



Principal's Report

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are midway through Term 2 already! Thank you to all staff for holding the fort in my absence during Week 2. It is also a good time to remind all parents/ carers to keep children home when unwell.

Student Free Day Monday:

Please be reminded that Monday the 22nd of May is a student free day. All staff will be on site undertaking first aid training on this day. Teaching staff will also be undertaking professional learning in line with our Annual Implementation Plan goals and targets.

Playground Thank You:

I would like to thank the Fiddelaers, Gillies, and Mynard families for the tremendous amount of work they have put into our playground. Our playground is now back in action, and meeting the required safety standards.

Fundraising Committee:

Another thank you goes out to Kate F., Alison W., and Sarah C. for their work with this year's Mother's Day stall. They did a brilliant job of this, and I am sure that all of our mums and special people were very happy with their gifts.

If you would like to join our Fundraising Committee, please contact the office. We can never have too many volunteers!

Student Feedback:

I continue to appreciate the letters, notes and requests that are coming into my letterbox, from students. It is wonderful to hear their ideas about making improvements to the school, and to be able to provide them with some voice and ownership over their learning spaces. I encourage our students to continue to provide me with their ideas and concerns!

Have an enjoyable fortnight,

Tamara Halket

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2023	MAY
14-20	Education Week
18	Lunch Order Day
19	Story Dogs Fundraiser Free Student BBQ
22	Student Free Day—Staff CPR Training
24	MARC Van Lunch Order Forms Due—12pm
25	Lunch Order Day Mobile Library
31	MARC Van Lunch Order Forms Due—12pm
2023	JUNE
1	Lunch Order Day
7	LV Division Winter Sport—Selected Students from Gr 3-6
12	King's Birthday Public Holiday
21	Semester 1 Student Reports Issued
23	Last Day Term 2—Early Dismissal at 1:30pm

Reminders & Notices

- **14th-20th May—Education Week.** Various activities will be taking place at school.
- This Friday, 19th May will be our **Story Dogs Fundraiser and Free Student BBQ.** Students can bring a toy dog or teddy to school on this day and are asked to donate a gold coin to support the program. A free sausage in bread will be provided at lunch time.
- Monday, 22nd May is a **Student Free Day.** Staff will undertake CPR & Anaphylaxis training on this day.
- **Student Enrolment Details Update** requests were emailed home today. Please email Cindy with any updates by Wednesday, 7th June.



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

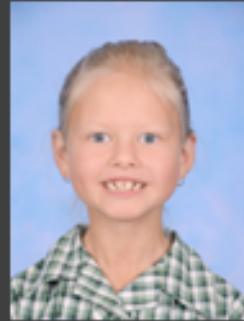
GRADE P/1/2



Tommy M.

For listening and following instructions.

GRADE 3/4



Grace D.

For persisting with her learning of subtraction using regrouping.

GRADE 5/6



Brodie H.

For organising a team approach to solving a jigsaw puzzle.

SPECIALIST

JAPANESE



Brodie H.

For a confident morning greeting conversation in Japanese. Sharing your feelings about the weather.

RESPECT Resilience TEAM WORK COMMUNITY

Grade P/1/2 News

The Grade 1 & 2 have been working on writing sizzling starts. They could use a question and or speech.

A bird flew past a whale.

“What is that?” said the girl. A home on a whale.

(Tommy)

Sam saw the hawk on her shoulder. It was mysterious.

(Taya)

High up in the sky there was a girl named Sham. She was living on a whale.

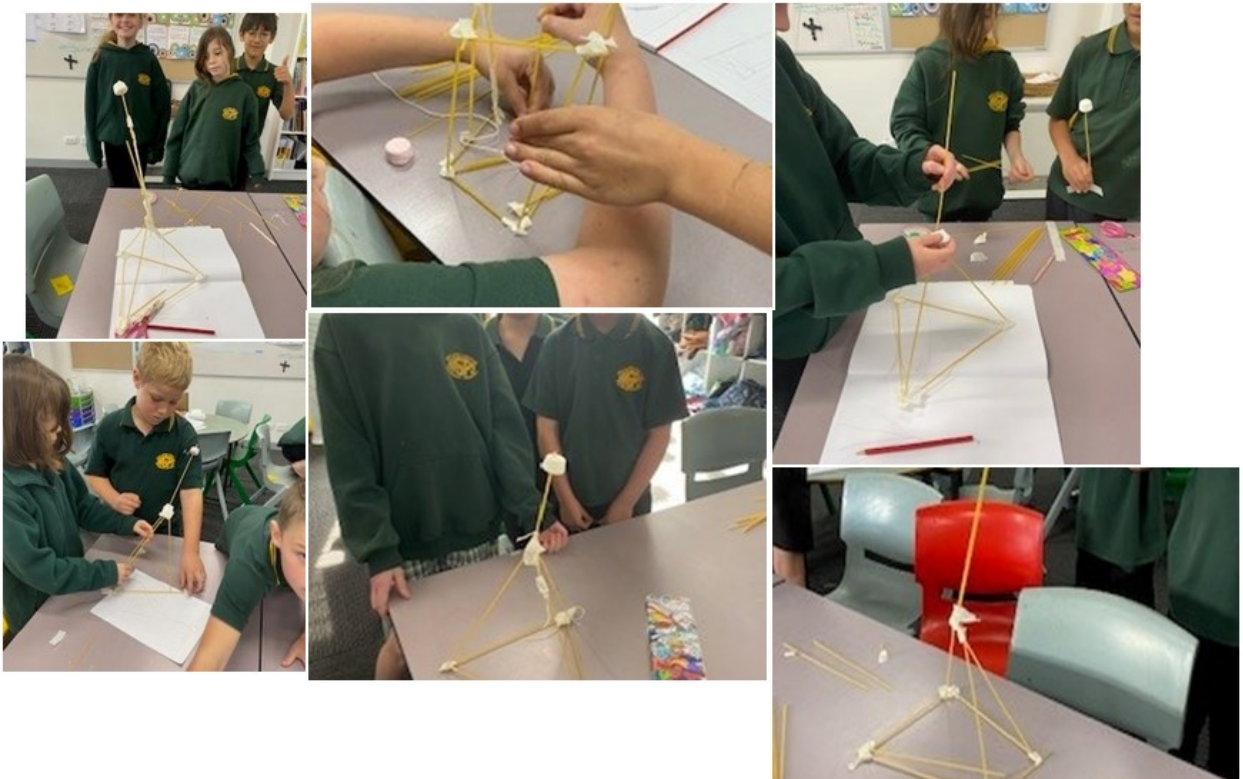
(Dylan)



