

Principal's Report

Dear Families,

“Why didn't the ghost dance at the party?” – “He had no *body* to dance with!” This certainly was not the case at Friday's Halloween Disco! Our amazing Fundraising Committee and team of volunteers did an incredible job ensuring that a fun time was had by all. There was excellent behaviour shown by all students, and some excellent dance moves to match!

2024 News:

Class structures and teachers have not been confirmed, and will not be shared with families until Statewide Transition Day. I would like to share with you all that we will be welcoming back Mr Woodroffe! I know that many of you will share our excitement in this news.

New Website:

We are currently working on a new school website. Our new site is intended to make it easier to share information with families and the wider community. We have listened to feedback from families, and will be including a long term calendar of events to assist with making arrangements. We will also be transitioning to an e-newsletter that will make it easier to access important information.

Upcoming dates:

A reminder that Monday the 6th, Tuesday the 7th and Wednesday the 8th are all student free days.

On Thursday the 9th, Mrs Trickett and Miss Halket will be attending mandatory professional learning.

On Friday the 10th, we are fortunate to have author, Adam Wallace, presenting to our students. This has been arranged and funded through the MARC Library program.

On Friday the 10th, we will also be paying our respects for Remembrance Day with a small ceremony at school.

We also have our Grade 3/4 Camp quickly approaching on the 22-24th of November.

Have a great fortnight,

Tamara Halket

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2023	NOVEMBER
2	Lunch Order Day
6	Student Free Day
7	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
8	Student Free Day
9	No Lunch Orders
10	Prep Transition Session No. 2—9am to 12pm Author Visit—Adam Wallace Remembrance Day Commemoration
15	MARC Van Lunch Order Forms Due—12pm
16	Lunch Order Day
21	Building & Grounds Meeting—7pm School Council Meeting—7:30pm
22-24	Grade 3/4 Camp Rumbug
23	Grade P-2 Old Gippstown Excursion
24	Prep Transition Session No. 3—9am to 12pm
27-30	Whole School Swimming Program
2023	DECEMBER
1	Whole School Swimming Program

Reminders & Notices

- **Student Free Days**—Monday, 6th, Tuesday, 7th (Melbourne Cup) and Wednesday, 8th November.
- Consent and payment for **Grade 3/4 Camp Rumbug** is due by Tuesday, 7th November via Compass.
- There will be **no lunch orders on Thursday, 9th November** due to the student free days earlier that week.
- Our second **Prep 2024 Transition Session** will be taking place next Friday, 10th November.
- On Friday, 10th November **Author—Adam Wallace** will visit and present to each of our classes.
- Our school will commemorate **Remembrance Day** on Friday, 10th November by holding a minutes silence.
- **Grade P-2 Old Gippstown Excursion** is taking place on Thursday, 23 November. Consent and payment for this event is due by Thursday, 16th November via Compass.



COMPASS
School Manager

Login at:
<https://schools.jdlf.com.au/>

Find us at—
www.willowgroveps.vic.edu.au

TERM DATES 2023/2024

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

Willow Grove Primary School Student Acknowledgments

GRADE P/1/2

William W.

For his independence when publishing his memoir.

GRADE 3/4



Erica K.

For demonstrating significant improvement in Fractions & Decimals.

GRADE 5/6



Jackson D.

For working in a group of one during Maths Games Day.

SPECIALIST

ART



Chase W.

For making a great nature art piece.

RESPECT Resilience TEAM WORK COMMUNITY

Grade P/1/2 News

Mapping

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been working on our mapping skills. In our inquiry unit we have made a map of Willow Grove. We have included important places on the map, including Blue Rock Dam, the School, Kinder, the Cenotaph, Sports ground, Fire station, cemetery, The Irish and Willow on Main. We learnt about compass roses and also added this to our map. We now know which way is north. Another feature of our maps was adding our own house. If we lived off the map, we put our house on the road closest to it. As well as creating a giant class map, we also made our own smaller versions. On Monday, we drew a map of the school and wrote instructions for a buddy to get to the sandpit from our classroom. We added a map key to this map. We then tested our instructions. We read our instructions to our buddies and adjusted as needed. Sometimes our instructions made our buddies crash into a wall or gate (oops!).



Our map of Willow Grove



Giving directions to the sandpit.

Grade 3/4 News

It is great to be back after my extended leave travelling through the Outback and then down the East Coast of Australia.

Since my return we have been very busy in the 3/4 classroom.

We introduced the classroom management tool, Class Dojo, which allows the students to post work directly to their parents and keeps our classroom families connected to what is happening in our class. It also allows immediate feedback to student work as well as rewards for positive behaviour, work ethic and demonstrating resilience.

I believe that all students should be given the opportunity to learn in a manner that enhances their learning style (if possible), and I noticed quite a few of my students liked sitting on the floor. So we investigated different options and were able to purchase some 'egg' chairs and lap tables. The students love the flexible seating option and we now need a roster to make sure everyone gets a turn.



thank you

- Thank you to our Fundraising Committee and the parent volunteers who helped make the Halloween Disco a successful and fun night.

