

Principal's Report

Dear Families,

Somehow, we are midway through Term 3. I think that it is really true that time flies when you're having fun! As a person who is currently having less fun than usual, I make this statement with all honesty attached. There have been a number of fun things happening around the school and future plans to keep this up! From P-2's learning how to improve their writing using Oreos, to 3-4's making Oobleck slime to learn about states of matter, to 5-6's learning to story tell without words using silent movies.

Having fun and learning are not mutually exclusive, and we are usually more inclined to stick with a challenge if we are enjoying ourselves. This was not historically the case in schools. With the 140 year anniversary of Willow Grove Primary School this week, it is interesting to look at the contrast between then and now. It is also interesting to consider the different perspectives of what "fun" means. It is important to remind ourselves and our children/students that fun is not always the bells and whistles. If we can see the fun in overcoming challenges, a world of possibilities are open to us all!

With this thought in mind I encourage families to participate in the family challenge activity I have set later in this newsletter.

Parent Opinion Survey:

The annual parent opinion survey has been sent to all families via Compass. This survey provides the school, and the Department of Education and Training insight into school operations and areas of/for improvement in the school. It is important that only one person from each family completes this survey in order to keep results valid for the wider community.

I invite any parent/ carer to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns at any time. The survey is not the only time that your opinion is valued.

Have a great fortnight,

Tamara Halket

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

2023	AUGUST
10	Lunch Order Day
16	MARC Van Lunch Order Forms Due—12pm
17	Lunch Order Day
22	Buildings & Grounds Meeting—7pm School Council Meeting—7:30pm
23	No MARC Van Lunch Order Forms Due—12pm Gr 3-6 Melbourne Stars Cricket Clinic
24	Lunch Order Day
25	Book Week Celebration—Grandparent/Special Person's Day
2023	SEPTEMBER
1	Father's & Special Person's Day Stall
12	Gr 3-6 Production Rehearsal
13	Division Athletics—Selected Students
14	Whole School Production Rehearsal School Production—7pm Lowanna Auditorium

Reminders & Notices

- **2024 Student Enrolment Forms** are due back at school as soon as possible.
- Our **2nd Hand Uniform Sale** continues until the end of August - All items can be purchased for \$1ea. Please see Michelle for more details.
- Please check our **Community Cupboard** located in the foyer and take any food items needed. Any donations to the cupboard are also appreciated.
- The **2023 Parent Opinion Survey** is now open. Please check your Compass notification from Monday, 7th August for details on how to complete the survey.
- **Lost Property**—Please check the lost property box located in the foyer. Any unidentified uniform items still remaining by next Wednesday will be transferred to second hand uniform sales.
- **Father's & Special Person's Day Stall** will be held on Friday, 1st September. Ordering details are included later in this newsletter.



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



Acacia M.

For working hard to improve her spelling in her writing.

GRADE 3/4



Dakota O.

For demonstrating significant improvement in multiplication.

GRADE 5/6



Angus B.

For putting great effort into his production role.

SPECIALIST

ART



Jacob G.

For doing a fantastic job creating and designing the sultans throne for the production.

RESPECT Resilience TEAM WORK COMMUNITY

Grade P/1/2 News

Over the last two weeks in our Machine Makers Program, we have learnt about levers and pulleys. We hope to use levers and pulleys when we make our machines.



Grade 3/4 News

"Chance"

The Grade 3/4 class has been investigating 'chance' during maths over the last few weeks. The students have been introduced to the chance scale of impossible, unlikely, even chance, likely and certain. They have also learnt that the probability scale is only ever between zero and one.

We have conducted a few experiments using dice, money and spinners. Last week the students looked at the different combinations that were possible to get when flipping two coins. They predicted what chance there was of getting each combination and then flipped their coins 30 times to get their result. We have been trying to include lots of hands-on activities within our maths classes which the students all enjoy.



Grade 5/6 News

National Tree Planting Day By Jordy

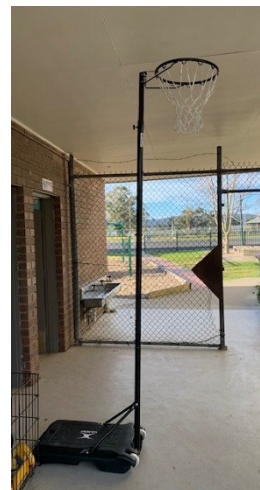
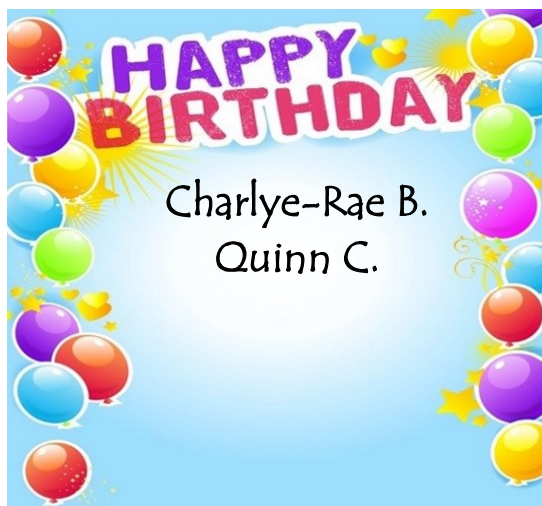
On Friday the 5/6 grade walked from the school down to Blue Rock Lake to go tree planting with the Tanjil Valley Landcare Group. We were down there for an hour or two. We planted 250 trees and plants all together and after our hard work we got to have a sausage sizzle. it was very hot and dirty, but it was fun.



