



From The Principals Desk

Dear Families,

It's been a great start to the new school year. We trust that despite some tiredness, you too are seeing smiles on faces at the end of the school day. The children are settling back into the routines of school and we have been really delighted with their learning already this week. We are confident that all is well and things are on track for a great year. Of course, if you have any concerns or queries, please pop in and speak to the class teacher or Mat and myself.

Given the busyness of this week we will keep this news feed brief. Principal News feeds in 2019 will be posted every week, typically on a Friday. We strongly encourage that if you have not yet logged on to COMPASS, you do so. We don't want you to miss any vital information about happenings across the school. Should you require another copy of your family login details, please see Diana Bound at the school office. Please also be aware that copies of past news feeds will be kept on our school website in case you need to access them.

What's going on...?

- The year has started with a total enrolment of 534 students.
- We would like to make a special welcome to our newest staff members and students. **Welcome to the following class teachers:** Steph Keswick, Toni Lind, Joel Hogarth, Emma Sincerbox and of course, welcome back to Matt Scalzo!

And we share a warm welcome to our new Willy Kids as well!

Year 1: Sebastian, Zak, Wynter and Lincoln

Year 2: Paul and Sam

Year 3: Ted, Alisson, Kai, Stella N and Ashton,

Year 4: Shaurya, Maeve and Chanel,

Year 5: Meagan and Amelie,

Year 6: Grace and Aidan

Together with our 74 Preps, we are enjoy getting to know all the children and helping them settle in as Willy Kids.

- Specialist learning classes started on Thursday. Check out the Music room, it's had a refurb and looks fabulous!
- **Holiday works**
During the holidays the children's bathrooms we repainted and new hand dryers installed. They are looking very bright and clean.

On day one we also received our newly purchased furniture (desks and chairs) for six our year 5/6 classrooms. Whilst there are great things happening in the school, unfortunately our staffroom was flooded in the holidays and is presently without carpet. We hope to have the recarpeting completed in the very near future.

- **Meet the teacher evenings**
Early next week families will have access to the Compass Portal to book a 'Meet the teacher' appointment to be held on Tuesday February 12th and Tuesday February 19th. This is an ideal time for you to share any information you may have with your child's 2019 teacher. We encourage all families to make a time to meet. Of course, any families who need assistance with accessing the portal, should visit us at the office ASAP. Thanks.
- **Once again this year we will be running our whole school assembly on Friday afternoons, in the P.E. hall, from 2:40pm** and these are definitely events you are invited to come along to. These assemblies will continue to be directed by the students as much as possible and will combine many of the traditional Monday morning practices such as the singing of the National Anthem, the reciting of the

school declaration etc. with news from the week and reminders about events coming up. Willy Kids Awards will be presented and celebrated as will 'Nude Food' and 'Walk to School' Awards. Additionally, in true Willy style, we like to enjoy a whole school sing-along at these gatherings as well. We would love to see you there. If you are coming along please help us by standing at the back of the hall and joining in wherever possible! Thanks.

Start of Year Reminders

- Are your details up to date? It is ESSENTIAL that the school has accurate information; particularly contact details, in case of an emergency or illness.
- All families should ensure they have logged onto COMPASS and made arrangements to pay their child's **Essential Student Learning Items** (ESLI) ASAP. Thank you
- The school **canteen** will again operate at Willy in 2019 for **three days a week** (closed Mondays and Tuesdays) and will also be available for snacks at recess.
- All parents or **visitors to the school** must sign in at the office **before entering** their child's classroom.

Enjoy the weekend as you celebrate a fabulous start to school with your children. See you all on Monday!

Warm regards

Andrea and Mat

Dates to Remember

TERM 1

February:

WEEK 2

Tuesday: 05.02 Safer Internet Day
 Wednesday 06.02 – Prep rest day / Prep Entry Assessment
 Thursday 08.02 – Prep Photos

WEEK 3

Tuesday 12.02- 'Meet the teacher' sessions
 Tuesday 12.02- Prep Photos and Class Portraits
 Wednesday 13.02- Grade 1 - 6 Portraits/class photos/siblings/staff
 Wednesday 13.02 – Prep rest day / Prep Entry Assessment
 Thursday 14.02 – House Swimming Sports
 Friday 15.02- Interschool Summer Sports commences

WEEK 4

Monday 18.02- 01.03 Year 1 and 2 Swimming Program commences
 Tuesday 19.02 – School Council Meeting 6:30pm
 Tuesday 19.02 – 'Meet the teacher' sessions
 Wednesday 20.02 – Prep rest day / Prep Entry Assessment

