

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrations!

As always, there has been much reason for celebration over the past 2 weeks. From celebrating our students' sporting achievements at District Athletics, to celebrating Book Week with our annual dress up day and parade, to celebrating our dads and father figures with our card making afternoon, we have had much to be positive about. Thank you to all of our staff for the time spent organising these events, to all of our parents who got involved or assisted with these events, and of course to all of our students for being so enthusiastically involved in things. It is great to have such a committed and team-oriented school community.



School Works

A shout out to families who have recently completed work around the school in their own time. James Gill recently completed plumbing works for the school, and George Sanderson patched up some holes on our admin building. A special thank you also to the mystery mower who recently mowed the school grounds this term. Despite our investigations, we have not been able to ascertain who this was!



Attendance

As we enter Spring (and hopefully warmer weather!) and leave the cold and flu season behind us, we look forward to higher attendance across the school. Term 3 has seen a high number of student absences as students have been unwell. Covid has also reared its ugly head again recently. Currently, our attendance rate for 2024, is below that of 2023. At 87% average attendance across the school, we have students missing on average, one day a fortnight of school. This equates to a month of school by year's end. We know this is due, in the most part, to students being unwell. This highlights the importance that students are at school, on time, every day that they are healthy and well enough to do so. Allowing students to have a day off, despite them not being unwell, sends a message that school is not valued. As mentioned previously, nighttime routines are key to establishing morning routines that enable our students to transition smoothly from home to school each day. Also mentioned previously, is that the school is here to support families in any way that it can to get students to school on time, every time they are healthy and well enough to do so.

School Savings Bonus

Please see the page in this newsletter relating to the Victorian Government's School Saving Bonus initiative. All students enrolled in Department of Education primary or secondary schools for 2025 will be receiving \$400 to go towards their education.

Grounds and Maintenance Position

As sent out via Compass, and posted on the school's Facebook page, we are currently seeking a grounds and maintenance person on a casual basis. This would be for one day a week, with hours and day negotiated with the school. For more information, including outline of duties, please click on the following link. <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/YZakQFZud1GemJF1/>. Applications close this Friday, September 6.

Signing Off

Nothing is impossible. The disability is not in arms or legs. The disability is to not persevere in whatever you would like to do.

Mr. O'Callaghan



Student of the Week



Term: 3

Week: 5



F/1 Keira

2/3/4 Charlie

4/5/6 Ruby



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Student of the Week



Term: 3

Week:6



F/1 Marlie
2/3/4 Ollie
4/5/6 Jai



The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.
Dr. Seuss

25 Sessions Plus

Alex Mason
Ryder Morgan

50 Sessions Plus

Jack Alnes
Roman Taengtang
Georgia Bradley
Maria Taengtang
Marlee Comer
Xavier Beale

75 Sessions Plus

Ruby Ellis
Zara Gill
Alice Cram
Louis Campbell

100 Nights Plus

Jack Hume
Ellie Jenkins
Marlie Beale
Hudson Monaghan

125 Nights Plus

Olivia Baldwin
Keira Ellis
Matilda Haines
Oliver Sheffield
Jai Bamford-Newey
Bodhi Sanderson

150 Nights Plus

Charlie McKenzie
Charlie Creed
Julian Canham
Harrison Sheffield

175 Nights Plus

Hannah Pate
Adam Vine
Riley McKenzie
Wyatt Blandthorn
Iliana Taengtang

200 Nights Plus

Leticia Vine





School Saving Bonus

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- Check your contact information on Compass: Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us via the Compass app.

