

Principal's Report

Dear families,

We are now at the tail end of Term 2, and winter has well and truly set in. Staff are noticing a lot of students still wearing clothing more suited to warmer weather. We would strongly encourage students to be wearing warm clothing, and bringing along a jacket to wear in the yard. If your family are experiencing difficulty providing appropriate clothing for your children, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of staff for assistance.

New Staff Members:

We are excited to announce that we have 2 new education support staff members joining our team. Kamille has started today, and Ange will begin in Term 3. We believe that our new staff will be a valuable asset to our school and be able to provide additional support for our 3-6 students.

Prep – 2 Class Teacher:

Due to the ongoing teacher shortage, we did not fill the advertised classroom teacher position for our junior class. We are currently in negotiations to secure Miss Traynor for the role when she returns from her trip. I would like to be as transparent as possible about the “behind the scenes” work going on with regards to staffing this year. As soon as we are able to confirm the arrangements, we will announce this to families via Compass. We are working to minimise disruptions to learning as much as possible and are grateful for the support of our school community.

Works at School in the Holidays:

We are having some works done in the school over the school holidays. We would advise parents/ carers to supervise any children using the school grounds during this time as it will be a work site and may not be safe for play. Please be advised that the school buildings will not be accessible, even if open during the holidays.

Have a safe and restful break,

Tamara Halket

<mailto:tamara.halket@education.vic.gov.au>

2023	JUNE
15	Lunch Order Day
20	Building & Grounds Meeting—7pm School Council Meeting—7:30pm
21	Semester 1 Student Reports Issued via Compass Lunch Order Forms Due—12pm No MARC Van
22	Lunch Order Day Mobile Library
23	Last Day Term 2—Early Dismissal at 1:30pm
2023	JULY
10	First Day Term 3
21	Student Free Day—Staff PD

Reminders & Notices

- **Semester 1 Student Reports** will be issued on Wednesday, 21st June via Compass. Instructions on how to view reports via Compass are included later in this newsletter.
- **Unexplained absence letters** were issued to families last week. If your child received a letter please follow the instructions included later in this newsletter.
- **Movie Opt-Out Forms for 2023** were emailed home last Friday via Compass. Parents who do not want their child to watch end of term G/PG rated movies need to return the form by Monday, 19th June.
- Our **school end of term ‘Lunchies’** has been cancelled due to restricted access to our staff room kitchen. Thursday Willow on Main Store lunch orders will operate as usual.
- **The last day of Term 2 is Friday, 23rd June.** Early Dismissal time of 1:30pm.
- **After School Care** will run from 1:30pm to 3:30pm on the last day of term. Please book via the Xplor Home App.



TERM DATES 2023/2024

Term 2	24th Apr to 23rd Jun
Term 3	10th Jul to 15th Sep
Term 4	2nd Oct to 20th Dec
Term 1	29th Jan (teachers start) to 28th Mar

Willow Grove Primary School Student Acknowledgments

GRADE P/1/2



Alexis L.

For being brave and being the first to present her animal report on rabbits.

GRADE 3/4



Sidney C.

For accepting feedback to improve her narrative writing.

GRADE 5/6



Angus B.

For working really hard within maths tutoring.

SPECIALIST

ART



Taya F.

For a fantastic weaving and helping others with their skills.

RESPECT Resilience TEAM WORK COMMUNITY

Grade P/1/2 News

We have been learning about animals. Last week we paired up and researched an animal. We had to find out what a group of those animals was called, also, the male, female, and baby names.

