



Wednesday, the 13th of May, 2020

CELEBRATING LEARNING IN...

Grade 1/2/3





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrations!

Despite the challenges that we have been presented with, it has been so pleasing to see that strong connections within our community have been maintained whilst we have been learning remotely. It's been fantastic to see the many different ways that staff have gone about seeking to engage students and their families. I have noted the way students' faces have lit up during class and school Webex sessions as they get to see their classmates and friends. I loved the ideas that staff tried to implement to ensure our students were able to give something to their mothers on Mother's Day. And the cross country event last Friday, in which so many of our families participated not just as students but as families, was fantastic. Whilst the end of remote learning is in sight, it may well be some time before we can physically be together as a school community. As such, we will continue to find new and creative ways in which we can all connect as a school community.

Returning to On-Site Learning

A Compass post was sent out to all families last night regarding the Victorian Government's announcement on Tuesday morning on returning to on-site learning. Please ensure you have read this letter. During the press conference, Premier Daniel Andrews announced that Grade Foundation through to Grade 2 students would return on Tuesday, the 26th of May, whilst Grade 3-6 students would return two weeks later on Tuesday, the 9th of June. You may have noticed in the letter that went home last night to Willowmavin families, that Grade 3 students in the 1/2/3 class will be able to return to school from the 26th of May, whilst Grade 3 students in the 3/4 class will remain on remote learning until June 9. The reasoning for this is simple. As the Grade 1/2/3 class will be operating from May 26th, it of course makes sense that the Grade 3s from this class are able to join their classmates at school. Remote learning for these students from May 26 would not be an option as Miss Rodger, the class teacher, will be engaged in classroom teaching for the day. We thank families in advance for their understanding and support on this matter. And once again, if you have not read the letter posted on Compass, please ensure you make it a priority to do so to ensure you are up to date. More information regarding the transition back to the norm, will be sent out in the coming days so please ensure you are keeping an eye out for school communications.

Happy Mother's Day to the Mothers of Willow

Last Sunday, we celebrated our mums with Mother's Day – albeit quite a bit differently to the past. This is a day where we say thank you to our mums for all that they do for us. This has never been more the case this Mother's Day after our mums have put in so much time and effort to support their kids in their learning. Our mums are there when we fall to pick us up, and there when we're tall to show us how proud they are of us. Whilst many of course associate the word "mother" with the woman who gave birth to us, for some the role of mother may be played by another. I note that a definition I found for mother states, "to bring up a child with care and affection." To all our parents, guardians and carers who are raising our students with "care and affection", whether you be the biological mother or not, we say thank you and we hope you had a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday.

School Mobile Number

As mentioned in last week's school assembly, we have set up a mobile phone for the school so that in the event the school is closed, phone calls can still be attended to. The mobile number is 0428530081. Please note this is a back up number. First attempts to contact the school should be on the school's landline number of 5782 1319. If for whatever reason you are unable to reach someone through the landline or mobile number, please send an e-mail to your child's classroom teacher informing them of such as well as the nature of your call. Classroom teachers are currently monitoring their e-mail accounts very closely during their work hours (8:30am to 4:30pm) and will therefore will become aware of your e-mail quite promptly, enabling appropriate follow up action to be quickly implemented.

Communication

A reminder that in this current learning environment, establishing and maintaining regular communication with the school is vital. Staff have been using a range of platforms to communicate with students and families. If you are contacted directly by a staff member (most likely via phone call or e-mail), please ensure you respond in a timely manner. Classroom teachers are under clear instructions that should they have not received any response to attempts to contact families within 48 hours, they are to escalate the matter to school leadership. This results in valuable time being taken up, time that is better spent on working through school improvement initiatives. Where school leadership is also unable to make contact with a family, a Welfare Check will be organised through the Victorian Police.