Instructions on how to update your details on Compass will be sent out in the school Newsletter and on Compass.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address

- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers, visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

How to: Consent & pay for Events

**COMING SOON
TO WILLOWMAVIN PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

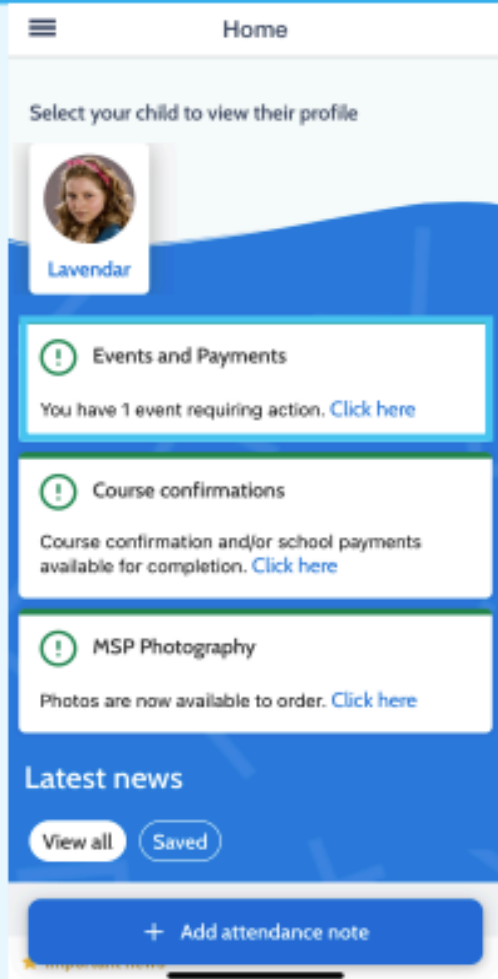
Make payments and give consent easily

Gone are the days of sending the kids to school with cash in an envelope and a signed permission slip!

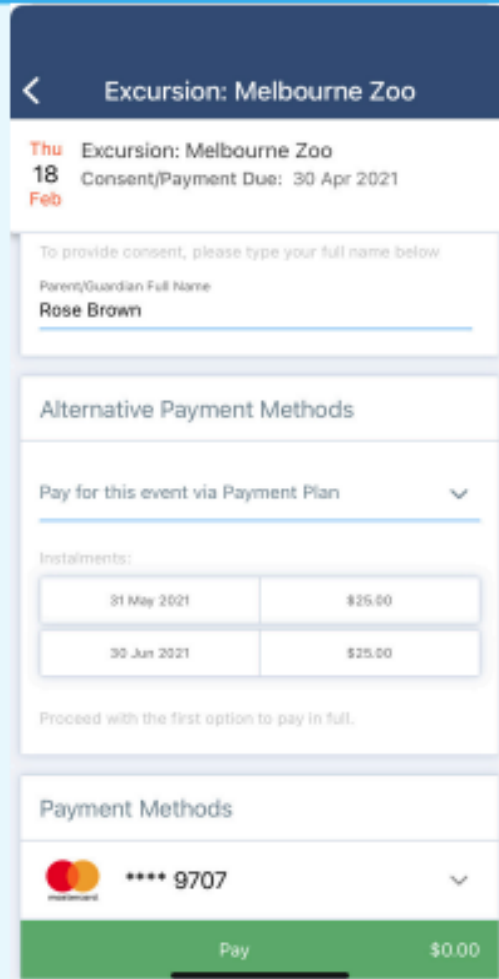
CompassPay sends push notifications to parents and enables them to pay for excursions and confirm medical requirements - all through the Compass Parent app.

Consent and pay quickly and easily via your phone's Compass App!

Step 1 | Click the event banner



Step 2 | Provide consent/payment



If your child has an event to consent/pay for, simply login to your Compass browser and select the green notification banner on your homepage.

This will take you to your Action Centre where you can process any upcoming Events, for any



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Step 2 | Browser

I agree to provide consent for my child to participate in the event, which may include transport to and from the event, and I understand that this is an official school event and that Lavender BROWN will adhere to the school's code of conduct and behave in alignment with the school's code of conduct. I agree to meet any medical expenses and/or transport costs incurred in the event of illness or injury. Further, I agree to meet any transport costs should my child be sent home as a result of misbehaviour or inappropriate conduct.