Grade 5/6 News

Maths Games Day – Years 5 & 6

A massive thank you to the team who hosted this event. We are so fortunate to participate in so many online events that challenge, motivate and encourage our Y5/6 students. The challenges were:

Word Nerd

Tumbling Towers

Mathematic Tac Toe

Team Puzzle

Floating Garbage

Genius Quest

Magic 4 Square

If you'd like a challenge:

WORD NERD


I need your help to impress my mate! Help me find the highest scoring and syllable word. Be original, I know how to Google!

The word 'leaf' scores a total of $(2 + 1 + 2) + 2(1) = 7$ points.

Points Table

a = 1	n = 14
b = 2	o = 15
c = 3	p = 16
d = 4	q = 17
e = 5	r = 18
f = 6	s = 19
g = 7	t = 20
h = 8	u = 21
i = 9	w = 22
j = 10	x = 23
k = 11	y = 24
l = 12	z = 25
m = 13	

THE SOLUTION



Ange & I were amazed at the resilience of two groups with the Magic 4 Square challenge. They carried on way beyond the time limit. It all goes to reinforce the problem-solving activities we are doing in class. Jackson was in a team of one and kept going to the very end. A worthy recipient of an above & beyond Zooper Dooper!

Next newsletter I will include the challenges I issue the students so you can

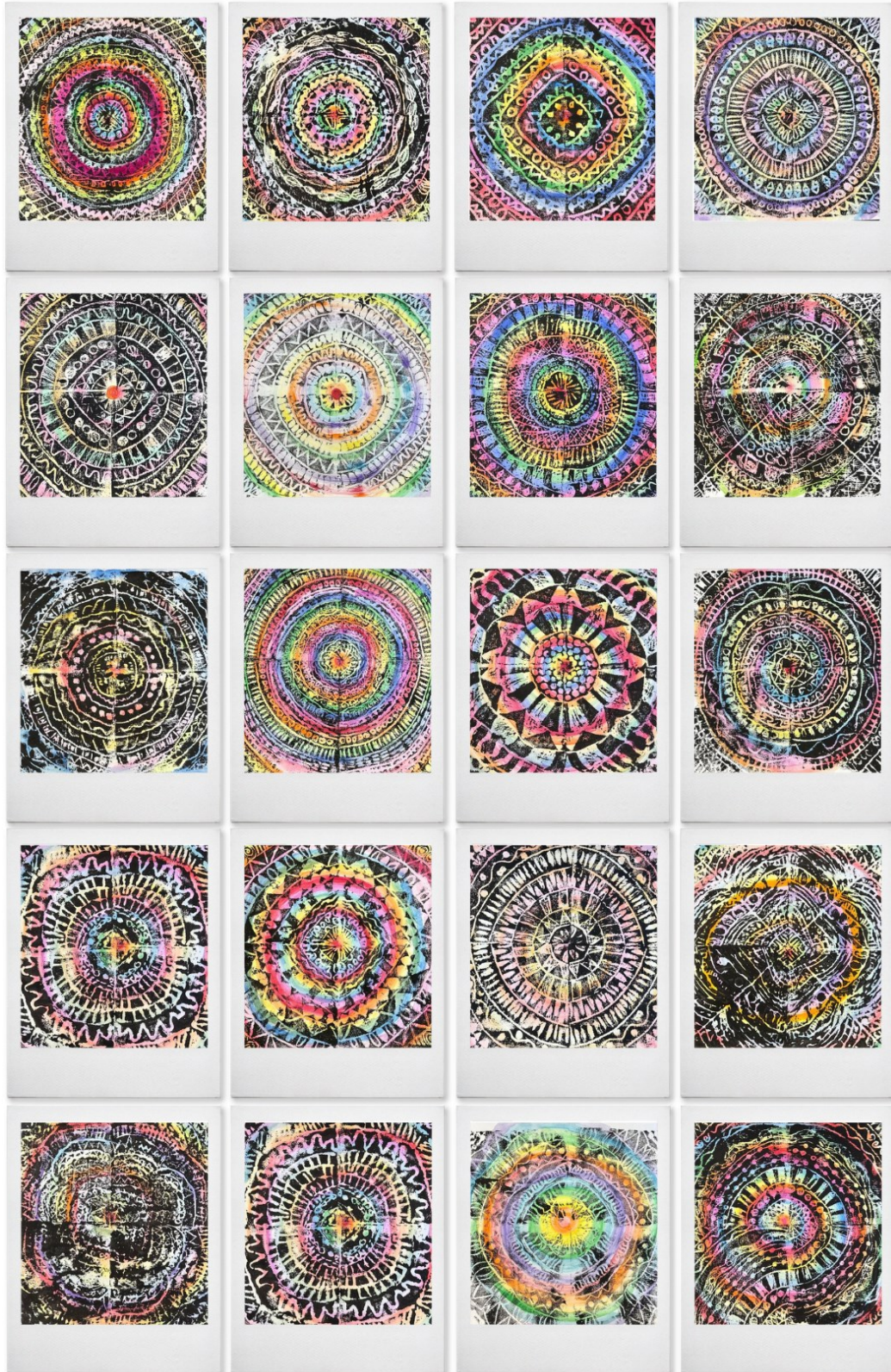


have a go at home. I think the photo of Charlie shows how the challenges messed with their brains. Count us in for the next day! Who won? We don't know – yet! Just had confirmation that we are in for the next Scratch session – awesome!

