



THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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Wednesday, the 7th of August, 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 ...

F/1 classroom

In Term 2, we had a visit from the Police. We had lots of fun talking to Ryan and Kyla as well as exploring all their equipment. We learnt about how to be safe online, to ask for permission to go on the internet, and who to tell if someone tries to talk to us online.

Thank you for your visit, Ryan and Kyla.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrations!

This week at Willow, Miss Smith has got our staff Winter Warmers activity up and running. The idea of this activity is that each staff member is randomly allocated another staff member who they are to then provide random acts of kindness for – much like how Kris Kringle works at Christmas time. It would seem a member of our school community has also got into the Winter Warmers spirit as when staff arrived on Monday this week, we were greeted with school grounds that had been freshly mown. On behalf of our staff and students, thank you to that member - or members - of our school community for the time and effort that would have taken over the weekend. It is wonderful that we have a school community that seek to make an active contribution to our school. I regularly talk with parents on school tours about how the school relies on its parents and families to contribute to the school, enabling the school to direct school funding as much as possible towards initiatives more impacting on student learning outcomes. If you would like to be more involved in the school, or feel you have a role to play in any way in improving our school, please reach out to the office.

School Communication

As with all primary schools, Willowmavin PS has a lot going on, a lot of the time. It is critical that families are aware of information being communicated from the school to ensure they are up to date with current happenings and events. Compass is of course our main platform for communication. Please ensure you have access to Compass on a device (mobile app is recommended) and are receiving notifications of school communication. Compass posts can be sent to individual year levels, so if you are getting a notification, the news is relevant to you or your child. E-mail is another form of communication utilised by the school, including e-mails that come direct from Compass. One of the most common forms of e-mail you will receive from the school is a Compass Chronicle notification. These notifications will be to inform you of specific information regarding your child. Celebration of Learning, Unfinished Work, Minor Behaviour and Positive Behaviour are the most frequent Chronicles sent out to families. Please keep an eye out for such e-mails and ensure you follow up with your child as requested. In the case of our Celebration of Learning and Positive Behaviour e-mails, which are by far the most common of these Chronicles recorded by staff, please also remind your child to come past the office to collect their BRRS tokens.

Classroom Newsletters

Speaking of school communication, a reminder that our classroom newsletters were sent out last week. Our classroom newsletters are designed to inform families of important information for the term ahead. They serve as a key tool in our efforts to work in partnership with families to best support our students' learning and development. Please make the time to look over these documents as they provide details on learning planned for this term. Through being aware of your child's learning at school, you will be better able to make the most of learning opportunities that present themselves outside of school. For instance, if your child's classroom newsletter has informed you that your child will be learning about money this term, you may find opportunities to build on this learning with your child during shopping trips. A big thank you to all of our teachers for the time and effort put into these documents, ensuring families are not only informed, but also supported in engaging with their child's education and development. Classroom newsletters have also been attached to the newsletter Compass post.

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Survey

Communication regarding the 2024 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Survey (PCGS) was sent out via e-mail and Compass last week. Within this communication were links and instructions to engage in the 2024 survey. Paper copies are also available for families to collect from the office, should a paper version be preferable.

The higher the response rate for our school, the more effective the data will be in giving an accurate indication of parent perceptions of the school. The school utilises the data presented from these survey results to identify school improvement initiatives. This includes setting targets specifically related to statements in the survey, in our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) each year. For instance, in our 2024 AIP, we have set PCGS targets of improving positive endorsement for Effective Teaching from 83% in 2023 to 88%, Stimulating Learning Environment from 81% in 2023, to 85%, and Student Voice and Agency from 81% in 2023 to 90%.

Thank you to the 8 families who have already completed the survey. This has our response rate at 21%. With just over 3 weeks remaining until the survey closes, there is a great opportunity for us to achieve a very high percentage response rate. So please take the time to complete the survey. Should you have any difficulties in accessing or completing the survey, please contact the office.

