



Principal's Report

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 3! We were hoping to have a new version of our newsletter for you this term, but due to other commitments, the provider we had chosen was unable to complete this work for us. We hope to have an updated format before the end of the year. If you are aware of any person that provides a high quality service that would be suitable, please let the office know!

Professional Learning

Last Friday our staff attended a professional development day with James Nottingham. The day was very informative and rewarding, please read the 'Challenge' article later in this newsletter which summarises what will be implemented at school and how you can be involved.

Thank you

We would like to say another big thank you to B & G Gray Ag, who supported Riley in enacting change in our playground. Riley stepped out of her comfort zone by writing a letter to seek new netball rings be purchased for our playground. Riley's initiative has been rewarded with the donation of new netball equipment for our students to use. Thank you, and well done Riley!

Off site days

As Principal, there are a number of professional commitments that require me to be off site for the day. On these days, please see our classroom teachers with any questions or concerns you may have. In cases where I may be on personal leave, staff are still able to contact me for urgent matters. Alternatively, you are welcome to text or email me directly and I will respond as soon as I am able.

Have an enjoyable fortnight,

Tamara Halket

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

2023	JULY
27	Lunch Order Day Scholastic Book Club Orders Due
28	Gr 5/6 National Tree Planting Day 2024 Foundation Enrolment Forms Due
2023	AUGUST
2	MARC Van Lunch Order Forms Due—12pm
3	100 Days of School Celebration Lunch Order Day
9	140 Years of Willow Grove Primary School MARC Van Lunch Order Forms Due—12pm
10	Lunch Order Day
22	Buildings & Grounds Meeting—7pm School Council Meeting—7:30pm
23	Gr 3-6 Melbourne Stars Cricket Clinic

Reminders & Notices

- **Grade 5/6 Tree Planting Day** will take place this Friday, 28th July. Grade 5/6 students will walk to Blue Rock Dam at approx. 12pm to plant trees with our local Landcare group. A BBQ lunch will be provided. Grade 5/6 students will walk back to school at approx. 1pm.
- **2024 Enrolment Forms Due Friday, 28th July.** Parents seeking to enrol their child/ren at Willow Grove Primary School in 2024 are encouraged to return Enrolment Forms by this date.
- **Scholastic Book Club** Issue 5 orders are due back at school tomorrow, 27th July.
- **100 Days of School Celebration** will take place on Thursday, 3rd August. Further details are included later in this newsletter.
- **2nd Hand Uniform Sale!** - All 2nd hand uniform items can be purchased for \$1 until the end of August. Please see Michelle or contact her via email at michelle.byrne@education.vic.gov.au.
- The **2023 Parent Opinion Survey** will be open soon. Further details, and instructions on how to complete the survey, will be sent out next week.



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



Ollie B.

For adding additional information into his instructional writing.

GRADE 3/4



Charlye-Rae B.

For adding extra descriptive words to complete her Quick Write.

GRADE 5/6



Riley G.

For completing her silent movie writing at home.

SPECIALIST

ART



Loui B.

For a lovely neat artwork and a well drawn 3D pyramid.

RESPECT Resilience TEAM WORK COMMUNITY

Grade P/1/2 News

Last week we began our unit on Push and Pull, called Machine Makers. Each session we are exploring different pushes and pulls. We began by looking at a Rube Goldberg dog feeding machine. Then we constructed our own. Yesterday we went into the playground to find all the different pushes and pulls.



Pull up on the rock wall. Pull up the chain. Push down the slide.

Grade 3/4 News

"Oobleck"

The Grade 3/4 class finished off their "Liquids and Solids" unit with an experiment making Oobleck. Oobleck is known as a non-Newtonian substance as it does not need heat or cold to change its state of matter from a liquid to a solid. The children had a great time playing with the oobleck and discovering its ability to change form a liquid and solid depending on the pressure placed around it. It was very messy, interesting and a lot of fun.



Grade 5/6 News

We are going to have a very busy term, I feel exhausted already! There will be multiple opportunities to participate in many new and challenging activities. So, let me fill in some of the details.

