



Principal's Report

Dear Families,

We have reached the end of Term 3, and we are certainly finishing this term with a bang! Our upcoming production is an incredible example of what can be achieved with a dedicated staff and community at a small school. Over the course of the term, the staff, students and volunteers have been working towards putting together a high quality show of performing arts learning.

It is important to note that our production is more than entertainment. The learning that comes from putting together the show encompasses a wide scope of curriculum. The students are learning elements of performing arts, visual arts, music, literacy, interpersonal skills and much more. We look forward to seeing our school community on Thursday the 14th at 7:15pm to show off our skills.

Footy Colours Day:

Please be reminded that this Friday the 8th of September is our free Footy Colours Day. Students will all be offered a milkshake on this day. Please advise Miss Halket, via text on 0491 664 299 before Friday at 9:00am, if your child is not able to have a milkshake.

Last Day of Term:

The last day of term comes after our late night of the production. On the Friday we have an early finish time of 1:00pm and classes will not be running as usual. On this day we will have some whole school activities planned and will allow for students that may come in late due to needing some extra sleep after a late night on Thursday.

If your child/ren are not attending on the last day of term, for any reason, please ensure to enter this into Compass as we are still required to report to the Department at the end of term.

Thank you:

I would like to say a personal thank you to all staff, students and families for your support during Term 3. Having a broken foot has made things extremely challenging and I appreciate the accommodations that have been made by our community that have enabled me to remain at work, instead of taking an extended period of leave to recover. I hope that you all have a safe and restful break, ready for a long and productive Term 4.

Tamara Halket

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2023	SEPTEMBER
6	MARC Van Lunch Order Forms Due—12pm
7	Lunch Order Day
8	Footy Colours Day
12	Gr 3-6 Production Rehearsal
13	MARC Van Division Athletics—Selected Students
14	No Lunch Orders Whole School Production Rehearsal School Production—7:15pm Lowanna Auditorium
15	Last Day Term 3—Early Dismissal @ 1pm No After School Care
2023	OCTOBER
2	First Day Term 4
4	MARC Van Lunch Order Forms Due—12pm

Reminders & Notices

- The **2023 Parent Opinion Survey** closes this Friday, 8th September. Your opinion matters to us, if you haven't already done so, please take the time to complete this survey.
- **Ticket Sales for our 2023 School Production 'Ali Baba & The Bongo Bandits' are closing soon.** Tickets can be purchased online via CompassTix until tomorrow, 7th September. Please see the flyer and link later in this newsletter.
- Consent forms for our **School Production Rehearsal days** on 12th & 14th September were issued via Compass last week. Consent is due by today, 6th September.
- Our **Footy Colours Day** is taking place this Friday, 8th September. Details are included in the Flyer later in this newsletter.
- Due to School Production Rehearsals, there will be **no school lunch orders** next Thursday, 14th September.
- The **last day of Term 3** is next Friday, 15th September. Early dismissal time of 1pm. There will be **no After School Care** on this day.



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

Irie G.

For perseverance with his dictation.

GRADE 3/4



Charlye-Rae B.

For stepping up and learning extra lines in the school production.

GRADE 5/6



Dane F.

For keeping everyone singing together in the production songs.

SPECIALIST

JAPANESE



James M.

For a great writing piece with great pictures and completing the task with GREAT effort!





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Grade P/1/2 News

Zones of Regulation

The P-2 students have been learning about the Zones of Regulation. They have been learning to recognise which zone they are in and strategies to help them move back to green zone.

ZONES OF REGULATION!

Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
			
Sick Sad Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Good to Go Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Anxious Excited	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Out of Control I Need Time and Space

Blue zone is when you are crying, you might be looking down and you might be very quiet. (Jimmy)

Green Zone is when you feel happy and when you feel good. (Oakley)

Yellow Zone is when you are scared, excited and you might have butterflies in your tummy.

Red zone is when you're mad and frustrated and you need space. (Harper)

Grade 5/6 News

Melbourne Stars

By Jordy and Manan

The Melbourne Stars came to visit our school with the players Sophie Reid and Cam McClure. They visited on the 23.8.23 and came to teach us about cricket. We got to ask them questions about their cricket journey on their way to becoming pro players. We got signatures on some of their merchandise. We played small games, got photos and got a star's jersey. Some people from the local cricket club, Monty Donoghue, Darcy, Katie Grima and Percy Walsh came and helped us. We had so much fun. It was great.

