



# THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of November, 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 ...

## 2/3/4 Classroom

In Inquiry this term, we have been learning about the design process, that includes different steps to make a final product. We have researched a range of different products such as PVA glue, Lego, trucks, various technologies and duct tape.

First, was the Investigating Stage, where we found how inventors brainstormed the ideas to make their product and to address a purpose.

Generating: where inventors experimented with different ways to make their idea (prototypes) and the best materials for it.

Creation and Production steps include where a final product is made, put out to the public and used for its purpose.

Evaluating is the final step, where they make adjustments to improve it and fix any problems with it.

We are now looking at materials, their properties and typical things they are used in.



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For our last part of the term, the 2/3/4 classroom will be continuing our investigation lense of the design process, by looking into the changes of food and clothing production and transport through the ages. Students will look into how the creation of different objects in these fields has caused problems to the planet. They will then choose one and follow the design process to create a prototype to create a sustainable solution.



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RESPECT



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Celebrations!

In this newsletter, we are celebrating our Parent/Guardian Survey results. Every year, the school sends out a survey to families seeking their input and feedback on how the school is operating in all areas – from student wellbeing, to student achievement; school communication to school appearance, and everything in between. These results are used to inform the school on the effectiveness of its current approaches and help to identify future areas for prioritising. The 2024 Annual Implementation Plan, which is the school’s key document in planning out the areas of priority for the year, had 3 targets that related to the 2024 Parent/Guardian Survey:

*Increase positive endorsement of Effective Teaching from 83% (2023) to 88%.*

*Increase positive endorsement of Stimulating Learning Environment from 81% (2023) to 85%.*

*Increase positive endorsement of Parent Survey of Student Voice and Agency from 81% (2023) to 90%.*

I am very pleased to report that the school achieved all three of these targets. This is particularly pleasing, given the school was already achieving above our Network and State in all three of these areas in 2023.

<u><a href="#">Willowmavin PS 2024 Parent / Guardian Survey Results</a></u>	2023 Result	2024 Target	2024 Result	Improvement
Effective Teaching	83	88	94	6%
Stimulating Learning Environment	81	85	86	1%
Student Voice and Agency	81	90	94	4%

On the other end of things, the school’s physical environment did not do so well, with 17% of respondents disagreeing with the statement, *This school has clean and well-maintained facilities and grounds*. The school has since employed Adrian King as a maintenance person, and is already receiving positive feedback from parents on how much the school has improved in its appearance since Adrian commenced earlier this term. So, we are well on the way to rectifying this in next year’s survey.

Thank you to all families who completed this survey. As you can see, the results are valued by the school and utilised to prioritise improvement efforts.

### Catastrophic Fire Rating Days

A reminder that when it comes to risk of grassfire or bushfire, Willowmavin Primary School is classified as a Category 4 school. This means that when a Catastrophic (previously Code Red) Day is declared for our district (North Central), the school will be pre-emptively closed and no staff or students will be allowed on-site. Families and staff will be notified of a day rated as Catastrophic, and subsequent closure for our school, no later than 2pm the day preceding. Please note that days allocated a Catastrophic fire risk rating, are the highest possible rating on the state’s fire danger scale. They are not simply days of total fire ban. It is expected that this will be something that occurs extremely rarely for our school. Since the new system was put in place in 2022, we are yet to have a Catastrophic rating in our district on a school day.

### Right to Disconnect

Earlier this year, the *Right to Disconnect Fair Work Legislation Amendment* came into effect. This legislation re-enforces the right of staff to disconnect from work-related communications outside of their working hours. In Education, we have a 38 hour working week. Typically, this means staff working hours are roughly between 8:30am and 4pm each day (however, as I’m sure many of our families would be aware, Willow staff go well beyond that with their commitment to the school and its students!). Where communicating with staff via e-mail, please be aware that e-mails outside normal working hours may not be responded to until at least the very next day. Our staff go well above and beyond in being accessible to families, as indicated by our 94% positive response to School Communication in this year’s Parent/Guardian Survey. All parent communication is always prioritised and responded to. Should you ever feel this is not the case, please speak with the office.

### Signing Off

*Parental involvement in a child's education is like a booster shot for the whole family.*

Mr. O’Callaghan





# Student of the Week



## Term 4: Week 3 Awards



<b>F/1</b>	Casey
<b>2/3/4</b>	Rayyan
<b>4/5/6</b>	Zara



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**RESPECT**



**RESILIENCE**



**SAFE**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
FROM ALL THINGS UNIFORM  
FOR FAMILIES WITH  
CHILDREN ATTENDING  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



**Important information about School uniforms 2025**

With the \$400 School bonus available to **ALL** students (*that's right ALL, not means tested*) attending public schools, we are expecting extraordinary demand on uniforms leading into 2025.

It's really important to **ORDER NOW** & WE WILL HOLD YOUR UNIFORM ORDER UNTIL NEXT YEAR, AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT WITH STOCK OUTS - (*& there will be!*)

No deposit required ~ **VOUCHERS CAN BE REDEEMED UPON COLLECTION** - it's definitely not to early !!

Online ordering available

~ choose option 'On Account' upon check out & we'll organise and hold your order until you are ready to collect it !

You can also phone 5784 2276 or email [info@allthingsuniform.com.au](mailto:info@allthingsuniform.com.au) your order.

Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact our store on 5784 2276

For further information, please visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus>



JOIN US AT THE

# Wallan Police Open Day

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2024

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM | 100 WATSON STREET, WALLAN

## COME AND MEET:

- Highway Patrol
- Mounted Branch
- Water Police
- K9
- Uniform members
- Wallan/Kilmore SES
- Ambulance Victoria
- CFA
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Mitchell Shire Council
- Wallan Scouts

## ACTIVITIES:

- Tour of the Station
- Scavenger Hunt
- Finger Printing
- Face Painting
- Little Copper Uniforms

## FOOD & DRINK:

- Coffee Van
- Melted Toasties
- Food Truck–Pizza
- Doughnut Truck



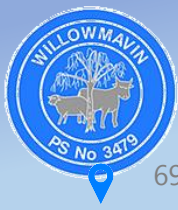
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## What's On...

### Dates To Remember

#### November

- 14<sup>th</sup> Puberty (Grade 5/6)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Bravehearts Ditto Keep  
Safe Adventure Show
- 21<sup>st</sup> Puberty (Grade 5/6)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Pizza Lunch
- 28<sup>th</sup> Foundation Transition
- 29<sup>th</sup> Hot Lunch Day



### Birthdays

#### November

- 8<sup>th</sup> Ms Smith
- 10<sup>th</sup> Xavier
- 25<sup>th</sup> Hudson B
- 26<sup>th</sup> Julian
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bree
- 30<sup>th</sup> Iliana



## Other...

### Pallets

We currently have 4 pallets in the staff car park that are free to a good home. Please collect them if you would like them.

### School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

From Tuesday 26 November 2024, you will receive an email from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.

The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.

Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store at school-nominated suppliers.

Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all of the \$400 bonus to use at school nominated-online suppliers or for school activities.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit [School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus). A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.

If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by Friday 29 November, please contact the Department of Education by emailing [school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au).