To provide consent, please type your name in full

First Name:

Confirm and pay

Payment Method:

Payment: Total amount \$50.00

Pay in full now

We use CompassPay.com as our payment processing gateway. In using the relevant "Checkout and Pay" button to the right, you agree for your credit card to be charged by CompassPay.com on behalf of your school. You understand that the amount charged will be the "total due" or amount indicated to the right. Refunds for cancelled online orders will be made to your Compass Balance regardless of original method of payment. This payment and use of the website is in alignment with the Compass School Manager terms and conditions of use available at <http://compass.edu.au/compass>.

Select an event to fill out the online event form, where you can:

- View the event details and session times
- Update your students' medical records
- Add in additional contact details for the day
- Answer additional questions.
- Provide online consent and payment using your credit card or Compass Wallet balance.

- ✓ **Reduce human error**
No more re-entering your card details over and over, just save your card to your Compass Wallet!
- ✓ **Pay on time**
No need to line up to pay at the office! Consent and pay for your child's event any time of day, no need to rush in during office hours!
- ✓ **Keep everything in one place**
Keep track of all your students events through action centre!
- ✓ **Pay securely**
Pay with a secure platform you trust





How to Avoid Magpies Swooping

As winter draws to a close, it brings about sunny skies and warmer days. But every year at this time is also the season Victorians dread – the beginning of the magpie swooping season.

Magpies have large, pointed beaks, and use them to attack unwitting pedestrians or cyclists, with many people reporting injuries due to the ferocious nature with which these bombarding birds behave.

Some believe use cable ties pointed up and out may scare magpies away, others stick eyes to the back of their bike helmet or your head, use flashing lights, open an umbrella, or use a flag on the rear of your bike that is higher than your head.

Magpies are smart, extremely territorial and will swoop riders from up to 100m away from their nest. They see people who ride or walk as a threat to their young.

In order to stay a little safer, we recommend that you:

- Know the swooping areas – check out the Magpie map;
- If you do find yourself in a swooping area, dismount your bike if riding, and walk calmly and quickly through the magpie's territory;
- Wear glasses or sunglasses to keep your eyes safe; and
- Ride in a group.

If you do get attacked, don't freak out and run, and don't wave your arms around or yell! Quickly and calmly move out of their space. It is illegal to harass or harm native birds and other wildlife without authorisation.

Sightings of magpie swooping can be reported on the Magpie map on <https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/swooping-birds>.

Bicycle Helmets

Bicycle helmets could save you or your children's lives. The decision on which helmet should be taken seriously.

Getting the right size is essential. Typically, brands have small, medium & large size helmets. The helmet's primary role is to prevent head injury in the event of a crash. In order to do so, helmets must have a means of absorbing impact energy.

Most helmets have polystyrene foam on the inside and a plastic outer shell. The better models use carbon fibre composite for greater strength and less weight.

Bicycle helmets have straps to fit under your chin and the straps should make a V shape underneath your ears. Straps should be easy to adjust and remain securely in place.

The helmet should fit snugly enough to remain in place if you were hanging upside down.

Things to consider:

- Measure the circumference of your head around the widest part of your head, starting approximately 2cm above your brow line. This should determine the size.
- After measuring the size of your head, you should consider the shape of the helmet. Italian brands are typically narrower while American brand helmets are rounder.
- After fastening and adjusting the straps to fit under your chin, the straps should make a V shape underneath your ears.
- Don't rely purely on the tightening mechanism for a poorly fitted helmet.

Finally, in Australia you are required by law to wear an approved helmet while riding your bike. To know if a helmet has met the standard, look for an appropriate sticker inside the helmet.

Try on the helmet before purchasing as the safety and comfort of the helmet can make a difference. Be mindful of any pressure points as this indicates this helmet is the wrong size or wrong shape for your head.