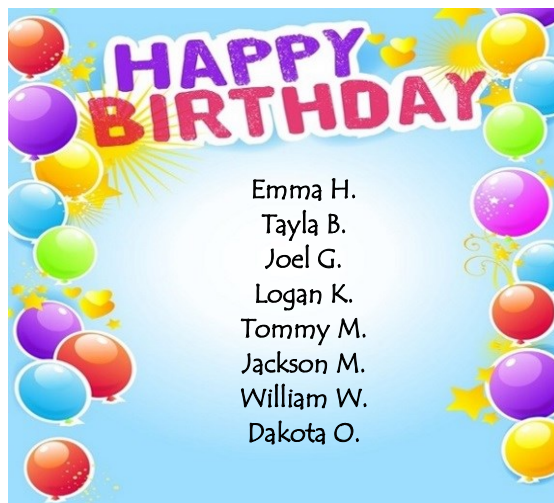


Grade 3/4 News

New Computers

The Grade 3/4 students were very excited to finally get their new computers last week. This signals a new era for Willow Grove Primary School as this is the first time that Grade 3/4 students have ever had new computers. To make it even more exciting the computers are touch screen with a stylus pen allowing students to annotate and edit their work, solve maths problems on a digital whiteboard and draw illustrations to explain their thinking. We have some great ideas to implement new and innovative technology into the classroom which will ensure our students have the best opportunity to be 21st century learners and IT ready for the real world.

We have also added some colourful erasable dots to our teacher table to allow students to demonstrate their learning and receive immediate feedback on their learning. This is proving to be a big hit with the students.



Thank You!

- Thank you to our fundraising committee for putting together a hugely successful Father's Day Stall on Friday. We hope that all fathers and special people enjoyed their gifts on Sunday.
- Thank you to The Willow Grove Lions Club for donating funds to our school. The ongoing support of the Lions Club is much appreciated.

Outside School Hours Care Update

Recently we have seen a huge uptake in the use of our OSHC service. Which is great for families and helps us maintain the viability of the service. Upon advice from our Department Out of School Hours Care Program Officer, please be advised that our fees will be increasing in line with other services as of next term. For families receiving Childcare Subsidy, this increase will amount to around \$1-\$2. A separate letter will be sent to families with details of the changes and the out of pocket expenses.

Due to the high demand for the OSHC service on some days, some families have found that they are unable to make a booking. Our registration allows for a maximum of 13 children at the service at any given time. This number cannot be exceeded for any reason.

We have also been working towards updating the policies and procedures for OSHC and these will be available upon request. It is important to note that our OSHC Educators all meet the requirements for the service. All of our Educators have the right to call parents/carers or to exclude a child from the service due to illness or behaviour. While OSHC is a School Council run service, the service is subject to regulations that may differ from school.

Footy Colours Day!

Dear Families,

To celebrate the AFL Finals, we are inviting all students to come dressed in the colours of their favourite team. As the Public Holiday falls within the school holidays, and we have our concert as the focus of the last week of term, we are holding this day on

Friday the 8th of September.

This day will be at no cost to families and is intended to be a light hearted way to celebrate the end of the season and the end of the term. If your child does not wish to participate, school uniform must be worn on this day.

Milkshakes will be available for the price of "thank-you". The school will cover the costs of the milkshakes as part of our student wellbeing focus.

Kind regards,

Tamara Halket



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 until 7th September by following this link: <https://compasstix.com/e/22s29pjlio>

Book Week—Grandparents/Special Person's Day

We were happily overwhelmed by the attendance at our Book Week—Grandparent's/Special Person's Day. We were delighted to host guests from Willow Grove to interstate! Thanks to Lockie for this wonderful idea!



WILLOW GROVE
P. S. 2520



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



1950 - 1960 From the Newspapers

Fri 18 Aug 1950 Narracan Shire Advocate

SCHOOLBOYS' FOOTBALL TEAMS SELECTED FOR MELBOURNE

Schoolboy football teams, and girls' basketball teams to visit Melbourne, were selected on Saturday last.

The boys team is as follows: ...N. Baxter (Willow Grove)... The team will leave for Melbourne on Friday evening, 25th August...

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The girls basketball teams are as follow: -
Seniors: ... Margaret Brown (Willow Grove)

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.




**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
TRARALGON.**

Willow Grove S.S. 2520:
NEW SHELTER SHED.

