



THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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Newsletter 10

CELEBRATING ...



REMOTE LEARNING





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrations!

And so, here we are, although perhaps “there we are” is more appropriate. After an abundance of discussion by governments and the media, we have entered Term 2 with students engaged in remote learning. I feel Mrs Reed and Miss Smith summed up our current arrangements quite fittingly in their classroom newsletter when they stated that this is “a situation none of us have ever faced before. There will be trials and tribulations and as you are currently doing the best you can, so are we. This is a learning curve for us all and there may be some unforeseen obstacles that we meet along the way.” Over the past couple of days we have indeed experienced those obstacles, however the manner in which we have worked to overcome them has certainly been a celebration.

Thank you to staff for all their work in preparing for this significant change in the way we approach teaching and learning. As mentioned in our final newsletter for Term 1, it has been extremely uplifting to see the way our teachers and Education Support staff have responded to this challenge.

Thank you to our families for not only supporting your children in their learning at home, but also for your patience as we work through these challenges together.

And of course to our students, we know this is not how your schooling would normally be. You will miss your friends and (hopefully) you will miss your teachers. Please know that your teachers and your parents and families are doing their best to support you. All we expect of you in return, is to do your very best also. So try your hardest, focus on your work and use the resources that you have been given to help with your learning. In no time at all, remote learning will be a distant memory – albeit a memory that stays with us for the rest of our lives. When looking back at this time, hopefully you can feel a sense of pride in that, despite the challenges in front of you, you did your very best.

On-Site Attendance

For families requesting supervision of their child’s remote learning on-site, the on-site attendance form will be sent out weekly on a Tuesday and will need to be completed and returned via the school’s e-mail account (Willowmavin.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) by that Thursday at 9am. You will then be notified of the outcome of your request by Thursday evening.

A reminder that we are under strict guidelines as to the criteria needed to be met to be eligible for your child to be supervised at school. We know that supervising learning at home is extremely challenging for many of our families and we thank you for your efforts. These are the necessary actions we must take to make Coronavirus and the restrictions that come with it, a thing of the past.

If your circumstances do meet the criteria for your child to complete remote learning on-site, then we are here to support you. Please note that students attending on-site will not be receiving additional teaching and learning. They will continue with home learning tasks, just as they would be doing at home. Staff members will be present to provide necessary supervision and basic support.

Online Parent Teacher Interviews Next Monday and Tuesday

We will be having online parent/teacher interviews next Monday and Tuesday (not today and tomorrow as some families were informed). A form regarding this has been sent out through Compass today. This meetings will enable us to go over some key points that will support you with your child’s remote learning. The meetings will also serve as an opportunity for families to provide feedback on how they are going with learning from home.

Communication

As you are all aware, we are now using a variety of platforms to communicate regularly with our families. For whole school, Compass and e-mail will be our main communication methods. At the classroom level, Compass and e-mail will also be used for communication with parents/guardians and Class Dojo (F/1 and 1/2/3) and Google Classrooms (3/4 and 5/6) will be the main tools used to communicate with students.

The newsletter will continue to be produced, however it will come out on a fortnightly basis. Please continue to record your child’s reading nights in their Reading Diaries. Assist your child in sending through a photo of their reading diaries to their classroom teacher once per fortnight.

At the end of last term, we successfully presented the Easter Raffle live via Facebook. We are exploring how we can also do this for assemblies this term.

Classroom newsletters were sent out to families yesterday. Please ensure you are up to date with the information in these documents as they are designed to support you. The answers to many questions that you may have around your child’s learning, can be found here.

Signing Off

Technology makes it possible for people to gain control over everything, except over technology.

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

Mr. O’Callaghan



Student of the Week



END OF TERM 1 AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARD

For outstanding results
in academic learning

SOCIAL AWARD

For demonstrating
excellent social
behaviour.



F/1 ACADEMIC AWARD

Ryder Morgan



F/1 SOCIAL AWARD

Charlotte Jackson



1/2/3 ACADEMIC AWARD

Ben Hamilton



1/2/3 SOCIAL AWARD

Beau Jervis



3/4 ACADEMIC AWARD

Molly Gill



3/4 SOCIAL AWARD

Rhys Pate



5/6 ACADEMIC AWARD

Blake Dale



5/6 SOCIAL AWARD

Hayley Weller



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

Alex Mason
 Hannah Pate
 Molly Gill
 Milla Hiscock
 Maddie Nolan
 Rhys Pate
 Tyler Stebbing
 Anneka Thornton
 Lacey Buhagiar
 Georgia Bradley
 Charlie McCrossan
 Elias Haber
 Beau Jervis
 Riley McKenzie
 Willow Poulter
 Charlotte Bradley
 Olivia Poulter
 Alexis Carter
 Charlie McKenzie
 Ruby Ellis
 Jack Griffiths
 Anwyn Lajang
 Willow Roberts
 Jett Skinner-Mclean
 Jake Bamford-Newey
 Harrison Mealy
 Tanika Dale
 Charlotte Hiscock
 Jesse Jervis
 Bryce Haber
 Blair Newbould
 Brodie Ellis
 Max Buhagiar
 Jack Hamilton
 Dayne Lang

50 Nights Plus

Christopher Milvain
 Jai Bamford-Newey
 Bailey Morgan





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What's On...



April

- 20th Online P/T Interviews
- 21st Online P/T Interviews



- April 2nd Hayley Weller
- 3rd Zara Gill
- 24th Jett Skinner-McLean

REMOTE LEARNING DIARIES

REMOTE LEARNING DAYS 1 & 2

At school in quarantine, we have been doing the school work but in the office. It is definitely weirder than normal. Me and my sister are the only ones here which is even weirder. None of my friends are here. I am just thankful that I can still see them on the website Google Classroom which is good and other devices I have at my house.

Brodie Ellis, School Captain



So I won't lie, it's been a bit confusing and hard without our teachers, but I know it has to be done. Trying to do my work with my brothers around isn't easy but my mum is doing a great job. I'm missing everyone and I know we can get through this. We hope everyone is staying safe.

Lacey Buhagiar, School Captain