Upcoming Events

Bunnings Father's Day Night – 29 Aug. 2024

South Mitchell NHW will be running a NHW Scavenger Hunt, 'Guess How Many Anti-theft Screws' are in a jar and other family friendly activities at Bunnings Craigieburn on 29 August, 2024 – 6pm to 8pm. Personal alarms and UV pens will be available for purchase at this night. All funds raised will go to running our group.

Mitchell PSA Neighbourhood Policing Forum

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum is your chance to explore topics about road policing, current trends, family violence, crimes relating to youth, etc.

It is on Thursday 5 September at 9.45am for a 10am start. It will be held at Seymour Racing Club (55 Kobyboyn Rd, Seymour). Register at Mitchell-PSA-Insp-OIC@police.vic.gov.au.

Did you know?

Driving in the dark can be challenging for a variety of reasons. When you add rain into this situation, the night seems darker than normal. Why does this happen?

According to my research, rain scatters the light as it passes through them, making everything appear darker than normal. This is on top of the fact that the sky is actually darker when raining and it can diminish the ability to drive a vehicle on these nights.

Disclaimer: Current as on 14/08/24

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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Father's Day Family Night

6pm - 8pm

Guess How Many Anti-theft Screws!



Scavenger Hunt
Bunnings Mittuna
\$10 each

UV pens
\$5 each

Anti-theft Screws
gold coin donation appreciated

Colouring sheets

All competitions are free to enter. A prize will be given out for every completed scavenger hunt from the Bunnings Prize Wheel. 'Guess How Many Anti-theft Screws' competition will be drawn at 7.30pm. A prize will be given to the closest answer.



SOUTH MITCHELL



Upcoming Events (cont.)

NHW Recruitment Day – Kilmore

We are all aware of the increase of crime in our towns and the city and Neighbourhood Watch can help prevent crime in your neighbourhood.

Come see us at Kilmore Coles on Saturday 14 September to find out how you can help prevent crime in your neighbourhood. Check out our website for more information.

General Meetings, 12 September, 2024, 7pm

Our next General Meeting will be held the newly renovated meeting room, Community Centre, L.B. Davern Reserve, Dry Creek Cres., Wandong. Everyone is welcome.

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**Annual Spring
Plant Expo & Sale**

**Saturday 7 September
9.00am—3.00pm**

**Wallan Multi-purpose
Community Centre
42 Bentinck St, Wallan**

**Native Plant Floral Displays
Australian Native Plant Sales
Gardening & Plant Book Sales**

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Contact:- aps.mitchell@gmail.com

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2024 WHITTLESEA SHOW – EDUCATION SECTION

THE 2024 SHOW THEME IS 'FUTURE FARMING'

Entries in the 2024 Whittlesea Show Education Section will only be accepted through the online entry system. **YOU MUST WATCH** the detailed instruction video on how to enter. This will help you set up your spread sheet with the correct information prior to entering. Watch here: <https://youtu.be/4UnRF68Lyal>

ONLINE ENTRY

ENTRY TO BE completed online BY MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2024
<https://showday.online/show/whittlesea>



ENTRY DROP OFF DATES & TIMES

WRITTEN WORK ONLY

DELIVER TO THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING: GATE 1 MCPHEES RD

FRIDAY	4TH OCTOBER 2024	BETWEEN 3:00PM - 5:00PM
SATURDAY	5TH OCTOBER 2024	BETWEEN 9:00AM - 11:00AM

ALL OTHER ENTRIES

DELIVER TO THE CHANDLER PAVILION: INSIDE THE SHOWGROUNDS

FRIDAY	11TH OCTOBER 2024	BETWEEN 3:00PM - 5:00PM
SATURDAY	12TH OCTOBER 2024	BETWEEN 9:00AM - 11:00AM



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
Lubricate playground equipment	25/10/23
Blind cord to be screwed back into place in Breakfast Club room	25/10/23
Sliding door in art room to be repaired so that it moves smoothly	25/10/23
Safety gate (on BER deck) lock to be removed	25/10/23
Open windows in art room and admin office	09/11/23
Remove wood pile and tall grass behind container	07/12/23
Re attach the paper towel holder to the boy's bathroom wall	21/03/24
Panel removed from generator shed and replaced with clear panel to allow light in	06/06/24
Carpet tiles replaced in F/1 classroom	06/06/24
Fencing around BER deck area to be repaired	06/06/24
Mulch pile in staff car park to be removed	06/06/24



