



Wednesday, the 26th of February, 2020

Newsletter 5

CELEBRATING LEARNING IN ...

Grade 5 / 6

Grade 5 / 6 has started 2020 with lots of fun learning opportunities and experiences. We have done a book tasting, challenged our engineering skills by building spaghetti and marshmallow towers, started work with our Foundation and Grade 1 buddies and this week celebrated Shrove Tuesday by learning about the day and eating pancakes!





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrations!

As I'm sure many of you have noticed, we have had a lot of activity happening in our school library at the moment. Jeremy's mother, Felicity, has been working away each Monday to update our library space, ensuring the library books we are providing to our students are appropriate and in good condition. Chevelle and Abigail's mother, Melissa, has also now joined in. Thank you to both Felicity and Melissa along with all of our wonderful volunteers who contribute so much to our school. If you would also like to contribute to the school, and are wondering how, please don't hesitate to come and speak with us.



Principal's Award:

Student Name: Olivia Poulter

School Value: Achievement

For demonstrating great leadership through being responsible and accountable for her actions. Well done Olivia.

Curriculum Day

A key area of focus for improvement at Willowmavin Primary School in 2020 will be how we are teaching students to spell. We have had an opportunity come up to undertake professional learning in SMART Spelling, a phonics based approach to teaching spelling well. This professional learning will take place on Friday, March 20th and will involve all teachers for the entire day. Therefore, we will require March 20th to be a Student Free Day. School Council will need to approve this at tonight's Council meeting. Should the day be approved, you will need to make alternative arrangements for your children on this day. We will confirm this date in next week's newsletter.

School Fees Due Next Friday

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 6th 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.

Student Information Forms

A reminder to families to please return updated Student Information Forms to the office as soon as possible. Information provided to us via these forms is crucial for the school to have in order to effectively care for your child. It is therefore critical that this information is up to date. If you have any questions regarding this form, please don't hesitate to see us at the office.

Medical Information

This is an urgent reminder to families to ensure the school's information on your children's medical needs is up to date. This includes providing the school with any medication that is required to be administered at school. Along with such medication, we must have written instructions provided by your child's doctor on how to administer the medication. If your child suffers from asthma, they should not be attending school without an Action Plan and asthma medication.

Tissues Issues

We are running short on tissues and ask that families supply the school with one box of tissues to assist in this area. This enables vital funds to be allocated to more pressing educational needs for our learners. Thank you to those families who have already sent in a box of tissues after our call out last week.

Signing Off

Many hands make light work.

Until next time, take care, and be the best you can be.

Mr. O'Callaghan



Student of the Week



Term: 1 Week: 4



F/1 GEORGIA BRADLEY SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT

For working very hard on her reading and writing so far this year and for being a very helpful class member.



1/2/3 JEREMY HALL-BOWDEN SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT

For working hard to include persuasive words in his writing.



3/4 RHYS PATE SCHOOL VALUE: RESPECT

For always listening carefully during mini-lessons. This is really beneficial for Rhys' learning.



5/6 BLAKE DALE SCHOOL VALUE: COMMUNITY

For showing kindness to others in the classroom



THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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What's On...



February

26th School Council at 6:30pm

March

3rd Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 Science Incursion
(Please note, no notice required for this)

4th Foundation students first Wednesday

9th Labour Day Public Holiday

12th Grand Prix STEM Excursion
(Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6)

20th Curriculum Day (TBC)

27th Last day of term. 2:30pm finish time.



February

10th Jack Griffiths

12th Flynn Patton

March

5th Blake Dale

8th Hannah Pate

17th Willow Poulter
Chevelle Cooke

DISTRICT SWIMMING



On the 21st of February, nine students competed at District. There were so many schools and so many people in those schools. It was so cold in the morning but then we realised that the pool was heated. Everybody tried their best and had a go. Congratulations to Jack who made it to Division and good luck!

Lacey

On Friday, the 21st of February, 9 of the Willowmavin students went to District swimming and it was so fun! The pool was heated! The people who made it were me, Brodie, Jack, Jesse, Lacey, Charlotte H, Charlotte B, Bailey and Olivia. When we got there, Charlotte B dropped her chewy in the pool, so she jumped in to get it and everyone stared at her. I came last in freestyle and second last in breaststroke. I was sad about it.

Flynn

At the swimming sports, there were about ten schools competing. I was in freestyle and breaststroke. In freestyle, I came fourth and then in breaststroke I came last. However, at the end of the day, it is all about having fun.

Brodie

On Friday 21st of February 2020 around 9 people competed in district swimming at Whittlesea. There was around 8 to 9 schools there, it was scary. I came 4th in breaststroke.

Charlotte H

