



# THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, 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. - Golf

Over the last four weeks, we have had a specialist golf coach teaching us all about golf as part of our P.E. lessons. We've been improving our body and hand positioning, as well as our balance, swing and accuracy.





## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Celebrations!

And just like that, here we are, our final newsletter for the year. As always, this time of year is a time for celebration and reflection. Celebrating the achievements of the past 12 months and reflecting on another year past. Tomorrow night, we will be doing just that as we hold our Graduation Dinner for our graduating Grade 6 students. After 7 years of primary school, Hannah, Riley, Ben and Natalia are all set to move on from Willowmavin to start their secondary school experience. We know that our four graduating students have had significantly different primary school journeys.

Whilst Ben and Natalia commenced at Willowmavin in Term 2 of this year, they have certainly made their mark in the three terms since. Ben took up the leadership roles of Maintenance Manager and Assembly Leader, but it was his skill as soccer goalkeeper where his leadership was most valued. From the basketball court at school where he honed his craft, to the District Winter Sports competition at Assumption College where Ben played a significant role in our soccer team's fantastic performance, Ben showed he has the reflexes of a cat and the leap of a ninja. The arrival of the Richards twins was also welcome news for McNab House, as we were finally able to add a second House Captain to join Riley. Natalia took up this role, presenting House Captain awards at assembly and leading McNab in its endeavours, both sporting and otherwise for the remainder of the year. Natalia's other leadership position, Buddy Leader, showed her natural ability to work with younger children. Natalia could always be relied on to support any student from the junior grades. Whether it be feeling upset in the yard, or having trouble saying goodbye to parents and starting the school day, Natalia has shown she has a knack for helping others. She will be particularly missed by next year's Foundation students who Natalia did an amazing job in supporting through their transition to Willowmavin Primary School.

Riley and Hannah have of course been at Willowmavin Primary School for a little longer than 3 terms. Their journeys at WPS commenced way back in 2018. Having joined them at Willow in 2019, it quickly became apparent to me that we had two pretty special students in these two. Whilst they commenced Grade 6 as the only two students in their year level, this was not always the way. But what was always the case was that Riley and Hannah were exceptional role models for their peers. This of course culminated in their appointments as School Captains at the beginning of this year. As the only two Grade 6 students at the time, their selection as our 2024 School Captains came as no surprise. However I can honestly say that in my time at Willowmavin, no 2 students have deserved this prestigious honour more. Along with his School Captain badge, Riley can of course be seen wearing his McNab House Captain pin. Leadership and sport go hand in hand with Riley. He has represented the school in many sporting fields, from swimming to athletics, basketball to soccer, and everything in between. On every one of these occasions, Riley has led by example, supported his teammates and fellow students, and has always been an outstanding representative for our school. Riley will leave Willow with plenty of great memories - and plenty of ribbons!

In addition to charming us with her quirky sense of humour and contagious enthusiasm when presenting our school assemblies, Hannah's second leadership position was that of Junior School Councillor. This has been the second year that Hannah has been a member of the JSC, a role that comes natural to her due to her willingness to make sacrifices for the betterment of others. Hannah has given up many recesses and lunch times to ensure our JSC has provided events for the students of Willowmavin PS that have promoted worthy causes, raised much needed funds, or simply provided the opportunity for students to have a little extra fun. As all of Hannah's teachers – and peers – would attest, Hannah is extremely intelligent. Whilst other students her age might have been clocking video games, Hannah has been clocking our assessment tools. She, along with Riley, Ben and Natalia, will leave Willowmavin PS well prepared for the rigours and opportunities that await them in secondary school. And though we know that each of our 2024 Four will continue to thrive in their schooling, it is great for the school to know that the four will continue their schooling journey together at Assumption College next year.

And so, on behalf of the entire school community, we thank Hannah, Riley, Natalia and Ben for their time and contributions at Willow. We congratulate them on completing primary school so successfully, and wish them the very best as they commence secondary school in 2025. We also thank all of the staff that played a role in their academic, social and emotional development. Finally, we congratulate our graduating students' parents; Penny and Rob, Sam and Glendon, Melanie and David. We know that you are extremely proud of the young men and women your children are becoming. Over the coming week, as you congratulate your children on completing primary school, please also ensure you acknowledge the significant role you have played in raising such wonderful individuals.

