



THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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Wednesday, the 18th of September, 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...

Swimming Program

This week the whole school participated in the swimming program to refine our strokes, kicking and floating skills. Most students took to it like a duck to water! Some were a little hesitant at first but showed amazing resilience by giving it their best go and trying new things! It has been wonderful to see students progress over the sessions. What a way to finish the term!





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Stay Back and Sleepover



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrations!

And just like that, another term is done. And only one to go for the year! As the saying goes, "Time flies when you're having fun", and I think this term, there has been a significant amount of fun (and learning!) for our students! Term 3 is often considered to be the "quiet" term in schools, however it certainly has been anything but that at Willow this year. No curriculum day or public holiday this term has also meant it has been non-stop! Given all of that, I think it is worth acknowledging staff attendance this term. Not only have staff showed up day in and day out, they have done so whilst many in our school community were succumbing to the many winter bugs and illnesses that were on our doorstep this term. In addition, staff continued to organise many additional learning opportunities for students, beyond that of the normal classroom program. So, thank you yet again to our staff for their ongoing dedication, commitment and care for our students.

F/1 Stay Back and 2/3 Sleepover



School Drop Off

Please see Compass for a notice that went out today regarding dropping off students in the morning, particularly when arriving after 8:50am.

Head Lice

It has come to our attention that some students in the school may have head lice. We seek your cooperation in checking your child's hair this week. Head lice are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years!

Please take a moment to check over your child's hair this week. Where head lice or eggs are found, please ensure you treat your child's hair with a head lice treatment product. These can be obtained at your local chemist. Students found with head lice are not to return to school until their hair has been treated. Where students are found to have head lice at school, parents/guardians will be contacted for immediate pick up. For further advice on finding, treating and preventing head lice, please visit:

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/head-lice-nits>

School Uniform

We've noticed that some students have been out of school uniform recently. While we understand that there may be occasions when uniforms are not available (e.g. in the wash), we kindly ask that a notice be provided to the school when this happens. Wearing our school uniform shows pride in our community and reflects our core values of Be Your Best and Respect. Let's work together to ensure all students are wearing the correct uniform each day to uphold the high standards we set for ourselves.

Hats

And speaking of school uniform, a reminder that with the sun now more regularly gracing us with its presence, school hats are now required. Wearing hats is part of our uniform policy and helps protect students from UV rays during outdoor activities. Please ensure your child has either a broad brim or legionnaires hat with them at school each day. This aligns with our commitment to safety and respecting our school uniform expectations. Hats can be purchased at the office for \$10.

Signing Off

Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you.

Mr. O'Callaghan



Student of the Week



Term 3 Awards



F/1 Leticia

Bodhi

2/3/4 Charlie

Ollie

4/5/6 Ryder

Sway

FOOTY DAY

It's on the 20th of September;
that's the last day of Term 3!



Come to school dressed in your footy or sports clothes. We are having a coin trail to see whose team can make the longest trail so bring all of your coins! The money raised will go towards purchasing some new recess and lunch play equipment.



