

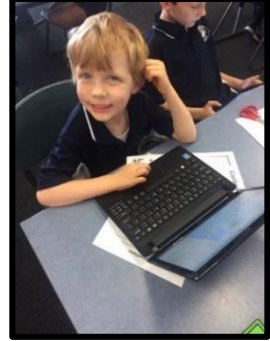


Thursday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of February, 2020

Newsletter 3

CELEBRATING LEARNING IN...

## Grade 1/2/3



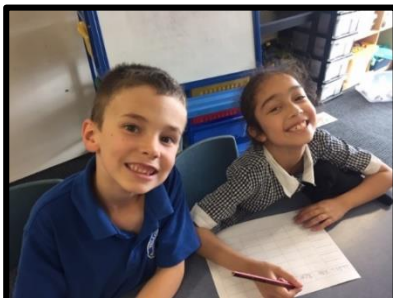
### Reading

In Reading, we have been practising to choose 'just right' books. We have also been learning to do independent and partner reading successfully.



### Writing

In Writing we have just begun learning about persuasive texts. We tried to convince a reader by writing our opinion and then creating reasons to support our idea.



### Maths

In Maths, we have been learning about shapes. This week we were learning about the names and features of 2D shapes.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Celebrations!

This week has seen the commencement of our specialist classes. Students participated in their first sessions of Art (with Miss Rodger), Health and P.E. (with Miss Smith), Science (with Mr Rodwell) and Performing Arts (with Miss Taylor). It was extremely pleasing to see the preparation that teachers had put in to these sessions. Our students are so fortunate to have a group of teachers that are so dedicated and willing to give up their time to enhance the learning opportunities provided in their classrooms.

Today's Meet the Teacher and Welcome Picnic is another example of the dedication of our staff. This has also been an example of how we all have a role to play as a team at Willowmavin. It was great to see such amazing support for this afternoon's arrangements from our families with over 75% of our students being picked up early. This has allowed us to effectively manage the afternoon without the need to employ extra staff. Thank you to those families who did make arrangements to pick up their children early. Thank you also to families of students who were not able to be picked up until the normal time of 3pm for ensuring your child still came to school.

### Principal's Award:

**Student Name:** Blair Newbould

**School Value:** Achievement

For demonstrating extraordinary persistence at our swimming carnival and for then being proud of the fact he had done his absolute best! Brilliant stuff Blair!

### Meet the Teacher Interviews

To provide the best possible education for your child, it is critical that schools work in partnership with students' homes. Meet the Teacher interviews are a pivotal opportunity to build strong partnerships between parents and guardians and their child's teacher.

Our Meet the Teacher interviews, as mentioned above, are of course being conducted this afternoon. If you did not make a booking for this afternoon for whatever reason, please ensure you make a time to speak with your child's classroom teacher.

### Welcome Picnic

A reminder that our Welcome Picnic is happening this afternoon from 4pm to 7pm. The purpose of this afternoon is to have an opportunity for all members of our school community to come together as we start another school year. We have a number of new families at Willowmavin this year so it may be an opportunity to meet with some new faces. Alternatively, it is also an opportunity to catch up with familiar faces that perhaps we haven't seen since the Summer holidays. We hope to see you there for an enjoyable and social afternoon.

### Absences

As part of our Duty of Care for students, as of next week, if your child is absent from school without explanation, you will receive a phone call from the school to explain the absence. Making these phone calls will be a time consuming exercise taking us away from tasks that will have a greater impact on student learning outcomes. To assist us in this matter, please ensure you notify us of any absences as soon as you are aware of them. Our preferred method for communication of absences at this time is via e-mail to the classroom teacher. This enables the classroom teacher to update their roll with absence information.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

### School Fees

Invoices for 2020 school fees went out in Week 1. Thank you to those families who have already paid their fees. For those families who are concerned that they will not be able to pay their fees by the due date of Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, please don't hesitate to come and speak with us. We are extremely flexible when it comes to forming a suitable payment plan that enables you to make this essential contribution to your child's education.

### School Council

We are seeking nominations for the 2020 School Council. There are a total of 4 vacancies up for election this year, 3 of these are Parent Member vacancies. School councils are responsible for overseeing the school's budgeting and financial operations as well as the school's strategic planning and policy development. Being a member of School Council is a very privileged position that enables you to have a strong voice in the direction of the school. Despite the responsibilities of the position, being a member of School Council requires no experience, just a desire to improve learning outcomes for our students.

### Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property currently at school. However we also have a number of brand new school uniform items that are missing. If your child accidentally brings home a school uniform item (or any item for that matter!) that is not theirs, please ensure it makes its way back to school. This is an opportune time to remind of the need to label all items coming to school.

### Signing Off

*At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.*

Until next time, be the best you can be.

Mr. O'Callaghan



# Student of the Week



Term: 1 Week: 1



**F/1 CHARLIE MCCROSSAN SCHOOL VALUE: COMMUNITY**  
For being a great class leader.



**F/1 CHARLOTTE JACKSON SCHOOL VALUE: COMMUNITY**  
For being a great class leader.



**1/2/3 ALEX MASON SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT**  
For starting Grade One with a positive and enthusiastic attitude.



**3/4 HARRISON MEALY SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT**  
For displaying a positive attitude towards coming back to school and his work.



**5/6 BLAKE DALE SCHOOL VALUE: COMMUNITY**  
For showing kindness to others in the classroom



# Student of the Week



Term: 1

Week: 2



**F/1**

**BRYCE HABER**

**SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT**

For making a great start to the year.



**1/2/3**

**WILLOW POULTER**

**SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT**

For putting her best effort in to all learning tasks.



**3/4**

**MILLA HISCOCK**

**SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT**

For always following the teacher's instructions during class.



**5/6**

**FLYNN PATTON**

**SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT**

For having an amazing "can do" attitude at the swimming sports.





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## What's On...



February

- 13<sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher 2-5pm  
Welcome Picnic 4-7pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> District Swimming



February

- 10<sup>th</sup> Jack Griffiths
- 12<sup>th</sup> Flynn Patton

## Celebrating Learning in...

# Health and Physical Education

Wow! What a great start to Physical Education last week. Students were involved in team work challenges that required students to communicate, listen, encourage and cooperate in order for their team to be successful. It was very loud but that was due to the excitement and anticipation to see if they were going to achieve each level of the activity.

The activity was for students to pass a rubber chicken around their group without it touching the floor or another part of their body:

- Level 1: Using only hands
- Level 2: Using only elbows
- Level 3: Using only knees
- Level 4: Using only feet
- Level 5 Using only neck and chin

Challenge: Try it at home with your family.



Good Luck to the our students who made it to Division Swimming. We look forward to hearing about your experiences and achievements from the day.