



THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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Friday, the 24th of May, 2024

Willowmavin Primary School resides on the lands of the Taungurung people.

We acknowledge their leaders past and present and pledge to respect the earth, the life and the waters of these lands.

CELEBRATING LEARNING IN ...

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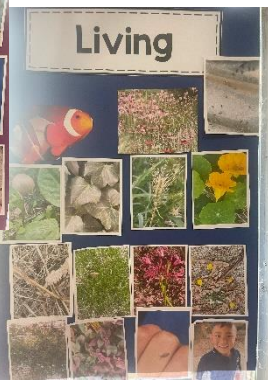
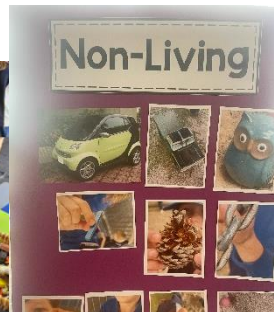
The F/1s have had a great start to the year. Last term was filled with new routines, learning of skills, and a range of experiences both in and out of the classroom. This included swimming, cross-country, dress up days and of course, new topics in Reading, Writing and Maths.



Our Inquiry unit last term was about 'Me and My Family'. We focused on families of different shapes and sizes, while comparing our own differences and similarities, likes and dislikes. Understanding that we are unique and special in our own way and recognising that this is something to celebrate.



This term, we are studying living things and their needs to survive. In the classroom we will study a range of animals and learn about their features, habitats, diets and behaviours. While out of the classroom, we are hoping to clean up the veggie patch and plant some new plants, whilst learning to care for them and watch them grow and change.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrations!

Well, there has certainly been a lot happening since our last newsletter! From success on the sporting field, to achievements in the classroom; a productive community working bee, to an afternoon celebrating our mums! Busy, busy, busy!

In this newsletter, you will find celebrations of learning in the F/1 classroom, achievement at the District sporting carnival, and a visit from an international basketball trickster! Fair to say there's something for everyone!



Newsletter Survey

Speaking of this newsletter, below is a link to a survey on our school newsletter. We are seeking feedback on our newsletter content, as well as information on how read it is. From the school's perspective, the newsletter is an important communication tool that provides families with updates on events and news, whilst also celebrating current learning or other achievements. The final product is the result of a great deal of time being put in by many members of staff. We want to ensure we are making the most of that time.

The survey has only the 4 questions, and we don't expect it will take more than 5 minutes to complete. Thank you in advance for your time and feedback. <https://forms.office.com/r/rnDBVbCAGP>

School Photo Day Next Tuesday

Our school photo day is next Tuesday, May 28. Unlike previous years, we have decided to have our whole school photo first thing, at 8:55am. This will mean that any students going home during the day, due to becoming unwell, appointments, or otherwise, will not miss the whole school photo. This will also mean that students must be at school on time, 8:50am at the latest. We will send a reminder regarding this on Monday evening. A Compass post has gone out regarding order forms for photos. Please ensure you place your photo orders by 11pm on May 27.

School Promotion

School promotion is an important aspect of any school, however the unique context of Willowmavin PS means school promotion is absolutely essential. Whilst Willowmavin residents may be aware of the school, there are many in Kilmore (the school's most significant catchment area) that do not know the school exists. The school has a number of strategies it employs to promote the school, including sending articles through to the local paper, advertising in the local paper, dropping off flyers to local kinders and wherever possible, working in partnership with these kinders. We also seek to have a presence online. In addition to the school's website, we also have a Facebook page on which we celebrate the school.

We are seeking our school community's support in promoting the school. There are a number of ways you can do this. Many parents, when looking for a school for their child, will reach out on community pages in social media platforms. Willowmavin PS parents can jump on these pages and promote the school there, encouraging people looking at schools in the area to get in touch with the school to organise a tour. There is also Google, on which you can leave a review for the school. Of course, should you have any feedback on areas the school can improve in, we encourage you to send that feedback directly through to the school so that we can respond to that.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support. If you have any other suggestions on how the school can promote itself, please don't hesitate to speak with us at the office.

Signing Off

Success is based on attendance! The more you show up, the more successful you will be.

Until next time, take care of one another and be the best you can be!

