

Wednesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2023

CELEBRATING LEARNING IN ...

## F/1

This week in F/1, our Word of the Week is 'jam'. We will be learning about the letters j and m, and the sound they commonly represent. We enjoyed making a jam sandwich as part of our learning on Monday.





## FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

### Celebrations!

Our first celebration this week has been an eagerly anticipated one – Baby O’Callaghan is here! Congratulations to Andrew, Melinda, Ruby and Finn on the arrival of Willow Jayne Aislinn O’Callaghan. We are all looking forward to a visit later in the year to meet Willow.

We have also welcomed our newest staff member, Stephanie Buhagiar, this term. Stephanie will be driving the ‘Stephanie Express’ from Willowmavin PS to After School Care each afternoon.



Other celebrations this week include the way our students have settled back into Term 2 smoothly and launched into their learning enthusiastically. One of my highlights this week was asking a student about their favourite part of the day and hearing the reply, “Reading and writing because we’re learning about Space!”

A highlight of every day is celebrating new learning with students. Recently, two of our Grade F/1 students celebrated using finger spaces between words in their holiday recount and sounding out new words.

### Adult Learners

It’s not just our students who are keen learners. Every week, teachers engage in professional learning, reflect on practice, collaborate and explore evidence based teaching strategies connected to the best ways to teach particular concepts. Miss Rodger is completing the Primary Mathematics Science Specialist (PMSS) training this year and leading the work in this space at Willowmavin. This is a two year commitment with Miss Rodger using Thursdays and Fridays to either attend PMSS workshops offsite with other school leaders or plan for maths and science at Willowmavin PS. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, all principals from PMSS schools will be meeting in Melbourne and I am looking forward to the new learning that will come my way.

### Curriculum Day

At the last School Council meeting in Term 1, School Council approved a **Curriculum Day** for **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. Curriculum Days are important professional learning opportunities for staff. At this term’s Curriculum Day, we will spend the day focusing on the Willowmavin PS reading instructional model along with preparing for peer observations.



## FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

### School Council

School Council met at the end of Term 1 and finalised membership of the 2023 School Council. Thank you to retiring school councillor, Amanda Poulter and retiring School Council President, Lisa Hiscock for their years of service. We welcome three new school councillors in 2023; Rebecca Jobling, Sam Pate and Erin Sanderson. I would like to introduce the School Council team for 2023 and thank them for volunteering to serve the school community as school councillors:

Liz Jeffrey

Rebecca Jobling – President

Andrew O'Callaghan / Carolyn Crowther

Sam Pate

Elsie Rodger

Erin Sanderson

Julie-Anne Sheffield

### Education Week

Education Week is an annual celebration of education in Victoria. This year's theme is 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate', which celebrates physical activity, hands-on learning and student voice in education. We will be celebrating Education Week between Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. One of the activities will be a STEM Family Challenge held at school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May after lunch. Stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter!

### Thank You!

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received since stepping into Andrew's shoes this term. I've appreciated the friendly faces, cheery greetings, kindness and support from students, staff and families.

Until next time,  
Carolyn

## BREAKFAST CLUB IN TERM 2

Thank you to Tessa and Claire who have volunteered for Breakfast Club duties again this term. It starts this week! 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



## CAPTAINS' CORNER with Milla and Molly

Welcome to the first edition of Captains' Corner!

Each newsletter we will include some information about things that are going on during the week. If you can't make it to assembly, you can read our news and reminders here instead. There will also be some jokes, riddles or puzzles to solve.

Latest News: The yard shade sail has been put up and it looks amazing!  
How do you think we should use the space under the sails?

Reminders:

- There have been some new students join our school. Remember to say hello if you see them around!
- The Grade 4/5/6s have netball on Friday.

Q: What do you call cheese that doesn't belong to you?

A: Nacho cheese

### May

3<sup>rd</sup> Georgia B

9<sup>th</sup> Anwyn L

10<sup>th</sup> Alyssa B

11<sup>th</sup> Ryder M

12<sup>th</sup> Kaiden R-C

19<sup>th</sup> Matilda H



### What Am I?

I have four corners

All my corners are 90 degrees

I am straight on all sides

My sides are all the same length

I am a shape

What Am I? \_\_\_\_\_

(write your answer on the line above or draw it in the space available)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Drop your answer in the 'What Am I?' box at the office.  
A lucky winner will be drawn at assembly on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.





# Term 1 Awards



ASSEMBLY – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

There will be an assembly on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May for Foundation to Grade 3 students. Grade 4/5/6 students will be offsite participating in Interschool Sports. Student leaders from our Grade 2/3 class will lead assembly.

Student of the Week certificates will be presented to students from Grade F/1 and Grade 2/3. Grade 4/5/6 certificates will be presented at a future assembly.