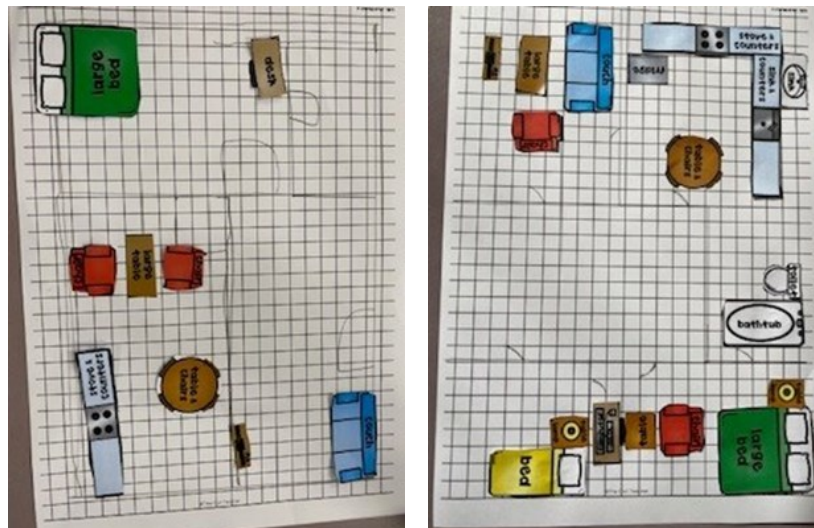
This is what we found out...

Animal	male	female	baby	group
owl	buck	doe	owlet	parliament
crocodile	bull	cow	hatchling	In water: float On land: bask
peacock	peacock	peahen	peachick	pride
Tasmanian devil	male	female	joey	They are solitary animals and don't have a group name
lion	lion	lioness	cub	pride
giraffe	bull	cow	calf	tower
turtle	turtle	turtle	hatchling	Bale, dole, nest
tiger	tiger	tigress	cub	streak
wolf	papa	She-wolf	pup	pack
cheetah	cheetah	She-cheetah	cub	Coalition
goat	billy	nanny	kid	Tribe, trip, flock, herd
leopard	leopard	leopardess	cub	leap

Grade 3/4 News

Perimeter

Over the past few weeks, the Grade 3/4 students have been investigating the mathematical concept of Perimeter. After gaining an understanding that perimeter is the distance around a shape they started to apply their knowledge to using this in everyday lives. The children were given the task of creating their own house and putting in some furniture. This will then be used to calculate perimeter and area and to apply different tasks relevant to their house design.



Grade 5/6 News

Last Wednesday, all the Year 5 and 6 students, along with a few Year 4 students, travelled to Traralgon to participate in the Winter Sports Program.

We arrived just in time for both the first netball and soccer matches. The boys had to kit up into shin guards and boots whilst the girls were all ready to go. Ben McCartney was the boys' team manager whilst Heidi Donoghue and Riley G. kept the netball score. Mrs T kept the soccer scores.

All students played well despite the chilly conditions. Sadly, we had to forfeit the final soccer match due to poor timekeeping of another school.

Time for a very quick snack before returning to school, rather wet and hungry!

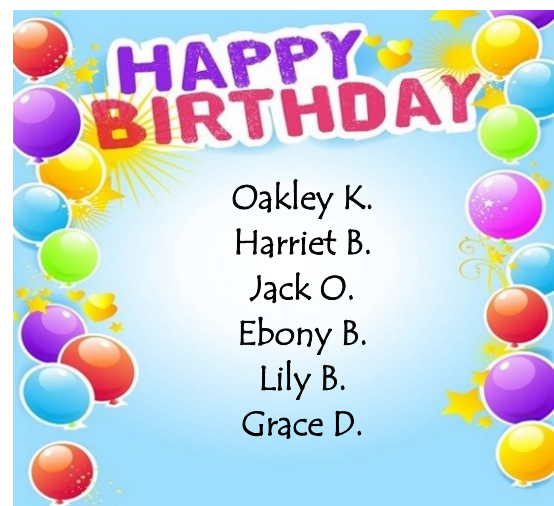


SWPBS-Golden Ticket Reward

Last Monday Jack W. cashed in 30 of his Golden tickets to go for a walk with Michelle's dog, Reji. Jack enjoyed an ice-cream from the General Store and a lovely walk with Reji.

*Thank
you!*

- Thank you to Ross G. and Simon F. for continuing to perform maintenance tasks around our school.



