



THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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Thursday, 21st of March, 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 ...

P.E.

For the first part of this term, learning in PE has been all about teamwork. Students have shown great cooperative skills by encouraging others, playing fairly, sharing strategies and communicating with their teammates to achieve a goal.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrations!

Focusing on attendance this week, and it has been great to see our students, particularly our senior students, showing awareness of their attendance and the importance of attending school every day that we are healthy and able to do so. Mr. Mills and the 4/5/6 students have agreed on Zooper Dooper rewards for the class meeting particular attendance milestones, and it has been pleasing to see that we are running out of Zooper Doopers!

Also pleasing has been the decrease in students arriving late to school. A timely arrival makes for a smooth start to the day for all involved.

School Council

The school community was informed last week of the opportunity to nominate for positions on our 2024 School Council. Notices were also placed around the school. We have received no new nominations from the parent community. As such, our 2024 School Council will consist of Rebecca Jobling, Sam Pate and Erin Sanderson as our parent members. We are still finalising staff representatives who will join Robert Hiscock, who continues as a Community Member, and myself as the remaining members of Council.

Thank you to Julz Sheffield who is stepping down from her role after 3 years straight on Council. During that time, Julz has been an active Council member, volunteering to take a lead role in many school initiatives and sharing her feedback and insights with Council. We know that Julz will continue to find other ways to contribute to the school as that is what she does. Elsie Rodger will also be stepping down after having completed another 2 year stint. As secretary, Elsie has been responsible for recording minutes from the meetings, and has done so meticulously and efficiently. She has also regularly made presentations to Council, outlining our progress towards achieving the school's annual targets. Thank you to both Julz and Elsie for their commitment to our school. The 2 of you have given up your own time to drive the school's improvement efforts.

Reports Feedback

Speaking of Miss Rodger, on the following page of this newsletter, you will find the results of our 2023 Semester 2 Student Reports Survey. As we have done for a number of years now, at the end of each report writing cycle, we seek out parent feedback on their child's report. As you can see from the results, families were very positive in their responses. The inclusion of a sample piece of writing for parents continues to provide them with a greater understanding of their child's progress and understandings in Writing. In fact, 80% of parents responding to the survey indicated that this adaptation to our students' reports provides them with a far greater understanding of their child's abilities in Writing. The other 20% indicated a somewhat greater understanding was achieved from this inclusion in our reports. Not surprisingly then, 100% of respondents would like for our student reports to continue to include a sample piece of writing by the student. 100% of respondents also indicated they would like to see the student reports continue to include a student reflection – an addition to our student reports since Semester 1 last year.

As always, we will take this feedback into account when we commence our next report writing cycle next term.

Thank you to those families who took the time to complete the survey and to Miss Rodger for sending out and compiling the results.

Basketball Court Works

Some families may have noted that our basketball court has from time to time had pieces pull up and go missing. Considering the court surface is less than 18 months old, this is very disappointing. I walked over the court with the installers today and they have acknowledged the job that was done was not up to standard. As such, they'll return for maintenance works on the court in the near future.

Georgia and Monte Carlo

As shared at assembly last week, Georgia and her pet dog Monte Carlo will be at the school gates outside the portables each Wednesday and Friday afternoon, to farewell students for the day. This is an initiative that we hope will provide some joy for students who enjoy the company of dogs, and provide an opportunity for students who are anxious around animals to experience a safe and friendly interaction with a dog. We encourage families to say hello to Georgia and Monte Carlo. We also encourage families to approach the school about any other initiatives they feel would be beneficial to students.



Signing Off

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.

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

Mr. O'Callaghan



Student of the Week



Term: 1

Week: 6



F/1 Bodhi Sanderson
2/3 Charlie McKenzie
4/5/6 Jai Bamford - Newey



BE YOUR BEST



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



SAFE



Student of the Week



School Captains Student of the Week



2/3/4

Olivia Brothers



Reading at Home

To support your child in developing the skills required to become a fluent reader, and complement the learning that takes place at school, it is important that children read at home every night. Students should have their reading diary signed and brought to school so that they are eligible for special awards and morning teas. This year, we will be having a special morning tea for students that reach 100 nights of reading by mid-year, as well as our 200 night end of year morning tea.

