

Principal's Report

Dear Families,

Welcome to week 7 of Term 3. This week is Nationally recognised as Book Week. The theme of Book Week for 2023 is Read, Grow, Inspire. As a staff, we had a number of discussions about how to best celebrate book week this year. We decided to try something different, using inspiration from our students and decided to share a Grandparent's and Special Person's Day. We have had an amazing response to this invitation and are looking forward to sharing stories with our special visitors this Friday afternoon!

Please note that we are aware that our Grandparents and Special People may not hold Working With Children Checks. To accommodate for this special day, they will not be working directly with children, other than their own family members. Staff members will be present at all times for the required supervision.

This is not likely to be a permanent change from Book Week dress up days, but is in fitting with this year's theme.

Newsletter Challenge:

I have no winners for last newsletter's odd one out challenge as there were no responses to this task.

2024 Enrolments:

We encourage any family with intentions of having children attend Willow Grove Primary School in 2024 to please complete and return enrolment forms as soon as possible. Ensuring these forms are in early will allow the school to confirm enrolments and make arrangements for the coming year. Please feel welcomed into the school office with any questions you may have.

Have a great fortnight,

Tamara Halket

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2023	AUGUST
24	Lunch Order Day
25	Book Week Celebration—Grandparent/Special Person's Day
30	Lunch Order Forms Due—12pm MARC Van
31	Lunch Order Day
2023	SEPTEMBER
1	Father's & Special Person's Day Stall
6	MARC Van Lunch Order Forms Due—12pm
7	Lunch Order Day
12	Gr 3-6 Production Rehearsal
13	Division Athletics—Selected Students
14	Whole School Production Rehearsal School Production—7:15pm Lowanna Auditorium
15	Last Day Term 3—Early Dismissal @ 1pm

Reminders & Notices

- This Friday, 25th August is our **Book Week Celebration—Grandparent/Special Person's Day**.
- The **2023 Parent Opinion Survey** is now open and closes on Friday, 8th September. Please check your Compass notification from Monday, 7th August for details on how to complete the survey.
- **Father's & Special Person's Day Stall** will be held on Friday, 1st September. Orders must be placed by next Tuesday, 29th August. Details on how to order are included later in this newsletter.
- **Tickets for our 2023 School Production 'Ali Baba & The Bongo Bandits' are on sale now!** Tickets can be purchased online via CompassTix until Thursday, 7th September. Please see the flyer and link later in this newsletter.
- Students who have qualified for **Division Athletics** taking place on Wednesday, 13th September will have received a consent form via Compass last week. Consent and Payment is due by Tuesday, 5th September.



TERM DATES 2023/2024

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

Willow Grove Primary School Student Acknowledgments

GRADE P/1/2



Heath M.

For helping our new student settle into school.

GRADE 3/4



Ava W.

For learning her lines and speaking confidently when delivering her lines.

GRADE 5/6



Emerson F.

For knowing her lines and delivering them with confidence and expression.

SPECIALIST

JAPANESE



Beau D.

For knowing your transport words in Japanese.

RESPECT Resilience TEAM WORK COMMUNITY

Grade P/1/2 News

The P-2s have been writing narratives. They have been using a planner to help them organise their thoughts. Here is Aleara's story and the picture prompt that was used to generate ideas.

The Escape of the lion

By Aleara

"Hello, I am the Lion King. I want to escape the zoo, but the zookeeper stopped me."

Humm. I've got an idea. I will ask Lizzy the Lizard, thought the Lion King.

Lizzy the Lizard was living in the cage next door to him. The lion king called out through the window with bars, to Lizzy. "I need help getting out. Can you help me?"

Lizzy answered, "I need help getting out too." Then Lizzy had an idea. She said to the Lion King, "what if I blow the roof off!"

They thought about how they could do it. Skye, the Lion Queen came up with an idea. "What if we make a manure bomb?"

"Yay" they all cheered.