Second Hand Nellies

A big thank you to Second Hand Nellies for its generous donation of \$80 to Willowmavin Primary School. Second Hand Nellies is an op shop located at 92 Sydney Street, Kilmore. They have an initiative where customers can choose from a number of local organisations to make a donation to. Willowmavin was one of these organisations for the month of June. Please keep Second Hand Nellies in mind for any household donations or all your op shopping needs!

Signing Off

It's not about being the best. It's about being better than you were yesterday.

Mr. O'Callaghan



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Student of the Week



Term: 3

Week: 2



F/1 Matilda H

4/5/6 Ben R



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Student of the Week



Term: 3

Week: 3



F/1 Wyatt

2/3/4 Jack (Week 2)
Nicholas

4/5/6 Alex M



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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
Alice Cram
Xavier Beale
Maria Taengtang

125 Nights Plus

Julian Canham
Matilda Haines
Oliver Sheffield
Keira Ellis
Jai Bamford-Newey

50 Sessions Plus

Jack Alnes
Roman Taengtang
Louis Campbell
Marlee Comer

150 Nights Plus

Charlie McKenzie
Adam Vine
Riley McKenzie
Wyatt Blandthorn
Charlie Creed

75 Sessions Plus

Jack Hume
Ruby Ellis
Olivia Baldwin
Hudson Monaghan
Marlie Beale

175 Nights Plus

Hannah Pate
Leticia Vine

100 Nights Plus

Ellie Jenkins
Bodhi Sanderson
Iliana Taengtang
Harrison Sheffield

*Remember, read each
night for at least 10
minutes and don't
forget to have your
reading signed off!*



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CHARZ SWEET TREATS

Charlotte Bradley is an ex student of Willowmavin Primary School.

She has started her own little business venture and she has a large range of cookies and slices that she is selling.

Charlotte's business is registered and approved by local council.

Charlotte kindly donated custom designed cookies to the students that completed 100 nights of reading.

They were amazing and greatly appreciated.





Is your car safe from

'Relay Theft'?

What is Relay Theft?

Cars are increasingly being stolen by criminals using technology to exploit the keyless entry systems found in many modern vehicles.

This method, often referred to as a 'relay attack', involves using electronic devices to amplify and relay the signal from a car's key fob to unlock and start the vehicle.

Typically, two thieves work together. Here is how the process generally works:

1. One person stands near the car with a device that can capture the signal from the key fob. The other stands closer to the house with another device to relay the signal.
2. The device near the house picks up the key fob signal and amplifies it, sending it to the accomplice's device near the car.
3. The car receives the relayed signal and interprets it as if the key fob is nearby. This allows the thieves to unlock the car and start the engine, driving away without physically possessing the key.

This type of car theft has been reported in various regions in relatively low numbers within Australia. However, the risk is still present as the technology becomes more common in Australia.

How to Avoid Being a Victim of Relay Theft

There are several things you can do to protect yourself from relay theft:

- Use a Faraday Pouch – these pouches are lined with metallic material that blocks the signal;

- Turn off the Keyless feature – check your owner's manual to see if this is an option to disable keyless entry;
- Fit a steering wheel lock – this will make it more difficult to drive away with your vehicle even if they unlock it;
- Park securely – in a locked garage, or a well-lit street;
- Key fob sleep mode – some fobs have a sleep mode that prevents them from emitting a signal when not in use;
- Install an On-board Diagnostics (OBD) port locking device – available with some models; and
- Ensure your car's software is up to date.

How to Stop Theft from Vehicles

Most thieves break into cars because they see something they want inside. Thieves will break windows and damage locks in a matter of seconds to steal your valuables. Or, they may go from car-to-car until they find one that's unlocked.