To engage with and support your child's reading at home, you may:

- Ask questions about their reading. You could ask questions about the plot and events taking place, questions about who the characters are and how they are feeling, questions about the setting, or even questions relating to the author's purpose and the way they have conveyed their message.
- Ask them to retell what they have read.
- Discuss what is being read, talk about any pictures, images or diagrams present, read with them, read to them, let them read to you.
- For our junior students who are not yet reading, they may listen to books being read aloud. Students may also practise identifying letters and the sounds they represent.
- Discuss current learning at school and assist your child in applying strategies they have been learning in class to become better readers.



ADDING 10 MINUTES OF READING EVERY DAY MATTERS

1,800,000+ WORD EXPOSURE IN 1 YEAR!

600,000+ WORD EXPOSURE IN 1 YEAR!

10 MINUTES A DAY



20 MINUTES A DAY



25 Sessions Plus

Leticia Vine
Charlie Mckenzie
Ellie Jenkins
Adam Vine
Riley Mckenzie
Hannah Pate
Matilda Haines

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

EPILEPSY Awareness DAY!

On Thursday, the 28th of March (the last day of term), Willowmavin Primary School will be raising awareness and showing support of those with Epilepsy by having a day where students can dress in purple. All students are encouraged to come to school dressed in purple to show their support.

If students would like to donate to the Epilepsy Foundation, they are welcome to bring a gold coin donation.

The Junior School Council will be organising some activities for students to participate in during recess on the day.



Come dressed in **Purple**
Raising awareness of Epilepsy
Thursday 28th of March





Annual Easter Raffle

AS YOU ALL KNOW, EASTER AND END OF TERM ARE FAST APPROACHING, THEREFORE WE ARE GETTING A START ON OUR HUGELY SUCCESSFUL EASTER RAFFLE TO FINISH OFF TERM 1!

NEXT MONDAY, THE 25TH OF MARCH, WE WILL BE HAVING AN OUT OF UNIFORM DAY. IN RETURN FOR COMING IN CASUAL DRESS, WE ARE ASKING FOR FAMILIES TO KINDLY DONATE EASTER EGGS OR EASTER RELATED ITEMS SO WE CAN MAKE UP A VARIETY OF HAMPERS TO RAFFLE OFF ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM.

TICKETS FOR THE RAFFLE ARE ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE. THERE ARE 10 TICKETS PER FAMILY AND EACH TICKET COSTS \$1. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE MORE TICKETS, PLEASE SEE US AT THE OFFICE.

PLEASE RETURN ALL MONEY AND UNUSED TICKETS TO THE OFFICE BY TUESDAY, THE 26TH OF MARCH.

Easter Bonnet Parade

WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR ANNUAL EASTER BONNET PARADE ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM 1, THURSDAY, THE 28TH OF MARCH, AT OUR END OF TERM ASSEMBLY, STARTING AT 12:45PM.

STUDENTS WILL HAVE TIME TO CREATE THEIR EASTER BONNETS IN CLASS, HOWEVER, AS ALWAYS, FAMILIES ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO ADD THEIR OWN FLAIR! PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE OF COURSE ALSO INVITED TO GET CREATIVE AND DESIGN YOUR OWN 2024 EASTER BONNET!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO FAMILIES JOINING US TO CELEBRATE THE SPECTACULAR DISPLAY OF EASTER BONNETS ON PARADE!

Hop into Breakfast Club

WE WILL ALSO BE HAVING A SPECIAL BREAKFAST CLUB FOR THE LAST DAY OF TERM 1!

HOP INTO BREAKFAST CLUB ON THURSDAY, THE 28TH OF MARCH 8:20AM-8:45AM AND GET A HOT CROSS BUN. IF FAMILIES WOULD LIKE TO DONATE HOT CROSS BUNS, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Be Your Best

Respect

Resilience

Safe



Broadford Secondary College

This year Broadford Secondary College invites your family to book a tour of our school to see our facilities, learn about our programs and have an opportunity to ask any questions you might have about the move from primary to secondary school for your child.

These tours run for approximately one hour and will replace our annual Open Night. Every family will receive an information pack on arrival.

We look forward to welcoming you into our school.

Tours will be run on the following dates;

Wednesday 13 March 4pm

Thursday 21 March 5pm

Tuesday 26 March 10am

Wednesday 17 April 5pm

Tuesday 23 April 4pm

Wednesday 24 April 5pm

Tuesday 30 April 4pm

Wednesday 1 May 5pm

Tuesday 7 May 4pm

Wednesday 8 May 5pm

Bookings for the tours are essential through <https://www.trybooking.com/CPVPP>

Only one ticket is required per family but please indicate how many people will be attending in your group.

