



Wednesday 14th June 2023

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 ...

ART

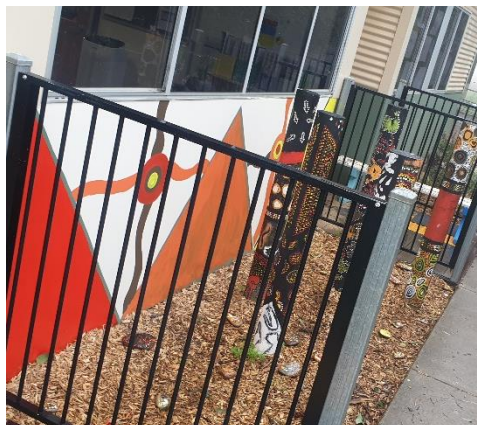
Our focus in Art this term has been colour!



We have learned about the artist Frederick Hundertwasser and his architecture, with his rejection of straight lines and focus on bold colours and individualism. Students recreated his Lollipop Trees whilst exploring warm and cool colours, and experimenting with the technique of blending.



We have explored Andy Warhol's Pop Art, where he uses screen printing to replicate images and then experiments with amazing colour that rarely 'makes sense'.



Our school captains have designed and, in between the rainy days, started to create a mural as a backdrop for our totem poles.



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Students of the Week



Term: 2 Week: 6



F/1

CHARLIE

SCHOOL VALUE: BE YOUR BEST

For using his growing understanding of letter sounds to build and read three letter words. Keep up the great work Charlie!



2/3

HUDSON

SCHOOL VALUE: RESPECT

For constantly demonstrating respect for everyone in the classroom by showing active listening when learning from his teacher or hearing from his peers. Amazing efforts Hudson!



4/5/6

KENSIE

SCHOOL VALUE: RESILIENCE

For adjusting smoothly and contributing to her new school environment in such a positive way.



Students of the Week



Term: 2 Week: 7



F/1 JACK

SCHOOL VALUE: BE YOUR BEST

For being committed to his writing and using full stops, capital letters and different strategies to help him spell.



2/3 BRIELLE

SCHOOL VALUE: BE YOUR BEST

For settling into Willowmavin so well. You have made connections with people here so quickly and are completing your learning with such a positive attitude. Well done, Brielle!



4/5/6 ARYAN

SCHOOL VALUE: RESILIENCE

For persevering when learning to use isometric dot paper for the first time.

Students of the Week



Congratulations!

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Celebrations and Gratitude

This fortnight, as always, there is much to celebrate. Our student leaders are to be congratulated on their leadership of multiple events throughout Education Week, Diversity Day and the way they look out for their peers. It was a special moment to hear one of our leaders say to a younger student, "If there aren't enough gloves, I'll wait, you use them" – a kind and thoughtful gesture during gardening. We're pleased to report there were plenty of gloves to go around but the gesture was appreciated. It is also wonderful to see students using their initiative – whether it be organising the crate of balls for use at recess and lunch, packing up sports equipment at the end of the day or investigating the addition of a school beanie to the Willowmavin PS uniform.

There is a saying 'You don't have to have a badge to be a leader' and our younger students are also to be congratulated for their initiative, including choosing to spend time gardening at break times and helping out where they see a need. A moment that brought a smile to my face was when a young student raced up to me to tell me an older student had tied someone's shoelaces, "because they are still learning." Small, random acts of kindness make a big difference and I challenge everyone to make an act of kindness part of their daily routine.

This term has seen our teaching staff busy writing reports. It is a time to reflect upon and celebrate student achievements and also identify future learning goals. Much of the writing of reports, proofreading, editing and publishing happens outside of school hours, long into the evenings and over weekends. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank the Willowmavin PS teaching team for their commitment and dedication to this process. Reports will be available at the end of next week.

Term 2 might be the shortest term in the 2023 school year but it has certainly been an action packed one at Willowmavin! As we look back on the term, we celebrate:

- New learning and the achievement of learning goals
- A very successful Book Fair
- The shade sail installation project being completed
- The arrival of little Willow O'Callaghan
- Cross country (district, division, region)
- Winter sports
- Mother's Day stall and card making workshop
- AFL football coaching (weekly as part of PE lessons)
- Education Week (Simultaneous Storytime, scavenger hunt, obstacle course and STEM family challenge)
- Diversity Day (cooking, gardening, mindfulness, rock painting and the colour run)
- Shifting approx. 20m3 of softfall
- Welcoming four students to WPS throughout the term
- Staff professional learning from the Curriculum Day and PLC
- Completing a financial audit
- Hot lunches and Breakfast Club
- A successful emergency drill – we knew where everyone was in four minutes and eighteen seconds!
- School photos and more!





FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to Zara for a sensational run at this week's regional cross country event held at Trackside. This term, Zara has competed in four different events, moving from District all the way through to Region. Zara finished in 32nd place at the regional event with a personal best time in a large and competitive field of 60 fellow runners. We are super proud of you, Zara!

This is our last newsletter for Term 2 which means it is my last newsletter as acting principal. Thank you for the opportunity to join the Willowmavin PS community, for your warm welcomes, support and laughter. It has been a privilege to spend the term with everyone and I hope our paths cross again in the future. I leave with many fond memories and know that you will pop into my thoughts over the coming months. I wish everyone the very best for the rest of 2023 and beyond.

Until next time,
Carolyn



ANNUAL REPORT TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY & SCHOOL REVIEW REPORT

2022 Annual Report to the School Community

The Annual Report provides principals and school councils with an opportunity to share the year's achievements and progress with the school community. This includes reflecting on the school's performance and explaining the impact of school improvement efforts on student outcomes. Willowmavin PS's annual report has been endorsed by Andrew and School Council along with our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) and is now ready to be shared with the school community. It is available on the school website [HERE](#).

School Review Report

The School Review Report has been finalised, approved by Andrew and our SEIL, presented at School Council and is now ready to be shared with the school community. It provides a summary of the panel's findings, including highlights, reflection on achievement of goals and identifies key directions for the next School Strategic Plan (SSP). The new SSP will be presented at the School Council meeting next week and then shared with the school community.

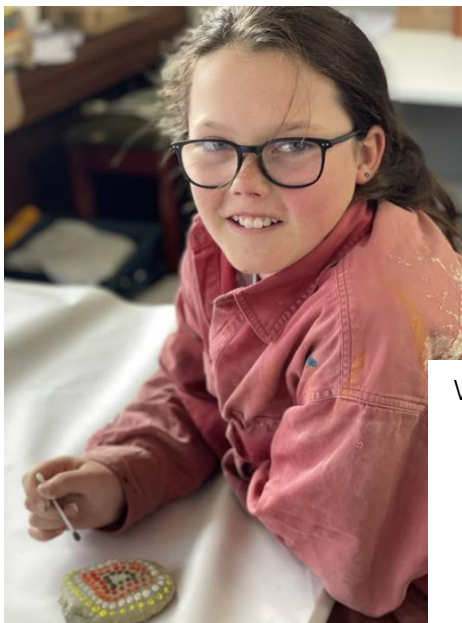
The panel identified four highlights (the maximum number allowed to be included in a review report):

- Creating a positive, supportive, respectful learning environment
- Establishing a consistent approach to teaching and learning in writing
- Developing processes to drive continuous improvement across the school
- Community connections

The report also includes three key directions for the next SSP and is available on the school website [HERE](#).



THE FORTNIGHT THAT WAS IN PICTURES



We celebrated Diversity Day in multi-aged House groups rotating through activities to promote wellbeing and inclusivity. Students cooked, gardened, completed mindfulness colouring and rock painting.

The day ended with a whole school colour run.

Special mention to Northern Garden Supplies for donating the rocks for rock painting. The finished products are now proudly displayed in the garden beds surrounding the 4/5/6 classroom.

THE FORTNIGHT THAT WAS IN PICTURES



Weeding, planting, mulching and hopefully, soon eating! It was all hands on deck in the veggie garden. Special shoutout to Mitre10 and Bev for donating seedlings, time and knowledge!



THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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THANK YOU!



Thank you to the team at **Kilmore Mite10** for their generous donation of vegetables and plants. We were extra lucky because Bev also donated her time to help us learn about how to take care of our new plants. We can't wait to see the fruits vegetables of our labor and to watch the flowers bloom!

BEANIES for WILLOWMAVIN PS?

Jake and Elias, two of our Grade 6 student leaders, are investigating the possibility of adding a beanie to the school uniform. So far, they have:

- Contacted companies seeking design options, pricing and availability.
- Written a letter to the school community to see if there is enough interest to keep working on the project
- Organised to present the proposal to School Council.

