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Thank you to

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Transition Program—10th December

Grade 6 attending Trafalgar High School

Grade Prep 2014 children attend school from 9.00am -1.00pm.

News from Ann

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www.willowgroveps.vic.edu.au
Rotary Award—Congratulations to Patrick

Last Monday, Patrick attended a Moe Rotary function to receive an award for Pride of Workmanship. Patrick attended the dinner with his family. Thirteen children from Moe and District schools received awards on the same night. Patrick was nominated by the school for his consistent approach to his learning across all curriculum areas over many years. Patrick diligently applies himself to tasks and works to his full potential. A very worthy recipient of the award! This week Patrick has a story published in the Newsletter. This story is based on the novel written by Sonya Harnett “The Midnight Zoo”. Patrick was asked to create an imaginative piece of writing which incorporated a red kite symbol. See the back page

The Aussie Outback DVD

The DVD of the school play “The Aussie Outback” will be available early next week. The students had the opportunity of viewing it yesterday. All great fun!

If you would like to order a copy, please fill out the form below -

Order Form $20.00

Name: ____________________________________________
Phone Number: ______________________________________
Quantity: ________________________________________
Amount Paid: ______________________________________

Payment must accompany order form.
At Willow Grove Primary School we value

Respect  Learning  Honesty  Persistence  Teamwork

Student of the Week
Shakeem

Playground Award
Ewan

P.E. Award
Darcy P

Artist of the Week
Harrison

Happy Birthday
Hayden

LUNCH ORDER ROSTER

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Finalising Accounts

This year we have had a good response from parents who have come into finalise their accounts. Thank you. Please remember we have B-PAY now. It would be good to have all accounts finalised before the end of the school year.

Grade 6 T-Shirts for 2014

Information was distributed to families early this week. Parent Association subsidise the Grade 6 shirt, giving $20.00 to each family order for one shirt, thus leaving a balance of $15.00 for families to pay. Please have your orders in by Friday 13th Dec. Orders will be placed before the holidays and ready for the children to start the year in 2014.

Remember the shirts are small in sizing and we know that Grade 6 students often have a growth spurt during the year. A sample is at the office if you would like to see it before placing your order.

Recently some students attended a community function held by Rotary and the shirt was commented on by many. It is very smart and the children are proud to wear it.
Mobile Library

The mobile library will still visit Willow Grove during the school holidays. The mobile library will be at Willow Grove every second Thursday morning 9.30am till 1pm 2nd, 16th and 30th January 2014. Come along and get your holiday reading, dvd’s, magazines and much more.

If you are a student at the school no card required.

Look forward to seeing you.

Lynn

Out in the Playground
Around the world

As the boy ran around in circles with his red, scarlet kite flying in the sky with the wind, his mother called him inside to have some dinner. As he was about to reply the kite got caught in a gust of wind and the kite was blown out of the boy's hand.

"NO!!!!!!" The boy screamed. He had that kite since he was a baby. That was his favourite thing he was ever given. The days had gone past and there wasn't any sign of the red scarlet kite. What that boy didn't know was that the kite was starting a journey around the world. The kite was planning to see his relatives in every country. He was so excited because he hadn't seen his relatives before. He was the only one of his kind in the country. He was afraid that there wasn't going to be any wind for the trip. He couldn't turn back now so he just kept on going. He flew and quickly found land. He saw a figure on the island. The kite flew over the tree and saw the figure. It was the kite's Uncle Joe. The kite was so excited that he almost flipped. He had a pet dog with him.

"Hello Jim," laughed Uncle Joe.

"Hi Uncle Joe," he said back.

"Meet my pet dog, Sniffer," yelled Uncle Joe.

"Hello," Jim said, patting the dog. They had a quick chat and Jim set off again on his journey to travel the world. Jim was caught by a gust of wind and shot up into the sky. The kite saw a palace on top of the clouds. STOMP, STOMP, STOMP. There was a giant. The kite saw the giant and hid under the table. The giant stopped and looked around. He had seen a tiny bit of red and saw it hiding under the desk. The giant looked under the table and saw the little scarlet kite and grabbed it.

"WHO ARE YOU?!!" the giant yelled.

"I'm sorry I didn't mean to come in, I was just a bit lost" said the kite.

"GET OUT!" the giant yelled. The kite flew out of the giant's castle. The kite continued on its adventure. The kite had been around half of the world and he had seen half of his relatives. He was now going to New York to see his famous relatives that were in lots of movies. So far it had taken him one hundred days. Back at his house the little boy had grown up a bit. He still wondered about that kite and wanted it back so much, but he just got on with his life. He still wondered where the kite was. Back to the kite, it was flying around New York trying to find his long lost relatives. The kite looked up at a big screen on a tower and saw his relative on the screen. He flew into the tower and saw the kite there. She looked amazing. The kite went up to the kite and said hello politely. His relative didn't know who he was so the kite had to explain.

"My grandpa's, sister is your grandma" explained the kite.

By Pat Bills

The truth had been revealed. The relative kite was shocked. She had now had a better insight to her ancestry.

"Thank you for seeing me" the kite said.

"My name is Bella" she said. Bella showed the kite around her palace. She had a bed made out of pure gold. After seeing many amazing things the kite decided to go back to his house. He went up high into the sky and travelled for another one hundred and fifty five days. At his house it was Christmas and the boy got a new kite. He was still sad about the other kite. He looked out the window at the snow and saw his kite in the tree outside the house on top of a large pile of snow. The boy ran outside and grabbed the kite. They were reunited with each other. The boy was happy and kept the kite for his whole life. That Christmas was the best Christmas in his life.