



# THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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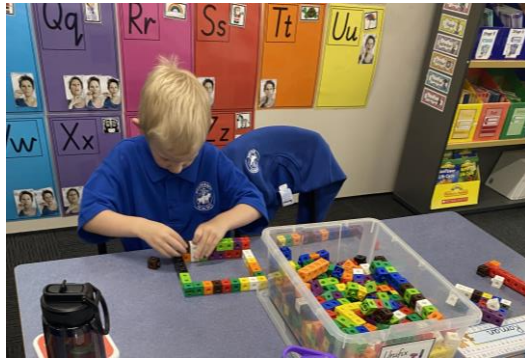
Thursday, the 8th of February, 2024

*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

The Foundation/One students have had such an amazing start to 2024. Students are settling in beautifully and showing such respect and kindness to one another. We have discussed our school values, and classroom expectations, and started to settle into our regular timetable and routines. We can't wait to see what our students achieve this year!





# Student of the Week



Term: 4

Week: 11



**F/1** Julian Canham, Olivia Brothers  
**2/3** Nicholas Jeffrey, Lucie Hiscock  
**4/5/6** Hannah Pate, Alex mason



## How Safe is My Place

How Safe is My Place is an online quiz which can assist the community in determining how safe your place is. It is also a useful to determine what security measures you need to make your place safer.

This month South Mitchell Neighbourhood Watch group are running a Home Security Competition. The prizes which are offer might increase your security, and therefore your peace of mind.

### 1. Take the quiz to find out how safe is your place

This quiz will take you only just a couple of minutes, and is based on self-assessment of your existing security measures and tailor some tips for your home to make it safer. These steps will be simple and actionable for you in order for you to feel safer in your place. There is a quiz is available for farms.

### 2. Digital door lock

A digital door lock is a security measure but is also very convenient. They come in many different sizes and features, with different price tags. The one we have selected for our competition is easy to fit, compact in design, and can be operated with a PIN number, operated with bluetooth or operated with a RFID tag (fob). By selecting a digital door lock with options, we have covered many convenient features, including: anyone who finds keys too awkward for their arthritic fingers; sends notifications to your phone when the door is opened (good to know your kids are home) and can also be put on 'Do not Disturb' mode for added security. To achieve all of these features, you will need to connect it to the internet and take out a subscription.

### 3. Video door bells

Video door bells are a good way you can see, hear and speak to your visitors from anywhere. The pictures can include night vision cameras and you can generally customise them to include the area you need covered and the sensitivity of the cameras.

We have selected a Ring Video doorbell (2<sup>nd</sup> generation) which is one of the best sellers in the market. It has all the features I just mentioned and is easily fitted. The battery also has lasted us about a month so they are good to operate. It also uses our internet and with the subscription you can also record or go back to look at earlier activity.

### 4. Solar flood lights with sensors

Outdoor LED solar flood lights can be equipped with motion sensors, are adjustable, waterproof and vandal proof (within reason). These flood lights are easily fitted with no need to call the electrician and can be placed in your yard to light up dark places or pathways where required.

We have purchased a few of these solar flood lights to offer our community in our competition this month. It will be fitted easily and adjusted to light up any dark area in your yard.

### 5. Other solar sensor lighting

We have also purchased smaller LED solar lights with sensors which are suitable for fences, steps, keyhole locks, etc. These are all easily fitted and are good for the security of your place.

How safe is My Place Quiz, can be accessed at:

<https://howsafeismyplace.com.au/house/>

## Our Home Security Competition

Our competition was launched on 20 January, 2024 and runs until 5pm on 08 March, 2024. There is a limit of one entry per person and the competition is completely free to enter. Entrants are limited to entrants over 18 years of age.

The winners will be notified by email (provided on the entry form) and the winner's first name and town of residence will be announced on South Mitchell NHW's website & social media sites after the winners have been notified.