All enquiries about school tours, transition or enrolments should be directed to

Cathy Coppinger,
Assistant Principal

broadford.sc@education.vic.gov.au

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Southern Mitchell



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presents:

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SYDNEY STREET, KILMORE



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13
APR
2024
9.30 - 3PM**

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**FAMILY-FRIENDLY
FUN, STREET
PERFORMANCE!**

**MUSIC, MAGIC,
MARVELLOUS
PERFORMANCE
AND MORE ...**

**NATIONAL
FINALS
COOMA
NOV 2024**

FREE FINALS CONCERT

4pm - 6pm. John Kelly Pavilion,
Kilmore Racing Club, East Street

OVER \$8,000 IN CASH PRIZES

Primary (5-12), Secondary (13-18) and Open age categories.
People's Choice Awards - Vote for your favourite buskers

ENTRY FORMS available at buskingkilmore@gmail.com
facebook.com/buskingkilmore or call Rose 0458 810 345

More info at rcsm.org.au/project-busking



Bendigo Bank

KILMORE RACING CLUB **NVC PRECAST**

ACHM
AUSTRALIAN CULTURAL
HERITAGE MANAGEMENT



The Guitar Room

JINDING **BROADSTEAD KILMORE**

**Paul Maginn
Lawyer**

**BRUCE MACTIER
BUILDING DESIGNERS**
WE BUILD ON YOUR IDEAS

North Central Review **Kilmore Property Transfers**

BILMORRE BAKERY **PROBOOKS ACCOUNTING** **ONE OFF engineering**

SHRIMP HOUSE BIKES **DRY CLEANERS** **IT'S COMPUTER PAPERS**

sass **Harvest Door** **signs** **PAT CRUICK FURNITURE**

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

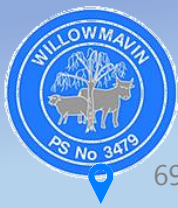




Listed below are current general maintenance and repair items at the school. If you are able to help with these items, please speak with the office or your child's classroom teacher. All materials required for these jobs will be paid for by the school. We are able to organise access to the school grounds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

Item	Date
Balustrade on x2 staircases to be replaced.	03/08/23
Non – slip stickers to be placed on decking area.	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
Raise the desks in the 2/3/4 classroom	13/03/2024
Re attach the paper towel holder to the boys bathroom wall	21/03/2024





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What's On...

Dates To Remember

March

- 25th Out of Uniform Day (Easter Raffle donation)
- 26th Cross Country Day
- 27th Epilepsy Awareness Day – wear Purple
- 28th Last day of Term 1 – 1:30pm finish



March

- 3rd Mrs Barri
- 8th Hannah
- 12th Harrison
- 24th Oliver



Community News

Happy
EASTER

With Easter around the corner we'd like to invite students to take part in our School Holiday colouring competition.

A winner will also be chosen, who will win a fun Easter hamper!

A printable copy is located at the school's reception area and completed entries can be dropped into the entry box at Kilmore Village.

Entries close on 13 April and the winner will be announced on 16 April.

Have a wonderful end to Term 1

In your most creative way, tell us about:
The importance of healthy soil and it's connection to our food

Great prizes! - \$500, \$100 & \$50 VISA cards

Categories for entry
Prep/Kind
Grades 1/2
Grades 3/4
Grades 5/6



Resources provided

Upon registration you will receive resources to help with your entry
Entries can be in any format that can be emailed in e.g video, poster, mural, magazine, play, dance or even a rap!

To enter head to www.soilweekaustralia.com.au



Training and Education.



You are invited to join training and education in conjunction with Life Saving Victoria, we at Mitchell Leisure Services are excited to now provide CPR, First Aid and Lifeguard courses.

Training Sessions: CRP Update - Kilmore
6.30pm - 8pm, Tuesday 5 March
Lifeguard Update - Kilmore
9am - 4pm, Saturday 16 March
First Aid and CPR - Seymour
10am - 3pm, Wednesday 27 March

Enquiries: leisuretrainingcourses@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au

To register visit:
training.lsv.com.au/courses



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