By following a few simple tips you can protect your belongings:

- Remove all valuable items, such as mobile phones, laptops, tablets, wallet, sunglasses, coats, sports-gear, or even loose change. Even a GPS or dash cam can attract the criminal;
- Don't keep your home address on tags attached to your keys – include your phone number instead;
- Avoid leaving your personal papers in your car. Your address could lead to breaking into your home while it's unattended or identity theft;
- ALWAYS take spare house keys and your door opener out of your vehicle when you leave;
- REMOVE any external tool boxes and equipment or secure them with heavy duty locks if they can't be removed;
- Secure your number plates with fitting anti-theft one way screws. These are available for a gold coin donation at your local library or Police Station;
- Close all windows, including the sunroof, and LOCK all doors and the boot before leaving your car unattended for any length of time;
- ALWAYS lock your car, even when parking at home, buying fuel or dashing into the shops;
- Double check the door handles before you leave your car. Make sure all the doors are locked. For modern cars with keyless entry systems, leave your fob away from your vehicle before you double check the door handles; and
- Consider installing a car alarm.

Driving in poor weather conditions

Extreme weather and poor light can make driving dangerous in the winter months. Make sure you adjust your driving by following these steps:

- It takes twice as much distance to stop in the rain, so slow down and maintain a safe distance to the vehicle in front;
- Wet and greasy roads can cause a vehicle to slip and slide;
- Never drive through large puddles or floodwater;
- Avoid unnecessary travel in heavy rain, hail or sleet. Find somewhere safe to pull over if you start to lose visibility of the edges of the road; and
- Driving in poor weather is more tiring as you have to concentrate more. Take regular breaks to avoid fatigue.

Did you know?

Black Ice generally forms at night time, in the early mornings or on sections of the roads that haven't been exposed to sunlight.

If you hit black ice, you will have little or no control over your vehicle. Until you clear the patch of ice, use your accelerator, brakes and steering as little as possible. If you try to struggle against the ice by braking hard or steering in the opposite direction, you increase the risk of spinning out.

Delay your trip if you can to avoid icy conditions. If you have to drive, allow plenty of time and drive carefully. Allow plenty of room between you and the car in front. Slow down and be patient.

Check for black ice warnings by visiting the VicTraffic website.

Disclaimer: Current as on 06/07/24 <https://traffic.transport.vic.gov.au/> 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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Upcoming Events

General Meetings, 9 August, 2024

Our next General Meeting will be held at 12pm on Friday, 09 August, 2024 at the Sue Marstaeller Pavilion, L.B. Davern Reserve, Dry Creek Cres., Wandong. - TBC Everyone is welcome.

Bunnings Father's Day Night

South Mitchell NHW will be running a Father's Day raffle and other family friendly activities at Bunnings Craigieburn on 29 August, 2024 – 6pm to 8pm. Come join us for our Father's Day fun or get some security advice.

NHW Recruitment Day – Kilmore

Neighbourhood Watch needs you!

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 7 September to find out how you can help prevent crime in your neighbourhood.

Check out our website for more information.

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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/4UnRF68LyaI>

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



FLOWERDALE
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FATHER'S FUN DAY



SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

12:30PM - 4:30PM



\$20 PER CHILD | \$40 PER ADULT
\$95 FAMILY VALUE PACK:
2 ADULTS, x2 CHILDREN



FURTHER INFORMATION & TICKETS
AVAILABLE ON [OUR WEBSITE](#)



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2285 BROADFORD-FLOWERDALE RD, STRATH CREEK



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
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
Hole covered on side of admin building	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
Generator shed concrete slab to be cut back to allow door to open	06/06/24
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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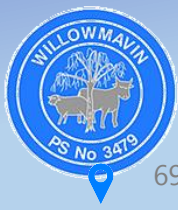
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What's On...

Dates To Remember

August

15th Hot Lunch

22nd Foundation Transition Story Time

23rd Book Week Dress up Day and Family Reading

27th Somers Camp

30th District Athletics



Birthdays

August

9th Jack

22nd Bryce H



Other.....

Parent Helpers

We are calling out for parent helpers! To pop into the school, just after drop off in the morning and read to some of our students.

This is not just a call out to parents / carers but also to Grandparents or others from the community that may be interested.

It does not have to be for very long, any time that you can offer would be appreciated.

Please contact Mrs Barri for further information or to volunteer.

