



THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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Newsletter 2

CELEBRATING LEARNING



What a difference a weekend can make!





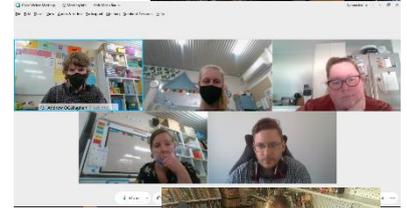
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrations!

Another period of remote learning, and not surprisingly by now, all members of WPS have smashed it! Whilst families could have been forgiven for thinking, it's only three days, and not prioritising their child's engagement in this period of remote learning, attendance has been strong across the school. Thank you to our families and of course, thank you to our students for this. Given how experienced we are with remote learning after last year, it is easy to forget that this is our new Foundation families' first (and hopefully last!) bout of remote learning. So a special congratulations to these students and families.



As mentioned in Compass posts, I would also like to acknowledge the fantastic work yet again of staff as they have gone above and beyond to provide continuation of learning and support for students. In addition, teachers have done an amazing job in finding a fine balance in implementing this round of RL whilst also turning their focus to other school priorities.



Finally, I do especially want to acknowledge the efforts of Maggie and Anne as they have provided the support for students attending on-site. In particular, we thank Anne, who has done this whilst also having to support her three children engage in remote learning at home.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to all of our students who represented our school so well in last week's Small School Cluster Swimming Championships. Special mention of course must go to Jack Hamilton, Charlotte Bradley and Bailey Morgan who were age champions! Jack, Charlotte and Bailey, along with Nate Long, Savannah Watts and Tait Lang will now be representing Willowmavin at the District event on Friday. We wish them the best of luck!



School Council Elections

Our 2021 School Council elections will be taking place over the next couple of weeks. An effective school council is vital to the running of a successful school. Attaining a position on School Council is a privilege and comes with great responsibility. However, no experience is necessary and we strongly encourage all members of our school community to nominate. All that is needed is a commitment to working as a team to make our school the best it can be.

If you would like more information on the role of a school councillor, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

School Closure on Code Red Days

The Department of Education has refined the Code Red Policy to close Category 4 education facilities at risk of bushfire or grassfire on a Code Red Day. As a result of this, Willowmavin Primary School has now been listed as a Category 4 school. This means that when a Code Red day is declared for our district, the school will be pre-emptively closed and no staff or students will be allowed on-site. Families will be notified of a Code Red Day and subsequent closure for our school no later than 2pm the day preceding. Please note that Code Red days are the highest possible rating on the state's fire danger scale. They are not simply days of total fire ban. There have been very few Code Red days since their inception, and so this will be something that occurs extremely rarely for our school.

Attendance

For the past two days of remote learning, we managed an attendance rate of just over 96%! This is a fantastic effort. We hope to see this figure repeated when we all return to learning on-site tomorrow.

Signing Off

Teach your children to work for the things that they want or they will never appreciate what they have. They will always expect everything to be given to them.

Mr. O'Callaghan



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What's On...



Dates To Remember – Term 1:

- 17th February – Meet the Teacher
- 24th February- Welcome Picnic
- 11th March – Curriculum Day (TBC)



February
24th Jake Godley

Breakfast Club – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Breakfast Club is back from 8.20am – 8.45am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in Club Willow. All welcome.

We have toast, cereals, fruit, milo milk.
This week we have baked beans and spaghetti
We look forward to seeing you there.

PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED:

We presently need parent helpers for the following upcoming events:

- Organising the Mothers' Day Stall
 - Preparation of hampers/prizes for the Easter Raffle
 - Breakfast Club Helpers!
- If you would like to help please see Peta at the office!

ZOOPER DOOPERS!

Believe it or not we have gone through all the Zooper Doopers that were generously donated last year! If you can donate a packet of Zooper Doopers for our Tuesday Icy Pole Sales we would very much appreciate it