



From The Principals Desk

Dear Families,

Science Week celebrations and more

We look forward to many special events in term three. In recent time, Science week has been among them! Next week is Science Week at WPS and we have a number of things planned including a daily science quiz to be enjoyed across the week. Thursday will be a big day of experiments as we hypothesise, test and report our way through the day in cross age groups with buddies all day. Then in the evening we will enjoy our Family Science Night. Thank you to the many families who have registered. We are delighted to say it is BOOKED OUT!

What else is coming up?

How great it that in term three we can roll from one exciting week to another. Following Science Week, our children can look forward to our annual Book Week celebrations and the Book Fair. The Library will be set up with a range of books for students to purchase. Additionally on Wednesday, our Prep-Year 4s will celebrate their favourite books and authors by participating in our Book Character Dress up day and parade. We encourage the children to start thinking about their costumes!

Unfortunately, this year, our year 5 / 6s will be missing the parade as it clashes with 5 / 6 Camp in Toolangi. We wish them well as they enjoy the broad range of special activities they'll be involved in.

Make Your Mark – personalised pavers.

Thank you to our many families who have returned their personalised paver orders today. We've been inundated this week and can't wait to see them laid which will take place in the term three holidays.

School Safety breaches

This week I posted a separate newsfeed in relation to a school safety concern that was raised at St Mary's. As a school we wanted to assure our community that there was no direct impact on our school or community as a result of this.

From time to time, however, we do become aware of potential safety concerns (either directly at our school, or raised by other schools). These are managed immediately and methodically. In these instances we notify the School Critical Incident Unit and the appropriate Emergency Services. This generates a security alert or IRIS alert which is distributed to all neighbouring government schools. We also follow this up by contacting St Mary's School across the road. We increase supervision in the yard, keep in close contact with other schools and if relevant, the police, and if the matter is serious we inform the community through the newsletter or special bulletin.

The safety of our kids is paramount, and while we never wish to be alarmist, we would never take any of these situations lightly. We want our school community and especially our students to always feel comfortable and safe at school and we work hard to ensure this.

Traffic Management survey for families

Hobson's Bay Council are in the process of collecting information that will be used for road upgrades around Williamstown Primary School. These upgrades will see enhanced crossings options, increased bicycle lanes and street modifications will improve the access and safety around the school.

To assist Hobson's Bay Council the school has been asked to distribute the below survey link.

The feedback from this survey will be used to improve the road safety around Williamstown Primary School and St Mary's Primary School, Williamstown

Here's the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wilschoolsurvey>

Reminders:

- **Please don't forget to complete the 2019 Parent Opinion Survey which closes this Sunday!**
- **Please remember that parents must contact the school to inform us of their child's absence ASAP.** An automated text message will now be sent to families on the same day their child is absent, via the Compass app.

Wishing you all a great week!

Andrea

Dates to Remember

TERM 3

14 Aug	Pre-review meeting day #1
15 Aug	Family SCIENCE Night
16 Aug	Prep-6 Science Activity Day
20 Aug	School Council meeting @6:30pm
21 Aug	Book Week: Book Character Dress –Up Day
19-23 Aug	Gr 5/6 Camps – Toolangi Camp
25 Aug	Hobsons Voice
26 Aug	District Athletics
28 Aug	School review day #2
28 Aug	eSmart workshops for 5 / 6 students and Parent Ed session (6:30pm)
26-30 Aug	Gr3/4 Camps – Wombat Corner, Emerald
27 Aug	Prep – 2 Book week performance
31 st Aug	FOW Social Night – Go Troppo!
Sept 4	UNSW English
Sept 5	School Discos! (Junior 5:30-7:00, senior 7:30-9:00)
Sept 6	Visiting author Felice Arena (Years 3 -6)
Sept 11	School review day #3
Sept 11	Kids Share open Afternoon (3:30-4:00pm)
Sept 12	Year 2 Sleepover at School
Sept 16	UNSW English
Sept 17	School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
Sept 18	UNSW Maths
Sept 18	Year 3 / 4 School Production – “Truth Juice”
20 Sep	Footy Day
	End Term 3 @2:30pm

TERM 4

22 nd October	School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
4 Nov	Curriculum Day – pupil free
14 Nov	Prep Warm Water Swimming Program begins
17 Nov	SEASIDE FAIR at Willy Primary!
19 th Nov	School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
10 Dec	Step Up Program incl. Year 6 – 7 Orientation day
20 Dec	End of Year dismissal @ 1:30pm