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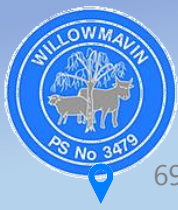
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THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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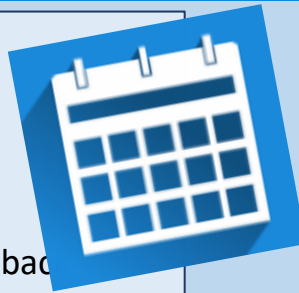
Wednesday, the 4th of September, 2024

What's On...

Dates To Remember

September

- 5th Foundation Transition
- 6th Interschool Sport Carnival
- 6th Kilmore Town Visit and Stay back
- 10th Division Athletics
- 16th-20th Whole School Swimming
- 20th Last day of Term 3 - 1:30pm finish



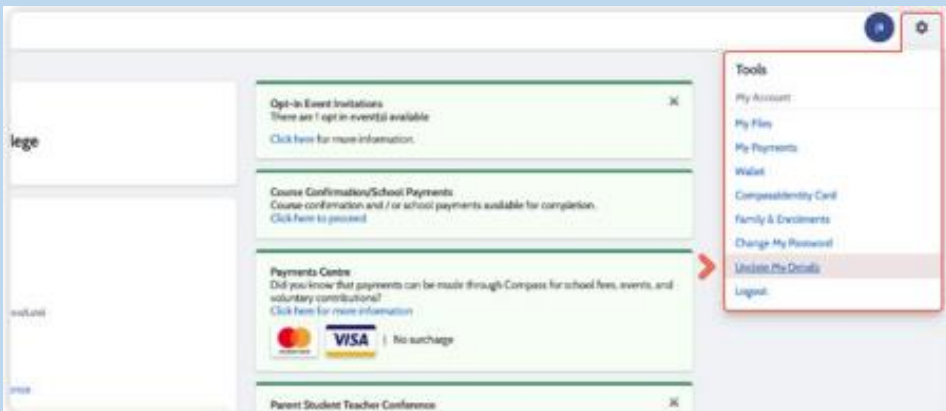
Birthdays

September

- 6th Riley
- 7th Marlie B
- 9th Marlee C
- 10th Alice
- 12th Olivia
- 22nd Tyler
- 29th Lucas



How to: Update Your Details on Compass...



If you need to update the mobile number or email address on file for your account, go to the cog menu icon and select 'Update my Details'.

Welcome to the Greenfields College Parent Portal

Please confirm your mobile phone number and email address(es) below. These details will be used by the school to keep you up to date on school news, upcoming events, student absences, fees due for payment and a range of other information services (depending on the Compass features your school uses) and they are subject to approval by School staff.

Ms Juliette BELL

Mobile

Email

Google Sign In

These details are correct - Proceed to Parent Portal

Add in your **new contact** information. This will trigger a notification to the school advising them of these changes.

Compass School Manager requests your personal contact details on behalf of your registered educational institution. Details such as your personal email address and/or mobile phone number will be used solely by Compass School Manager and your registered educational institution for school related communications and notifications. It is not compulsory to provide these details. You are able to edit/updates and/or remove these details at any time. XOLF International Pty Ltd (including any affiliated companies) are not responsible for the content of any material transmitted, we act only as a gateway for communication. For further information please email legal@compass.edu.au

