



From The Principals' Desk

Dear families,

Seaside Fair 2019

We have great news! We are very pleased to share with you that Julie-Anne Douglas, our Friends of Willy convenor, has identified a coordinator for our next Seaside Fair in November 2019. We thank Melanie Colling for putting up her hand and welcome her aboard the FoW team!

As you can imagine this will be no mean feat and certainly the many volunteers who worked on our last Fair will recall the amount of work involved. If you are interested in helping out on the committee, or would just like to know more about what's happening with Friends of Willy, there is a FoW meeting tonight at 7pm and a Seaside Fair meeting at 7:30, in the staffroom. Come along and share your ideas. We'd love to see you.

On Location...and ACTION!

You may be aware that last week, filming started near the St. Mary's gates for a brand new mini-series due to air on Channel 9, 2019. Willy Primary has a proud history in taking part in iconic Australian TV shows and we are more than happy to assist when these opportunities arise, however, our core business is teaching and learning, not filming. We will be ensuring this focus is maintained.

Filming will not interrupt classes and no students will be filmed. Much of the filming will be external, near the St Mary's gate, and any internal shooting will be done after 3:30pm and will be limited to the bluestone building. At this stage, three filming dates have been set, with the last of this first block taking place on Friday. It is expected there will be four more filming days on our site. To support the production, we ask families try to avoid using the St. Mary's gate and use the Seagull or oval gates instead.

Despite being put off by the title, "Bad Mothers", which we are assured is tongue in cheek, this is quite a great opportunity for the school and it will be quite exciting to see our beautiful school (named fictionally of course) in the background. The school will also receive a substantial location fee of \$2000 per day of filming which we know we can do a lot with!

Divisional Sport Finals

Last week we had 3 teams heading off to the divisional sports finals for Hot Shots (Wednesday), Basketball (Thursday) and Softball (Friday). We are delighted to say the kids played really well, upholding the Willy kid values we have and we had some really positive results. The Mixed Softball team won. Whilst the Girls Basketball won, despite a great collective effort, the mixed team lost. Both the girls and mixed Hot Shots teams won. We congratulate all the kids who played and the very passionate group of parent supporters who went along and cheered them on. Thank you.

Key events Coming up...

Willy Kids are eSmart Kids! - Growing up in a Digital World

This **Wednesday 17th October**, we have a wonderful opportunity for parents across the school and students from Grades 3-6 to take part in some workshops presented by the **Alannah and Madeline Foundation**.

Parents are invited to attend the workshop entitled 'Parenting in a Digital World'. The parent workshop will take place in the Gallery starting at **7pm**. A gold coin donation is requested for the parent workshop.

Children in Grade 3-6 will participate in a 1-hour session on the same Wednesday but during the school day. The focus for the students will be the 3 C's – Contact, Conduct, and Content. It will be a free incursion for the students.

In addition to these sessions, we are also inviting **all parents of Year 2/3 students to attend an Information session on Wednesday October 24th** regarding the **BYOD program** which commences for Willy Kids in Year 3.

This session will be conducted by Mat Montebello and will focus on providing examples of how digital technology can support the learning program at Williamstown, curriculum, security measures and lots more.

Willy Primary Art Show! 'Le tour d'Art'

In celebration of the fantastic artwork by the students of Williamstown Primary School, we are holding 'Le tour d'Art' on the weekend commencing **Friday October 26**. You are cordially invited to our Art Show Launch on Friday October 26th between 7-11pm. This is an event for adults only. \$20 per ticket will provide you with a complimentary drink, canapés and live music. The evening will include an auction of the extraordinary collaborative Class pieces which we know you will be astounded by.

Then on the Sunday, **October 28th**, all Willy Families are invited to come and view the Art Exhibition between 1:00 – 4:00pm. The students are always so proud of the pieces they exhibit and it is a great opportunity to check out the great range of work being done in our Visual Arts Program.

Willy Primary Colourthon Fun Run + Obstacles

Friends of Willy are hosting **Williamstown Primary's first ever Colourthon!** We ask that everyone checks their calendar and saves the date for **Sunday November 18th**. A Colourthon, is a fun and colourful way to raise funds for our school... think coloured powder, obstacle course and your kids having the time of their lives!

Registration forms were sent home last week and are due back to school THIS Thursday October 18th then families will have 4 weeks to raise some much needed funds for our school that will go toward outdoor learning spaces at Williamstown Primary.

Every participant has the chance to win a prize, all you have to do is register and gather sponsorship from \$10 and select from the great range of prizes on offer. Look for the posters around school.

We look forward to seeing all our Willy families on Sunday November 18th!!

Reminders:

Willy Kids are Sun Smart Kids! No hat, No Play!

Our canteen Menu has been updated and orders can be made online using QQR.

Please note that orders close at 9:00am on the day of required service.

Additionally, October is Walk to School month, please encourage your child to walk, (skate, scoot or ride) to school every day (or at least most days).

In closing, I would like to acknowledge and thank Steven Puhar who stepped in last week as Acting Principal. With Mat and Liz absent on well-deserved Long Service Leave and then my need to take some unplanned leave, we were grateful to Steven who managed to keep everything tracking along smoothly.

Finally, we share with you the lovely news that Rebecca Dean and her husband Sean have welcomed a baby boy into the family. Harvey James Dean was born on October 8 at 2:42pm, weighing 7 lb 10. Everyone is healthy and doing very well and of course, all so very much in love. We wish them all well.

**Regards,
Andrea Duxson**

Dates to Remember

Week 2

Mon - Prep Breakfast

Wed – Student workshop (day)

Parent Info Session ' **Parenting in a Digital World**' 7pm

Presented by the Alannah & Madeline Foundation

Thur - Grade 1 Dinner

Week 3

Wed - Prep Fire Ed

Wed - Year 2 **Parent Ed session – 21st Century Learning with iPads** at WPS 7pm Gallery

Friday – Le Tour d'Art - Art Show launch and auction of Class pieces 7:00-11:00pm

Sunday - Le Tour d'Art -Art Show –Family Open Day 1:00-4:00pm

Week 4

Mon-Wed - 5/6D E L Camp

Wed-Fri – 5/6B M P Camp

3/4 Woodwork incursion

P-6 music incursion

Fri - Responsible Pet Ownership Education sessions

Week 5

Wed - Prep 2019 Transition session #1

Wed - Prep Information Night 7pm

Week 6

Wed- Prep 2019 Transition session #2

Sunday- **WPS Colourthon Fun Run**

Week 7

Prep 2019 Transition session #4

G3/4 Cold Water Swimming program

Week 8

Gr 3/4 Cold Water Swimming program

Gr 5/6 Cold Water Swimming program

Week 9

The Willy Games – whole school activities / sports tabloid events

Week 10

Tues- Step Up Day – Transition Day for students in Year Prep – 5 2018

Thur -Gr 2 Incursion

Fri - Semester Reports are posted onto Compass

Week 11

Mon- Grade 6 Graduation

Mon – Thurs Gr 6 Celebration Week