

Principal's Report

Dear Families,

We have reached the end of our first term together. I am pleased to say that Willow Grove PS is once again feeling like home for me. We have had a lot happen in a short space of time with OH&S compliance upgrades, securing grants that will help with the running of programs, and generally settling in. I hope that as we move through the year I am able to have a greater focus on getting into classrooms and in amongst the students.

School Mobile:

We now have a school mobile phone that you can call or text us on. Please feel free to use this number as you would for anyone else in your contact list. However, please be mindful of the times you are calling or messaging as it is not an automated service. We may use this mobile to quickly text you from time to time, or may use this instead of the landline phone to call you. Our new number is 0491 664 299.

Tanjil Valley Community Festival – Sunday April 30:

Our school will be participating in the Land-Care Community Festival event. We will have a school stall selling “crazy milkshakes” and will be helping with a face painting stall. We are hoping to have some of our student leaders helping with the face painting, and would love some more parents to volunteer for hour blocks for our milkshakes stand. If you are able to help, please register via CompassTix via this link: <https://compasstix.com/e/7jun6hnvvi> ASAP. We would rather have too many than not enough volunteers, so if you have been thinking of offering, now is a great opportunity!

Enjoy your Easter break,

Tamara Halket

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

2023	APRIL
6	PST Conferences—9am - 1pm Last Day Term 1 for Staff
24	Term 2 Commences
25	ANZAC Day Public Holiday ANZAC Day Service
26-28	Grade 5/6 Coonawarra Camp
26	MARC Van
27	School Lunch Orders Commence
30	Tanjil Valley Community Festival
2023	MAY
1	School Photo Day
3	Gr 5/6 Lowanna Open Day Excursion MARC Van
22	Student Free Day—Staff CPR Training

Reminders & Notices

- **First Day of Term 2**—Monday 24th April
- **ANZAC Day**—Tuesday, 25th April is a public holiday. Mrs McCartney will attend our local ANZAC Day Service and lay a wreath on behalf of the school. Any students also wishing to represent our school should contact Mrs McCartney.
- **Grade 5/6 Coonawarra Camp** is taking place from Wednesday, 26th April to Friday, 28th April.
- **Tanjil Valley Community Festival** is taking place on Sunday, 30th April. If you are able to volunteer at one of the school stands, please register via CompassTix [here](#).
- **Our School Photo Day** is Monday, 1st May. Instructions on how to order were issued via Compass on Monday, and are also included later in this newsletter.
- Grade 5/6 students will receive a secondary school experience at the **Lowanna Open Day Excursion** on Wednesday, 3rd May.



TERM DATES 2023

Term 1	27th Jan (teachers start) to 6th April
Term 2	24th Apr to 23rd Jun
Term 3	10th Jul to 15th Sep
Term 4	2nd Oct to 20th Dec

Willow Grove Primary School Student Acknowledgments

GRADE P/1/2



Jordan W.

For his work on persuasive writing.

GRADE 3/4



Mikayla K.

For persisting with learning
order of operations.

GRADE 5/6



Matilda M. & Charlie W.

For their fundraising initiative.

SPECIALIST

JAPANESE



Oakley K.

For counting to 10 and writing your name in
Japanese without a ny help.

RESPECT Resilience TEAM WORK COMMUNITY

Grade P/1/2 News

Lots of Reading

The Prep/ One/ Two are constantly demonstrating their reading skills. Our reading program has each student read to an adult every day. Sometimes it's a teacher in a reading group, or another staff member or a parent. When not reading to an adult the students are reading to themselves or exploring books and magazines.

We also have a whole class reading session every day. The class comes together to listen to and discuss a particular story. We use the same book throughout the week. On day one we make predictions about the story, on day two we discuss whether the book is fiction or non-fiction, day three we talk about the vocabulary used (tricky words or phrases), day four is making connections to the text and on day five we figure out what the Big Idea (the lesson we can learn) of the story is.

We would like to congratulate all the students who have completed 25 nights of reading and the large number of students who have made it to 50 nights.

Please continue to read books from school and home over the holidays. Thank you to all our parent helpers!!!

Grade 3/4 News

Easter Carrot Catapult.