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**

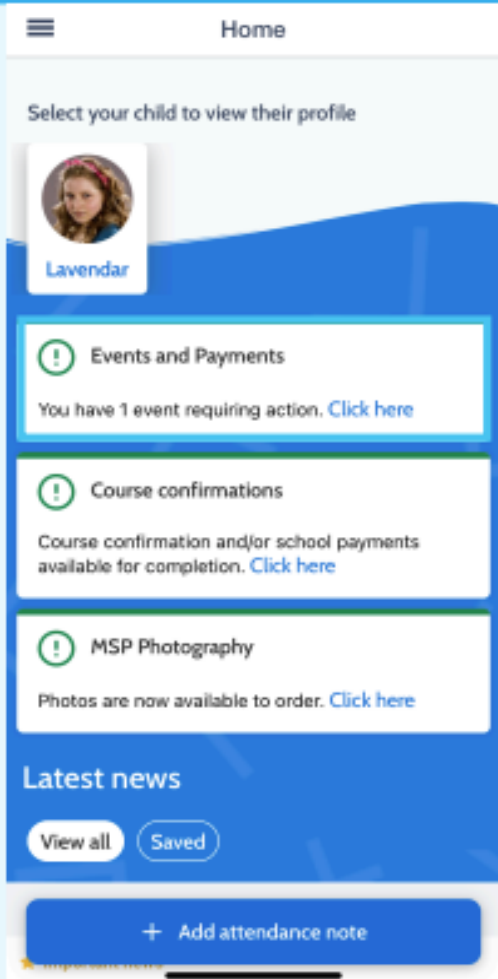
Make payments and give consent easily

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

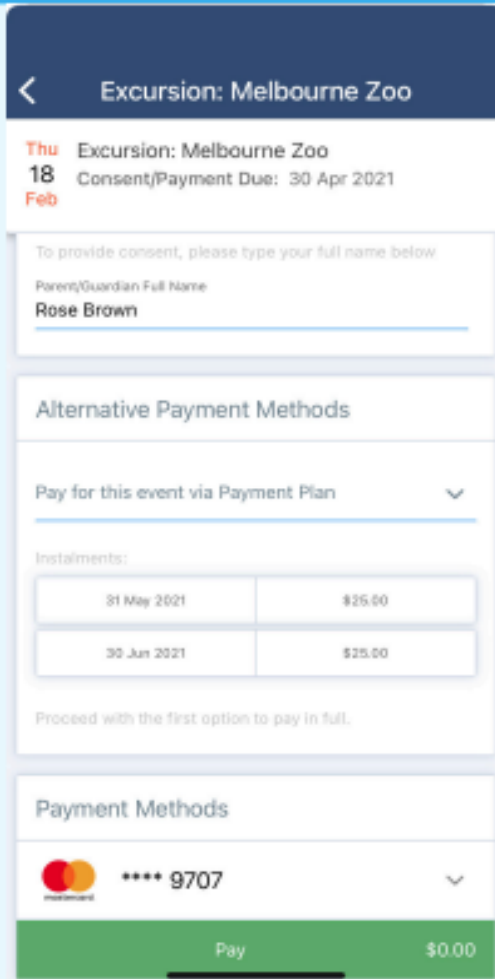
CompassPay sends push notifications to parents and enables them to pay for excursions and confirm medical requirements - all through the Compass Parent app.

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:

1 Confirm and pay

Payment Method:

Payment: Total amount \$50.00

Pay in full now

We use CompassPay.com as our payment processing gateway. In adding the relevant "Cardless and Tap" feature to this page, 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



KNC SPRING 2024



Registrations Now OPEN

Monday Nights

16/u 6:00pm Opens 6:50pm & 7:40pm

Tuesday Nights

9/u 5:30pm, 11/u 6:20pm & 13/u 7:10pm

Starts 7th & 8th October Finish 2nd & 3rd

Dec

No Play Melb Cup Week

\$80 Per Person or Single Game \$10

No VNA Required Questions and Team
Lists – Email kncspring2024@gmail.com

**FRIDAY
27TH
SEPTEMBER
10AM - 2PM**

SEYMOUR

**SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE
POLLARD STREET**

FUN DAY

**FOOD
AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE**

\$10
PARENT/CARER ENTRY
(SUPERVISION ONLY)

**ROCK CLIMBING, JUMPING CASTLE
DRONE FLYING, GIANT SNAKES & LADDERS
AFL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL, LASER TAG**

\$25
FULL ADMISSION
(includes Laser Tag)

FREE
PRESCHOOL ENTRY
(AGED UNDER 5)



Scan QR Code for
Registrations
Questions:

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Ph. 1800 816 037



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

Certificate III in

School Based Education Support CHC30221

Embark on a flexible and rewarding career where you can make a meaningful impact on the lives of children with additional needs.

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Education Support is a flexible and rewarding career where you can work in the classroom to support students with additional needs.

Prace delivers an industry driven and dynamic learning experience to ensure you are job-ready with the skills employers are looking for. With the guidance of expert teachers in a friendly and supportive classroom, you will develop the skills to:

- Support students with additional needs
- Support literacy and numeracy skills
- Contribute to planning educational programs
- Support the health, wellbeing and safety of students

You will participate in excursions, workshops and gain insights from industry guest speakers.

Meet the Trainer

Get answers to all your course questions at the *Introduction to VET Education Support* workshop starting 18 Oct 2024.

Pathways

Graduates are in demand and work in a range of educational settings, including primary and secondary schools and schools for children with additional needs. Graduates work as education assistants, teacher's aides and support workers.

