



From The Principals' Desk

Dear Families,

What an effort! On Saturday, our FoW team, headed up this time by Nat Neal and Sam Hunnyball (and a band of happy helpers) held another very successful fundraiser at Bunnings Altona. The Bunnings BBQ and Cake stall was visited by many Willy Primary faces including families, kids and staff. We thank everyone for their support with selling, sizzling, serving and of course, savouring. Thank you to everyone – volunteers and donors. To date, the FoW teams have raised over \$12,000 for our school already this year. We will be keen to share the final amount that this event raised as soon as we can. Congratulations to Julie-Anne Douglas and all the people engaged in organising the fun and fundraising events of the Friends of Willy this year.

Parent Opinion Survey

The Department of Education's annual Parent Opinion Survey will be sent to approximately 111 families this week. (This is a randomly generated distribution list.) Whilst surveys aren't always our favourite things to do, this particular one is critical in providing feedback to both our school and the DET as part of its overall review of school performance. We hope that all families selected will be able to complete the survey for us by August 26th.

As is our practice we will summarize the results in our news feed when they become available. This data is also captured in our school's Annual Report.

Please note, your feedback can be provided at any time, with or without an official survey invite. Families are encouraged to email the school to share a concern, question or compliment at any time, as the need arises.

Canteen survey

And speaking of surveys, last term, our School Council invited parents to complete an online survey about our school's canteen service. Specifically, parent feedback to support our discussions, investigation of options and future decisions, was sought in light of the following guiding beliefs:

- The canteen should provide affordable options, which are accessible for all our Willy families.
- The canteen will be run by an external organisation (not managed or staffed by WPS)
- The canteen will be operated on-site, including opportunities for students to purchase items at recess and lunch with cash.

The Education Policy sub-committee of council is currently collating this data from 127 respondents which will be published for you ASAP. Our students have also shared their thoughts about the canteen with us. A survey of our Year 3 – 6 students was carried out. Once analysed both sets of data will be discussed at school council, shared with you and also our current service provider.

Science Competition

The UNSW Science Competition results are in. As a school, we are delighted that our work in the area of STEM, through stand-alone science lessons, coding and robotics classes, is building great interest amongst our students. This year, we were pleased to see that 51 students participated, which was an increase from 42 students last year. We hope this will continue to increase over time.

Students who participated will be acknowledged and celebrated at their year level assemblies, however for your interest these are the overall results: 25 participation awards, 7 Merit certificates, 14 Credit certificates, 4 Distinctions and 1 High Distinction. Great going everyone!

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen garden success

We are pleased to announce that we have successfully acquired a \$5500 grant to establish a Kitchen Garden program at Willy. Whilst our Science gardens already allow for a 'grow and consume' experience linking

beautifully to our science teachings, this grant will be used to establish an external cooking facility in the courtyard next to the staffroom. The program will enrich the learning experiences of our students and, having a dedicated cooking area will free up the staffroom which is currently being used by our budding chefs.

French Blog!

Our wonderful Madam Coco (Coralie Schaff) has published a brand new French blog for our families and students to access. This has been recently promoted on both Compass and Facebook and a link has also been included on our school website. We hope you will enjoy accessing the many resources available, including French songs, stories, stimulus pictures, and vocabulary. Please check it out and let us know what you think. Our thanks and congratulations go to Madam Coco!

Reminders:

- Parents must contact the school to inform us of their child's absence ASAP. An automated text message will now be sent to families on the same day their child is absent, via the Compass app.
- Don't forget our next **Pupil-free Day** (for Staff Professional Learning and Practice) is on Monday August 13th. OSCH Club is taking enrolments for this day.
- **Lunchtime Clubs** – Did you know that this term we have added in a Chess Club for year 3 /4 students, a Book Club for Preps and Year 1s, as well as a Gardening Club?
- **ABC Music** provides our students with the opportunity for **Instrumental Music tuition** at our school, but outside of school hours. Bookings can be made online.

Have a wonderful week.

Mat and Andrea

10 best phrases to teach resilience to your kids

Number	Goal	Phrase
1	Humour	"Come on, laugh it off"
2	Contain thinking, perfectionism and anxiety	"Don't let this spoil everything"
3	Distraction	"Let's take a break"
4	Handling worry and asking for help	"Who have you spoken to about this?"
5	Offering hope	"I know it looks bad now but you will get through this"
6	Positive reframing	"What can you learn from this so it doesn't happen next time?"
7	Acceptance	"Don't worry – relax and see what happens!"
8	Perspective	"This isn't the end of the world"
9	Flexible thinking	"You could be right. But have you thought about ..."
10	Taking action	"What can we do about this?"

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Dates to Remember

Term 3-

Week 2- 23.07.18

Week 3- 30.07.18

Mon: '100 Days at School' – Celebration of Preps 2018!

Tues: **UNSW English competition**

Week 4- 06.08.18

Week 5- 13.08.18

SCIENCE WEEK

Mon: **Curriculum day #4**

Tues-Fri: **BOOK FAIR**

Tues: **UNSW Mathematics Competition**

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

Thurs.: **Family Science Night**

Week 6- 20.08.18

BOOK WEEK

Mon: **The Flying Book Worm incursion**

Tues: **Friends of Willy meeting 7pm**

Thurs **Disco**

Fri **Book Week Dress Up Day**

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