### Signing Off

*To all families and friends of Willowmavin Primary School, we wish you a very Merry Christmas, a most Happy New Year, and a wonderful school break. See you in 2025!*

Mr. O'Callaghan



**BE YOUR BEST**



**RESPECT**



**RESILIENCE**



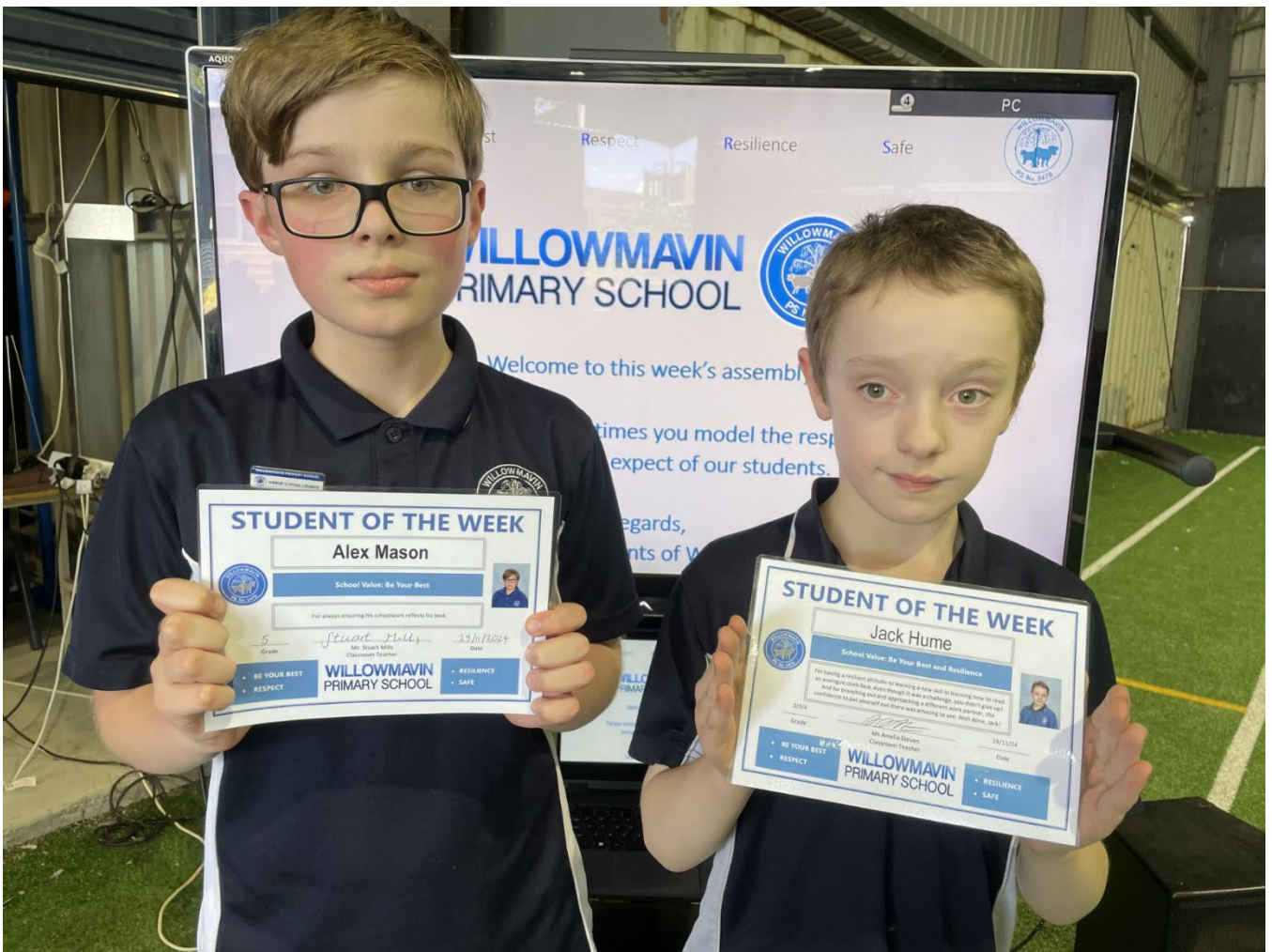
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# Student of the Week