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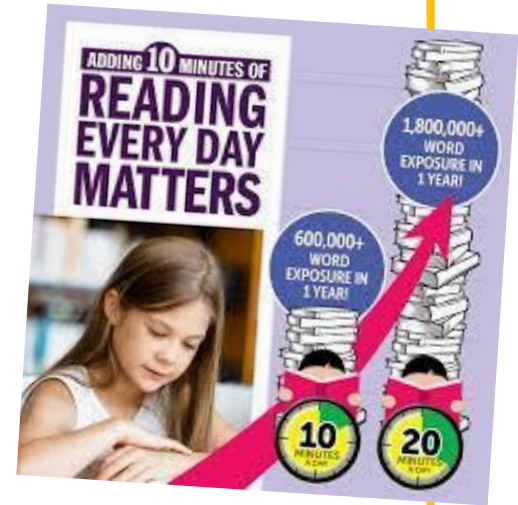
The **MORE** that you  
**READ**, the more things  
you will **KNOW**.  
The **MORE** that you  
**Learn**, the more places  
you'll **GO**.  
Dr. Seuss

### 25 Sessions Plus

Leticia Vine  
Sway Frost  
Hannah Pate  
Jai Bamford-Newey  
Bodhi Sanderson  
Xavier Beale  
Alissia King  
Inayat Bishnoi  
Hudson Buhagiar  
Ryder Morgan

### 50 Sessions Plus

Charlie Mckenzie  
Alyssa Baldwin  
Olivia Baldwin  
Anwyn Lajang  
Riley Mckenzie  
Wyatt Blandthorn  
Julian Canham  
Charlie Creed  
Oliver Sheffield  
Matilda Haines  
Nick Jeffrey  
Ellie Jenkins  
Adam Vine



*Remember, read each night  
for at least 10 minutes and  
don't forget to have your  
reading signed off!*





## THE WEEK THAT WAS IN PICTURES...

Congratulations to all students for demonstrating our school values and representing Willowmavin PS superbly at the Small Schools Cluster Cross Country Day. All students approached the day positively, being their very best self and ought to be proud of their efforts, enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. Eleven of our students will be running again at the District Cross Country later this term.





## TRANSITION INFORMATION

Although it is only May and the 2024 school year seems a long way off, transition processes for students who will be in Foundation or Year 7 in 2024 have started.

### Foundation Enrolments for 2024

A new state-wide timeline for enrolling in Foundation for the 2024 school year has been released by the Department of Education. The timeline will apply for children starting Foundation in 2024 and all government primary schools will follow the new timeline. If you are enrolling a student in Foundation at Willowmavin PS in 2024, or know someone who is, please submit an enrolment application by 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Applications can be collected from the office. The Department has created an [enrolment information pack for Foundation families](#) with further details and key dates.

### Key Dates

1. Submit an enrolment application for Foundation by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
2. Receive notification of the outcome of your application by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023. If you receive an enrolment offer, please accept the offer by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023.
3. Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions in 2023.

### Grade 6 to Year Transition

At the opposite end of the primary school experience, our Grade 6 students and their families received a transition pack last week. Please return these to Willowmavin PS by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The Department of Education has created a factsheet for the [Grade 6 to Year 7 placement process](#). This document includes a detailed timeline of the process.

## GRADE 4/5/6 INQUIRY - RED CARPET OUTFITS

Grade 4/5/6 students are learning about the design process as part of this term's inquiry unit. Earlier in the week they were tasked with the challenge of creating an outfit worthy of the red carpet. The catch – they could only use masking tape and paper. The challenge was accepted with gusto!







Neighbourhood Watch

# Newsletter

SOUTH MITCHELL

May 2023

Newsletter Issue No. 40



## Helmet rules for bikes, scooters & skateboards

Cyclists aren't the only ones who need to strap on a helmet. This is when and where you need to wear a helmet in Victoria.

Mandatory helmet laws have been in place in Victoria for more than 30 years. Since then, they've been expanded to include new forms of transport such as e-scooters and other electric personal transportation devices.

In Victoria, all cyclists, scooters and electronic personal transportation (e-scooters, electric unicycle, segways, etc.) riders must wear a helmet. This rule applies to all ages whenever you're riding in a public place such as on the road, in a bicycle lane, on a shared path, in carparks, on the footpath and even in parks. Even passengers on a bike are legally required to wear a bike helmet.

Equestrians should also note that it is mandatory for horse riders aged under 18 to wear a helmet when riding their animal on the road, footpath or a road related area.

If you don't wear an approved helmet while riding, police have the power to stop you and issue either a warning or a fine. Fines for failing to wear a helmet can range from \$231 to \$925, depending on the breach and whether the matter goes to court.