Entry requirements

Aged 18 years and over. Moderate computer, email and internet skills. Plus digital technology access. English LLN skills at an industry entry standard.

How to enrol

Call 9462 6077 to arrange a pre-enrolment interview.



Location

Prace - Merrilands
Community Centre
35 Sturdee Street,
Reservoir

Dates and duration TBC

15 Nov 2024 - 1 Aug 2025

26 Sessions

2 Workshops

100-hour placement

(Includes Tues 17 Dec 2024 &
Tues 25 March 2025 and 8 week
summer holiday break from
18 Dec 2024 - 6 Feb 2025)

Days and times

Fridays

9.15am - 3.15pm

(No classes on public or school holidays)

Study Mode

Face-to-face plus self-directed offsite tasks and research, remote teacher support, practical placement and industry assessment/workshops

Fees

Gov. subsidised:

Concession \$90

Full \$450

Non-subsidised \$5850

^Special consideration may apply

Plus \$10 Service & Amenities fee

Course commencement is subject to variation, sufficient enrolments and eligibility requirements. Prace encourages people with disabilities to participate in our programs and activities. Training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding.

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WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME...

Dear Students

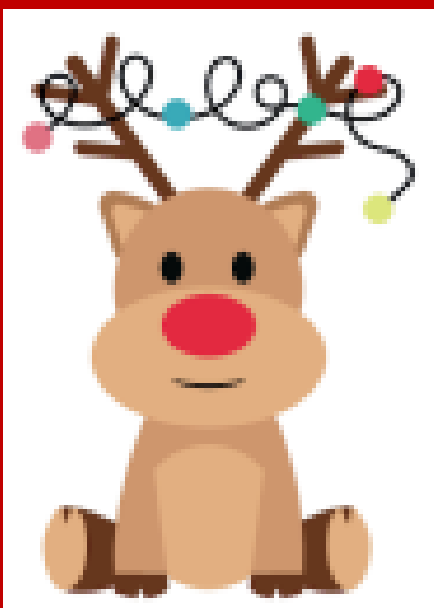
I'm asking for your help! Can you help me design my Christmas card? Can you get creative and tell me what Christmas means to you?

Winning entries will demonstrate the many ways to celebrate Christmas. Whether it means sun, sand and barbecues, snow or the more traditional themes of reindeer and Christmas trees – this competition should celebrate the wonderfully diverse nation that we are.

There will be one winner from each school and the overall winner will feature on my Christmas card this year.

All entries to be received by Wed 16th October 2024

Please find the template located in the front office.





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



BE YOUR BEST



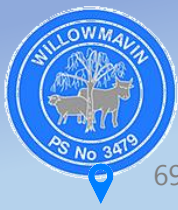
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What's On...

Dates To Remember

September

- 16th-20th Whole School Swimming
- 20th Footy Day: Wear your footy colours day and coin trail
- 20th Last day of Term 3 - 1:30pm finish
No assembly!



October

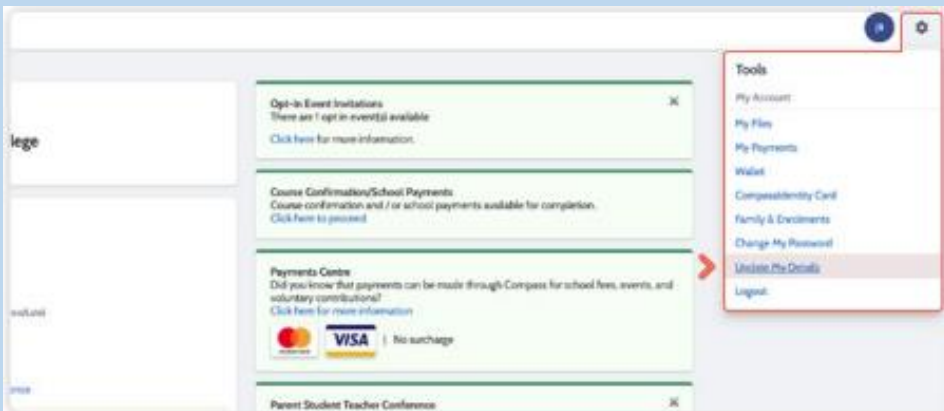
- 7th First day of Term 4

September Birthdays

- 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/alter 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



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