



From The Principals Desk

Dear Families,

School Self-evaluation

Feedback Forum – share your thoughts and ideas

Tomorrow, **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. This feedback will inform our school self-evaluation as part of our DET School Review process which we are undertaking this year. If you would like to provide us with valuable, direct feedback, we would love for you to join us. The 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.

Friday was **National Walk safely to School Day** and we were delighted to see the great numbers of children who walked or rode to school on that day. As you know every Friday at Willy PS is Walk to School Day, in fact most of our kids walk to school *every day* and this is something we will always encourage.

Williamstown is one of the few suburbs where this option is still possible and we would love to see every family make the most of it. It is a great way to start the day putting us in a positive frame of mind.

While we are very keen to encourage families and kids to walk/ride/scoot/skate to school, we also acknowledge that this requires a certain degree of care so that every child arrives safely. If your child is walking or riding to school, it is best if we follow a few simple guidelines:

- Make sure your child is old enough and mature enough to get themselves to and from school – parents are best placed to judge this.
- Make sure you practise the route with your kids before they try themselves. And make sure they have had other opportunities to be out and about without adult supervision. Can they travel to and from a friend's house around the block? Do they stick to timelimes? Are they completely confident of finding their way to and from home?
- It is always best for your child to walk or ride with a friend or in a small group.
- Make sure your child follows the same safe and known route every day.
- Make sure your child has a good sense of being safe in traffic and knows where to cross roads and railway tracks safely.
- Make sure your child recognises a safe place to go if they become frightened – a shop or public place is best.

Even if your family lives some distance away, we would encourage you to park a few blocks from the school and complete your journey on foot whenever you can. We thank Marina and our staff as well as the JSC representatives for promoting this event this year.

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.

Other notes:

- Thank you to all those families who came along and voted at Willy Primary on Saturday. We are delighted to share that we raised close to \$2700! We are very grateful for the efforts of all the FOW helpers on the day, as well as our bakers. Special thanks to Nat Neale for her coordination of this fundraising event. What a wonderful job!
- We encourage you to join our **Williamstown Primary School Home/School Learning Partnership group** on Facebook. This page will be populated with information, tips and advice about how you can support your child's learning. Please log on and check it out!

**Warm Regards,
Andrea & Mat**

Dates to Remember

TERM 2 Dates

Dates to remember:

WEEK 5 **NAPLAN assessments continue for Year 3 and 5 students**
Tuesday **21 May** **Family Feedback Forum 7:00pm includes *Annual General Meeting***
Wednesday **22 May** **Prep 2020 Parent Tour at 9:30am**

Week 6

29 May Divisional Cross Country
31 May Reconciliation Day

Week 7

5 Jun Respectful Relationships Student Forum

Week 8

11 Jun School Council meeting
13 Jun Gr3-6 House Athletics

Week 9

20 Jun Regional Cross Country

Week 10

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
16 Jun Students start Term 3

TERM 4

4 Nov Curriculum Day – pupil free
20 Dec End of Year dismissal @ 1:30pm