WEEK 5

Monday 25.02 – 'Helping in the Classroom' at Willy – parent session 9:15 – 11:00am
 Tuesday 26.02 – Seaside fair meeting 7:00pm
 Wednesday 27.02 - Prep rest day / Prep Entry Assessment
 Thursday 28.02 – *Friends of Willy* – Prep Families Welcome Picnic 5:00 – 7:00pm

March:

Friday 01.03- School Clean-Up Day

WEEK 6

Monday 04.03- **Preps here fulltime this week**
 Tuesday 05.03- *Friends of Willy* Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday 05.03- District Swimming Carnival

WEEK 7

Monday 11.03- **Labour Day Public holiday**
 Friday 15.03 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
 Thursday 14.03- Divisional Swimming Carnival

WEEK 8

Monday 18.03- 21.03 Life Education Van (Prep-2)
 Tuesday 19.03- School Council meeting 6:30pm
 Friday 23.03- Interim reports (Term 1) shared with families

WEEK 9

Wednesday 27.03- Kids Share Open Afternoon in classrooms (3:30pm-4:00pm)
 Friday 29.03- Interim Student reports posted on Compass

WEEK 10

Friday 05.04- Easter hat Parade 9:30am
 Friday 05.04- **End Term one 2:30pm dismissal**

Week 10 (December 10-)

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

Wed – End of Year Music Concert – Bands and Choirs @ 6:15pm

Thur -Gr 2 excursion to Botanic Gardens

Fri - Semester Reports are posted onto Compass

Fri- Year 3 / 4 Times Tables Challenge

Week 11 (December 17-)

Mon- Year 6 Graduation

Mon – Thurs Gr 6 Celebration Week

Friday December 21st– End of school year - Dismissal @ 1:30pm

WILLIAMSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF LIST 2019

| Leadership team | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Andrea Duxson | Principal | | |
| Mat Montebello | Assistant Principal | | |
| Liz Beasley | Leading Teacher | | |
| Steven Puhar | Leading Teacher* | 0.6 out of classroom | |
| Prep Learning Community | | | |
| Zoe Dawkins | | Room 17 | |
| Michelle Jordan | | Room 20 | |
| Lauren Cunningham | | Room 22 | |
| Toni Lind | | Room 18 | |
| Year 1 Learning Community | | | |
| Tanya Chambers | | Room 19 | |
| Marina Robb | | Room 21 | |
| Sheena Angus | | Room 24 | |
| Year 2 Learning community | | | |
| Helen Thomaidis | | Room 3 | |
| Caitlin Sullivan | | Room 11 | |
| Anna Swan | Learning Specialist | Room 10 | |
| Year 3 / 4 Learning Community | | | |
| Rochelle White | | Room 9 | |
| Molly Hedditch .6 / Steven Puhar *.4 | | Room 1 | |
| Matt Eason-Jones | | Room 5 | |
| Mary Colangelo .6 / Carmel Byrne .4 | | Room 8 | |
| Stephanie Keswick | | Room 4 | |
| Matt Scalzo | | Room 7 | |
| Year 5/ 6 Learning Community | | | |
| Lisa Leydin | Learning Specialist | Room 30 | |
| Emil De Vries | | Room 29 | |
| Laura Bartholomeusz | | Room 25 | |
| Bianca Muraca | | Room 27 | |
| Joel Hogarth | | Room 28 | |
| Joel Kitchen | | Room 26 | |
| Specialist Learning Community | | | |
| Joanne Wilson | Art | Room 12 | |
| Faye Ferry | Performing Arts | Room 15 | |
| Paddy Gallivan | Physical Education | Room 14 | |
| Juliette Halliday | LoTE (French) .6 | Room 23 | |
| Robin Nankivell | Learning Specialist support | | |
| ES –Administration | | ES- Learning Support | |
| Cheryl Douglas | Business Manager | Nicola Welham | 5/6 |
| Diana Bound | Admin Assistant and Enrolment Officer | Denise wood | 3 / 4 & Prep |
| | | Kate Bentley | 1 |
| Adele Chivers | Reception / First Aid | Sue Gough | 3 /4 |
| | | Tori Chan | 1 |
| Lynne Bouchier | Inclusion Co-ordinator and LLI | Lou Randell | 1 |
| Pam Pehm | Library and LLI | | |
| Bern Tripodi | Expressive Therapies | | |
| Christophe Frere | Handyman | | |