Semester 1 Student Reports 2023

Student reports will be available on Wednesday the 21st of June. As we are using a format that has not been used previously, we will be seeking feedback on the reports early in Term 3. If you would like to provide any feedback prior to this time, please email me directly at tama-ra.halket@educaiton.vic.gov.au

When reading through your child's report, I ask that you consider the effect that language can have on a child's sense of self. At WGPS, we promote the concept of approaching learning with a Growth Mindset. That is, a belief that every person has an innate ability for some things and will need to learn and be supported more for others. The underlying belief is that all skills and talents can be grown from a person's innate ability through hard work, the right strategies and learning with or from others. I ask that you focus on the growth that your child has made, or the steps that may be taken to support future growth towards their learning goals. It is great to be at, or above the expected level of learning, but it is not a negative to be below the expected level if we are seeing growth. It is more important to focus on and to celebrate the efforts being put in by your child, or to speak with teachers to support your child if this is an area of concern.

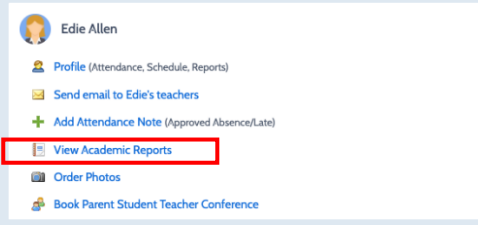
To access semester reports in Compass, please see the examples below:

Via Compass Browser (e.g. computer)

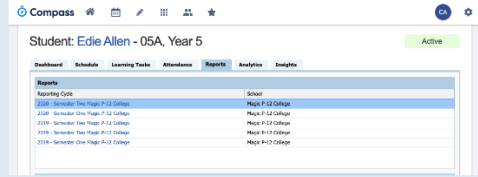
Viewing Academic Reports

- 1 From the home screen, click on the 'View Academic Reports' item or navigate to the 'Student Profile' and click the 'Reports' tab.

- 2 A list of 'Academic Reports' will be displayed. Click the report title to download the PDF.



The screenshot shows a user profile for Edie Allen with options: Profile, Send email to Edie's teachers, Add Attendance Note, View Academic Reports (highlighted), Order Photos, and Book Parent Student Teacher Conference.



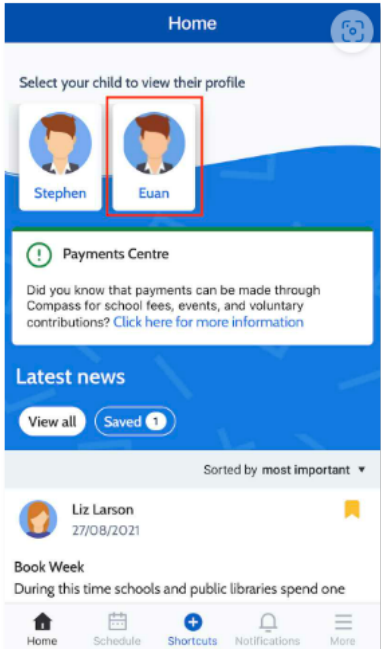
The screenshot shows a table of reports for Edie Allen - 05A, Year 5. The table has columns for Report Title and School.

Report Title	School
2200 - Semester One Page P-12 College	Magic P-12 College
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2200 - Semester Two Page P-12 College	Magic P-12 College
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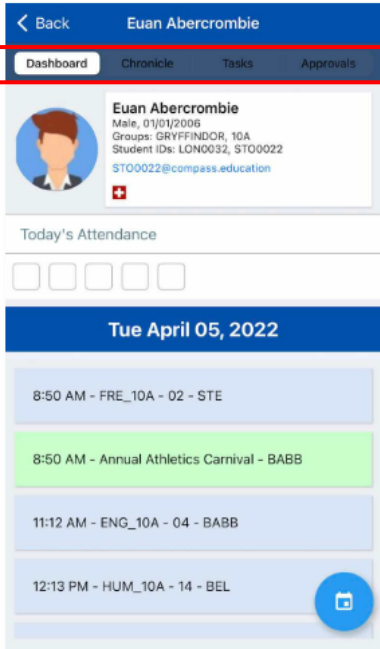
Via the Compass Mobile App

Select your child's profile picture on the 'Home' screen. Swipe across the top tabs until you reach the 'Reports' heading.

