the

criminal justice system

- Compile crime statistics and develop ways in which crime solving resources can be best used.

Criminologists may specialise in organisational research, victimology, corporate crime, adult corrections and/or juvenile justice. They may work in the legal field, which tries to make sure that laws keep up with changes in society. They may also work in the social/psychological fields, which study the effects of the criminal justice system or the factors which contribute to offending behaviour by individuals.

What type of person becomes a criminologist?

- Someone who has analytical ability
- Someone with personal integrity
- Someone interested in welfare and human behaviour
- Someone interested in working with disadvantaged youth

A useful website to browse through and find out more is the [Australian Institute of Criminology](#).

You can also read through The Good Universities Guide page on Criminology [here](#).

Careers in Space

The Australian Space Discovery Centre is inspiring the future workforce to sustain and grow our national space industry, with a goal to triple the size of the sector to create 20,000 new Australian jobs by 2030. Space is a multidisciplinary domain and needs all sorts of skillsets and types of people.

“There’s much more to a career in space than being an astronaut. There are many exciting career paths to follow right here on Earth. Space law, medicine, design and manufacturing, robotics and data analysis. We need a range of skills to support our space sector.”

Read further about careers in space [here](#).

Careers in Cosmetology/Beauty Therapy

A cosmetologist is someone trained in applying cosmetic procedures, therapies and treatments to beautify one's outer appearance, and in implementing cosmetic treatments to people's hair, skin and nails. Cosmetologists have a diverse range of career choices, from having their own salon, teaching, to also working in different industries such as film, freelance, hair removal, editorial, TV or becoming a makeup artist or beauty blogger/vlogger.

The Good Universities Guide lists a range of potential duties and work roles [here](#).

University of Western Sydney Webinars (including webinar about Medicine)

You can access the webinars [here](#).

Studying in the UK Webinar

Monday 30 May at 7.30pm ACST

Hosted by Imperial College London and University of St Andrews Scotland.

Join this webinar to find out more about the differences in the English and Scottish university system. Hear from current students in live Q&A.

Imperial College London is one of the world's best universities, located in the centre of one of the world's most exciting cities.

The University of St Andrews is one of the world's oldest universities, where the campus is in the ancient town of St Andrews and where nearly half of its students come from outside the UK.

If you are not able to join the webinar live, please do still sign up to receive a recording after the event has finished. You can then email your questions to the universities directly.

Questions about Imperial College London can be directed to: [Jennie Long](#).

For questions about The University of St Andrews, please contact: [William Leitch](#).

To register for the webinar, click [here](#).



COMMUNITY

Looking Forward to SONY Foundation Camp

[Wilderness School](#)

[Sony Foundation Camp 2022](#)

The SONY Children's Camp for 2022 will be held at St Peter's College from Sunday 2 to Tuesday 4 October. This is a wonderful service opportunity for our Years 10 and 11 students.

The camp is still looking for children to attend, so please email [here](#) if you have a child who is interested in participating.

Please click [here](#) for the 2022 event flyer.