Please read our Terms & Conditions for more details by visiting:

<https://d2te.short.gy/u56N2g>

Enter our Competition by visiting our facebook page or visit:

<https://d2te.short.gy/gN3pLd>

## Volunteer Walkers Wanted

We are looking for a volunteer in the Beveridge area – namely the Ooranya, Glenmore or Timbarra estates. We are hoping to find someone who can spare us just a few hours each month (11 months) to deliver a newsletter just like this one.

We find our volunteers enjoy putting back into their local community and it is a great way of meeting your neighbours. You can walk your dog at the same time and the hours are fairly flexible.

New people to the community, or people who have made a resolution to do more for their community, are perfect for this role. Everyone is very welcome to apply.

Contact Carol on 0419 531 610 if you are interested.



## Preparing for the Unpredictable

Building inclusive disaster resilient communities

It has never been more important to reduce disaster risk and build resilience in our communities. With science telling us that disasters will become more frequent and severe, the urgency of communities being more resilient is clear.

**6pm to 8pm, Thursday 15 February 2024**

Wandong Public Hall, 19 Rail Street, Wandong

**KeyNote Speakers:** Anne Leadbeater OAM and Jason McCartney OAM (Bali Bombings survivor) with opportunity for Q&A

Opportunity for residents to consult with Council's Emergency Management staff and Working Groups on the Vulnerable Eastern Ridgeline Community Emergency Management Plans. Booking essential. Light supper provided. Book online using the QR code or call us on 5734 6250.

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### Did you know?

Grass fires have been fuelled by the season of rain and sunshine and we are at risk of having fires start by normally safe activities, like starting a mower, using machinery or parking a vehicle in long dry grass.

Even pulling your car over on the road verge can prove dangerous if there is long grass on the verge. Hot exhaust systems can ignite the dry grass and on hot, dry windy days, the grass fire can move at speeds of up to 25 km per hour and spread across roads and highways.

If grass fires start, walk at least two streets back from the fire. Never drive if you can see smoke or fire. Thick smoke will make it hard to see. Keep roads clear for emergency services.

Further information about fire restrictions & warnings, can be found at the CFA website. Download the VicEmergency app for real-time updates about emergencies across Victoria.

Disclaimer: Current as on 30/01/24 <https://news.cfa.vic.gov.au/news/cfa-warning-to-avoid-driving-through-dry-grass> for more information.

### Important Numbers

**Emergency: Triple Zero (000)** - Fire, Police, Ambulance

**Non-urgent crimes:** Police Assistance Line - 131 444

**Report Anonymously:** Crime Stoppers - 1800 333 000

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## Upcoming Events

### First General Meeting, 1 & 29 February, 2024

Our first General Meeting for this year is at 7pm on Thursday, 1 February, 2024 at the Sue Marstaeller Pavilion, L.B. Davern Reserve, Dry Creek Cres., Wandong. Our second meeting will be on Thursday 29 February, 2024.

### Wandong - 15 February, 2024

We are promoting the 'Preparing for the Unpredictable' event in Wandong at 6pm. See the flyer above for more information,

### Coolheads in Seymour, 6 March, 2024

South Mitchell NHW is supporting Victoria Police Proactive Unit at a Coolheads Young Drivers Program on Wednesday, 6 March, 2024, at Seymour College, Seymour. Watch out for more details.

### Bunnings Craigieburn, 16 March 2024, 8am-4pm

South Mitchell NHW is involved at Bunnings' Christmas Family Night by offering our anti-theft screws, UV pens, personal alarms, and crime prevention strategies on Thursday 7 December 6pm to 8pm.

### Kilmore - April 2024

We are coming to Kilmore in April. Details to follow.

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Prace delivers an industry driven and dynamic learning experience to ensure you are job-ready with the skills employers are looking for. With the guidance of expert teachers in a friendly and supportive classroom, you will develop the skills to:

- Support students with additional needs
- Support literacy and numeracy skills
- Contribute to planning educational programs
- Support the health, wellbeing and safety of students

You will participate in excursions, workshops and gain insights from industry guest speakers.