They put all the manure together in one big ball. Lizzy then did an enormous fart onto the ball of manure. It caught on fire and then it exploded. It hit the roof and blew the roof off into the forest next to the zoo.

The explosion had knocked them all over. When they stood up again, they all laughed.

Lizzy built a ladder from the broken roof bits. They all climbed out through the hole in the roof.

When they were on the roof, they picked up the ladder and put it on the other side so they could climb down.

The Lion King carried the ladder to the fence. He put it up against the fence and they all climbed over. They escaped to the jungle next door.

The Lion King escaped with his wife and cubs. Lizzy joined them.

They were all hungry after the work of escaping, so the Lion King caught an antelope. Lizzy caught herself some bugs.

They found a cave by the river and had a snooze.

The Lion King woke up and saw his cub Poh wasn't there. He began yelling for his cub "Poooh, Poooh".

"what" said Poh.

"You haven't had anything to eat. Now stop playing and come and eat," growled the Lion King.

Poh stopped playing, got up and went and snacked on the antelope's leg.

Skye the Lion Queen was still in the cave fast asleep, snoring. Her cubs looked at her and laughed.

They stayed in the jungle forever and were happy.



Grade 3/4 News

Willow Grove Tower

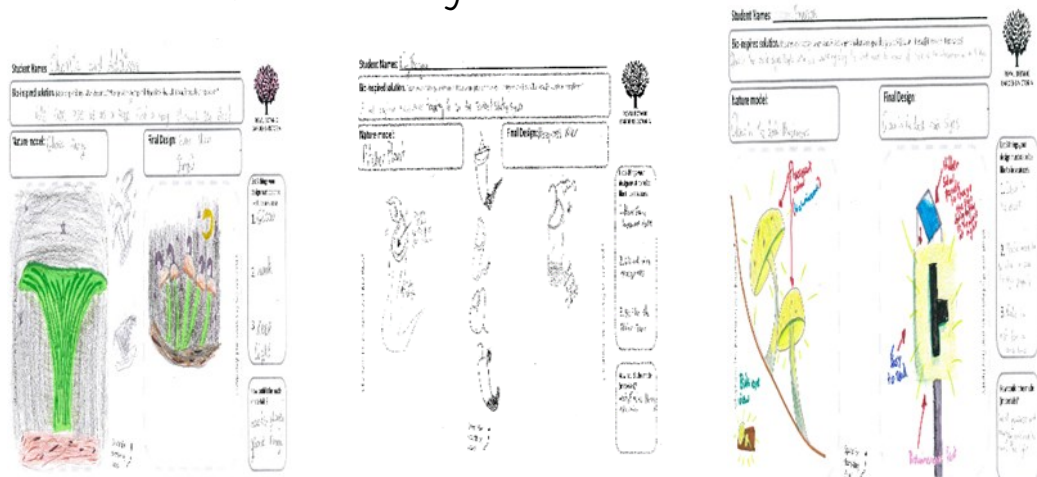
Last week the 3/4 students were given the challenge of building scaffolding to support a worker (aka Lego man) as the Willow Grove Tower needed some maintenance. The students needed to use only the index cards that they were given, and the structure had to be free standing (not leaning against the wall). The top of the tower was 1 metre off the floor and had to be able to support the Lego man. We had 1 session where the students were given time to experiment with different building techniques before we had a session to discuss some different and more stable options. The students were more successful second time around and demonstrated the skills of teamwork, collaboration, and resilience.



Grade 5/6 News

Biomimicry Course

Last Monday, the Years 5 & 6 students attended an online course with the Royal Botanic Gardens of Victoria. We learned a lot about fungi and after the presentation we were asked to work in pairs to design something based on fungi biomimicry. We had some great ideas and below we share some of them with you.



