



From The Principals' Desk

Dear Families,

It's a wrap! With the school term coming to a close and our children now heading into the second semester of the school year, we wonder where the time has gone! As a means of celebrating our school, our kids and our community, this news feed will share the achievements, news and other points of interest from semester one, 2018.

Did You Know?

- ☺ This is our school's **145th year** in history! Yes it's been five years since our big community celebration.
- ☺ Our **school enrolment** currently sits at 548. This is an increase from 532 this time last year.
- ☺ We have welcomed nine new Willy Kids and their families to our school this semester:
1T – Eli and Tara, 1W Chloe, 2C Angus, 3/4H Abuk, 3/4W Georgia, 5/6M Alannah, 5/6 L Fergus and 5/6 P Archie.
- ☺ Our school has been recognized for its continued growth in student learning achievement data particularly in Reading and Numeracy. Our staff are to be congratulated for their ongoing commitment to student learning improvement.
- ☺ We congratulate **Julia and Eva, Heidi and Ella** for their successful entries in the Hobsons Bay Writing Competition. Willy Kids love to write!
- ☺ Three of our students have been recently nominated by their Scout group to attend a two day District Cub Scouts Leadership Course. Congratulations to **Michael, Nat and Leo!** Well done kids!
- ☺ Already this year, our **Friends of Willy Team (FOW) have raised just over \$9000 for our school.** Thank you all for supporting the Easter Raffle, the Mother's Day stall, the Movie Night and most recently our wonderful Lantern Walk! We are now looking forward to a **Bunnings BBQ** on July 21st and another big **FOW Art Show in October.**
- ☺ We are delighted to share that this year, 54 students from year 2 -6 participated in the **University of NSW Science Competition** in May. This is a voluntary experience which we hope will grow over the years to come. The Mathematics and English comps are coming up next term.
- ☺ A number of Willy Kids successfully competed at the **Regional Swimming carnival:** Jess, Oliver, Liam and Oscar ... as well as the **Divisional Cross Country** – Nadrah, Oskar, Freddie, Sammy, Grace , Finn, Ellie, Chelsea, Hannah, Addison and MacKenzie. Well done!
- ☺ Our **Prep Playground is being upgraded** over the term break, to the value of \$90,000- much of which was raised from our Seaside fair last year! The kids can look forward to new monkey bars and climbing structures and a revamp of the sand pit!
- ☺ Our kids have been involved in 32 different **school events/excursions/incursions** outside of the classroom already this year.
- ☺ For the fourth consecutive year, 27 Willy Kids attended the GRIP **Student Leadership** Conference at the Melbourne Convention and Events centre. Did you also know that our JSC reps represent our student population at the Hobsons Bay Junior Council meetings and our own WPS School Council meetings?
- ☺ Collectively, the Willy staff has been engaged in 18 different **professional learning** programs this year from Mathematics and Music to Student Wellbeing and Finances, the learnings from which are now being implemented at our school.
- ☺ We are currently finalizing quotations so that we can **upgrade our Audio and Visual equipment** in the PE hall. This will make for even better performances in and outside the hall!

- ☺ Williamstown teachers have been actively involved in a number of *Communities of Practice*, that is, teams of teachers from local primary and secondary schools within our network of schools, who share their pedagogical practices in the areas of writing, transition, wellbeing and critical and creative thinking. More professional learning!
- ☺ School Council is currently **reviewing our School Canteen** service. We look forward to sharing the information with you. Our kids are now **learning to code** using Spheros and Ollies at a lunchtime club that runs two days per week.
- ☺ The **Willy Kids Program** has now been an integral part of our school for 24 years now. We are looking forward to reviewing and revamping it during the second half of the year to ensure it continues to meet the needs of our Willy Kids in 2018 and beyond.
- ☺ Over a dozen children tried out for the State Schools Victoria netball, football and basketball teams – how proud we are of their efforts!
- ☺ **Comings and Goings:** After two years at the Parker Street crossing we will be saying farewell to our Lollypop Lady, Andrea. We wish her all the best and are very thankful that she has been part of our kids' world. New to the canteen will be Donna. We will welcome her to Williamstown from tomorrow.
- ☺ We have applied for a **Stephanie Alexander grant** to establish a **Kitchen Garden at WPS**. If successful our kids will be planting, harvesting, cooking and serving as part of their learning at school.
- ☺ We are planning for three classes of **Prep /Foundation in 2019. Enrolment applications are now due.** We are aiming to confirm enrolments by late August.
- ☺ Our students **Go Fund Me** page has raised \$4900 of our \$10,000 target so far. These funds are allocated to upgrading our current Maths Garden space. Thanks for supporting our school!

Enjoy the term break.

We will look forward to seeing you on July 16th.

Warm regards

Mat and Andrea

Dates To Remember

This week 11- 25.06.18

Tues: Student Learning Conferences 1:00pm – Bookings online (Students dismissed at 12:30pm)

Wed: Final school tour for Prospective Prep Families 2019 @ 9:30am

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

Applications for Foundation/ Prep Enrolment 2019 due today!

Coming up in Term 3-

Week 1- 16.07.18

Mon: Term 3 commences

9.00am **Start of Term Assembly @9:00am** (weather permitting)

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 FAIR**

Tues: NSW **Mathematics Competition**

Tues: **School council meeting 6:30pm**

Thurs.: School Disco (TBC)

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**

Wed: Kids Share Open Afternoon

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

Note:

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WILLIAMSTOWN
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent and Community Feedback

We understand that there are times our families or community members may wish to raise a concern, share a thought or suggestion, ask a question or offer feedback about our school and our practices.

If it is your concern, it is our concern...

We believe that the voice of our school community matters and we encourage you to make contact with us via your preferred method, so we can begin a discussion and work towards a resolution.



Please see our [school website](#) for further details, or contact us on:



In person

Please feel free to catch Andrea or Mathew in person or call the school office to organise a time to meet.



Phone us

Andrea and Mathew can be contacted via phone on 03 9397 1248. Please ask our office to forward your call.



Email us

Please email Andrea or Mathew at williamstown.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Anytime is a good time to share your thoughts, so please, we'd love to hear from you.