## Pathways

Graduates are in demand and work in a range of educational settings, including primary and secondary schools and schools for children with additional needs. Graduates work as education assistants, teacher's aides and support workers.

## Entry requirements

Aged 18 years and over. Moderate computer, email and internet skills. Plus digital technology access. English LLN skills at an industry entry standard.

## How to enrol

Call 9462 6077 to arrange a pre-enrolment interview.



## Location

Prace - Merrilands  
Community Centre  
35 Sturdee Street,  
Reservoir

## Dates and duration (TBC)

23 Feb - 20 Sept 2024  
(Includes Thursday 28 March  
2024 and 19 September 2024)  
26 Sessions  
2 Workshops  
100-hour placement

## Days and times

Fridays  
9.15am - 3.15pm  
Classes will not run on public or  
school holidays

## Study Mode

Face-to-face in a  
classroom, self-directed  
offsite tasks and research,  
remote teacher support  
sessions, practical  
placement and industry/  
assessment workshops

## Fees

Gov. subsidised:  
Concession \$90  
Full \$450  
Non-subsidised \$5850

<sup>^</sup>Special consideration may  
apply  
Plus \$10 Service & Amenities fee

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## Location

Online and Rosanna  
Fire Station Community  
House, 232 Lower Plenty  
Rd, Rosanna

## Dates and duration

Starting 7th May, 2024  
26 Sessions, 2 Workshops  
100-hour placement

## Days and times

Tuesdays  
9.15am - 3.15pm  
Classes will not run on public or  
school holidays

## Study Mode

Alternates weekly  
between online (Zoom)  
and face-to-face in a  
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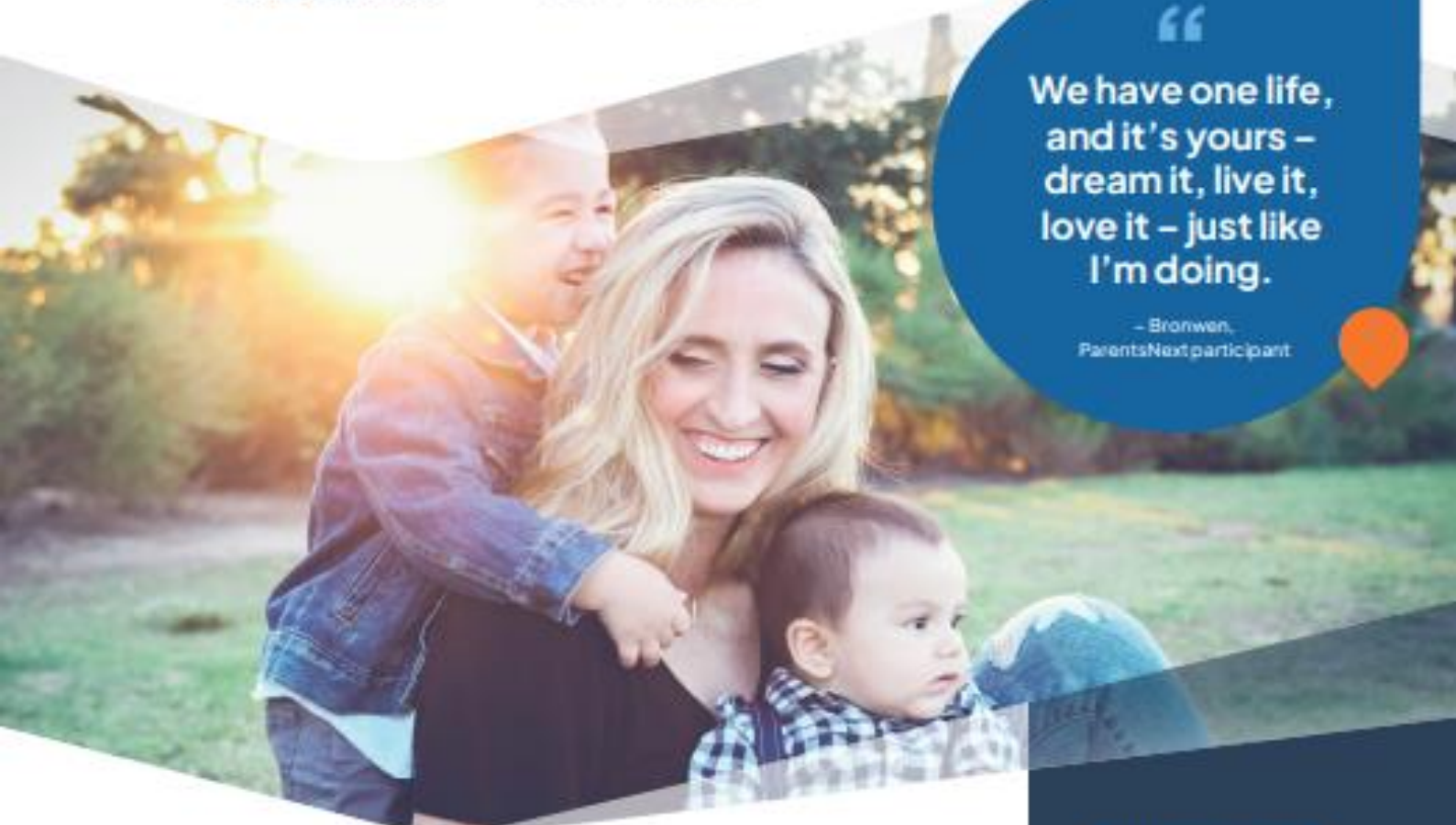
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“

