



# Willowmavin Primary School

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Respect

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## Learning in Foundation/1

We are learning about Padik to Plate. Sheep have wool, but how is it made? If you are wondering, you have to shear them first, and second you have to use the wax but I can not remember the name! Next you have to twist it. Finally you spin it!  
by Hannah

I am learning to be on my best behaviour and listen to the teacher. I like narrative writing. Beginning middle end. by Riley

We have been learning to take away. You take a number away from the biggest number. subtraction  $10-4=6$   $9-8=1$   
by Willomp



We are learning about Padik to Plate. Cows get killed then they are cut up for us to eat. BY Beau

## *From the Principal:*

### **Celebrations!**

This week we celebrate those of our families who took the time to complete our Parent and Guardian Opinion Survey. The survey was sent out to all 39 families who we had e-mail details for and 23 families completed the survey. This has given us a response rate of 59% - above our targeted 50% - and will enable us to set higher goals with next year's survey.

As mentioned previously, results from this survey will give us a greater insight into our parent and family perceptions of the school. With greater insight, greater accuracy can be achieved in planning for future school improvement. Thank you to all those who took the time to provide us with feedback on our performance.

### **Principal's Award:**

**Milla Hiscock**

#### **School Value: Achievement and Health and Wellbeing**

For toughing out her first full week of school for the term after being unwell for a long time - hopefully a sign of happy and healthy days ahead! Awesome job Milla!

### **Student Reports Survey**

Last Friday evening (thank you Jodie!), families were e-mailed out a survey on our student reports. This survey will give us feedback on our student reporting process. Already, we have had 12 responses to the survey – over a quarter of all our families! We are of course seeking to hear from more of you though so please check your e-mails from last Friday.

Alternatively, you can access the survey from the below link. Average response time has been 5 minutes (and 24 seconds to be exact!). Thank you in advance for your time.

Willowmavin Parents/Guardians Student Reports Survey:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IrlqJM78HE-ZElt9NrbKdQjo4-NSz3VGq2ZgwtjggT9URDISUkFSTIVTVDBROVBjNUZSMzE1R1I5My4u>

### **Inappropriate Language**

One of the challenges all schools face is providing a school environment that is free of students using inappropriate language. Key to success here is a team approach between the school and the home. At school, we regularly remind students of the need to use appropriate and respectful language at all times. When students do not live up to the high expectations we have of them in this area, consequences are issued including apologies, time off yard, walking with a teacher or loss of privileges.

At home, you can assist by minimising the opportunities for your child to be exposed to inappropriate language. Be mindful of television, music and other media that your children are experiencing to at home and the content of such. Where you find your child's digital interactions (mobile phone, social media) involve swearing, talk to your child about why they have chosen to use those words and suggest alternatives. Where you notice inappropriate language being used by others that your child is connected to digitally, you can simply block them.

Whilst parenting is the most rewarding experience, we also know it is highly emotional and exhausting. However, like it or not, our children are constantly observing and learning from us - in our good times and our bad. Our greatest challenge is to always be modelling the behaviours we wish to see in our children. Be aware of the language you are using when speaking to or in the presence of your children. This can be challenging – especially in highly emotional moments – however it is achievable. I know personally, I have a very different filter applied to when I'm at work compared to the filter applied to watching my football team in the privacy of my man cave.

Through vigilance in monitoring content our children are exposed to, appropriate modelling, and actively responding to the use of inappropriate language, we can better ensure that the only colourful language our students are exposed to at school is during Art classes!

For more information on how you can better ensure your child uses appropriate language, go to the following website:

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/behaviour/common-concerns/swearing>

### **Fire Safety at Home Information Session**

We will be running a Home Fire Safety information session for our community on Wednesday, September 4 at 2pm. The session is hands on and will include fire blanket demonstrations/training, using fire extinguishers, using smoke alarms and general home fire safety hints and tips. The session will be run by a local CFA member and every household represented will receive a free fire blanket and smoke alarm.

A flyer will be send out shortly. We strongly encourage our families to take up this opportunity.

### **Late Arrivals**

A reminder that our school gate is now closed at 8:50am each morning. If arriving at school after this time, students will need to be signed in at the office. Thank you again for your support with this matter.

### **Signing Off**

*Writers used to make such wonderful pictures without all that swearing, all that cursing. And now it seems that you can't say three words without cursing. And I don't think that's right.*

Until next time, be the best you can be.

Mr. O'Callaghan

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## Making the most of what we have

By Christopher

For my second report as Environmental Captain, I want to talk about not wasting what we have. By this I mean making the most or best use of our materials or resources.

At school some resources we have control of are water and power. We have control over how much water and power we use. We can save water if we turn the taps off correctly, don't leave them dripping. For power, close the doors so the heaters don't run so much, if you are the last in a group to go through a door, be the one to close it. Wear jumpers so the heaters don't have to be on all the time, or on at a higher temperature.

Looking after our resources isn't about not using stuff, it's about not wasting it. If the school doesn't have to pay for wasted water and power, then it has more money to spend on us.



# Student of the Week



**F/1** Jeremy Hall-Bowden for putting in effort and working well on his reading.



**2/3** Jake Jackson for working hard to complete the body paragraph of his newspaper article.



**3/4** Charlotte Bradley for showing strong motivation to improve in all subjects.



**5/6** Cooper Roberts for putting in a great amount of effort in all areas of his learning.



## Dates to Remember

### August

23rd Aug - Book Week—Dress Up Day

26th Aug - Fundraising Meeting 2pm (Staffroom)

28th Aug - Father's Day Stall

13th Sep - School Disco

20th Sep - Footy Colours Day

20th Oct - WPS Sausage Sizzle at Craigieburn Bunnings

**\*Don't forget to mark these dates in your calendar\***

**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**

**Book Club**

orders are due:

**4th Sept 2019**

**SCHOLASTIC**

**Book Club LOOP**  
for Parents

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Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)



**School Banking**

**Thursday**

## **Fundraising and Community Engagement News**

Father's Day Stall: A reminder that Wednesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, is Father's Day stall. We ask that we ask for a limit of up to \$10.00 per child.

Bunnings BBQ: As mentioned in our last update, this week we will be sending home a return form for families to please fill out and return to the office, this will assist us in securing our roster for the Craigieburn Bunnings BBQ on Saturday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of October.

**School Disco: Our school disco is set to take off on Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of September. We're looking forward to a fun and exciting evening with our theme this year to dress as something starting with a W, P or S. So get your thinking caps on and start planning!**

Our next gathering will be on Monday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of August at 2pm in the school staff room, everyone welcome.



## Reading Awards

### 50 Nights Plus

Jack Griffiths

### 75 Nights Plus

Elias Haber

### 100 Nights Plus

Georgia Bradley

Dayne Lang

Jack Hamilton

### 125 Nights Plus

Ruby Ellis

Charlie McCrossan

Bailey Morgan

### 150 Nights Plus

Jai Bamford-Newey

Cody Evans

Logan Ford

Maddie Nolan

John Rodgers

### 175 Nights Plus

Hannah Pate

Willow Poulter

Jake Bamford-Newey

Tyler Stebbing

Flynn Patton

Jackie Rodgers