Mr. O'Callaghan

Class on Grass

Back in Week 3, Willowmavin's soccer team made the journey to Assumption College to compete against other local primary schools in the 2024 Winter Interschool Sports Competition.

Students had been learning a variety of soccer skills during P.E., and a group of passionate soccer enthusiasts had been competing fiercely during recess and lunch breaks for months. The Grade 5/6 students were grateful for the large number of Grade Four students who volunteered to ensure we could field full teams on the day. The team had two main foci for the competition: to enjoy the day and to encourage participation by upholding our school values.

Our first game was against Our Lady of the Way. Willowmavin got off to a flyer, scoring the 1st goal within the 1st minute! The team went on to win this game by 8 goals. The backline of Charlie, Ben, Bryce and Natalia did a marvellous job of repelling any OLW attacking moves and Zara and Riley (3 goals each) and Ruby (2 goals) finished off the hard running midfield work of Ruby, Hudson and Riley.

Willowmavin's second game for the day was against the highly credentialled Wandong Primary School. It was a tight affair until the deadlock was broken by a well taken strike by Ruby in the closing moments.

The win was truly a team effort. Charlie McK and Ryder provided great drive from midfield to support both attack and defence. Alex M., Charlotte, Hannah and Rayyan threw themselves in to frantically thwart any attack and our goalkeeper extraordinaire, Ben, made some crucial goal saving efforts to ensure that the team kept a clean sheet.

The team entered our third game knowing that another victory would likely see us through to the finals. Another close game ensued with Willowmavin going down to a solitary goal, scored in the last minute of the game. Had it not been for the heroics of Jumping Jai, our goalie for the game, then the game would have been over much earlier. Jai was determinedly supported by Iliana, Natalia, Charlie McC. and Hannah in defence. Tireless running by Riley, Zara, Ryder and Hudson also produced a number of scoring opportunities for the team.

Willowmavin's 'be our best' efforts were rewarded by an appearance in the 3rd place play off game. The team scrambled to ready themselves for their unexpected game. A thrilling encounter followed with both teams having opportunities to score a decisive goal. Again, Jumping Jai pulled off two stunning saves and Zara again provided 'Steven Gerrard' like drives into the opposition box. The two 'Rs', Ruby and Riley ran up and down the field to support their teammates. Natalia demonstrated a 'no prisoners' approach to clearing the ball and attackers from her area. The opposition defence was finally opened up by some smart Willow passing, and a clinical finish by our super sub Ryder was the moment that sealed a well-deserved win.

Overall, a stunning weather day was matched by a stunning Willowmavin effort. The team manger couldn't have been prouder of the way our students approached the day and for the classy way that they won (and lost) their games. Our two goals of having fun and encouraging participation were certainly achieved!

A big thank you to our school captains for leading our teams on the day, to our parents for their encouragement and support from the sidelines and to the student referees from Assumption College. Thank you also to our Junior School Councillors from 2023/2024 for their efforts to fundraise, design and have delivered, our sports tops for the day.

Go Willow!



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Did you know the Harlem Globe Trotters were touring Australia???! Well, that's what it felt like when 360 Allstars all star Sam came to Willowmavin. My uncle Sam came and did some of the most amazing tricks ever performed with basketballs. Everyone that wanted to do a trick, got some help from Sam to do one. All of a sudden, it was like we were all 360 Allstars! Everyone had a great time and thanks Uncle Sam for coming out to Willowmavin PS.
By Ollie

Photos by Julz





25 Sessions Plus

Marlee Comer
Louis Campbell
Jack Hume
Iliana Taengtang
Alice Cram
Marlie Beale

50 Sessions Plus

Hannah Pate
Bodhi Sanderson
Ollie Sheffield
Keira Ellis
Hudson Monaghan
Harry Sheffield
Julian Canham


75 Sessions Plus

Leticia Vine
Charlie Mckenzie
Adam Vine
Riley McKenzie
Ruby Ellis
Ellie Jenkins
Matilda Haines
Wyatt Blandthorn
Charlie Creed

100 Sessions Plus

Charlie McKenzie

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**Willowmavin Primary School
Photo Day: Tuesday 28th May**

**School photo day is fast approaching, make sure you
place your order via Compass.**

- 1. Click the Community Tab in the Compass App**
- 2. Select Photos**
- 3. Place your order**

A late/processing fee will apply for orders received 1 week after photo day.