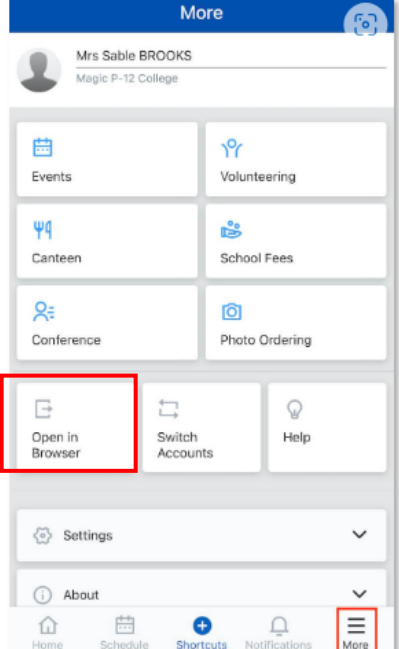
If you do not see a 'Reports' heading, you will need to select the 'More' button, then 'Open in Browser' mode.



The Home screen shows a selection of child profiles (Stephen and Euan). Euan's profile is highlighted with a red box. Below are sections for Payments Centre, Latest news, and Book Week.



The profile screen for Euan Abercrombie shows tabs for Dashboard, Chronicle, Tasks, and Approvals. The Dashboard tab is selected and highlighted with a red box. It displays student details, today's attendance, and a schedule for Tuesday, April 05, 2022.



The More screen shows various utility options. The 'Open in Browser' option is highlighted with a red box. Other options include Events, Volunteering, Canteen, School Fees, Conference, Photo Ordering, Settings, and About.

Attendance

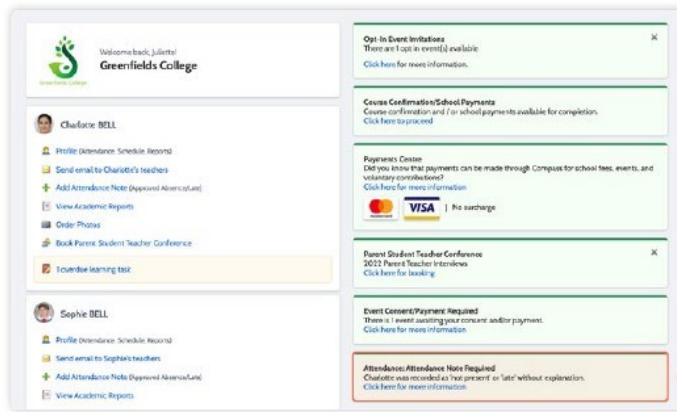
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

In Victoria school is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 to 17 years (unless an exemption applies). In accordance with our school's Attendance Policy, parents must provide an explanation for each absence by a written note or via Compass. We are mandated to report attendance information to the Department of Education.

We understand there are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they are ill. We ask that you notify us of all absences to avoid attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer.

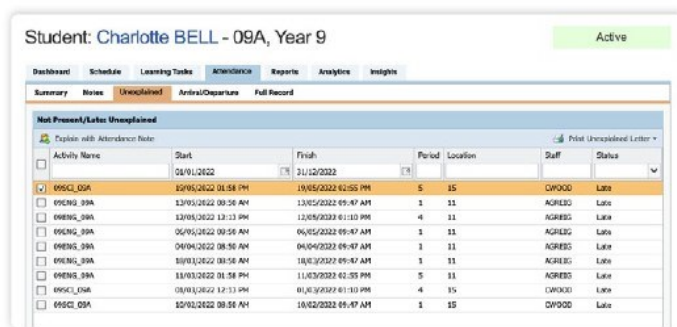
Last week some students will have received a letter detailing any unexplained absences from school so far this year. If your child has received a letter, please complete the explanation for the absence, sign the letter and return it to the school office. Alternatively, you can update absences at any time in Compass by following the instructions below (using browser not Mobile App):



If your child has been marked Not Present without an explanation, you will be required to add an **Attendance Note**.