Grade 3/4 News

Marshmallow Challenge

In our problem-solving class last week we were given the challenge of building the tallest tower that we could using only 20 sticks of spaghetti, 1 metre of tape and 1 metre of string. The tower had to be able to hold a marshmallow and the students had a time limit of 18 minutes. This challenge focusses on the skills of communication, teamwork and resilience. The students all had a great time and demonstrated all the skills that we were focussing on. The tallest tower was around 53cm.



Footy Clinic



In PE last week, we had Eddie and Sophie from AFL Victoria visit us to run a free AFL clinic for all grades.

The sun was shining and it was a glorious day!
We loved being able to use the oval to practise our footy skills and play loads of fun games.

We even had two para gliders fly down over us!



Student Reports

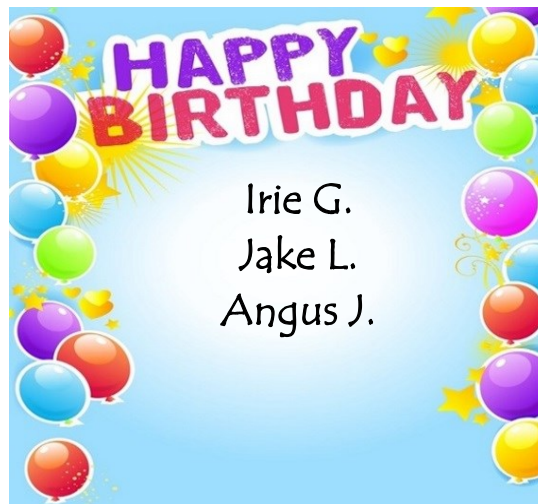
This year, our end of semester reports will look different to our previous years' reports. We have acted upon feedback provided by families, and anticipate that our new reports will meet expectations. This semester's reports will no longer contain GPAs or data sheets for student achievement. Each report will show the student's progression against the Victorian Curriculum, a teacher comment, achievement/ progress comment, and some points for future learning/ areas for improvement. In order to write these reports, teachers will each be given a day out of the classroom. It is important to note that while each report is individually written for each student, it is inevitable that some similar wording will appear in reports, especially for students with similar levels of achievement.

Mrs McCartney will be writing a large number of reports, due to the P/1/2 staffing changes. For this reason, she will be provided with an additional report writing day.

Reports will be available to families via Compass in the last week of term.



- Thank you to the Fiddelaers, Gillies and Mynard families for fixing our playground equipment.
- Thank you to our Fundraising Committee - Kate F, Alison W and Sarah C for organising and operating our Mother's Day Stall last Friday.
- Thank you to our families who attended our Education Week Open Day today. Your participation enriches our students educational experience.





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



The Pre-War Years 1900-1914



LATROBE RIVER SCHOOL 1902, TEACHER MR CORNWALL



SCHOOL CONCERT EARLY 1900S

The early 1900s was the beginning of great change for the school community.

Coming from increased student numbers, changes were made to the school to create space for the students. Ten Head Teachers passed through the school in the 14 years before the outbreak of World War One.

The Head Teachers included: Joseph Cornwall, Mary Foster, Gertrude Bowden, Catherine Graham, Alma Rushbrooke-Leckey, Patrick Cooney, Frederick Pritchard, Percy Spriggins and Arthur Abbott.

Mr Cornwall laid out a school garden in 1902.