## Term 4: Week 8 Awards



2/3/4 Jack H  
 4/5/6 Alex M



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# Student of the Week



## Term 4: Week 9 Awards



- F/1      Marlee Comer**
- 2/3/4    Alice Cram**
- 4/5/6    Sway Frost**



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

Dr. Seuss

Congratulations to the students who have read for 200 nights or more at home this year. These students were invited to a special morning tea to celebrate their effort!

**200+ Nights**

- Riley McKenzie
- Charlie Creed
- Hannah Pate
- Iliana Taengtang
- Keira Ellis
- Charlie McKenzie
- Matilda Haines
- Oliver Sheffield
- Julian Canham
- Bodhi Sanderson
- Maria Taengtang
- Marlie Beale
- Wyatt Blandthorn
- Harry Sheffield
- Jai Bamford-Newey





# END OF YEAR COMMUNITY CELEBRATION EVENING

Dear Families of Willowmavin,

Our traditional End of Year Celebration Evening will once again take place on the final evening prior to the last day of term. This year, that will mean the event will be held on Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of December. As always, we strongly encourage all family and friends of WPS to attend.

Families are invited to arrive from 5:00pm, at which stage the BBQ will be up and running to provide sausages (\$3) and drinks (\$1) for families. There will be no formal events for the first hour, this time instead being provided for families to catch up with one another.

At 6:00pm, our end of year assembly will take place. This will include class performances and presentations, awards and raffle prizes.

We anticipate the formal part of the evening will take approximately 60 minutes, concluding around 7:00pm.

Staff of Willowmavin

**WPS COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**  
**DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**  
**TIME: 5:00PM TO 7:00PM**  
**LOCATION: BASKETBALL COURT**

**Be Your Best Respect Resilience Safe**





# Out Of Uniform Day

Come dressed out of uniform on Friday  
13th December!

The out of uniform day is to thank  
families for their Christmas raffle  
donations.



## Free Christmas Activities

Seymour Recovery Hub



Join us for some Christmas fun at the Seymour Recovery Hub, 4 Guild Street, Seymour.

- Have your free picture taken with Santa on Friday 13 December from 3pm and 6.30pm. Each participant will receive a free 4" x 6" print on the day. No booking required.
- Christmas Present Making Workshop on Tuesday 17 December from 11am to 5pm. Registrations are essential and participants must be 12 years or over.

Christmas activities include: Decorate gingerbread houses, make cards, gift tags, calendar, snow globe, pot plants, magnetic photo frames and hot chocolate jars.

For more information please scan the QR code, visit [mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/events](http://mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/events) or contact Council on 5734 6200.

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SOON!**



**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>



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## What's On...

### Dates To Remember

#### December

- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Graduation Activity
- 12<sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher
- 12<sup>th</sup> Governor of Victoria Visit
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
- 13<sup>th</sup> Hot lunch Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> Casual Clothes Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> Parent Helper Afternoon Tea (via invite)
- 18<sup>th</sup> 4/5/6 Class Party
- 19<sup>th</sup> Community Celebration Night
- 20<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 4 - 1:30pm Finish

#### January

- 29<sup>th</sup> Day 1 Term 1, 2025

### Birthdays

#### December

- 13<sup>th</sup> Connor
- 24<sup>th</sup> Charlie C
- 29<sup>th</sup> Bodhi



## Other...

### Thanks to our community

We would like to thank the following from our community for donating to our Christmas raffle! Please support these local businesses where you can.

- The Kilmore Hub
- Kilmore Kebabs and Chicken
- Ferguson Plarre Wallan
- Silver Penny Puddings
- Coles Kilmore