All orders for families/sibling photos must be placed by 11pm on 27th May.

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Driving safely in the Wet

Driving on wet roads is different to driving on dry roads. The conditions vary from slippery roads, heavy downpours to light or heavy spray from passing trucks on the freeway.

Taking some precautions could save your life. Driving in heavy rain tips:

- Slow down: tyres will have better traction & contact with the road & increase your distance from other cars significantly;
- Always drive with two hands to stay in control;
- Use your headlights to make yourself more visible and your air-conditioning to prevent the windscreen from misting up;
- Drive in another vehicle's tracks. This makes it easier for the tyres to handle the water and see what's up ahead;
- Stay vigilant of other drivers and dangers in your surroundings. Anticipate dangerous situations rather than waiting to react to them;
- If someone around you is driving dangerously (cutting in & out of traffic or driving close to your tail), let them pass. It's better to have them in front of you than behind;
- When turning, brake in a straight line before you get to the turn. Maintain a constant speed through the turn. Do not brake during the turn as this can make you slip; and
- **DON'T USE YOUR CRUISE CONTROL** – this will keep accelerating if you start aquaplaning;
- If you hit water and start to aquaplane, take your foot off the accelerator. **DO NOT BRAKE**; and
- **PULL OVER IF IT'S REALLY BAD** and wait for the rain to slow down.

Driving on wet roads can be just as treacherous as is the risk of accidents. Our tips could help you stay alive:

- Be conscious of spray from other vehicles, especially large trucks. This could temporarily reduce your visibility;
- **DON'T DRIVE THROUGH FLOOD WATER**;
- Sometimes you underestimate the depth of the water, and your engine could stall. **DON'T** try to restart your engine until it has dried out and been checked;
- Drive in the middle lane if possible. Water tends to pool near the edge of the road;
- Be considerate of your own spray and avoid driving fast through puddles near pedestrians or cyclists; and
- **DON'T** set off with adequate fuel or a charged mobile. If delayed, these things might be very useful.

Vital Car Maintenance

Properly maintaining your car helps ensure your safety, the safety of your passengers and your fellow drivers.

Here are some ways to help keep your car running smoothly:

- Inspect your tyres regularly, ensuring you have the proper amount of tread, a minimum depth of 3mm, and tyre pressure as per the manufacturer's specifications;
- Check your oil, water, and coolant each month;
- Test your lights for loose connections or burnt out bulbs; and
- Inspect your wiper blades for wear & tear.

Basic maintenance may prevent your car from breaking down on the road and also may prevent an accident.

Firewood Collection

Firewood collection areas open in state forests. Victorians are able to collect free firewood for personal use from state forest collection areas until 30 June.

People can collect up to two cubic metres per person per day during the firewood collection season with a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year.

Firewood collectors are being urged to play it safe and check local weather conditions as well as their planned route before heading into the forest, especially after recent flooding, storms and bushfires.

Firewood collected needs at least 8-12 months to cure & dry out. It's an offence to collect wood outside the designated areas.

Do something for your community!

We are looking for a volunteer in the Beveridge area – namely the Ooranya, Glenmore or Timbarra estates. We are hoping to find someone who can spare us just a few hours each month (11 months) to deliver a newsletter just like this one.

We find our volunteers enjoy putting back into their local community and it is a great way of meeting your neighbours. You can walk your dog at the same time and the hours are fairly flexible.

New people to the community, or people who have made a resolution to do more for their community, are perfect for this role. Everyone is very welcome to apply.

Contact Paul on 0437 753 448 if you are interested.

Did you know?

Recreational motorcycles, including dirt bikes, are **not permitted on roads** unless:

- They are roads not declared as freeways or arterial roads and are outside built up areas (100km/h or less); or
- Areas that are not a road and are solely for the training and assessment of a holder of a motor cycle learner permit by an organisation approved by VicRoads for that purpose.

A person riding a recreational motorbike on public roads or paths must be 18 years of age and hold an appropriate motorcycle learner permit or licence.

As for wearing a helmet when riding your recreational motorbike, it is illegal to ride a recreational bike without wearing an approved helmet. We also recommend other protective gear such as gloves, boots, goggles and body armour.

