



THE WILLOW WEEKLY

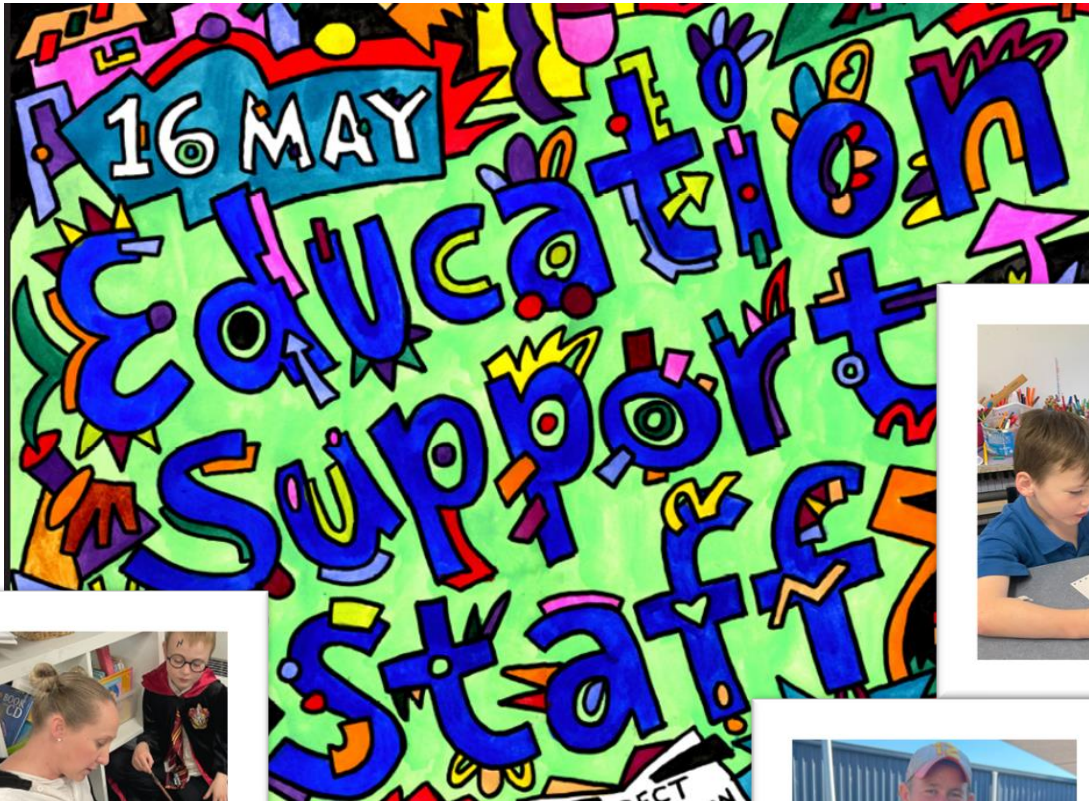
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Thursday, the 15th of May, 2025

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.

World Education Support Staff Day



This week, we celebrate the incredible work of our Education Support (ES) staff! These amazing team members play a vital role in helping our school run smoothly and ensuring every student feels supported and included. From classroom assistance and small group learning to helping in the yard and with wellbeing, their kindness, patience, and dedication do not go unnoticed.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrations!

And just like that, it was Week 4! The weeks tend to whiz by at Willow, which in my mind is a good thing, as it tends to be a sign of 'busy-ness'. Supporting our students to reach their potential and maintaining engagement and connectedness between all in our school community, requires us to be busy! Pausing to celebrating the product of this 'busy-ness' is also important.

Academically our students continue to thrive - a brief look at our preliminary NAPLAN results and our online data platform, Essential Assessment, suggests that our students continue to make progress across a range of learning areas. Although our mid-year reporting period is still a few weeks away, it's well worth acknowledging the ongoing nature of this progress and the direct correlation between this progress and our busy classrooms.

Our hardworking teachers are learners as well. Recently they've been observing and supporting each other to implement the latest departmental approach to teaching Mathematics. Over the last two weeks, they've also been analysing student survey data, completing background study for their first aid qualifications, and familiarising themselves with their responsibilities in maintaining the Child Safe Standards as outlined in the policy of the same name.

Thank you to our families who continue to support the myriad of school activities we have at Willow, we are so fortunate to have such an engaged school community! The Scholastic Book Fair, the hue of blue on display for Autism Awareness Day and the large number of parent support at our recent cross-country event are just a few examples of the many ways our families support our busy school.

This Friday is World Education Support Staff Day. At Willow we have a very busy E.S team whose work each day is both varied in nature and vitally important in ensuring our school programs run well. Please extend to our E.S staff an extra big smile or a few words of appreciation over the next week in recognition of their wonderful work - thanks Adrian, Bree, Nova, Rhonwyn, Sajid and Sharni for all that you do for all of us each week.

Welcome Back

We welcome Mr. O'Callaghan back from leave this Thursday. Be sure to check in with him to find out how much fun he had in Queensland. Students might like to ask Mr. O'Callaghan if it's really true that Queenslanders send the bent bananas southwards...

Friday Assembly

It's been a while since we gathered for our usual Friday assemblies. This week will be our first for a few weeks.

Mother's Day

Thank you to the many parents and friends who organised and ran the recent Mother's Day stall. Our students clearly enjoyed shopping for their special person, or in some cases persons! We hope that all the Willowmavin mothers, grandmothers, aunts and special people in our students lives had a terrific day on Sunday.



Cross Country

The weather was perfect, the students gave their best and the helpers were aplenty. Please enjoy a few photos of our students and staff from the day. A special thank you to Ms. Amelia and Sharni for coordinating and managing the admin so that the day could go ahead..



Signing Off

If you wait for the fruits to fall, you'd be wasting your time while others are learning how to climb the tree.

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

Mr. Mills



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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.



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What's On...

Dates To Remember

May

16 th	Hot Lunch Day
19 th – 23 rd	Education Week
28 th	District Cross Country



May

3 rd	Georgia
8 th	Mackenzie
11 th	Ryder
12 th	Kaiden
19 th	Matilda

Requests...

Donuts

A call out for donuts to be donated to the school for our Hot Donut Tuesday fundraisers.

Why do donuts make terrible teachers?

They're always glazing over the important stuff.



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