



From The Principals' Desk

Dear Families,

Can you believe it is May already? As a school we are looking now to begin preparing for our Prep (Foundation) cohort next year. Whilst we are focussing on the children in classrooms right now, we do need to get the ball rolling...

*Supporting transitions to and from Willy Primary
Prep / Foundation enrolment 2019*

This week we will begin hosting tours of our school for families considering Williamstown Primary for their 2019 Prep (or as it is also referred to, Foundation) child. If you are planning on enrolling a child in Prep for 2019, or know any family who is interested in finding out about Prep at Willy P.S., an Information Evening will be held at the school in the redbrick building on this coming Tuesday May 1st from 7pm. Parents will have the opportunity to find out about our school culture and programs and clarify the enrolment procedure.

Enrolment applications will be available from the office from tomorrow, Wednesday May 2nd. Please encourage interested families to pick one up and return it to the school by the end of term.

Once again, our Year six student leaders will conduct the enrolment tours of our school for prospective families. These tours will provide families with a "Willy Kids perspective" and a great insight into what it means to be a learner at our school. Prospective families should contact the school office on 93971248 to make a tour booking.

Transition to secondary school

A few weeks ago all parents of Year 6 students received a Year 6 to 7 Transition pack documenting details of this process. Please be reminded that the Application for Year 7 Enrolment must be returned to your child's class teacher by Friday May 11th. This is essential so that we can work through the process of informing secondary colleges of the placement requests you have made. Please ensure that you list more than one school as enrolment success is determined by your residential address, not the school you attend.

Next Monday is a Pupil-free day!

We want to remind families that our staff will be involved in a professional learning day on Monday and students are not required to attend school. Staff will be focussing on the state-wide curriculum initiative entitled Respectful Relationships. The program supports schools to promote and model respect, positive attitudes and behaviours. It teaches our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence. At our school, this content will be interwoven into our Willy Kids program. However, the whole-school approach to Respectful Relationships goes beyond curriculum, recognising that to make real change, classroom learning needs to be reinforced by what is modelled within the school community. To this end, Respectful Relationships recognises that schools are:

- a workplace where all staff should feel equally respected, safe and valued and have equal opportunities*
- a safe space where young people can learn about gender equality and respectful relationships, in and out of the classroom*
- part of the wider community that can model gender equality and respectful relationships?.*

We know that as a school community you will support us in implementing this important strategy so that Willy Kids grow to be the best they can be.

Additional reminders:

- Good luck to our Year 1s who are heading off to the farm this week!*
- Next week on Thursday May 10th, we prepare to celebrate Mother's Day with our annual Mother's Day Stall. The children are encouraged to come along with some money to purchase a gift for Mum **or a***

special woman in their world. We thank Cheryl Forbes for her coordination again this year and all our Class Reps for their support! Thank you!

- *Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 18th May –At Willy every Friday is walk to school day, but the national day is just that little bit more special and again this year we will be aiming for 100% of our kids walking to school. Get the kids into practice!*

***Have a great week,
Regards,
Andrea and Mat.***

Dates To Remember

Term 2

Week 3- 30.04.18

- *Tues: Prep (Foundation) 2019 Information Night @ 7:00pm*
- *Weds: Prep 2019 Tour 2.30pm*

Week 4- 7.05.18

- *Mon: Curriculum Day*
- *Tues: District Cross Country & Prep 2019 Tour 9.30am*
- *Thurs: Mother's Day Stall & Prep 2019 Tour 9.30am*

Week 5- 14.05.18

- *Mon: Prep 2019 Tour 2.30pm*
- *Tues-Thurs: NAPLAN*
- *Fri: Walk Safely To School Day*

Week 7- 28.05.18

- *Tues: NSW Science Comp*
- *Weds: Divisional Cross Country*

Week 9- 11.06.18

- *Mon: Queens B' day Public Holiday*

Week 10- 18.06.18

- *Fri: AFL Girls Comp, Reports go live*

Week 11 25.06.18

- *Tues: Student Learning Conferences 1:30pm -*
- *Fri: End of Term 2, early dismissal*