Our Inquiry theme is: The Show Must go on! This obviously draws on the whole school production which is massive for our grade. In quieter moments, we will be creating, in groups, our own silent movie. The students have researched the history behind this and will be writing a biography of their chosen silent movie actor/actress. I will keep you posted on progress!

Tree planting this Friday at Blue Rock: I have suggested a change of footwear as I can't guarantee the conditions down there. Personally, I will be taking thick bamboo socks and hiking boots. Plus taking lots of photos for the next newsletter! Hope they have a veggie burger for my lunch!

We are using our values/inquiry sessions to have a fresh look at eSafety. This is very dear to me as I secured eSafety status for both Yarram and Willow Grove. I have signed the Y5/6 students up for an online course about cyber safety on the 3rd of August (100 Days of School). We will be also doing modules in class to supplement this. Parents can also sign up here: www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1076123#msdynttrid=6qa8fILjxPtJ61e8zzBp1vOkPQdoy8CaqJQKjSGRzmE

For those Y6 students who are above level in maths, I have enrolled them in a coding course. More information about this to follow. A secondary school, whom we feed to, have kindly donated 4 scientific calculators. I asked for the name of the one they use, and a former colleague said she would pop them in my letterbox. How great is that! So, they can work together to sort that out.

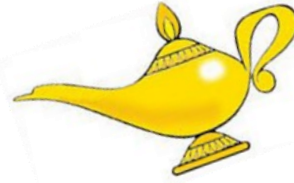
I had some new crochet fairies on Thursday (mainly as it was soooo cold!) but I welcome all. They decided to focus on Worry Worms, so I am hoping to get some hidden in the school grounds this week. I finished 23 chicks on my trip to Japan, so they are ready to fly.

Well, I think you are up to date. Next newsletter will be less wordy – I promise – with some photos of the tree planting.



School Production Update

Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits



Rehearsals for Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits are well and truly underway for our senior students. As you may know, they have been singing, dancing, learning lines, and constructing props.

Information to all grades about costumes, and what your child will need, will be sent out later in the term.

COSTUME HELP

We are seeking parent/community member's to help sew or put together a range of costumes for this year's production. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact Alison Abbott via email at Alison.Abbott@education.vic.gov.au or leave a message with your child's classroom teacher.

All volunteers will require a Working with Children Check to meet the requirements of our school's Volunteer's Policy.

Wednesday afternoons from 2.30-3.15 pm in the staffroom will be the allocated time for the meeting, planning and all things making!



James Nottingham PD 'Challenge'

On Friday, staff participated in a whole day's professional learning with James Nottingham, all the way from the U.K. We were extremely fortunate to have this World renowned educational author and speaker at our small school. In fact, he made a special trip to Victoria just for our school!

The day focussed on the role that we, as adults, play in shaping the way that children approach "learning". There has been a lot of research conducted in the field of mindset, challenge, self motivated learners and reluctant to "try and fail", learners. A big take away from the day that I wanted to share with families is the concept of challenge. Too often, there is a focus on completing a task and getting it "right". Children are often praised for getting 100% on a test, or finishing a set task. The questions that are often missed with this praise are; "Was there genuine learning taking place? Were there challenges that were overcome in order to succeed? Are we praising effort or only outcomes?"

You may notice a shift in the approach that is being taken to mistake making at school. I ask that you also consider the way mistakes are viewed at home. Mistakes are an expected part of the learning process. Learning from mistakes requires effort and perseverance. Overcoming the challenge of a mistake is rewarding and also builds confidence in the learning process. A lack of mistakes during the learning process would suggest that there are no risks being taken and the level of challenge is not appropriate. Being praised for doing something that we could already do, or do with minimal effort is not rewarding. A lack of challenge can also be boring (unless, of course, this has come from effort and perseverance). Imagine someone praising you for driving to the shops, if you are an experienced driver. You would likely see this as unnecessary, even sarcastic. However, this was not the case when you were first learning to drive...

I ask you to consider a shift in mindset; easy is boring, but challenge is interesting. I also ask you to consider how often "mistakes" are covered up or "fixed" by adults, rather than using them as a learning experience for children.