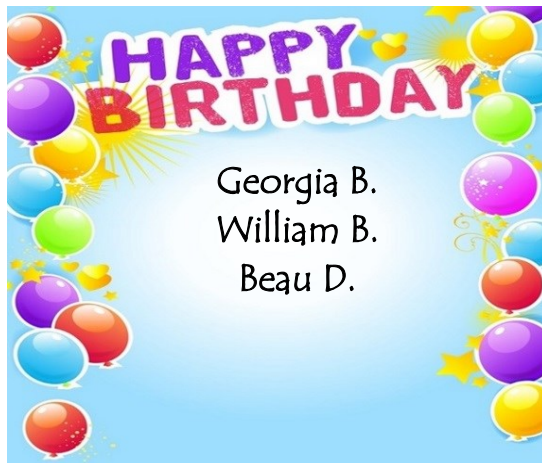
This week we are doing a palaeontologist online course so we will let you know how that goes in the next newsletter. All these courses are free and offer opportunities and access to experts that school might not be able to provide.

Feedback to Students

As a staff, we are working towards improving the feedback that is provided to students. We have been applying some of the learning from our recent student free day and can already see some positive responses from students.

A small change that makes a big difference is “wait time”. Instead of jumping straight in, or asking back to back questions, teachers are waiting 3-5 seconds before taking answers. Studies have shown that the average amount of time that a student is given to answer a question is 1.3 seconds... 1.3 seconds! It has been proven that the length of student response increases 300-700% by increasing wait time to a mere 2.7+ seconds.

You may be wondering how this fits in with the heading of “feedback”. When jumping in and taking the quickest response, or expecting an instant response, we are unintentionally sending out feedback that a person should not have to think before answering. Worse still, we may be training students to give up before they have even tried to think of a response. In waiting just a short amount of time longer, we are purposely giving the students feedback about thinking, considering, taking their time and waiting their turn.



Thank you to the Willow Grove Cricket Club for offering to support our Gr 3-6 cricket clinic today. Your volunteers were a great help and our students really enjoyed the Melbourne Stars visit.



WGPS Father's & Special Person's Day Stall

On Friday, 1st September our Fundraising Committee are operating a Father's Day Stall for Students to select a gift for their father or other special person.

Online orders via CompassTix are preferred. To place an order follow this link: <https://compassstix.com/e/h2ms51kra9> or go to compassstix.com and search for 'WGPS Father's & Special Person's Day Stall 2023'. This site works best with Google Chrome.

Alternatively cash orders can be placed at the school office. If paying by cash please provide correct change.

Please Note: All orders MUST be placed by 29th August, 9am. Late orders will not be accepted.



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



1940 - 1950 From the Newspapers

Wednesday night, August 13, was a gala night for the children of Willow Grove and district. To aid the State Schools' War Relief Fund, a fancy dress ball was organised, - with Mrs T. Fowler as president, and Mr. R.C. Cordingley (head teacher of the Willow Grove School) as secretary. The gross takings and donations were £17, and it is hoped to clear £13.

Appropriate decorations- red, white and blue streamers and flags- were erected by Messrs. Fowler and Cordingley. For about five weeks the children were taught to dance by Mrs. Cordingley, who was assisted by Mrs. I Stewart and Mrs. Hunt as pianists. They were trained to dance the Lancers, as well as other dances, and at the ball performed splendidly. ... In judging the fancy costumes, of which there was about 40, Mr. and Mrs. H. Campbell and Mrs. P. Watson, of Trafalgar, had a big task... They made their decisions as follows: -

Most Original Boy- Bob Brown "Camp Creek Miner"

Most Original Girl - Betty Brown "Britannia"

Best Costume (Boy) - Fred Cordingley "Drummer Boy"

Best Costume (Girl) - Betty Fowler "Pink Lady"

Best Sustained Character (Boy) - Master Threlfall, "Baker"

Best Sustained Character (Girl) - Hazel Robinson "Departed Spirits"

Best Couple - Eileen Nix and Jean Gibson - "Bride and Groom"

Best Costume, 6 years and under - Janet Mitchell, "Red Cross Nurse."