We have one life,  
and it's yours –  
dream it, live it,  
love it – just like  
I'm doing.

– Bronwen,  
ParentsNext participant

## ParentsNext will support you to build your skills with confidence to achieve your goals

### How can ParentsNext help you?

You will be assigned a dedicated ParentsNext coach to support you, to:

- Identify your education and employment goals
- Create a plan to achieve your goals
- Balance your family responsibilities with work or study
- Access activities and services in your local community
- Increase your educational qualifications
- Explore new career opportunities
- Access financial assistance for education, training, employment related expenses\*

\* Based on individual circumstances and in line with eligibility criteria.

#### How it works

##### 1. Get in touch

Contact us and we'll be in contact shortly to set up a meeting.

##### 2. Get support

We'll work together to identify your goals and create a plan.

##### 3. Success!

We meet regularly to make sure you are getting the support and balance you need.

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# WILLOW WORKS



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
Weed spraying throughout whole school	07/12/2023
Remove wood pile and tall grass behind container	07/12/2023



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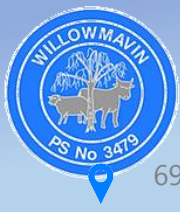


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Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, 2023

## What's On...

### Dates To Remember

#### February

- 9<sup>th</sup> Small School Swimming Cluster
- 14<sup>th</sup> No Foundations to attend today
- 21<sup>st</sup> No Foundations to attend today
- 23<sup>rd</sup> District Swimming at Seymour
- 28<sup>th</sup> Foundations attend school today



#### January

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jai
- 4<sup>th</sup> Louis
- 6<sup>th</sup> Wyatt
- 15<sup>th</sup> Ellie
- 20<sup>th</sup> Ruby
- 26<sup>th</sup> Casey
- 31<sup>st</sup> Mr O

#### February

- 16<sup>th</sup> Hudson M
- 19<sup>th</sup> Alissia
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Keira



## Call Out!!!

### Request please

Could we please request boxes of tissues please as we are on to our last box and we might be in a tissue issue.

Could we please also request boys shorts for our spare clothes tub as we do not currently have any and like to have some as back up in case of accidents or muddy weather.

Thank you!

