



THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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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.

School News

As you might have noticed, our Book Fair is back! This has given students the opportunity to browse and purchase texts of their choice right at school! It has been an exciting chance to look at and investigate new books that they might not have seen before. We were also able to nominate some student representatives from each year level to pick some new books to add to our school library! Thank you to all families that made purchases, we hope that you enjoy them!

A big thank you to Nicole Barri who coordinated the Book Fair again this year.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrations!

At our end of term assembly held on the last day of Term 1, our Term Awards were presented. These awards, 2 per classroom, are presented for students demonstrating excellence in one of two fields:

Academic Achievement: For outstanding progress in academic learning over the duration of the term.

Social Engagement: For consistently engaging with all classmates and teachers in a positive and respectful manner, including high levels of attendance.

At Willowmavin Primary School, this is just one of the many ways that we celebrate our students. In addition to our daily BRRS token system (based on our school values of Be Your Best, Respect, Resilience and Safe), students have the opportunity to receive numerous awards as they progress through their primary schooling. From term awards, to end of year awards, and finally our Don Howden Award, presented for outstanding citizenship to a graduating student, students are regularly acknowledged for demonstrating our school values. As we commence a new term, it is an opportunity once again for our students, with the support of staff and their families, to strive for excellence and be the best that they can be. It won't be long before we are once again on the basketball court with teachers ready to present certificates. The time is right now for our students to set the goal of having their name on a certificate come the end of Term 2.

Congratulations to our Term 1 award recipients (photos on next page).

Arrivederci!

As you read this, I will be on a plane or happily settling into Noosa life (or, for my sake hopefully not, a part of the 6pm news bulletin). I am taking a couple of weeks' leave as my family heads north to celebrate my parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary.

In my absence, Stuart Mills will be taking up the role of Acting Principal. Stuart is to be congratulated on this appointment and is looking forward to the experience. I know that our parent community will be supportive of Stuart in this role – we will be counting on this. To ensure the learning program of the 4/5/6 class is not impacted, Stuart will be continuing in his role as our Grade 4/5/6 classroom teacher for this period. Managing and running the classroom along with the duties of being School Principal is not an enviable task. To support Stuart in this role, families can simply ensure that they go about their daily role as expected by the school. In particular:

- Ensuring students are arriving on time. Not only will this assist in classrooms, it minimises the need for office follow up or to pass on late passes.
- Ensuring prompt arrival for school pick up. The school day finishes at 3:00pm and yard supervision concludes at 3:05pm. At this time, a bell will sound indicating students unsupervised in the yard are to come to the office. We welcome students continuing to play after this time, however supervision will be the responsibility of parents/guardians from this point, and therefore parents must be within the school grounds at this point in time. Waiting at the car is not a place where your child can be supervised after school.
- Being mindful of staff meetings when communicating with teachers after school. In addition to the end of yard supervision by staff, the 3:05pm bell also indicates staff meetings are soon to commence.
- Ensure absences are communicated to the school, meaning school is not having to follow up with and chase up parents to confirm student is absent.
- Directing concerns or queries about your child to the relevant staff member. This will most likely be the classroom teacher, but could also be a specialist teacher or the relevant yard duty staff member.
- Prioritise administration support for Tuesdays and Thursdays when Sharni is in the office.

In addition, it is recommended that families communicate via e-mail on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays when Sharni is not in and the office may be unattended.

Thank you in advance for your support for Mr. Mills and the school during this time. I look forward to hearing all about how great our school community is from Mr. Mills upon my return on the 15th of May.

Signing Off

Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you.

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

Mr. O'Callaghan



BE YOUR BEST



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



SAFE



Term Awards



ACADEMIC AWARD TERM 1



SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT AWARD TERM 1



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25 Sessions Plus

Marlie Beale
Jack Hume
Adalynn Wojtala
Julia Hammond
Maria Taengtang
Lola Cawsey
Tom Hammond
Louis Campbell
Hudson Buhagiar
Hudson Monaghan
Harry Sheffield
Charlie Creed
Ollie Sheffield
Mackenzie Purcell
Camellia Morrison
Ellie Jenkins

50 Sessions Plus

Sasa Vola
Nate Sanderson
Mia McClelland
Kiera Ellis
Leticia Vine
Bodhi Sanderson
Alissia King
Ruby Ellis
Nick Jeffrey
Alex Mason
Charlie McKenzie
Iliana Taengtang
Adam Vine

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

Dr. Seuss



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WILLOWMAVIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

*MOTHER'S DAY
CARD MAKING WORKSHOP
AND GIFT STALL*

Gift Stall

Friday 9th May

2pm - 2:30pm

Please send students to school with money inside a sealed envelope with their name on it. Paper bags will be provided for each child this year.

*Gifts will range from \$2 - \$8 each.

Card Making Workshop

Friday 9th May

2:30pm - 3:00pm

Attention all who aren't Mum, Grandma or the Special Person you are celebrating on Mother's Day! You are invited to join your child/ren to create a Mother's Day card together. Join us from 2:30pm - 3:30pm in the Library to create a special card to give to your special person on Mother's Day. Card, glitter, pencils and decorations provided.



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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.

ROALD DAHL
CHARLIE
AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

SEYMOUR
PERFORMERS
WORKSHOP





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Wednesday, the 30th of April, 2025

What's On...

Dates To Remember

April

30th Book Fair sales begin!

May

1st Book Fair sales end
2nd Small School Cross Country
9th Mother's Day events



May

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



Requests...

Donuts

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

Without these donuts, we **donut** have the opportunity to use our donut jokes. 🥞



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