This week we undertook a problem-solving activity where the students had to work collaboratively to design and build a catapult that would launch a carrot 1 metre to the Easter Bunny. The students were provided with a pile of materials that they could choose from and then were let loose on planning and designing their catapult. The success of this activity was not determined by whether or not they could launch their carrot, but was based on: speaking and listening, collaboration, teamwork, resilience and using mistakes to help them improve. The children all did a great job and had a lot of fun in the process. We will be undertaking more of these problem-solving challenges next term.



Grade 5/6 News



During this week's episode of BTN there was a section on The Crochet Guy. I wondered if anyone in the grade would be interested in giving it a go so, I went and got some crochet hooks and dusted off my rather rusty crochet skills. I followed a tutorial online and was happy to share with the grade. The response was overwhelming, so we had two sessions at lunchtime. We also have jigsaws going on at the same time. This is all part of our wellbeing program. My hope is that they can have some crochet or knitting in their tray so that when they need a break from screentime they can get out their 'project'.

We have been busy printing Easter themed 3D prints. We are using them today to decorate the bake sale that has been organised by Charlie and Matilda. Next term, we will be printing off their own creations. Lots to look forward to already! Enjoy the holidays.

School Sports Victoria



Latrobe Valley Division Tennis Tournament

On Wednesday, March 22nd, Alex and Lily represented the Tanjil Valley District Schools in Tennis at Traralgon. Both Alex and Lily played singles matches against students from other schools in the Latrobe Valley.

They both had a great day of competitive Tennis and Lily came away winning second in her section. Lily will go on to play in the Regional Tennis Championships in April. Both students may represent our District in the doubles division tournament in October.





Monday 3rd of April, 2023

Dear School Community,

Temporary Change of Hours for Term 1-2 Holidays

Please be advised that our Moe store will be opening with reduced hours for part of the upcoming school holidays.

These changes will be in effect from Thursday 6th of April to Sunday 16th of April, with regular trading hours resuming from Monday 17th of April.

Please see below for our reduced trading hours:

Monday 3/04	Tuesday 4/04	Wednesday 5/04	Thursday 6/04	Friday 7/04	Saturday 8/04	Sunday 9/04
10:00am to 5:00pm	CLOSED	10:00am to 5:00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday 10/04	Tuesday 11/04	Wednesday 12/04	Thursday 13/04	Friday 14/04	Saturday 15/04	Sunday 16/04
CLOSED	CLOSED	10:00am to 3:00pm	CLOSED	10:00am to 3:00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED

We'd like to wish everybody a safe and enjoyable time over the holidays, and look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks to help prepare for term 2!

Kind regards,

Beleza School Uniforms

Thank You

- Thank you to all our families who helped our students travel safely on our Ride2School Day.
- Thank you to our senior students for their efforts with running the Easter Fun Day celebrations!
- Thank you to Charlie W. and Matilda M. (and their families) for their efforts in planning, organising, baking and selling treats at our Easter Fun Day today. Funds raised of \$354.10 will be donated to the Good Friday Appeal.
- Thank you to Mr Woodroffe, Michelle Byrne and Sarah Marino for volunteering to attend the Grade 5/6 Camp with our students. This will be Mr Woodroffe's last week at WGPS, and we would like to thank him for attending camp before he moves on to his next adventure.






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



Teachers at the Latrobe River State School Before 1900

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|-----------|---|---|
| 1883-1885 | <p>Herbert S. Hammet (1862-1936)
Appointed Head Teacher from 9th August 1883
Inspector Hepburn said
"Active and promising" (29.4.1884)
"Good, earnest and painstaking" (24.4.1885)
Transferred 30 June 1885</p> |  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Herbert Hammett</div> |
| 1885-1886 | <p>John G.C. Aurisch (1860-1927)
Appointed Head Teacher from 3 September 1885
Inspector Hepburn said: "Good and painstaking"
Transferred 31 December 1886</p> | |
| 1887-1888 | <p>Maria Kelly (1864-1924)
later became Maria Horsley
Appointed Head Teacher from 10 February 1887
Docked 4 days pay for a delay in opening the school after her appointment.
Inspector Hamilton said:
"whole instruction I saw nicely given .." (25/6/1887)
Transferred 9 July 1888</p> | |
| 1888-1891 | <p>Britt Pettigrove (1865-1928)
Appointed Head Teacher from 11 August 1888
Inspector Tussell said of him: "Is effecting a noticeable
Improvement in his school" (11/6/1889)
Inspector Bothroyde said "A vigorous and capable teacher." (6/5/1890)
Inspector Bothroyde said "Capable teacher and good disciplinarian."
Transferred 8 June 1891</p> | |
| 1891 | <p>Sarah Presland (1861-?)
Later became Sarah Ann Amies
Relieving teacher- Temporary Head Teacher from 5 June 1891
ceased 21 Sept 1891</p> | |