Disclaimer: Current as on 19/03/24 <https://www.racv.com.au/royal/autos/transport/dirt-and-trailbike-rules-victoria> for more information.

Important Numbers

Emergency: Triple Zero (000) - Fire, Police, Ambulance

Non-urgent crimes: Police Assistance Line - 131 444

Report Anonymously: Crime Stoppers - 1800 333 000

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Register your ticket at Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.com.au and search 'CoolHeads Young Driver Program'
Enquiries contact:
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If you are unable to attend please contact the CoolHeads Unit at the time being your seat.

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Upcoming Events

Kilmore - 27 April 2024 (tbc)

We are coming to Coles Kilmore on 27 April, 2024, for a sausage sizzle out the front of the store. It is a perfect chance to say hello, tell us your concerns from your neighbourhood or ask for advice.

Coolheads in Seymour, 1 May, 2024

South Mitchell NHW is supporting Victoria Police Proactive Unit at a Coolheads Young Drivers Program on Wednesday, 1 May, 2024, at Seymour College, Seymour.

This program is a thought provoking session which is designed to help young or older drivers make the right decision whilst driving a vehicle. It is quite confronting so please leave the young children at home.

See the above image for details.

General Meeting, 2 & 30 May, 2024

Our next General Meeting this year is at 7pm on Thursday, 2 May, 2024 at the Sue Marstaeller Pavilion, L.B. Davern Reserve, Dry Creek Cres., Wandong. Everyone is welcome.

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Waste Wise Workshop: Modern cloth nappies



10am to 11.30am, Monday 3 June

Online - Scan QR code to register

Participants on the day have the chance to win 1 of 10 Nappy Starter Packs, valued at \$150 RRP!

Cloth nappies have come a long way in recent years, and modern cloth nappies offer many benefits over traditional disposable nappies.

By the end of this 90 min workshop, parents will be able to:

- Understand different types and styles of modern cloth nappies
- Know the correct process for washing modern cloth nappies at home
- Troubleshoot problems such as leaks and correct fit

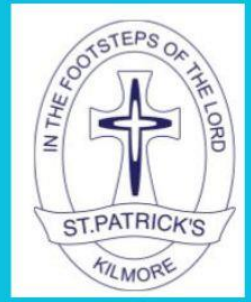
There are only 20 spaces in the workshop so get in quick and register today!

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10:00 am

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RSVP by 5th June

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WILLOW WORKS



Listed below are current general maintenance and repair items at the school. If you are able to help with these items, please speak with the office or your child's classroom teacher. All materials required for these jobs will be paid for by the school. We are able to organise access to the school grounds after hours if this is more suitable for families.
Thank you!

Item	Date
Balustrade on x2 staircases to be replaced.	03/08/23
Lubricate playground equipment	25/10/23
Repair sink in art room	25/10/23
Blind cord to be screwed back in to place in Breakfast Club room	25/10/23
Sliding door in art room to be repaired so that it moves smoothly	25/10/23
Hole covered on side of admin building	25/10/23
Safety gate (on BER deck) lock to be lubricated	25/10/23
Open windows in art room and admin office	09/11/2023
Remove wood pile and tall grass behind container	07/12/2023
Re attach the paper towel holder to the Boy's bathroom wall	21/03/2024





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What's On...

Dates To Remember

May

28th School Photo Day

June

5th Division Cross Country

7th Hot Lunch

10th King's Birthday (Public Holiday)

13th Werribee Zoo Excursion Grades 2-6

28th End of Term (1:30pm Finish)



WE'RE IN THE PAPER!

Check out Page 9 and 34 of last week's [North Central Review](#) for some Willow publicity!

If you have a key contact, ideas or skills that can assist with the promotion of the school, please get in touch!



May

3 rd	Georgia
11 th	Ryder
12 th	Kaiden
19 th	Matilda

Other.....

Tools, Tools, Tools!

We are currently looking at buying a push lawn mower for the school to get into some areas that are a little tricky to get to with the ride on mower. Before purchasing one, we wondered if any of our families may have an old mower in working condition, but that is not getting a run anymore. We are also seeking any other old tools that families would be happy to part with. We will be using these to train up our Maintenance Managers and broaden the impact they can have in their student leadership roles.

If you think you may be able to help, please contact the office.

Thank you in advance!



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