We are working towards a cultural shift in our school. This may be uncomfortable at first, especially for those amongst us that like to get things "right". I ask that this challenge be embraced as we trust the process of fostering self motivated learners, who are not yet aware of how much potential they may have.

New Computers for Grade 3/4 Students



Letter writing has continued to be a successful approach to making changes in our school. A number of our Grade 3-4 students wrote letters to me, requesting new computers for their class. They provided reasons and evidence for the need for new devices. The purchase of new devices was taken to School Council and was approved. The new devices have been delivered to the school and will be provided to the class as soon as our new charging trolley arrives to hold them.

The introduction of these new devices will coincide with a change to our previous system for student devices. Each student will be allocated a computer that they will use at school until they complete Grade 6. We hope that this system will ensure all students take better care of their allocated devices.



Grade 3/4 families will soon be receiving an updated Policy with an Acceptable Use Agreement that we ask be signed. This will remind our students of our expectations relating to school devices. The Policy and Agreement are both Department of Education and Training, documents. Once the signed documents are returned to the school, students will be able to use their new devices.

100 Days of School

Thursday 3rd of August

Every year we celebrate the 100th day of school.

*This year to acknowledge the
140th anniversary of Willow Grove Primary School, we will be
turning back to clock 140 years.*

*Students and staff are invited to come dressed in clothes that would
have been worn to school 140 years ago.*

*Throughout the day the Prep, One, Two will participate in a number
of fun activities.*



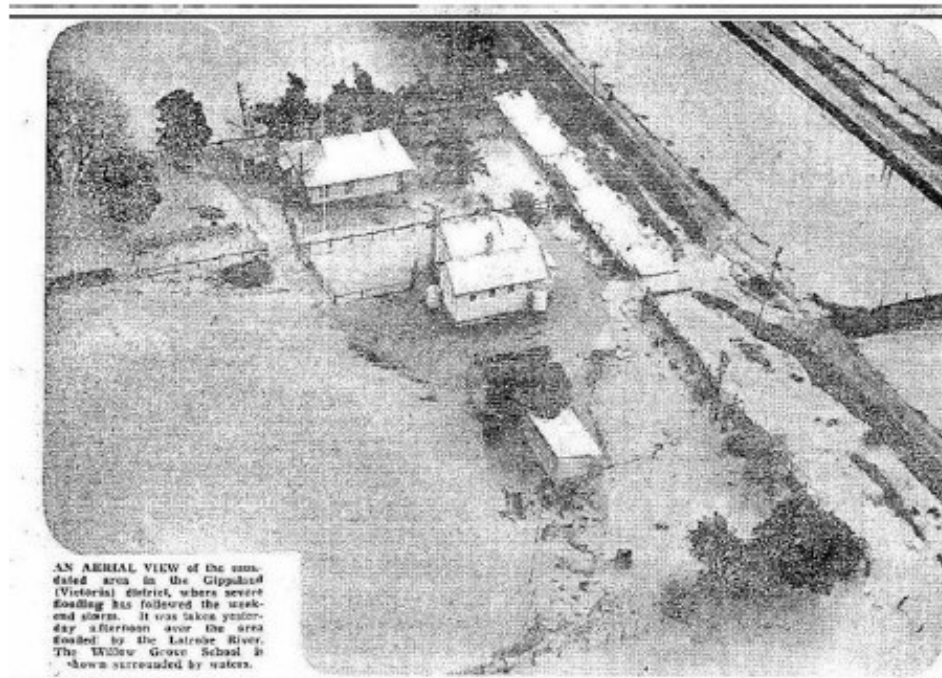
Lalorbe River State School (now known as Willow Grove Primary School) in the 1880s.



