



From The Principals' Desk

Dear Families,

Professional Practice Days:

As part of the 2017 Victorian Government Schools Agreement, a new program called Professional Practice Days, (PPD) has been introduced to support the professionalism of teaching staff. Under this program, every classroom and specialist teacher is entitled to have one day per term allocated for the building of their professional practice. The work undertaken on these days is consistent with DET and WPS priorities and selected from, but not limited to – curriculum planning, preparation, assessment of student learning, collaboration, curriculum development, relevant professional development and peer observation including feedback and reflection. At Willy, it has been agreed that teachers will participate in their PPD as a professional learning team (eg. Yr. 2 team). It has been agreed that this week your child's class teacher will be taking a day out of the classroom to compile student assessment which will inform their writing of student reports.

Our school has always dedicated considerable in-school time for professional learning opportunities (staff attendance at programs external to the school) as well as curriculum planning, and since at least 2016, we have included days dedicated to the important work of assessment and reporting.

We are delighted that this year, this strategy has been extended across all schools. Additionally, of course, we continue to have four staff training days (Curriculum days) which are Pupil-Free per year, in line with DET guidelines. The next and final pupil-free day for the whole school will be held on Monday August 13.

National Disability insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Community briefings, informing families about the NDIS, are currently being conducted throughout the Western Melbourne area. Lynne Bouchier, our Inclusion Coordinator whose role at WPS is to support students who have a formalised diagnosis of a disability or learning disorder is the key contact here. Lynne went along to a session to gather the information today. If you require any information regarding this, please contact Lynne at school.

Reconciliation Week

This week is Reconciliation Week. We are delighted to share the work of our Grade 3/4 Junior School Councillors, ably lead by Ella, who have been organising a brief presentation for each class across the school. Their aim is to help teach Willy Kids a little more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories. The theme this year is "Don't Keep History a Mystery: Learn. Share. Grow". To this end, every class will view and discuss the story of *The Rainbow Serpent*. Next time you are up at the school, you may like to check out the art work Jo has done with some Year 5 / 6 students. It's wonderful!

Prep 2019 Enrolments

We remind families that enrolment application forms for Prep 2019 are due.

Regards,

Enjoy the week ahead.

Mat and Andrea

Dates To Remember

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Term 2

Week 7- 28.05.18

Tues: NSW Science Comp

Tues: School Council and 2018 Annual General Meeting 6:30pm

Wed: 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 on Compass

Sat: Mid-Winter Lantern Walk

Week 11- 25.06.18

Tues: Student Learning Conferences 1:30pm – Bookings online

Fri: End of Term 2, early dismissal @2:30pm

Term 3-

Week 1- 16.07.18

Mon: Term 3 commences 9.00am

Sat: FOW Fundraising BBQ at Bunnings

Week 2- 23.07.18

Week 3- 30.07.18

Tues: NSW English competition

Week 4- 06.08.18

Week 5- 13.08.18

SCIENCE WEEK

Mon: Curriculum day #4

Mon-Fri: BOOK AIR

Tues: NSW Mathematics Competition

Thurs.: School Disco

Week 6- 20.08.18

BOOK WEEK

Mon: The Flying Book Worm incursion

Tues: Friends of Willy meeting 7pm

Week 7- 27.08.18

Mon-Fri: Prep Swimming Program

Thurs.: Father's Day stall

Fri: District Athletics

Week 8- 03.09.18

Mon-Fri: Prep Swimming Program

Week 9- 10.09.18

Mon-Fri: Year 3/4 Zoo Snoozes

Week 10- 17.09.18

Mon-Wed Year 3 / 4 Zoo Snoozes

Tues: School Council meeting 6:30pm

Thurs: Year 2 Sleepover

Fri: Footy Day!

End of Term 3, early dismissal @2:30pm

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2019 Prep Enrolment Applications now due

We invite you to call the school office to register your interest in a tour.

Tours of our school conducted by Student Leaders and Principals will take place on:

Additional Tour

Wednesday 27th June (9:30am)

Individual meetings with the school principal may be made by appointment.

**Please return Enrolment applications together
with supporting documentation
by Friday 29th June 2018.**



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