Special Prize went to Gordon Irvine, "Soldier", Beryl Wilson, "Drummer Boy", Wenda Cordingley "Fairy", Ted Fowler, "Parson", Trixy Fowler, "Torch Girl".

A waltzing competition, which was judged by Mr. Rogers, was won by Mr. and Mrs T. Brown.

John Irvine and Bett Fowler were the winners of the children's lucky spot dance.

Novelty dances for the adults resulted as follows: - Monte Carlo, Mrs. Keogh and Mr. W. Robinson; line dance, Miss D. Pentland and Mr. Ted Burgess.

The prizes were presented by Mr. J.C. M. Balfour, who earlier in the evening had opened the function, and referred to the splendid work being done by the State School in raising fund for the war relief....

A very nice gesture was the presentation by the children of posies of daphne and violets (made by Mrs. Wilson) to the judges and ladies who had trained the children.... *(The Narracan Shire Advocate and Yallourn Brown Coal Mine, Walhalla an Thorpdale Lines Echo, Fri 22 Aug 1941)*

The Coalville school, at which there are now seven pupils, was, on Tuesday, reopened ... The former teacher, Mr. A. R. Moorfield, was transferred to the Willow Grove School. *(The Narracan Shire Advocate and Yallourn Brown Coal Mine, Walhalla an Thorpdale Lines Echo, Fri 12 Mar 1943)*

Mr. A.R. Moorfield, B.A., who has been in charge of the Willow Grove School for some years, has transferred to the secondary division of the Education Department. (*Narracan Shire Advocate, Fri 13 Dec 1946*)

Willow Grove School was among a number of local schools that were part of the Narracan Shire School's Group Library

Hill End and Willow Grove football and basketball teams which competed at the Trafalgar district schools sports recently. (*The Weekly Times, Wed 7 Sep 1949*) – (top right hand picture)



SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL BAZAAR

Last Friday, a very successful bazaar raised £50/17/3 for the Willow Grove State School, and the head teacher and pupils are very grateful to all those who assisted. Donations were received from many tradespeople of Moe and from Melbourne firms. Special congratulations and thanks go to the members of the Mothers' Club, who did all the hard work. (*Narracan Shire Advocate, Fri 23 Sep 1949*)

WILLOW GROVE TENNIS CLUB

Hi everyone,

Preparations for the 2023/24 tennis season are underway. Our courts are still being developed very slowly, so we have to look at other options for training and Saturday competition. We are working with local clubs and Sally Kirstine to see where we will play.

Our first Junior training sessions will be on Friday 8th and 15th September, 4pm at Newborough Tennis Courts. Joan Brown and Jo Baker will be there to take names/training for those who want to play Saturday morning tennis. Sally Kirstine will be there doing her coaching lessons. Interested players can join in training prior or after their coaching lesson.

If you cannot make training but want to be included in a team please contact Joan Brown -56352361.

Any questions please contact Joan or Be Nave – 0407055296

Looking for an affordable summer sport?



Little Athletics caters for children aged 5-17 and includes sprints, middle-distance running, hurdles, throws and jumps.

\$135 per athlete
*2 free trials via LAVic registration

2023/2024 TRACK & FIELD SEASON
COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 30TH
SEASON RUNS SEPTEMBER-MARCH

Registrations open mid August
See our Facebook page for more details

Location: Joe Carmody Athletics Track
Newborough at 8:45am

Like Moe Little Athletics on Facebook to stay up to date with the latest information!

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Email: moe@lavic.com.au



Willow Grove Primary School students are proud to be performing 'Ali Baba & The Bongo Bandits' for one night only on Thursday the 14th September, 7:15pm at Lowanna College Auditorium.

Concert tickets are only \$6 for Adults and free for children under 16.

Tickets can be purchased online via CompassTix by following this link: <https://compassTix.com/e/22s29pjlo>

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