



THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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Thursday, the 31st of October 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...

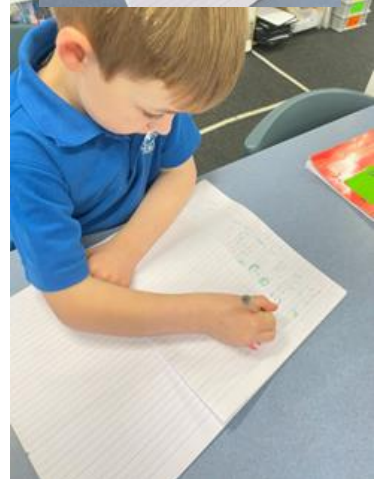
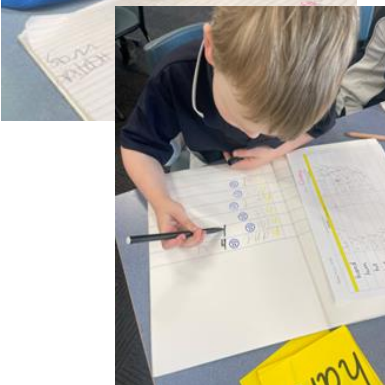
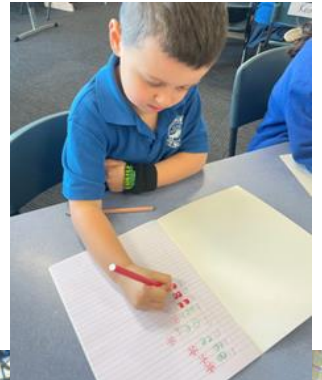
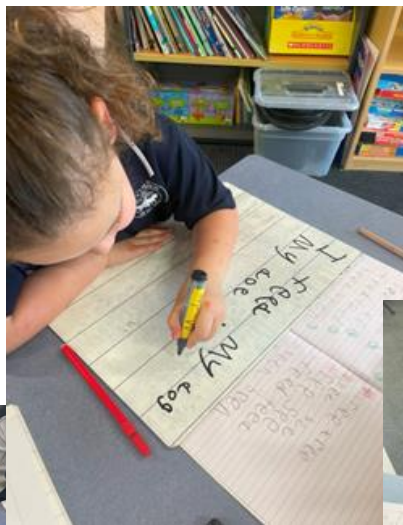
F/1 Classroom

We're excited to share that our class has been diligently working on our spelling words! Last week, we were focusing on the digraphs "ee" as in "tree", or "oy" as in "toy." Some students are revisiting the sound of "h" as in "hand."

Each morning, we spend the first 10 minutes of the day practising our words, and then we write sentences to show our understanding of their meanings.

Every week, your child brings home new spelling words to practise. We encourage you to help them read and write these words each night in preparation for their spelling test on Friday.

Thank you for your support!



BE YOUR BEST



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



SAFE



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"At Willowmavin, we have seen our child blossom above and beyond our expectations."



RIPPING RODGER

Celebrations!

A massive thank you to our families for their support of World Teacher's Day last Friday, October 25. The many gifts and hats produced on the day was fantastic. Without doubt though, it was the wonderful messages of thanks that were the highlight of the day.

The profession of teaching is not particularly considered to be one that is highly rewarding financially. I've never met a teacher who has responded to the question, "Why teaching?" with "The money." This is not to say the profession is not a highly rewarding one though. The reward comes through the feeling of making a difference, seeing the growth in our students, and the warm thanks and acknowledgments from students and families – like the many received last Friday.

A big thank you once again to our Education Support staff for ensuring we were able to celebrate our teachers. And last, but of course not least, a massive thank you to our teachers who go above and beyond for our students and families day in and day out.



THE MAGNIFICENT MR. MILLS



WONDER BARRI

BACKHOUSE THE BRAVE



WILLOWMAVIN'S SUPERHEROES!

"Words can never be enough to show you all how appreciative we are for all that you do."



THE AMAZING MS AMELIA



SUPER SMITH

"We take the time to say thank you today but we should say it daily, as you all do such an amazing job in what is probably one of the hardest professions!"

Curriculum Days

A reminder that tomorrow (Friday, November 1) and this coming Monday (November 4) are curriculum days. Students will not be attending school on these days. Our final curriculum day for the year will be on Monday, the 16th of December, the final Monday of the year. This will also be a student free day. Thank you for your understanding.

Bedtime Routines

When students are arriving late to school, we often hear that the morning was a hectic one and didn't go to plan. How smooth our mornings are, depends significantly on how smooth our bedtime routines are. The link below, from the Raising Children website, provides guidance and tips on how you can create effective bedtime routines in your household. <https://raisingchildren.net.au/toddlers/sleep/better-sleep-settling/bedtime-routines>

Farewell

As mentioned at last week's assembly, Miss Kiralee Backhouse finishes her placement at Willow this week. We thank Miss Backhouse for the contributions she made to our school during her placement this year, and wish her all the best for the future as she completes her teaching degree and becomes a fully qualified teacher. Thank you also to our entire school community for making Miss Backhouse feel so at home at Willow.

Signing Off

A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything!

Mr. O'Callaghan





Student of the Week



Term 4: Week 2 Awards



F/1 Hudson M
2/3/4 Hudson B
4/5/6 Riley

**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>



Seymour Fishing Festival

Free Community Event

10am – 4pm, Sunday 27 October 2024
Goulburn Park, Progress Street, Seymour

Come down to Goulburn Park to enjoy a family day of fun.

Enjoy the many activities:

- Free prizes and giveaways
- Roving entertainment
- Fish cooking demonstrations
- Reptile display
- Food available on site
- Live music

Scan the QR code to find out more about the event.



Contact us
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To be eligible you need to meet these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Be studying yourself, have a child in school or starting school next year
- ✓ Get regular income (can be you or your partner)*
- ✓ Agree to join free online financial education workshops

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by the Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services. **Learn more at www.saverplus.org.au**

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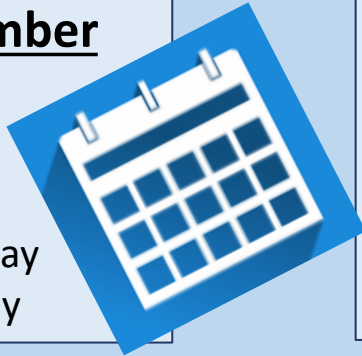
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What's On...

Dates To Remember

November

- 1st Curriculum Day
- 4th Curriculum Day
- 5th Melbourne Cup Day
- 11th Remembrance Day



Birthdays

November

- 10th Xavier
- 25th Hudson B
- 26th Julian
- 30th Iliana



Help Sid Seagull find his way to the playground, beach, park and backyard.

Collect the five SunSmart items along the way! SLIP on clothing that covers your ski

Other...

Hats

From the start of September, through to the end of April, students at Willowmavin Primary School are required to wear a hat when outdoors.

Please ensure you send your child's school hat with them to school as of tomorrow. If you would like to purchase a new hat, they can be purchased for \$10 from the office. If students are not wearing a hat, they will be required to play in designated undercover areas.