Thank you to everyone who has returned the beanie survey - approximately 25% of families have returned the form at the time of this newsletter being published. If you haven't done so yet, please return the survey to school as soon as possible to help our student leaders determine next steps. Spare copies of the form are available at the office.



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SECONDHAND UNIFORM (FREE!) STALL

The school is running a pop-up secondhand uniform stall from 16/06 — 23/06. We have more items of donated uniform than we need or can store so we are offering it to our school community for free. Please come along to see if there are any items you would like. There are a range of items in a variety of sizes so please come along to see if there is anything that might suit your child. We have jumpers, jackets, t-shirts and reader satchels but no 'bottoms'. Please BYO bag.

Where: Outside The Office

When: 16/06—23/06 After School

***The items will need a wash before wearing ***



Free to good home!

Families, with the current weather situation and wet grounds, please pack a change of clothes in your child's school bag. Please include socks, underwear and pants and ensure that ALL jumpers are clearly labelled so we can identify lost property.

We currently have a shortage of smaller sized spare school pants (sizes 4-8). If your child has some navy blue pants that they have outgrown, please consider donating them to the school's 'I've slipped in the mud, can I please borrow some spare pants?' collection.





RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

This week, Willowmavin PS hosted Anna from Triple P parenting. Anna facilitated a parent/carer seminar focusing on 'Raising Resilient Children'. The delivery of this program is supported by the Australian Government of Health and Aged Care under the Parenting Education and Support Program. There are free online programs available that you can complete at your own pace. Courses include:

- Fear-Less Triple P Online for parents/carers of children (6+) who are often anxious
- Triple P Online for parents/carers of children under 12

More information can be found online [HERE](#)

GRATITUDE and RESILIENCE

Our Professional Learning Community (PLC) work this term continues to focus on the links between gratitude and resilience.

One of the strategies we are trialling is to pause each day to identify something that went well. Research shows that by doing this, we can rewire our brains and become three times more likely to notice a positive. This message was reinforced during Anna's 'Raising Resilient Children' parent workshop this week.

Anna invited us to do an experiment. We were asked to scan the room for anything red and then return our attention to the front of the room. When Anna asked us to name red things in the room, we could rattle off plenty of examples. When Anna challenged us to name purple objects, we only had one example. The purpose behind the task was to highlight that you find what you look to find. So, if you are looking for positive things, chances are you will find them. If you are not looking for them, you may miss opportunities to notice positive parts of the day.

What are three things that went well for you today?

In only 21 days...

You rewire your brain to start scanning the world for the positive

You become 3 times more likely to notice a positive

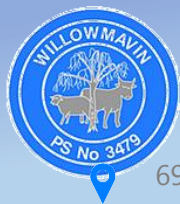
...and in 42 days, you...

- are less likely to get sick
- have higher levels of energy
- feel happier
- are more enthusiastic
- are more focused
- are more determined
- are more optimistic
- have a better quality of sleep
- have lower levels of depression and anxiety

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Images and facts above from The Resilience Project.



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What's On...

Dates To Remember

June

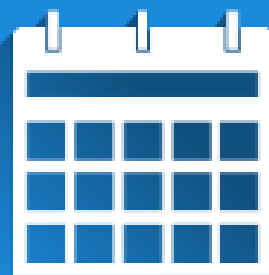
- Wed. 14th** School Photos
- Thurs. 15th** Breakfast Club (@ 8:20am)
- Fri. 16th** Young Leaders Day (Grade 5/6 students, no cost)
- Fri. 16th** Assembly (@ 2:30pm)
- Fri. 23rd** **End of Term 2 – Early Finish @ 2pm**

July

- Mon. 10th** First Day of Term 3. Welcome back Mr O'Callaghan!
- Fri. 21st** Interschool Sport (Grade 4/5/6 students)

August

- 2nd – 4th** Grade 3 – 6 Camp
- Fri. 25th** District Athletics



June

- 4th** Alex M
- 10th** Elias H
- 12th** Charlie McK
- 15th** Molly G

Thank you to Tessa and Claire who have volunteered for Breakfast Club duties this term. If you are able to help too, please let the office know – many hands make light work.

What: Breakfast Club

When: Thursday, 8:20am – 8:40am

Where: Club Willow room

What's Due...

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June

- Thurs. 22nd** Grade 3 – 6 Camp EOI and first payment



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