With regard to receiving phone calls, you can assist us in supporting you in two ways. Firstly, please ensure your voicemail message identifies who you are. Due to privacy reasons, we are unable to leave messages if we are not certain who we are leaving the message with. And secondly, please be aware that some staff will be calling from private numbers. In such scenarios, staff will leave a message letting you know they are calling and then call back. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Signing Off

Children learn from anything and everything they see. They learn wherever they are – not just in special learning places.

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

Mr. O'Callaghan



The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.
Dr. Seuss

25 Nights Plus

Hudson Buhagiar
Charlotte Jackson
Louis Campbell
Torah Lang
Milla Hiscock
Lacey Buhagiar
Charlie McCrossan
Elias Haber
Bailey Morgan
Charlie McKenzie
Ruby Ellis
Jack Griffiths
Willow Roberts
Jett Skinner-Mclean
Jake Bamford-Newey
Harrison Mealy
Tanika Dale
Charlotte Hiscock
Jake Jackson

50 Nights Plus

Jesse Jervis
Zara Gill
Charlotte Bradley

175 Nights Plus

225 Nights Plus

275 Nights Plus

75 Nights Plus

Maddie Nolan
Olivia Poulter
Rhys Pate
Tyler Stebbing
Anneka Thornton
Anwyn Lajang
Alex Mason
Alexis Carter
Georgia Bradley
Beau Jervis
Riley McKenzie
Hannah Pate
Molly Gill
Charlie McKenzie
Willow Poulter

100 Nights Plus

Christopher Milvain
Jai Bamford-Newey

125 Nights Plus

150 Nights Plus

200 Nights Plus

250 Nights Plus

300 Nights Plus




THE WILLOW CROSS COUNTRY

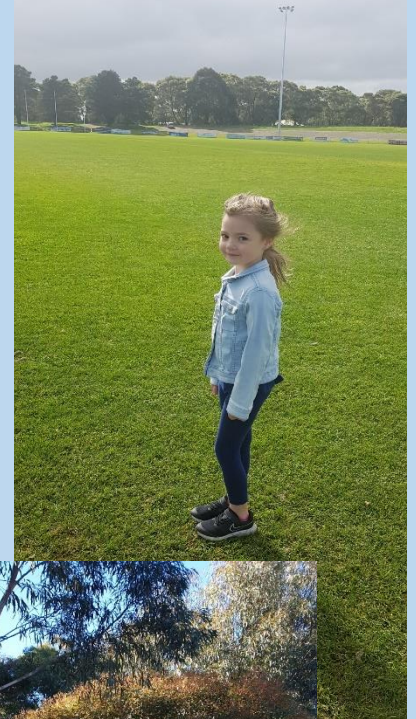


Phil Hamilton
Today at 11:11 AM

Jack's home school running



Distance	2.10 km	Avg Pace	5:43 /km
Moving Time	12:01	Elevation Gain	15 m
Calories	245 Cal	Max Elevation	374 m

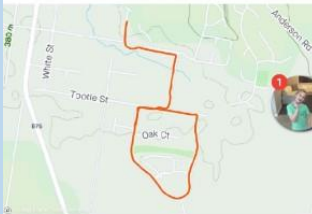


10:05

Run

Michael Ellis
Today at 9:27 AM

School run for Brodie ruby ride oaks run



Distance	3.00 km	Avg Pace	5:11 /km
Moving Time	15:35	Elevation Gain	18 m
Max Elevation	386 m		





THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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What's On...



May

- 15th Online School Assembly at 3pm
- 25th Student Free Day
- 26th Grades F/1 and 1/2/3 return to school

June

- 8th Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- 9th Grades 3/4 and 5/6 return to school



May

- 3rd Georgia Bradley
- 7th Jack Hamilton
- 9th Anwyn Lajang
- 10th Jake Jackson
- 11th Ryder Morgan
- 13th Jesse Jervis
- 24th Charlotte Bradley

Year 6 -7 Transition – Grade 6 Parents
If you have not already returned your Year 6-7 transition forms, please return to the office by 15th May 2020

