



Thursday, the 26th of November, 2020

Newsletter 24

CELEBRATING LEARNING IN ...

## Grade 1/2/3



In Inquiry, we have been learning about mammals, birds, reptiles, fish and amphibians. Here are some of the booklets we have made.

In Reading, we have been learning to make inferences when we read. We have been practising to use clues and our prior knowledge to infer how a character is feeling.



In Writing, we have been learning to write information texts. We have just begun to publish our writing.

In Maths, we have been learning about number patterns. We have been learning to create increasing and decreasing patterns that follow the same rule.

## CELEBRATING LEARNING IN ...

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Sporting Schools is a \$280 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect them with community sporting opportunities.

Sporting Schools programs are provided free to children and their families to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life. Each term, there is an opportunity to apply for funding to support the implementation of teaching and coaching.



## VOLLEYBALL

This year, Willowmavin Primary School has successfully applied for funding for Terms 2, 3 and 4. Due to Covid restrictions the funding worked slightly differently for Terms 2 and 3 and we were able to spend the funding on sporting equipment to support the implementation of Physical Education upon return to face-to-face learning at school.

### LEARNING AT WPS

Term 4 saw us successfully apply for funding which allowed us to provide 4 sessions of coaching at no cost to the school or our community. We booked two volleyball coaches (Amy and Sedat) from the Melbourne Sports Institute to assist us with learning and developing our skills.

It was great to see the participation and enjoyment from our students.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Celebrations!

You're back! Yes, at the start of this term, it was all about "We're back!" with students and staff returning to learning on-site. Now, with the state making the final step in the roadmap to re-opening, we are thrilled to announce that our parents and guardians will be welcomed back on-site. During the past 6 months where parents and guardians have not been freely welcomed on-site, staff have observed students more smoothly transitioning into the start of the school day. As such, we will continue to have families drop children off outside the school gates in the morning, with parents/guardians only entering for **essential office business**. When families are picking up in the afternoon, parents/guardians are now welcome to enter the school grounds to meet their child or to catch up with other parents – whilst adhering to social distancing guidelines.

To mark this significant milestone, we are inviting all our families to attend tomorrow's assembly on-site on the school basketball court at 2:30pm. We hope to see you all there as we once again make another step towards returning to "normality".

### Foundation 2021

It was great to have our 2021 Foundation students finally attend on-site as they commenced their transition program this week. We have 6 Foundation students in total commencing in 2021 including 4 families new to Willowmavin Primary School. With the easing in restrictions mentioned above, we are looking forward to finally being able to welcome our 2021 Foundation parents on-site for the first time.

### Attendance

Whilst it would be easy to write off 2020 and drop our focus on attendance, the fact is EVERY DAY COUNTS. This could not be more clear with the year that students have had this year. Currently, we are averaging 19.1 days absent per student. This is already above our average for the entire 2019 year. Regardless of the year we have had, all we can do now is focus on the remaining 16 (yes that's right only 16!) school days left this year. Please ensure you are doing everything you can to ensure that when your child is healthy, they are coming to school.

### Money at the Office

A reminder that money should not be left at the office when it is unattended. Parents and guardians, if sending money to school, please ensure your child passes it to their classroom teacher. Each morning, classroom teachers collect all notes and money and then send these to the office. This is a smooth process and ensures all notices and money are accounted for. Please remind your child of this process.

### Christmas Raffle

Speaking of money, please note the Christmas Raffle flyer that is attached to this newsletter. Families will receive 10 tickets each, with each ticket being \$1. As usual, we are seeking donations for the prizes for this raffle. Any items will be gratefully received. Thank you in advance for your support and assistance.

### Respect Women: Call it Out Campaign

This week marks the beginning of Respect Victoria's annual 'Respect Women: Call It Out' campaign. The campaign calls on all Victorians to change the culture that drives family violence — gender inequality, discrimination and marginalisation — and proactively address the harmful language and behaviours that can lead to it. The campaign promotes that everyone has a role to play in preventing family violence.

If you have any concerns about your own or someone else's wellbeing or safety, the following websites offer resources and support:

[Safe Steps](#) [Kids Helpline](#) [Parentline](#) [The Lookout](#) [What's ok at home?](#) [1800 Respect](#) [intouch.org.au](http://intouch.org.au) [orangedoor.vic.gov.au](http://orangedoor.vic.gov.au)  
[djirra.org.au](http://djirra.org.au)

### Signing Off

*Life is too beautiful to live it trapped and abused and hiding under the shame of it all.*

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

Mr. O'Callaghan



# Student of the Week



## Term: 4      Week: 6



**F/1      CHARLOTTE JACKSON      SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT**

*For making good attempts at spelling while writing and for writing an excellent piece of writing about Remembrance Day.*



**1/2/3      BEN HAMILTON      SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT**

For working hard to improve his spelling. Super effort!