1891-1894

Harriet N. Preston (1868-1926)

Appointed Head Teacher from 18 September 1891

The roll was suspended on the 19th of December 1891, due to low numbers. It had reopened by April the following year.

Inspector Bothroyde said "Has taught with diligence & success" (4.10.1893)

Transferred 12 March 1894

1894-1897

Alice B. Stokes (1865-1938)

Later Alice Bunter French

Appointed Head Teacher from 9 March 1894

Inspector Bothroyde said:

"good teaching capacity; style pleasing" (19.2.1894)

"has managed successfully; diligent & effective teacher" (15.10.94)

The school roll was suspended on the 23.4.1895, due to low numbers, however this didn't last long, with the school reopened on the 1st of June 1895. Miss Stokes was again appointed Head Teacher.

Bothroyde again said "Managed very satisfactorily; had taught with diligence & a credible degree of success..." (8.10.1895)

Transferred 31 Dec 1897



1898-1898

Mary F. Foley (1872-1946)

Later Mary Frances Williams

Temporary Head Teacher from 8 Feb 1898

Ceased 18 April 1898

1898

Martha Wilson (1873-1937)

Later Martha Anson

Fully qualified teacher – licences 1 Jan 1894

Appointed Head Teacher from 18 April 1898

Inspector Bothroyde said "has taught with care and a credible degree of success."

Transferred 18th May 1899

1899

Christine Montgomery (1870-1965)

Obtained Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne, becoming one of the first women graduates employed in the State Department of Education

Appointed Head Teacher from 20 June 1899

Transferred on the 31st of December 1900<https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/montgomery-christina-smith-7628>

2023 Photo Day Online Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

Willow Grove Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 01-05-2023

Your school prefers orders to be placed online.

However, if unable to order online, please complete your order using the Envelope at your school office. It is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**** IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 30-04-2023 ****

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1 [Click Here](#). - For online ordering process for your school.

- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [T1V DFA E9L]

Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

****Online Orders have a 1.5% merchant fee applied when using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal.**

Please Note: If you miss photo day, portrait and group packages can still be ordered online for 7 days afterwards with no late fees. After that time, late orders will require separate processing and handling and therefore will incur a \$15 late fee per package.

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS No envelope required if ordering online

3 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [T1V DFA E9L]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on [30-04-2023]
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with exact cash amount.

ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO RECEIVE ONE AND RETURN ON PHOTO DAY ONLY

Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au

Cash – Please enclose correct money – as change is not available

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you Do Not wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.

info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team



JOIN THE FUN!

Willow Grove Rec Reserve

Friday's 5pm-6pm
Starts April 28th, runs for 8 weeks
Boys and Girls aged 5-12 are welcome to join!

Coordinator: Mercedes Zarb 0439223337
Coach: Steve Bowles 0448989517

Head to play.afl/auskick to register.

play.afl/auskick



SAVE THE DATE
**Tanjil Valley
Community Festival**

Sunday 30th April 2023
10.00am to 2.00pm
Old Tanjil Road Picnic Area
Willow Grove
(near the boatramp)

Please Note at 9.00am

**YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO
THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE
WALKING TRACK EXTENSION OUT
TO THE BLUE ROCK ROAD POINT**
(Includes a Traditional Welcome
and Smoking Ceremony)



Tanjil Valley Landcare in partnership with Hill End Community Inc. present a community and environmental festival – a celebration of the place that we live, and the clubs and organisations that support our community.

