



THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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Tuesday, 26th 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...

4/5/6 Classroom

We've had an exciting last few weeks in 4/5/6. Two weeks ago, we welcomed two new chickens to our class!

One of our chickens hatched after being in an incubator at school for 21 days. This chick was named 'Maverick', the name derived from the 'MAV' in WillowMAVIN.



Lisa (parent) very kindly sourced Maverick a feathery friend from the neighbourhood. This chick was named by the class as 'Nugget'. Both chicks have been thriving and getting along famously well. They do seem to enjoy chirping loudly during learning time though, despite stern words from the teacher they have continued to be disruptive. Thankfully, the 4/5/6 students have been mature enough to ignore this **fowl**, delinquent behaviour.



We are currently inviting families to take home Maverick and Nugget for the weekend. They come with a large box and food, water and chaff for nestling in. If you would like to adopt two chirpy chickens for a weekend, then please pop in and see Mr. Mills at school.



BE YOUR BEST



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



SAFE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrations!

One of the many things I love about our school is the way that our kids play with each other. Big kids playing with small kids, small kids playing with big kids. Girls and boys, boys and girls. At any given recess or lunch break, and even before and after school, any child of Willow could be playing with any other child of Willow. I say child instead of student as often the kids at play are future students or past students. There are of course times when we need to work with students regarding ensuring they are demonstrating our school values during play, however this is to be expected in any primary school yard. The vast majority of our students' interactions in the yard are positive ones – as we expect them to be.

Whilst the soccer play often gains the celebrations and attention for students playing fairly and inclusively, recently, the front of the school, outside my office, has become a new hub of activity in the yard. It has been wonderful to observe the crew working so cooperatively as they seek to build a swimming pool for Willow. And from what I've observed, I'm confident the project will be completed in the given timeframe and under budget – unlike many projects these days!



2025 Planning

It may be hard to believe, but we are now just over 3 weeks away from the end of another school year at Willow. Planning for 2025 is now in full swing. With a clear picture of what enrolments are looking like for next year, we are now able to confirm our grade and teacher structure for 2025. We will once again be having 3 classrooms across the school, with a small tweak to the year levels in each of these classes. We are very fortunate to have each of our classroom teachers returning to Willow in 2025. At a time when there are many jobs available within the Education sector, and significant teacher shortages being experienced in schools across the state, it is a credit to the school and the school community that we have been able to essentially maintain a very consistent staffing profile for a third year in a row next year.

Our classroom teacher line up for 2025 will be as follows:

Mrs. Nicole Barri	Grade F/1 2025
Ms. Amelia Steven	Grade 2/3 2025
Mr. Stuart Mills	Grade 4/5/6 2025

As communicated previously, should your child not be returning to Willowmavin in 2025, please let your child's classroom teacher, or the office, know as soon as possible.

Signing Off

Nurses dispense comfort, compassion, and caring without even a prescription.

Mr. O'Callaghan



Student of the Week



Term 4: Week 6 Awards



4/5/6 Lucie



Student of the Week



Term 4: Week 7 Awards



F/1 Julian & Ellie
2/3/4 Nick
4/5/6 Jai



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Partner with us and support a local child on their journey.

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And by providing them with a safe and nurturing home – you'll be there for them at a crucial moment in their life.

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STREET**

**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 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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DOGS BEHAVING (VERY) BADLY

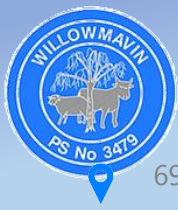
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What's On...

Dates To Remember

November

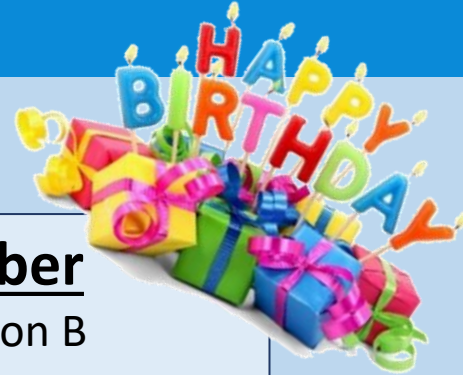
- 28th Foundation Transition
- 29th Hot Lunch Day

December

- 5th 200 Reading Nights Morning Tea (TBC)
- 5th Foundation Parent Information Evening & BBQ
- 11th Grade 6 Funfields Excursion
- 12th Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
- 16th Curriculum Day (No students at school)
- 19th End of Year Celebration Evening

January

- 29th Day 1, Term 1, 2025



November

- 25th Hudson B
- 26th Julian
- 28th Bree
- 30th Iliana

December

- 3rd Nick J & Lucie H
- 8th Ben & Natalia

Other...

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 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.