5/6 Radial Prints

This term in Art, the 5/6's have been working on creating radial prints. There were lots of oohs and ahhs when discovering the results. The photos here don't do justice to the bright colours and patterns you see on display in our hallway entrance.

Pop in and have a look!



The fundraising committee and volunteers put in a huge effort on Friday, October 27, getting Willow Grove Hall ready for the school's Halloween disco.

A DJ, games, food, drinks, face painting, lucky dips, and glow sticks for the kids all proved popular. With the support of numerous volunteers, the evening was a huge success. The students all left the disco with smiles on their faces and fascinating stories to tell their families.



HALLOWEEN DISCO



Many thanks to everyone who contributed before and during the event. Best dressed awards:

- Prep/1/2 - Acacia M
- Grade 3/4 - Ava W
- Grade 5/6 - Lily B





2024 Prep Transition Program

The formal transition process for students starting school at Willow Grove in 2024 continues next Friday the 10th of November 2023. We are also running parent information sessions alongside our Prep Transition Session, as detailed below.

DATE	PARENT INFO SESSION – 9.00-9.20am @ Willow Grove Primary School
Fri 10th November	Numeracy Information
Fri 24th November	General Information Session
Fri 8th December	Uniforms, routines, questions answered

The following information outlines the Prep Transition Program, including what your child will need to bring. Please note that a school hat will be supplied to your child at their first transition session, and the hat will remain at school for your child's use.

Friday Nov 10th (9.00 - 12.00pm)

Parents will need to bring their child into school on this day. Please make your way to the Prep Room. Children will be involved in school-based activities for the morning. **They will need their play lunch (including a piece of fruit), drink and a bag.**

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Friday Dec 8th (9.00 - 1.30pm)

Parents will need to bring their child into school on this day. Please make your way to the Prep Room. Children will be involved in school-based activities for the day. **They will need their play lunch (including a piece of fruit), lunch, drink and a bag.**

Tuesday Dec 12th – (9.00 - 2.15pm)

Parents will need to bring their child into school on this day. Please make your way to the Prep Room. Children will be involved in school-based activities for the day with their grade for 2023. **They will need their play lunch (including a piece of fruit), lunch, drink and a bag.**

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



1980 - 1990

How many of our current parents appear in these photos?

1981 School Photos



Teacher:
Julie Aldridge



Teacher:
Andrew Haldane



Teacher:
John Duck



Teacher:
Bill Taylor

1982 Prep/ 1



Teacher: Susan Graf

1984 Prep/ 1



Teacher: Geraldine Brosnan

1985 Prep/1



Teacher:
Geraldine Brosnan

1986 Prep/ 1



Teacher:
Stuart Bott

1987 Prep



Teacher:
Stuart Bott

1988 Prep/1/2



1989 Prep/ One



Teacher: Ashley Rowan

1981 Whole School



1985 Whole School

1987 Whole School



Help us raise some dough with



Big Bears will be delivering set boxes of their amazing donuts to Willow Grove Primary School, on Wednesday 15/11.

\$4 from every box sold will be donated towards the schools annual fundraising goals.

Order online at www.bigbearsdonuts.com.au

Select 'Donut Runs' from the top menu items and scroll down until you find Willow Grove PS or by scanning the QR Code



Community News Continued

To the Willow Grove Community,

As you may be aware, Council is currently reviewing and updating the four existing Crown Recreation Reserve Masterplans for Darnum, Longwarry, Thorpdale and Willow Grove.



Baw Baw Shire Council

bawbawshire.vic.gov.au



At the Council meeting on Wednesday 25 October, Council supported placing the Draft Review of Crown Recreation Reserve Master Plans on public exhibition for a four-week period for review and feedback.

As your school has been identified as a stakeholder for the Willow Grove site, and its importance to many of your student families, we encourage you to review the relevant documents and consider providing feedback.

To review the Plans and provide feedback, please visit www.bawbawconnect.com.au/crown-rec-reserve-master-plans

Here you will find the draft Master Plans in full, individual maps, surveys for each site, an ideas board, answers to frequently asked questions and the project timeline.

This consultation opportunity is open until Thursday 23 November 2023.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND VAPING

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

WITH GUEST SPEAKER SHARON TORPEY -
DIRECTOR OF DRUG EDUCATION AUSTRALIA

DATE: THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2023

TIME: 6.30PM - 7.30PM

**LOCATION: WEST GIPPSLAND ARTS CENTRE
CNR SMITH AND ALBERT STREETS, WARRAGUL**

COST: NO CHARGE

To book your tickets go to:

<https://bit.ly/wgac-vaping-risks-and-harms>

Guest
Speaker



Sharon Torpey
DIRECTOR OF DRUG EDUCATION
AUSTRALIA

Vaping
Sculpture



"What's really in a vape"
sculpture from Scienceworks.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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