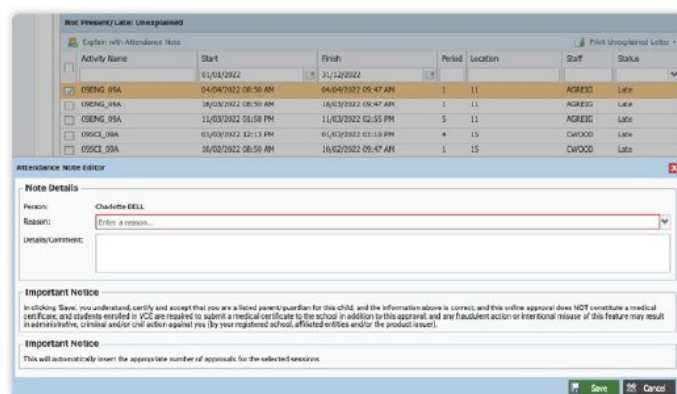
You will see an alert on your homescreen.

Click the alert and it will take you to your child's 'Unexplained' attendance tab where you will see any sessions listed for which they were marked as Not Present or Late.



Select the session (or sessions) that you are adding a note for and then click 'Explain with Attendance Note'.

This will cause the Attendance Note screen to pop open.



Select the applicable reason for the absence and add in the relevant details/comment.

Click 'Save'. This will assign the attendance note to the sessions you selected and they will update to no longer show as unexplained absences.

TANJIL VALLEY ART SHOW

On the Kings birthday weekend **28** of our student art was selected for exhibition in the Tanjil valley Art Show in Hill End.

Congratulations to Eli on winning **3rd** place in the art show!

Encouragement awards also went to Lockie, Tayla and Reed!

Well done to all our students who entered their personal work or had their artwork chosen. It was a very bright and bold display of art and we are very proud of the effort and imagination that goes into all of our pieces.





Willow Grove Primary School
2520
(Formerly Latrobe River State School &
Willow Grove State School)
1883-2023



Moving The School to The Current Site



The school being transported by bullocks past the *General Store*

In 1932, after many years of submissions and public meetings the Education Department finally gave their approval for the Willow Grove State School to be moved to a more central site, the current site.

The renewed persistence of many began in July of 1929, when H.G. Lambert on behalf of the parents requested the removal of the school to a more central site. In August a petition followed.

J. S. Bacon, District Inspector, recommended the school be removed as 37 children would benefit and only 5 would have to go further. The Department initially rejected the proposal.

In November of 1931, A.R. Leckey corresponded with the Department saying the parents were willing to contribute towards the cost of the removal. The Department however wanted the parents to totally fund the operation.

Mr. S. Needham negotiated with the Department for an exchange of land. Allotment 15A became the property of the Education Department in March of 1932.

The Narracan Shire Advocate reported (Fri 10 Mar 1933):

“After many years of agitation, the Willow Grove School is to be removed to the more central site – the corner at which the Trafalgar and Moe roads meet. The site being cleared by working bees, and the contractor is expected to move the school next week. The public works Inspector (Mr Orgell) has recommended the school committee to have a residence attached to the school.”

They applied for the enlargement of the school and the erection of the teacher’s residence in April of 1933. The teacher’s residence wasn’t built until 1949.

In preparation for the transferring of the school A.R. Leckey applied to the Shire for permission to fell any saplings along the roadway that may obstruct the passage of the school building to the new site. Permission was granted.

Contractor Tom McCrorey and bullockies Simeon Kent and his son Albert, assisted by local men, moved the school by bullock team.

After 26 years of trying the school had found its new home.



The school just before it was moved.



The school on the new site.

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Gracies Arcade
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5633 1194

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