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



1930-1940
From the Newspapers



News (Adelaide, S.A., Tuesday 6 August 1935

The local Mothers' Club was very active in fundraising, not only for the school, but for the local community. In June of 1932 they held "a very successful euchre party and dance in aid of the Warragul hospital. The proceeds amounted to £6, which must have been very gratifying to the organisers." (The Narracan Shire Advocate, Fri 17 June 1932)

"On Monday a bushfire broke out at Willow Grove, and endangered the local state school and Mr R.A. Irvine's general store and post office;- as well as the residences and outbuildings. By the use of fire breaks these were made safe. ...urgent calls for help were responded to by about 30 volunteer fire-fighters from Moe and 15 from Trafalgar." (The Narracan Shire Advocate, Fri 3 Mar 1933)

"Mrs A.R. Leckey has been appointed permanently as sewing mistress in the Willow Grove School. The attendance is now 40. Owing to the increased attendance the School Committee is trying to get the school enlarged." (The Narracan Shore Advocate, Fri 5 May 1933)

"Mrs V.T. Hickey has been appointed sewing mistress at the Willowgrove State School." (The Argus, Thu 22 Jun 1933)

"Prior to his departure last week, Mr. Charles Dodd, who, for the past few years has been head teacher of the Willow Grove school, was entertained in the hall. On behalf of the residents and parents, Mr. B. Wilson presented to Mr. Dodd a travelling rug and wallet. References to Mr. Dodd's assistance in the football, tennis and cricket clubs were made, and best wishes for his success in the future were extended. A presentation by the school children was also made to Mr. Dodd. His transfer is to Mt. Scobie school. (The Narracan Shire Advocate, Fri 1 Jun 1934)

"THROUGH BUSH TO SCHOOL

I am eight years old and live in Willow Grove. I walk to school, and sometimes see rabbits and foxes. The bush fires were all around here. Today we are having a beautiful rain and the grass is nice and green.

Ian Needham (Willow Grove, Vic)" (Weekly Times, Sat 18 Mar 1939)

"Royal Commission on Bushfires was held at Willow Grove... Among those listening to the evidence was senior students from Willow Grove State School." (The Age, Wed 1 Mar 1939)

"The senior school children of Willow Grove were given a half-day holiday to hear the proceedings before the Royal Commission. A dozen of them faced Judge Stretton from the front bench in the shire hall." (The Argus, Wed 1 Mar 1939)

"While playing football at the Willow Grove School quite recently, Jack, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, sustained severe injury. As a result of an x-ray examination by Dr. Swain, it was found that a bone in the lad's neck had been cracked." (The Narracan Shire Advocate, Fri 12 May 1939)



Enter our National Water Week poster competition for your chance to win fantastic prizes!

Prizes

- School prize: \$500 for a sustainability project or STEM resources
- Student prizes: \$100 + \$50 local gift vouchers + Gippsland Water prize packs

Entries close 1 September 2023



Ahliana's winning poster from 2022

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9.00AM - L&F EYECARE GEOFF WATT HALF MARATHON

9.50AM - MITCHELTON 10K AND JAYCO 5K

10.00AM ASICS 2.5K 11.20AM APERLOOS BAKERY 300M

FAMILY FESTIVAL & PRESENTATIONS: 9.30AM - 1.30PM

FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL LIVE MUSIC FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT VINTAGE CARS



Easy cheesy ham and corn bread cups

(From the Healthy Eating Advisory Service Website)

Serves 12

Ingredients

Wholemeal bread – 12 slices

Reduced fat margarine – as required

Eggs – 12

Reduced fat milk – 1 cup (250mL)

Corn kernels, canned and drained – 1 x 200g can

Reduced fat cheese, grated – 1 ½ cups

Lean ham, diced – 100g

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C.
2. Slice the crusts off the bread, and spread one side of each slice of bread thinly with margarine.
3. Push each slice of bread into a hole in a muffin tin, spread side down.
4. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs and milk.
5. Add the corn kernels, grated cheese and diced ham to the egg mixture.
6. Spoon the egg mixture into the bread cups evenly, until all the mixture has been used.
7. Bake for 20 minutes or until the egg has set.

Notes

- Try replacing the ham, corn and cheese mixture for different flavour combinations, such as spinach (or roast pumpkin) and reduced fat feta, chicken (skinless) and mushrooms, baked beans and capsicum, or tuna (in spring water) and chopped onions.
- Team with a drink as an always available or select carefully snack as part of a meal deal.
- If using stale or thicker 'toast' sliced bread, lightly roll it with a rolling pin for better results.

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