

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

CELEBRATING LEARNING IN ...

## 6 T



Students in Year 6 have been hard at work getting back into the routine of school. They have been enjoying games of kickball with the 4/5 class, reading in flexible spaces in the classroom and practising their new Italian skills.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Celebrations!

It has been a great first week and a half of the 2022 school year! Thanks to the work of staff over the holiday period, classrooms and teaching and learning programs were all well prepared for the arrival of our 2022 students. This has assisted students in quickly settling in to their new classrooms and engaging with their learning.

As you are all aware, we have welcomed 3 new teachers to Willowmavin this year. Ms Sarah Hurd in our Grade 2/3 class, Mr Darren Horton in our Grade 4/5 class, and finally Mrs Melinda O'Callaghan who is teaching the students Italian and Digitech. Similar to our students, each of our new teachers has settled in to their new position at Willowmavin and I'm pleased to report I am yet to receive any letters of resignation.

In addition to our new staff, we of course welcome new students and families to WPS in 2022. Our 5 new Foundation students, Jack, Kaiden, Olivia, Xavier and Tess, are also joined by Jarrah in Grade 1 and Inayat in Grade 2. We have 6 families new to Willowmavin this year, the Alnes, Beale, Bishnoi, Brothers, Catipovski-Morran and Ruth Carrington families. I know that all members of our school community will welcome our new families. And what better a time to do that than at next Tuesday's Welcome Picnic?! Please see flyer attached to this newsletter.

### Staffing and Grade Structure 2022

After a very hectic end to 2021, that saw some very late additions to our staffing for 2022, we can now confirm our staffing and grade structure for this year.

Miss Elsie Rodger: Grade F/1/2 and Junior School Art

Miss Sarah Hurd: Grade 2/3, Junior School P.E.

Mr Darren Horton: Grade 4/5, and Senior School P.E.

Miss Kate Taylor: Grade 6, Senior School Art

Mrs Melinda O'Callaghan: Digitech, Italian and Intervention

Mrs Anne Eames: Education Support and Library

Mrs Bree-Anna Thorn: Education Support and Chaplaincy

Mrs. Brooke Mann: Business Manager and Administration

Mr. Andrew O'Callaghan: Principal

### Welcome Picnic 2022

As mentioned above, our traditional Term 1 Welcome Picnic will take place next Tuesday afternoon from 5pm onwards. Our Welcome Picnic is a fantastic opportunity for our school community to get together, saying hello to familiar faces and introducing ourselves to new faces. In addition to some fun activities being organised for those attending, we will also be presenting our Grade 5/6 leadership positions, including the announcement of our 2022 School Captains. For more details regarding this event, refer to the flyer included in this newsletter.

### Meet the Teacher Interviews

A notice has gone home today informing families of our Meet the Teacher arrangements for next Wednesday, February 16. On this day, students will be dismissed at 1:30 to enable teachers to commence interviews at this time. Parents and guardians are asked to pick students up at this earlier time. Should this not be possible, an adjusted program will be in place at school to provide supervision for students unable to be picked up early. Please complete the form in the Meet the Teacher notice and return to school by next Monday, February 14. Thank you in advance for your flexibility and support.

### National Safer Internet Day

Yesterday, Tuesday, February 8, was National Safer Internet Day. Please see the article Mrs O has included in this newsletter. This article includes the findings of student surveys conducted in Digitech this week regarding student use of the Internet. Some interesting reading!

### 8:50am Start Time and End of Day Dismissal Time

We have noticed a number of students arriving late to school in the morning. We remind families that classes at Willowmavin Primary School commence at 8:50am. Teachers are expected to commence the day's teaching and learning program at this time. Between 8:50 and 9:00am, students are engaged in our whole school spelling time. Every morning, these 10 minutes are spent on the current spelling focus in our classrooms. These 10 minutes are not time for students to unpack their bags and get organised for the day. This should be done prior to 8:50am.

The school yard is supervised from 8:35am and students are encouraged to arrive between 8:35 and 8:45am. This provides our students with the opportunity to catch up with some friends and have a play in the playground, prior to commencing their learning at 8:50am.

### Students arriving after 8:50am, must sign in at the office.

At Willowmavin PS, students can be dismissed either at 2:55pm or 3:00pm. If you have not already, please inform your child's classroom teacher what time you wish for them to be dismissed. Where no time has been communicated by parents/guardians, students will be dismissed at 3:00pm. Please ensure you have picked your child up by 3:05pm at the latest as staff meetings commence at 3:10pm. We understand that on occasion, unforeseen circumstances can result in a late pick up. In such a situation, wherever possible, we ask that families call ahead to inform the school, allowing us to make necessary arrangements.

### Signing Off

*We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called "Opportunity".*

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

Mr. O'Callaghan



**BE YOUR BEST**



**RESPECT**



**RESILIENCE**



**SAFE**



# 2021 STUDENT OF THE YEAR!



GRADE F/1

**LUCIE HISCOCK**



GRADE 2/3

**WILLOW POULTER**



GRADE 4/5/6R

**ABBIE McALLISTER**



GRADE 4/5/6T

**RHYS PATE**



PRINCIPAL'S PUPIL OF THE YEAR

**MOLLY GILL**



**BE YOUR BEST**



**RESPECT**



**RESILIENCE**



**SAFE**



# Student of the Week



Term: 1      Week: 1



**F/1/2      LOUIS CAMPBELL**

**SCHOOL VALUE: BE YOUR BEST**

For a fantastic start to Grade Two and being an excellent role model in the classroom. Keep up the excellent effort Louis!



