



From The Principals Desk

Dear Families,

Canteen Menu

Mat and I met with Leo from Jude Fina Foods on Thursday. We raised a number of things with him which have been met positively. The winter menu will include **Baked Potatoes on a Wednesday** which we hope our children will enjoy. We are excited to say **that soup will be available daily from June**– either minestrone or pumpkin. The canteen will be encouraging the use of **Keep Cups** for the serving of this to kids. We are also delighted to hear that Leo will be investigating recyclable cutlery. This was raised due to the persistent conversations of Claire Leibel in Year 3/4 E. Claire is a great Willy Kid and an environmental campaigner. She has been sharing her ideas for more sustainable practices with the canteen staff. Now, this is on the table to investigate. Hopefully after weighing up costs, this may become an option for our canteen provider to adopt at Willy Primary. We congratulate Claire for raising everyone's awareness about this.

Just a reminder that the canteen is open for both recess and lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please check the updated menu online using the QKr! app.

Lost Property

Oh my goodness! This continues to be a huge issue for our school. **We are imploring EVERY family to please ensure ALL items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.** The amount of lost jumpers and jackets is astonishing -new school jackets as well as Williamstown Juniors football tops are being lost and sent off to op shops and recycling stations because we do not know who they belong to. This is such a vicious waste of money and resources, and ultimately this wastefulness is not great for our environment.

Please have a conversation with your children about taking care of their belongings and we encourage a greater level of accountability being placed with the children, particularly those in years 4, 5 and 6.

Thankfully we have a great team of volunteer parents who, under the direction of the class reps and Bea Rumble, are working to sort through the lost property each week.

Lost Property Bins

Just a reminder that these are located in the entrance of the Red brick building (playground end), in the Billy Green Gallery and in the middle hallway of the Bluestone Building. Families are strongly encouraged to regularly check these locations with their child if they are looking for lost items.

Second Hand Uniform sales- the FOW have determined to hold a second hand uniform sale on the last day of the school term, Friday June 28th. More information to follow.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program of Literacy and Numeracy)

The **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)** commences next week across the country for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in the areas of reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. NAPLAN is a schedule of tests administered annually to Australian students. Willy Kids will complete the tests online this year, after having trialled the platform last year. NAPLAN is moving to an online platform for all students by 2020.

NAPLAN is a tool used to measure overall learning progress of individuals at one point in time, and more particularly, the academic performance of the school and the school system. At the classroom level it is one of a number of tools used by teachers to measure student progress. However, as schools will receive NAPLAN reports for their students from mid-August to mid-September, the snapshot data it presents is more useful as a systemic measurement of school performance, than as formative assessment to assist a classroom teacher to plan the teaching and learning program for an individual student. The student cohort results however are useful in assisting professional learning teams (PLTs) to identify and plan for areas of the curriculum that may require further emphasis for improvement. “

We are very keen for our students to take this experience on next week, just like any other task or event at school- confidently, calmly and with a 'have-a-go' attitude. Remembering our Willy Kid principles of being **ready to learn** and **having a Growth Mindset** will support them well.

The school will notify you when the reports are being sent home. The same report format is used for every student

in Australia.

School Self-evaluation

Feedback Forum – share your thoughts and ideas

As part of our school review process, we are busy analysing school performance data and collecting feedback from staff, students and now families.

On **Tuesday May 21st at 7pm** we will be holding a **Feedback Forum for our parents** to attend with the intention of capturing your ideas and perspectives about our school. Please keep the date in mind if you would like to provide us with valuable, direct feedback. This forum will double as our school's Annual General Meeting, at which the 2018 Annual Report will be formally presented. A copy of the report is available on our school's website.

Please RSVP using the attached slip by Friday May 17. Thank you.

2020 Prep (Foundation) Enrolments now being taken

Enrolment forms are now available from the school office. Prospective Prep (Foundation) families (both new to the school and families of existing students) are invited to call the school office and register their interest in a school tour. These will be conducted by both Year 6 students and senior staff providing a range of perspectives about our school at the following times:

- Monday 13th May at 2:30pm
- Friday 17th May at 9:30am
- Wednesday 22nd May at 9:30am

For details about our school's enrolment zones and DETs placement policy please visit

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/zones-restrictions.aspx> and

<https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>

Reminders and Notes:

- School Council is currently undertaking a review of our school's **Homework Policy**. Parents have been invited to participate in a quick **survey regarding Homework** at WPS. Please see previous Compass post.
- Families will hopefully perform their electoral duties here at Willy Primary next week... the FoW will be having a fundraising sausage sizzle here....please let your friends and neighbours know!
- Following the departure of Lynne Bouchier, please note that all enquiries regarding **Inclusion and Welfare related issues should now be directed to the Principal team**, specifically, Andrea for Prep – Year 2 and Mat for Year 3 -6. You are welcome to email or call.
- **Parent of a Child Aged 2 to 12?**
The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is conducting research into parents' opinions about parenting and parenting programs. If you have a child between 2 and 12 years, we would love to hear your views on parenting and the services that are available to you as a parent. You will need to complete a short survey. To find out more or to participate please visit <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parenting>

We wish all our wonderful Willy Mums a great day on Sunday. We hope you receive a little extra spoiling by your families. We give a special shout-out to the Mums who helped out and supported our Mother's Day stall on Thursday – thank you! The kids were thrilled to have the opportunity to select something exceptional for their Mum, Nan, aunt or special friend, and they had an extraordinary range to select from! This stall gets better and better every year and we are very grateful to you all.

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Dates to Remember

TERM 2 Dates

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WEEK 4

Monday	13 May	Prep 2020 Parent Tour at 2.30pm
Monday	13 May	District Cross Country
Tuesday	14-16 May	NAPLAN (National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy)
Wednesday	15 May	Chirpy Chicks (Prep and Year 1)
Thursday	16 May	Year 1 Excursion to Animal Land Children's Farm (new date)
Thursday	16 May	Wayapa Wuurrk workshop (Year 3 / 4)
Thursday	16 May	Parent Ed session #2
		Supporting Writing, Handwriting and Spelling at home
Friday	17 May	Walk Safely to School Day
Friday	17 May	Prep 2020 Parent Tour at 9.30am
Saturday	18 May	Federal Election Day – VOTE at Willy Primary!
		Visit the FOW Sausage Sizzle and Coffee Van!

Further Dates for your diaries:

21 May	Family Feedback Forum 7:00pm <i>includes Annual General Meeting</i>
22 May	Prep 2020 Parent Tour at 9:30am
29 May	Divisional Cross Country
31 May	Reconciliation Day
11 Jun	School Council meeting
20 Jun	Regional Cross Country
25 Jun	Student Learning Conferences (1:00-7:00pm) – ALL Students dismissed at 12:30pm
28 Jun	2020 Foundation (Prep) Enrolment applications are due
	End Term 2 – dismissal at 2:30pm

TERM 3

15 Jul Curriculum Day- pupil free

TERM 4

4 Nov Curriculum Day – pupil free

20 Dec End of Year dismissal @ 1:30pm