



## From The Principals Desk

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### What's going on...?

- Our Preps are doing very well as they begin to settle into the routines of school. Each prep class attended their first school assembly last week and they starred! We saw them listening to the many speakers who were presenting, singing the National Anthem, and celebrating our first few days at school together this year. They even joined in with an old school "fave" song, "Old MacDonald had a Ford". Their efforts to join in with the actions to this were greatly appreciated and enjoyed by their teachers!
- Our new Outdoor Learning Space will commence construction shortly, with perimeter fencing going up this week to ensure the kids stay out of the area.
- Disappointingly, our Veggie Garden suffered at the hands of some visitors over the last few weeks who have damaged or stolen a number of the mature vegetables and plants.
- School council elections will be coming up shortly. Please touch base with Mat or myself if you're interested in joining this group who will be instrumental this year as we work through the School Review Process.
- **Meet the teacher evenings**  
Bookings can now be made on the Compass Portal for our '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. Please note you only need to attend ONE session on EITHER evening. 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.
- It was **Safer Internet day** on Tuesday To assist you with your conversations about staying safe on line you may like to visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/saferinternetday#resources>
- A session will be held on Wednesday at 9:15 by Liz and Steven for all those parents who are interested in assisting in their child's classroom this year. Every parent must have attended the session and completed the guidelines for "**Helping in the Classroom**" before working in the classroom. In line with DET policy, a copy of your current Working with Children Check must also be provided to the office.
- **Whole School review:** This year at Willy, we are working through the final year of our current School Strategic Plan (2016-2019). This effectively means we are ensuring the completion of all the work we prioritised for the past four years and additionally, we will also engage in a whole school review of our performance during this time. Undertaking this evaluation, involves measuring our success according to the goals and targets we set out to achieve as well as assessing our school's performance against DET identified similar schools across Victoria. Through various forums, all key groups within our school community, that is staff, students and parents, will have the opportunity to provide input into the review. The review looks at the main areas of school performance; student learning, student well-being, student engagement. It involves us looking closely at the performance data derived from a range of sources including: achievement data such as NAPLAN results, Staff Organisational Health survey and the Parent Opinion Survey.  
Through this process we will gain a far deeper understanding of what we are doing well, and what we need to improve. The self-evaluation will celebrate our achievements and identify our school's next level of work. This will then translate into the next School Strategic Plan for the period of 2020-2023. We will keep you posted about our progress and the opportunities you will have to contribute to the process.

- **Useful information to support you...**

The attached information may provide you with some useful ideas to support your child heading back to school. Remember if you or your child is experiencing any concerns, please catch up with your child's teacher or Mat and Andrea.

### Start of Year Reminders

- 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. Orders can be placed online using QKr!
- 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
- 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

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TERM 1 February:		Tuesday	05.03- District Swimming Carnival
WEEK 3		WEEK 7	
Tuesday	12.02- 'Meet the teacher' sessions	Monday	11.03- Labour Day Public holiday
Tuesday	12.02- Prep Photos and Class Portraits	Friday	15.03 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
Wednesday	13.02- Grade 1 - 6 Portraits/class photos/siblings/staff	Thursday	14.03- Divisional Swimming Carnival
Wednesday	13.02 – Prep rest day / Prep Entry Assessment	WEEK 8	
Thursday	14.02 – House Swimming Sports	Monday	18.03- 21.03 Life Education Van (Prep-2)
Friday	15.02- Interschool Summer Sports commences	Tuesday	19.03- School Council meeting 6:30pm
		Friday	23.03- Interim reports (Term 1) shared with families
WEEK 4		WEEK 9	
Monday	18.02- 01.03 Year 1 and 2 Swimming Program commences	Wednesday	27.03- Kids Share Open Afternoon in classrooms (3:30pm-4:00pm)
Tuesday	19.02 – School Council Meeting 6:30pm	Friday	29.03- Interim Student reports posted on Compass
Tuesday	19.02 – 'Meet the teacher' sessions		
Wednesday	20.02 – Prep rest day / Prep Entry Assessment	WEEK 10	
WEEK 5		Friday	05.04- Easter hat Parade 9:30am
Monday	25.02 – 'Helping in the Classroom' at Willy – parent session 9:15 – 11:00am	Friday	05.04- End Term one 2:30pm dismissal
Tuesday	26.02 – Seaside fair meeting 7:00pm	Friday December 21st	End of school year - Dismissal @ 1:30pm
Wednesday	27.02 - Prep rest day / Prep Entry Assessment		
Thursday	28.02 – <i>Friends of Willy</i> – Prep Families Welcome Picnic 5:00 – 7:00pm		
March:			
Friday	01.03- Schools' Clean-Up Day		
WEEK 6			
Monday	04.03- Preps here fulltime this week		
Tuesday	05.03- <i>Friends of Willy</i> Meeting 7:00pm		