**2/3      GEORGIA BRADLEY**

**SCHOOL VALUE: BE YOUR BEST**

For always being ready to learn and putting 100% effort into every learning task.



**4/5 H      MOLLY GILL**

**SCHOOL VALUE: BE YOUR BEST**

For always giving 100% to her learning.



**6T      NATE LONG**

**SCHOOL VALUE: BE YOUR BEST**

For starting Year 6 with a can-do attitude. Keep up the fantastic work!



BE SAFE ONLINE

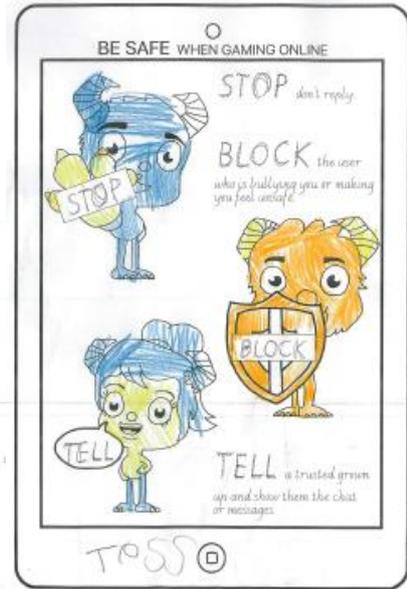
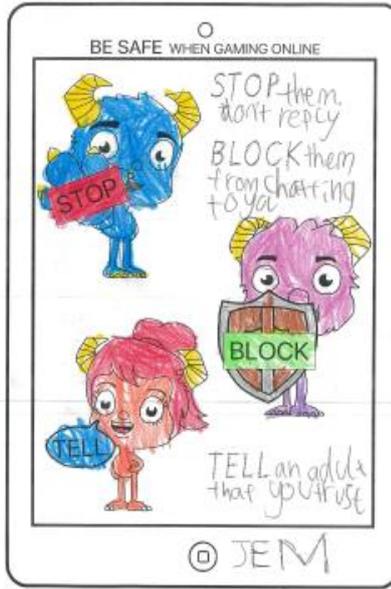
"Know your online friends."  
- Corey, Elias & Harry

"Leave the game if anyone makes you feel uncomfortable."  
- Abbie, Hannah & Milla

"Don't message people you don't know."  
- Jake & Ben

"Stop block and tell if you feel like you are being harassed."  
- Anneka & Alyssa

"Turn off game chat."  
- Max, Rhys & Riley



"Only talk to people you know."  
- Olivia & Molly

"Don't share your passwords."  
- Nate & Blair

"Don't send photos to people you don't know."  
- Tyler & Jack

"Don't share personal information."  
- Charlotte & Evie

"Ignore and block bullies and be wise about your actions."  
- Anwyn & Willow



# Willowmavin Welcome Picnic

Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

5pm until 7:30pm

*Formalities from 5:30pm until 7:00pm*

Willowmavin PS is holding a community evening to welcome in the 2022 school year. This is a great opportunity for all of our school community to catch up with old friends or meet staff and new families for the first time.

As a long standing tradition at our school, dating all the way back to 2021, we will be announcing our student leadership positions on the night, including our 2022 School Captains.

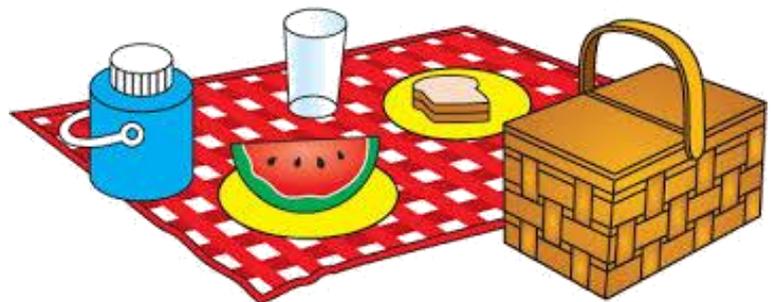


Games and activities will be running from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. BBQ sausages will be on offer to purchase for \$2 along with juice boxes for \$1.

So bring the family and the picnic rug and join us as we celebrate our school community and look forward to the year ahead.

We hope to see you there!

Staff of Willowmavin





# THE WILLOW WEEKLY

690 Willowmavin Road, Willowmavin, 3764

Ph. 5782 1319

[willowmavin.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:willowmavin.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

## What's On...



### Dates To Remember

#### February

- Fri 11<sup>th</sup>** Swimming Carnival – Lancefield Pool
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup>** Meet the teacher bookings due  
School Nursing forms due (Foundation students)
- Tue 15<sup>th</sup>** Welcome Picnic 5.00 - 7.30pm
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup>** Meet the Teacher Interviews  
1.30pm Dismissal  
Lunch order forms due
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** Hot Lunch Day

#### March

- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>** Lunch order forms due
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup>** Hot Lunch Day
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup>** Labour Day Public Holiday
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** Conveyance Allowance Applications due

### 2022 School Term Dates

- Term 1:** 31<sup>st</sup> January to 8<sup>th</sup> April
- Term 2:** 26<sup>th</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> June
- Term 3:** 11<sup>th</sup> July to 16<sup>th</sup> September
- Term 4:** 3<sup>rd</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> December

#### February

2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke



### Funds Raised for Apple TV

GOAL: \$300



### Student Absences

A reminder if your child will not be at school, please either call the office or contact your child's teacher to let them know.

Alternatively, the preferred method is to add an attendance note to your child's Compass profile. You can do this either through the app on mobile devices or through the Compass website, on your computer web browser.

If you require any assistance with Compass please feel free to contact the office.



BE YOUR BEST



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



SAFE