Those using a non-electric wheeled recreation device, such as a skateboard, roller skates or rollerblades (not scooters) are *not* required by law to wear a helmet. However, it is recommended to wear a helmet and other safety equipment such as knee pads and elbow pads if you are using one of these devices.

Interstate laws can vary – check with local authorities for clarification. For more information, refer <https://www.racv.com.au/royalauto/transport/cycling/guide-to-getting-the-right-size-and-type-helmet.html> Photo: Charlie Kinross

## Pedestrians and e-Scooters

There have been a high number of incidents of pedestrians being hit by e-Scooters on the Council trials of e-scooters, which can result in serious injuries, and can be fatal for the pedestrian. Despite this, the trials are continuing and expanding into other council areas.

Strict trial road safety rules apply to both commercial and private e-scooters. Victoria totally prohibits e-scooters on footpaths and riders who violate this rule will be subject to penalties. The evidence gathered during the e-scooter trials highlight the safety risks when riders do not follow safety-based rules. You can legally ride an e-scooter in Victoria but the following conditions apply:

- You ride on shared-use paths and roads up to and including 60km/h;
- You are at least 16 years old;
- You wear a properly fitted approved bicycle helmet;
- You do not travel more than 20km/h
- You do not use your mobile phone;
- You do not ride while intoxicated; and
- You do not carry a passenger.

E-scooters, like bicycles, are not covered by TAC insurance for accidents with other e-scooters, pedestrians or other incidents where no other vehicle was involved. It is recommended that the owner take out their own insurance to cover them against any costs incurred as a result of an accident caused by the rider.

The main issue for pedestrian safety is the high number of e-scooters being ridden on footpaths. Although an e-scooter is not permitted to ride on a footpath, they are allowed to ride on a shared footpath. In order for pedestrians to be safer, we recommend pedestrians:

- Always keep an eye out for e-scooters when exiting a building; and
- Check for e-scooters as well as all other hazards before crossing a shared path, bicycle lane or a road.

All devices that use lithium-ion batteries pose a potential fire risk. E-scooters should be charged and stored away from walk ways, especially ones used in case of emergency, and used batteries should be disposed of according to manufacturer's instructions. The battery of an e-scooter which may have been damaged in an accident should be disposed of safely and immediately.

For more information, <https://www.police.vic.gov.au/electric-powered-scooters-e-scooters>



Neighbourhood Watch  
Let's watch out for each other

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Ages 4-16 years

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& Gear

Date: Sunday 14th May 2023 at 9.00am

Club: GVMCC - Goulburn Valley Motor Cycle Club

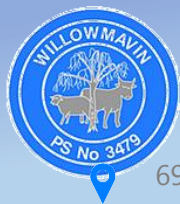
Venue: Undera Speedway Complex 1915 Echuca Rd

Website: All Enquiries - Robert 0419 142 297

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# THE WILLOW WEEKLY

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Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2023

## What's On...

### Dates To Remember

#### May

- Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Interschool Permission Notes Due (Grade 4/5/6)**
- Fri. 5<sup>th</sup>** Winter Sports – Netball (Grade 4/5/6)
- Fri. 5<sup>th</sup>** Assembly for F-3 students (Grade 4/5/6s at sport)
- Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup>** Mother's Day Stall (WPS, 2pm)
- Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup>** **Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition Forms Due**
- Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup>** Breakfast Club (Club Willow, 8:20am)
- Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup>** Mother's Day Card Making Workshop (WPS, 3:20pm)
- Fri. 12<sup>th</sup>** **Curriculum Day – No Students at School**
- Fri. 19<sup>th</sup>** District Cross Country
- Fri. 19<sup>th</sup>** Assembly (2:30pm)
- Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup>** Breakfast Club (Club Willow, 8:20am)
- Fri. 26<sup>th</sup>** STEM Family Challenge (WPS, 2pm)



### Dates To Remember

#### June

- Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup>** Breakfast Club
- Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup>** Diversity Dash
- Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup>** Breakfast Club
- Mon. 12<sup>th</sup>** Public Holiday
- Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup>** Breakfast Club
- Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup>** End of Term 2

### Mother's Day

#### Mother's Day Stall

We will be holding our Mother's Day Stall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Gifts will range in price from \$1.00-\$5.00. All students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift. Extra gifts will be offered for sale after each student has chosen their first gifts and will be available until sold out.

#### Mother's Day Card Making Workshop

Dads, uncles, granddads and special people who aren't mum, grandma or the special person you are celebrating on Mother's Day are invited to join their child/children to create a Mother's Day card together. Join us after school on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May to create a special card to give to your special person on Mother's Day. Card, glitter, pencils and decorations provided.



**Smile Squad Visit** - if you have received a letter from the Smile Squad dental clinic, please phone them and organise an appointment at your earliest convenience.

**Book Fair** – A big thank you to everyone who has visited and purchased from the Book Fair. A reminder that you can still come and have a look until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May.



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