



## From The Principals Desk

Dear Families,

### **Willy Kids are learners!**

We would like to remind parents that coming up in Week 9, on Wednesday 27th March 3:30pm-4pm, we invite all families along to our open afternoon. This is an opportunity for the students to share their learning this term, particularly in relation to the expectations being set for the year and their learning goals. Placing the student at the centre of their learning, ensuring they are central to the conversations about their learning is critical in building learner agency and more successful outcomes. We hope every family will be represented on the day.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, parents will be able to access an Interim report for Term one, via the Compass portal. If parents have any issues accessing Compass or their reports we would encourage you to please contact the office. Interim reports aim to give parents a *snapshot* of how their child has settled in at school. It is important to be aware that these reports are not the detailed reports that students receive in terms two and four and they do not contain comments. We believe the information provided will however give parents an understanding of their child's work habits at school, as well as their attitude towards learning so far this year.

### **Willy Kids say, "Bullying. No Way!"**

Today our students recognised the **National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence**. Williamstown Primary School has always had open conversations about what bullying is and how our students can be great Willy Kids and so we're fortunate that if bullying does sneak into the yard or classroom, it is quickly eliminated. We want to keep it this way!

Again this year we registered with the NDA so that we can ensure our Willy Kids continue to be empowered to say 'Bullying. No Way!' As parents, you can find more information by checking out the [Bullying! No Way! website](#) which explains what bullying is and strategies that effectively deal with it. In particular, this site is especially helpful for you as a parent when speaking to your child about bullying.

### **Easter Raffle**

As we approach April, our community is gearing up for the ever-amazing, Willy Primary Easter Raffle. Already we have a small band of parents planning for this, however we need more helpers! Last year, with the generosity of Willy Families, 42 big, beautiful hampers filled with chocolate (and other luxurious goodies) were raffled off. The raffle takes place at our annual Easter hat parade on the final day of term. The parade itself is a spectacular not to be missed, but you have to be in the raffle to win it! Please listen out for FOW notices of how you can support this fundraiser and hopefully win one of the most amazing Easter hampers we've ever seen.

### **Other notes and reminders:**

- Can you spare an hour to assist with our **Bunnings BBQ on March 30**? Please check out the Facebook page or the **FOW notice board outside the Music room**.
- We ask all families to ensure they have logged onto COMPASS and made arrangements to pay the **Essential Student Learning Items (ESLI) ASAP** or by the end of term at the latest. This would be greatly appreciated. Please note that if you would like to discuss this confidentially you may contact Cheryl Douglas, Business Manager. Thank you.
- **Lost Property Bins: We hope we can keep lost property to a minimum this year by having all items of clothing and other clearly named. In the case of lost items though, there are three bins located across the school – one in the red brick building, one in the 5 / 6 Gallery and one in the main entrance of the Bluestone building.**
- **Willy Kids are Sun Smart Kids! No hat, No Play! Remember to SLIP! SLOP! SLAP! SLIDE! And SEEK!** Please don't be disappointed if children miss key events because they do not have a school hat to wear. We need to help children build their responsibility around this.
- All parents or **visitors to the school** must sign in at the office **before entering** their child's classroom.
- We encourage every child to **walk, ride, skate or scoot** to school every Friday, in fact every day you can in term one when the weather is fine.

Warm regards,  
Andrea and Mat

## Dates to Remember

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### TERM 1

#### Dates to remember in Term One:

#### **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  
- Gr3/4 Excursion - Scienceworks

#### **WEEK 9**

- Wednesday 27.03 - Kids Share Open Afternoon in classrooms (3:30pm-4:00pm)
- Friday 29.03 - Interim Student reports posted on Compass
- Saturday 30.03 - FOW - Bunnings BBQ

#### **WEEK 10**

- Friday 05.04 - Easter Hat Parade 9:30am
- Friday 05.04 - End of Term One (2:30pm dismissal)