TENDERS are invited, returnable Sept. 15th, for supply and erection of new Shelter Shed at Willow Grove State School 2520.

For detail and specification of work, apply to Insp. of Works, Public Works Dept., Traralgon. Tel. 440.

TENDERS.



**Public Works
Department,
MELBOURNE.**

TENDERS will be received until 10 a.m. on 22/5/1951, for New Residence, State School, WILLOW GROVE.

Particulars at Public Works Office and at Inspector of Works Office, Traralgon; Police Station, Moe.

Envelope containing Tender to be marked—
"Tender for due "

Fri 8 Feb 1952 Narracan Shire Advocate

It is back to school week, and last Tuesday morning saw many slightly anxious mothers with wide eyed tots, confident second year pupils and much more confident "big" boys and girls walking willingly and unwillingly down to the local school grounds....In other schools throughout the district, the total number of pupils are expected to be: Coalville, 12; Erica, 50; Knott's Siding, 20; Moondarra, 13; Tanjil South, 21; Walhalla, 10; Willow Grove, 45, and Trafalgar East, 45.

Fri 5 Sep 1952 Narracan Shire Advocate

Ambulance monies are still rolling in... Willow Grove School kiddies did a grand job and raised 4 pound.

Fri 24 Apr 1953 The Narracan Shire Advocate

SCHOOL EXCURSION

HAPPY DAY AT THE ZOO

Great time was had by all who took advantage of the schools' excursion to the Melbourne Zoological Gardens on Friday last. Children and adults from Moe, Trafalgar, Newborough, Yarragon, Thorpdale and all the surrounding districts converged excitedly on their respective stations and when the train drew out from Yarragon there were 1200 passengers on board, consisting of approximately 900 children and 300 adults.

They were accommodated in 11 cars, and as the train passed Warragul it wound along like a huge snake, while at the windows there was a tangled picture of waving arms and smiling faces.

It was certainly a great day. For many of the children, it was their first experience of a long train ride, and for an even greater number, their first visit to the zoo, so that they could be excused for being excited at the prospect. ...

On arrival at Flinders Street, an electric locomotive had to be attached to the passenger locomotive to assist it up the slop to Royal Park, but the train arrived without mishap, and soon disgorged its eager load of humanity.

Organisation of the day's activities was in the hands of the Trafalgar branch of the Victorian Teachers' Union, led by the President, Mr. S. R. Harris, and secretary, Mr. F. Smith. They were deeply appreciative of the whole-hearted co-operation given by the head teachers of the various schools, notably Mr. W.H. Tregellas, of the Albert Street School, Moe; Miss E. Lennox, Trafalgar; Mr. J. Poletti, Yarragon; Mr R. North, Newborough; Mr. A. R. Cornish, Thorpdale, and those in the smaller schools at Coalville, Tanjil South, Trafalgar East, Yulungah, Hill End, Willow Grove, Sunny Creek and Yarragon South. Registered schools in the district also took part.

The Railways carried out their part without a hitch.

Fri 4 Sep 1953 Narracan Shire Advocate

Willow Grove Wins Basketball Shield

At the combined State School football and basketball lightning Premiership held at Trafalgar, eight schools competed.

Although the Willow Grove-Hill End School had no success at football, the Willow Grove School's basketball team went on to win the shield outright.

Trafalgar have held this shield for the past seven years. It is an achievement for a small country school to pull the shield off. They say now they are not giving it up without a battle. Good luck to them, and may they hold for a long period.

Fri 18 Mar 1955 Narracan Shire Advocate

Tanjil Valley Combined Sports

The Committee of the Tanjil valley Combined Schools' Sports Association met recently at the Hill End school to discuss final arrangements in connection with their annual sports meeting to be held at Willow Grove on Friday, April 1.

The committee felt that the starting time of 10.30a.m. left ample time to run the enlarged programme.

Greater quantities of ice-cream and soft drinks will be arranged for the larger crowd. Hot water will be available on the ground, so it suggested visitors to the sports should be asked to bring picnic lunches.

The inclusion of Fumina now makes the number of schools in the association seven, and will add greatly to the competitive value of the day.

Footy Tipping Winners for 2023



1st— Lady daff	\$175
2nd—Spidz	\$105
Equal 3rd—Mrs Prickle	\$23.55
Equal 3rd—Halligan1	\$23.55
Equal 3rd—Bronson67	\$23.55

Thank you to all of our sponsors and participants, we really look forward to having you all on board again next year.



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