



Principal's Report

ANZAC Day

This year saw students from Willow Grove Primary School attend both the Willow Grove and Hill End community ANZAC Day services. It is important that as a community our students are actively involved in these days and understand the significance and importance of those who served our country.



Student-Led Conferences

Thanks to all staff, students and parents for their understanding with the way Student-Led Conferences needed to be run last term due to Department of Education guidelines. Willow Grove Primary School will continue to follow Department of Education guidelines to ensure we provide a safe as possible environment for all. A summary of the latest update is provided on the next page.

NAPLAN

This year NAPLAN testing will be occurring between Tuesday 10th May and Friday 20th May. NAPLAN occurs each year for Year 3 and Year 5 students and covers reading, writing, conventions of language and numeracy. Once received, the data provides both individual student feedback and whole-school feedback around these four areas of learning. The four assessment days will be completed during the first hour of the day (commencing at 9am) so please ensure, as usual, your child is here at school on time.

Have a great week.
Anthony Wilson

2022	APRIL
28	Mobile Library
29	Gr 3-6 Quantum Excursion
2022	MAY
4	Gr 5/6 Lowanna Awareness Day MARC Van
6	Mother's Day Stall
10-12	NAPLAN—Gr 3 & Gr 5
11	MARC Van
16	Student Free Day Staff CPR Training
17	NAPLAN—Gr 3 & Gr 5 Buildings & Grounds Meeting—7pm School Council Meeting—7:30pm
20	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea— Whole School Cancer Council Fundraiser

Reminders & Notices

- **Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT's)** - A sixth round of RAT's were sent home with the eldest child in each family yesterday, 26th April. If your child has not received their pack, please contact the school office.
- The **Gr 3-6 Quantum Excursion** is happening this Friday, 29th April. Please note the departure time is 7:15am sharp, with an expected return time of 4:45pm.
- The **Gr 5/6 Lowanna Awareness Day** if happening next Wednesday, 4th May. On-line consent via Compass is due by this Friday, 29th April.
- Students in Grade 6 received information and forms for **Year 7 Placement in 2023**. Forms are due back at school by Friday, 13th May.
- Our Fundraising Committee are running a **Mother's Day Stall** on Friday, 6th May. How to order details are included later in this newsletter.
- Monday, 16th May is a **Student Free Day**. Staff will be undertaking CPR training on this day.



TERM DATES 2022/2023

Term 2	26th Apr to 24th Jun
Term 3	11th Jul to 16th Sep
Term 4	3rd Oct to 20th Dec
Term 1	27th Jan (teachers start) to 6th April

Department of Education—COVID-19 Update

The following information is provided as an update where changes have occurred over the school holidays:

- **Face masks**

From 11:59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

- **Screening requirements**

Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

- **Household contacts**

Students and staff who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are no longer required to quarantine. They can return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times within their 7-day period and wear face masks indoors if they are aged 8 and above unless they have a valid exemption.

If any household contact returns a positive RAT result during this period, they must isolate for 7 days and not attend school.

- **Vaccination requirements for visitors to schools**

Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine. However, please note: Volunteers, (including parent helpers) are still required to show evidence of three vaccine doses.

- **Community use of school facilities**

Schools will no longer need to request evidence of vaccination of staff or workers from external community groups who use premises outside the school's normal operating hours.



We have been notified by the Victorian School Building Authority that Asbestos containment works will be carried out this weekend on the stumps of the older classroom building. While appropriate cordoning off will be undertaken by the contractor, we recommend that our school community avoid entering the school grounds this weekend, commencing Saturday, 30th April.

Mother's Day Stall—6th May



To celebrate Mother's Day our Fundraising Committee will be holding our annual Mother's Day Stall next Friday, 6th May.

As in previous years our Fundraising Committee have selected an assortment of beautiful quality gift packs for students to choose from. The cost is \$15 per gift pack with orders needing to be placed by 9am Wednesday, 4th May.

Gifts cannot be selected ahead of time, but students with siblings will get to visit the stall together to ensure a variety of gifts are available if multiple gifts have been purchased.

To place your online order via CompassTix click this link <https://compasstix.com/e/cfu1ffl0er> or visit compasstix.com and search for 'WGPS Mother's Day Stall'

If you would like this gift to be a surprise for your Mum, or other special person, please get another responsible adult in your household to place the on-line order as a short description of each gift has been included on the website.

Online orders are preferred however, if you wish to place a cash order, please order and pay at the school office by 9am on Wednesday, 4th May.



Staff Welcome

On behalf of our school community we would like to welcome Ms. Judy Bishop who will be taking our Grade 5/6 Class for Term 2 while Mr. Woodroffe is on leave.

"I'm delighted to be teaching in the district again, having taught and lived in Traralgon and Thorpdale in the past. Fresh back from 13 years teaching in Dubai, I'm especially enjoying both the countryside driving into Willow Grove and the rural children at this wonderful school. Lucky me!"



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