Activities Include:

Track planting, Bug Blitz activities, Landcare display, Birdlife Australia activities and display, Wildlife activities and display, Cubby Building, Environmental art activities, Treasure hunt activity, Live Music, Lions BBQ, Frothy Frog Coffee cart, Bee display, Renewable Energy Display and demonstrations, Raffles.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROMOTE YOUR ORGANISATION OR CLUB AT THIS EVENT
PLEASE CONTACT THE TVCF ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER DETAILS
tanjilvalleylandcare@gmail.com**

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**GIPPSLAND
FESTIVAL OF
RUGBY**
SATURDAY 1 APRIL
11AM - 5PM
GIPPSLAND REGIONAL INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM
CATTERICK CRES, TRARALGON

WATCH ON
BIG SCREEN
SUPER RUGBY
PACIFIC

FIJIAN DRUA VS. MELBOURNE REBELS
WOMEN @ 12.00PM MEN @ 2.35PM

RUGBY COME AND TRY ACTIVITIES
LOTS OF FUN THINGS TO DO

WEAR YOUR
RUGBY COLOURS
PLASS
WELCOME

FREE
EVENT

SCAN
TO
LEARN
MORE



Winter sport is back, but before you head out to your next match or training session, there's something important we need you to remember – without players, volunteers or officials, there is no game.

Last season, there were too many incidents that have no place in community sport. From violence and aggression on the fields and courts, to harassment and abuse from the sidelines. Together, we can turn this around. Visit gippsport.com.au/letusplay to find out how.

Community News Continued

Homemade lunchbox bars

4 Cups of oats,
4 Cups of rice bubbles
8 tablespoons of melted butter (approx. half a cup of melted butter)
½ cup brown sugar
2/3 cup honey
1 tablespoon of vanilla
Pinch of salt
Topping an added extra- handful of min choc chips or coconut or cut up dried fruit

Toast oats in oven for a few minutes.
In a saucepan over medium heat, stir together melt butter, brown sugar, honey and salt. Simmer for 2-3 min.
Remove from heat & add vanilla. Allow to cool slightly.
Combine toasted oats and bubbles and pour in melted mixture. Spread on baking tray, allow to cool before adding top mixture, slightly press down.
Place and fridge. Cut to muesli bar size and shape.

Also look at <https://www.healthymummy.com/recipe/cranberry-coconut-puffed-rice-muesli-bars/>



PARENT/CARER INFORMATION SESSION

CYBERCRIME AND BEING SAFE ONLINE



MARNIE LYON

Digital Forensic Officer, Cybercrime Squad, Victoria Police

ALISHA GILLILAND

Community Liaison Education Coordinator, CCASA



7.30-8.30PM

**Tuesday
2 May**

DISCUSSIONS AND INSIGHTS

- The cybercrime squad and what they do
- Cybercrime current trends
- Social media and online spaces that young people access
- Common misconceptions around online cyber safety
- How to support young people to stay safe online
- How you/young people can report online cyber issues
- Top tips for adults/parents/carers

Registration

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gippsland-centre-against-sexual-assault-prevention-education-calendar-tickets-518242676797>

Access via link provided to registered participants 2 days ahead of session



Make your own healthy hummus and pile into mini plant pots for a cute snack for kids. Children will love it, and they can dunk in carrots and other vegies
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/veg-patch-hummus>



Easter Holidays can be a time for lots of treats - here are a few healthier options that the children will love



Happy Easter
We hope all students and staff have a wonderful Easter Holiday

Create fun creatures with simple and healthy boiled eggs for little children this Easter. They'll love helping you make an edible spring scene and enjoy one of their five a day at the same time
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/easter-boiled-eggs>

Everybody loves melted chocolate, and kids will love dunking berries, melon, grapes or any of their favourite fruits into it. You could even melt leftover Easter eggs, if you have them!
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/fruity-fondue>



**West Gippsland
Healthcare Group -
Health Promotion
Team**



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Gracies Arcade
TRAFALGAR 3824
5633 1194

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MOE 3825
5126 1425

Hill End Football Club
Main Road
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5635 2243

WILLOW GROVE PRIMARYSCHOOL



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