**3/4      MILLA HISCOCK      SCHOOL VALUE: COMMUNITY**

For always volunteering to help out with programs and events that improve our school.



**5/6      CADE GARLAND      SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT**

For putting in a huge effort in all his learning! Keep up the amazing attitude.



# Student of the Week



## Term: 4      Week: 7



**F/1      LUCIE HISCOCK      SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT**

*For making good attempts at spelling while writing and for writing neatly and leaving spaces in between her words.*



**1/2/3      RILEY MCKENZIE      SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT**

For his enthusiasm towards Inquiry. Thanks for sharing your knowledge and interest with us. Keep it up!



**3/4      BAILEY MORGAN      SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT**

For really focusing on adding good descriptive vocabulary to her gothic horror narrative text.



**5/6      JESSE JERVIS      SCHOOL VALUE: COMMUNITY**

For showing great community spirit by helping each week with Breakfast Club.



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

### 25 Nights Plus

Harrison Mealy  
Tanika Dale  
Hayley Weller  
Max Buhagiar  
Brodie Ellis  
Lacey Buhagiar  
Milla Hiscock  
Charlotte Hiscock  
Molly Gill  
Ryder Morgan  
Jeremy Hall-Bowden  
Jake Godley

### 125 Nights Plus

Elias Haber  
Anneke Thornton  
Dayne Lang

### 150 Nights Plus

### 175 Nights Plus

Savannah Watts  
Ruby Ellis  
Willow Poulter  
Charlotte Bradley  
Olivia Poulter

### 50 Nights Plus

Bailey Morgan  
Hudson Buhagiar  
Torah Lang  
Jack Hamilton  
Tait Lang  
Louis Campbell  
Jake Jackson  
Amelia Standing

### 200 Nights Plus

Anwyn Lajang  
Sway Frost  
Charlie McKenzie  
Riley McKenzie  
Jake Bamford-Newey  
Rhys Pate

### 75 Nights Plus

Charlie McCrossan  
Ben Hamilton  
Jesse Jervis  
Maddie Nolan  
Georgia Bradley  
Chloe Jackson  
Willow Roberts

### 225 Nights Plus

Tyler Stebbing  
Alex Mason

### 250 Nights Plus

Beau Jervis

### 100 Nights Plus

Bryce Haber  
Nate Eames  
Zara Gill  
Charlotte Jackson  
Blair Newbould

### 275 Nights Plus

Christopher Milvain  
Jai Bamford-Newey  
Alexis Carter  
Hannah Pate

### 300 Nights Plus

# WPS Annual Christmas Raffle



We are holding our annual Willowmavin Primary School Christmas Raffle.

Raffle tickets are attached and we ask that all money and unused raffle tickets are returned to the school office by **Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, 2020.** Tickets are \$1.00 each. More tickets are available at the office if you would like them.

Please be sure to write your name and contact number on each ticket before handing in.

We are once again asking for families to kindly donate small Christmas gifts or non-perishable items so we can make up a variety of hampers as our raffle prizes. Any donations will need to be received by Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. If you are interested in assisting in making the hampers that week, please contact the office. We appreciate all donations given by our school community. Donations can be handed in at the school office.

Thank you.  
Staff of Willowmavin

**P.S. If anyone has any baskets/boxes they no longer need would be more than happy to take them off your hands to use for the hampers!**

WILLOWMAVIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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## What's On...



### BREAKFAST CLUB TERM 4

Join us for Breakfast Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All welcome. New breakfast items coming soon.....



### School Banking

Our School Banking day is Thursday.  
If you would like to join the School Banking program please see Peta at the office.

### November

**24<sup>th</sup> Beau Jervis**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Hudson Buhagiar**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Cody Demnar**

### 2020 Parent Payments

As we are coming up to the end of the term and the end of the 2020 school year, we would like to ask for any outstanding 2020 parent payments to be paid up to date. If you have any questions at all please contact the office. Payments can be made by BPAY, EFTPOS or cash.

### Absences

If your child/children are going to be absent from school please advise the office or their classroom teacher.