



THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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Thursday, the 20th of March, 2025

Willowmavin Primary School resides on the lands of the Taungurung people.

We acknowledge their leaders past and present and pledge to respect the earth, the life and the waters of these lands.

Specialists!

Specialist classes at Willowmavin, such as Art, Physical Education (PE), Resilience, Rights, and Respectful Relationships (RRRR), and Italian provide valuable learning opportunities beyond the core curriculum. In Art, students develop creativity, and self-expression through various mediums. PE promotes physical fitness, teamwork, and motor skill development, encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle. RRRR fosters emotional intelligence, conflict resolution, helping students build positive relationships. And learning Italian enhances language, cultural awareness and extends communication skills. Have a look at what our junior students have been up to in Art recently!





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrations!

It has been another great couple of weeks with plenty of smiles, fun and learning across the school. Recent news stories have pointed out the many challenges facing schools with managing student behaviour. At Willowmavin PS, we have worked tirelessly on ensuring our school values are not just adorning our school documentation, but that they can be seen in the every day actions of our students. In class, students have been being their best as they seek to develop their understandings of the curriculum. Teachers are working with students on ensuring we understand what respect is and how we show this at all times. In the yard, students have been mindful of the way in which they play with one another, ensuring everyone is safe.



And throughout the day – and particularly at the commencement of the day for our Foundation students – we have been building our students' abilities to master their emotions and demonstrate a resilient attitude when things aren't quite how we'd like them to be.

Student Leadership, Voice and Agency

At Willowmavin Primary School, we strongly believe that effective student leadership, voice and agency practices and processes will lead to better outcomes for our students and improvement for our school. Our student leaders play very visible roles across the school – from setting up and running our school assemblies, in which student lenighttimesent awards, to overseeing Club Willow, to identifying, acknowledging and celebrating particular awareness days throughout the year, via the work of our Junior School Council. Our Junior School Council also act as a strong body to promote student voice and agency. In addition, Willow conducts student surveys in Term 1, 2 and 3.

In our professional learning sessions over the past couple of weeks, we have been reflecting on the results of our Student Surveys, investigating what students are telling us about their experiences in the classroom; celebrating areas of success and identifying areas for improvement. For areas of improvement, we are in the process of planning actions we believe will achieve the improvements our students expect of us. We look forward to sharing this work with families down the track.

Student Drop Off

We are noticing a significant increase in the number of students arriving late to class. As communicated previously, late arrivals in the classroom result in missed learning opportunities and serve as a distraction to other students. The school yard is supervised from 8:35am and families are encouraged to drop children off any time after this - and no later than 8:50am (when the school day commences). All arrivals after 8:50am are to report to the office where they will receive a late pass and, if needed, be escorted to the classroom. Parents dropping children off after 8:50am will not be able to drop off at the classroom. If you are having difficulty in getting your child to school on time, please consider your morning and nighttime routines. Guidance is available: [Morning routine for school: practical tips](#) | [Raising Children Network](#)

School Council

Ever thought about making a real difference in our school community? Nominating for School Council is a fantastic opportunity to have a voice in key decisions, support our students, and help shape the future of Willowmavin Primary School. It's a rewarding role where you'll collaborate with staff and families, contribute to school improvements, and be part of a passionate team committed to our school's success. If you're interested, we'd love to have you on board! Nominations are now open. Please refer to the Compass post from last week or contact the office for more details.

Signing Off

We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorns have roses.

Until next time, take care of one another and be the best you can be!

Mr. O'Callaghan





Student of the Week



Term: 1

Week: 6



F/1
2/3

Nate
Bodhi



Student of the Week



Term: 1

Week: 7



F/1 Mackenzie
2/3 Harper
4/5/6 Maria

EPILEPSY Awareness DAY!

On Wednesday, the 26th of March, Willowmavin Primary School will be raising awareness and showing support of those with Epilepsy. Students are encouraged to wear splashes of purple on the day (purple ribbon, piece of purple clothing, purple socks, etc.). At recess, we will be having a fact hunt around the yard.