On Tuesday 18th of April 1905 the school held its annual picnic. It was attended by parents, children and friends. Mr. Cornwall organised races and games etc. The various prize winners were: - W. Lamont, D. Turnbull, F. Lamont, G. Stephens, W. Fowler, J McDonald, W. Mc Donald, B. Robins, J. August, W. Irvine, V. Guadion, J. Lecky, Sylvia Robins, Jennie Turnbull, Amy Irvine, Linda McLaren, Kate McDonald, Edith Nicholson, Ettie Lawdorn, Daisy Dodemaide, Alice Gaudion, Mary Needham, Nellie Griffiths, Nellie McLaren and Rose Fechner. Mrs August (a visitor from Melbourne) presented

two handsome books to Miss Myrtle Usher and Master George Gaudion, as rewards for personal neatness. Mrs August scrutinized the pupils as regards nails, hands, brushed boots, arrangement of attire, before coming to her decision. One of the many events during the day was a good attendance race in which nine pupils who had not missed a single day of school in 1904 competed. It was won by Miss Nellie McLaren who was eight years.

In October of 1905 the beginning of the endeavours to have the school moved to the township reserve began. The Education Department was opposed to the removal. (It would take another 20 years before the school was finally shifted.)

On the 12th of September the local community gathered to farewell Mr. Joseph Cornwell, head teacher for the past five and a half years. Student, W. Lamont, presented Mr. Cornwell with a gold medal with the inscription: - "To Mr J. Cornwell, from friends and pupils of S.S. 2520, Latrobe River."

"Much regret is felt generally – by both parents and scholars – regarding Mr Cornwell's transference to Eddington. As a live teacher he was incomparable; therefore, it is easily understood why sorrow is felt at his departure." (The Narracan Shire Advocate, Tue 18 Sep 1906, pg.3)
Mary Foster was appointed temporary Head Teacher.

Gertrude Bowden replaced Mary Foster in 1908. She was qualified to teach gymnastics and drawing. She was also improving the equipment in the school. Catherine Graham was appointed as Temporary Head Teacher after she transferred.

In March 1910 Correspondent for Board of Advice No. 323, Mat Mitchell wrote to the Department: "I have the honour to submit for your consideration some remarks passed on by Mr. Williams, Chairman of this Board, at our last meeting relative to S.S. 2520 La Trobe River. Mr. Williams said that the name La Trobe River was misleading and confusing and this Board therefore respectfully suggests that the Department now officially recognise the S.S. 2520 as the Willow Grove S.S." The matter was referred to District Inspector John Rowe who in turn reported: "Willow Grove is the name by which the location is known for miles around and therefore, would be much more suitable".

Approval was given and the name change took effect from 5 April 1910. (Willow Grove P.S. 2520 Centenary 1883-1983).

Miss Alma Rushbrooke, who later became Mrs Leckey, was given a formal farewell in February of 1913. She had been in charge of the 'Grove school since 1910 and had endeared herself to the pupils and was highly thought of by the parents. She was presented her with a necklet. Mr Arthur Abbott was installed as her replacement.

Empire Day was celebrated on the 25th of May 1914, with the school picnic. The school committee have obtained the picture entitled "The Opening of the First Commonwealth Parliament", by King George V., which was presented to the school by the parents and friends of the children. The picture will be quite a feature in the decorations and should be much appreciated on account of its historical value. (Trafalgar and Yarragon Times, Fri 5 Jun 1914)



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King's Birthday Weekend - 9th to 12th June
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"From the Tanjil Valley to Baw Baw" (2D Art)
"Baw Baw Shire" (Photography)
"Open Topic" - "Little Treasures", Creative Digital Art; Youth Art & Youth Photography 14-18; Youth Art Under 14
"Post Cards from Baw Baw" - Open and Under 14;

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Cheese Pull Apart

Serves 10

Ingredients



- ½ cup reduced fat cottage cheese
- 80g reduced fat cheddar, grated
- 100g frozen spinach, thawed and squeezed of excess moisture
- 2 spring onions, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 30g reduced fat margarine
- 2 cups wholemeal plain flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup buttermilk, plus extra for brushing
- 3 teaspoons sesame seeds



Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C.
2. Mix together the cheeses, spinach, spring onions, garlic and pepper.
3. Rub the margarine into the sifted flour and baking powder until the mixture resembles fine crumbs. Stir in buttermilk until just combined. Turn dough onto a floured surface, knead lightly and shape into a 20cm log. Cut dough into 10 slices and pat each slice out into rough 10cm rectangles.
4. Spread the spinach mixture evenly over 9 of the rounds and then arrange them into stacks of 3.
5. Line the base and sides of a 20cm loaf pan with baking paper. Stand the loaf tin upright on the short side and place a stack of dough into the short side of the tin, continue stacking the dough on top of each other to fill the tin and then finish with the 10th plain round on top.
6. Brush the top of the loaf with buttermilk, sprinkle with sesame seeds and bake at 200°C for 30-35 minutes, until brown and cooked through. Serve warm.

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Sports Academy Expression of Interest Form

Lowanna Sports Academy expression of interest for Years 7-12 for 2024, are now open and can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/b82bVtjss0>

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