Junior School Council students





Annual Easter Raffle

AS YOU ALL KNOW, EASTER AND THE END OF TERM ARE FAST APPROACHING, THEREFORE WE ARE GETTING A START ON OUR HUGE SUCCESSFUL EASTER RAFFLE TO FINISH OFF TERM 1! ON FRIDAY THE 28TH OF MARCH, WE WILL BE HAVING AN OUT OF UNIFORM DAY. IN RETURN FOR COMING IN CASUAL DRESS, WE ARE ASKING FOR FAMILIES TO KINDLY DONATE EASTER EGGS OR EASTER RELATED ITEMS SO THAT WE CAN MAKE UP A VARIETY OF HAMPERS TO RAFFLE OFF ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM.

TICKETS FOR THE RAFFLE ARE ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE. THERE ARE 10 TICKETS PER FAMILY AND EACH TICKET COSTS \$1. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE MORE TICKETS, PLEASE SEE US AT THE OFFICE.

PLEASE RETURN ALL MONEY AND UNUSED TICKETS TO THE OFFICE BY TUESDAY, THE 1ST OF APRIL.

Easter Bonnet Parade

WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR ANNUAL EASTER BONNET PARADE ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM 1, FRIDAY, THE 4TH OF APRIL, AT OUR END OF TERM ASSEMBLY, STARTING AT 12:45PM.

STUDENTS WILL HAVE TIME TO CREATE THEIR EASTER BONNETS IN CLASS, HOWEVER, AS ALWAYS, FAMILIES ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO ADD THEIR OWN FLAIR! PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE OF COURSE ALSO INVITED TO GET CREATIVE AND DESIGN YOUR OWN 2025 EASTER BONNET!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO FAMILIES JOINING US TO CELEBRATE THE SPECTACULAR DISPLAY OF EASTER BONNETS ON PARADE!

Hop into Breakfast Club

WE WILL ALSO BE HAVING A SPECIAL BREAKFAST CLUB FOR THE LAST DAY OF TERM 1!

HOP INTO BREAKFAST CLUB ON THURSDAY, THE 3RD OF APRIL 8:20AM-8:45AM AND GET A HOT CROSS BUN.

IF FAMILIES WOULD LIKE TO DONATE HOT CROSS BUNS, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Bakers Delight
WALLAN

Easter Ordering 2025

BAKERS DELIGHT WALLAN WOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOU THE
OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE SOME DELICIOUS HOT CROSS
BUNS WITH \$2 FROM EVERY PACK SOLD BEING DONATED BACK
TO OUR ORGANISATION!



Scan me to order!

Simply order your Hot Cross
Buns on their website
www.wallanbd.com.au

by Friday 28th March

and your items will be
delivered to the School for
your collection on

Friday 4th April

When ordering online, please make sure you select *Willowmavin Primary School*
and enter your Child's name & Class

Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too!



HOLIDAY

FOOTY FRENZY



BROADFORD
FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

WED 9 & THURS 10 APRIL

@ HARLEY HAMMOND RESERVE, BROADFORD

8:30AM TO 5:00PM

**SCAN FOR
MORE INFO
&
TO SIGN UP!**

**AGES 5 - 14YO BOYS & GIRLS
SNACKS & LUNCH PROVIDED!**



**1 DAY - \$60
2 DAYS - \$100**



**WHO WILL WIN
THE
FITZPATRICK CUP!**

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.



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What's On...

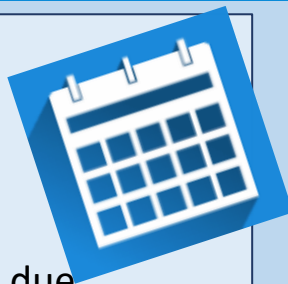
Dates To Remember

March

- 26th Epilepsy Awareness Day
- 28th Casual Clothes Day
- 28th Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun orders due
- 28th Donations for Easter Raffle due

April

- 1st Return raffle tickets for Easter Raffle
- 3rd Hot Cross Bun Breakfast Club
- 4th Easter Bonnett Parade 12:45 pm
- 4th Last Day of Term 1 (school finish at 1:30pm)



March

- 24th Ollie

April

- 3rd Zara
- 14th Jack
- 19th Harper and Sharni



Reminders

Uniform Reminder

We have had an increased number of students without a hat for recess and lunchtime over the past few weeks. This is a friendly reminder to please ensure that children have a SunSmart hat with them at school. We have new hats available for sale at the front office for \$10.

Please note that we do not allow students to borrow hats due to the risk of spreading head lice.

General Reminder

Please let your classroom teacher know if you will be bringing food into the classroom to share with students. This is so that we can alert student parents prior.



BE YOUR BEST



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



SAFE