eSafety

On Thursday last week, the Year 5 & 6 grade participated in an online eSafety presentation. It generated lots of discussion, especially when they investigated the age limit for various apps. If you are interested, you can look at it for yourself here: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>.

I will endeavour to include eSafety information on a monthly basis.



Thank you to Lee D. and Montana D. for putting together our portable basketball rings.

School Production Update

Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits



We are looking for several prop items for our school production!
Please let us know if you can help.

- A wooden bucket
- Pretend gold jewellery
- Unwanted gold fabric.
- Unwanted satin fabric in bright colours.
- Plastic swords.

The 5/6 students have been very busy constructing our props. The capability and creativity of our students is truly amazing.



Principal's Family Challenge

Part of learning to embrace challenge is learning that it is ok not to know the answer. It is also ok to seek another possibility.

I would like to set a double challenge to our families:




Part 1: What is your answer to this question, and what is your reason?

Part 2: How many minutes did it take you to think of your first response?

How many minutes did your second response take?

Why do you think there was a difference?

Which is the **Odd One Out** and why?

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The LEARNING Pit

Please put your answers into my red post box at the office. I will offer up to 3 prizes for answers that I can see have taken on this challenge to expand your thinking.



Grandparents/ Special Person's Day!
Friday August 25th
From 2:15pm

Lockie (Grade 2), supported by Willow Grove Primary School, would like to invite Grandparents/ Special People to attend a special afternoon of reading.

This year, we will celebrate Book Week by inviting Grandparents or a special person to school to share a book. We encourage our guests to bring in a book that they enjoyed reading as a child, but we have plenty to share if this is not possible!

Grandparents/ Special Person's Day was requested by Lockie M. He wrote a letter to Mrs McCartney and Miss Halket. Thankyou Lockie, for this great idea!

Please return the slip below, by Monday the 21st of August, with the expected number of guests

_____ (student/ family name) will be expecting _____ guests to share in Grandparents/ Special Person's Day.



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://compasstix.com/e/h2ms51kra9> or go to [Compasstix.com](https://compasstix.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.

100 Days of School – 3rd of August 2023 Turning Back the Clock to 1883





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



Principals

A list of all known Head Teachers and Principals of Latrobe River State School and Willow Grove Primary School.

1883-1885	Herbert Sydney Hammett	1939-1943	Ronald Cordingly
1886	John G C Aurisch	1940	Maurice Douglas
1886-1888	Maria Kelly (Horsley)	1943-1945	Arthur Moorfield
1889-1890	Britt Pettigrove	1946-1947	Ian Sharp
1891	John E Chenall	1947	Francis Ryan
	Sarah Presland		
1891-1893	Harriet N Preston	1948-1949	Thomas Andrew Croft
1894-1896	Alice B Stokes	1948-1949	Sydney Coleman
1897-1898	M F Foley	1950-1952	Clifford Craig
1898	Martha Wilson (Anson)	1952-1953	Patrick Dunne
1899-1900	Christine Montgomery	1953-1957	Clyde Sibte
1901-1906	Joseph Cornwell	1958-1963	Bruce Baud
1905	Elizabeth O'Donnell	1961-1964	John Fitzgerald
1907-1908	Mary Foster	1964-1972	Arthur Methers
1908-1909	Gertrude Bowden	1972-1975	Ronald Young
1909	Catherine Graham	1975-1977	Andras Meszaros
1910-1912	Alma R Rushbrooke (Leckey)	1977-1998	Bill Taylor
1910-1911	Patrick Cooney	1999-2015	Ann Hogan
1912	Frederick Pritchard	2016-2018	Brendan Dawson
1912-1913	Percy Spriggins	2019-2022	Anthony Wilson
1914-1916	Arthur D Abbott (AIF)	2023-	Tamara Halket
1920-1928	Arthur D Abbott (AIF)		
1916-1917	Lily McKellar (Sutherland)		
1917	Annie McNeill (Gray)		
1918-1919	Adela Bolitho		
1929-1933	Edwin C Dodd		
1933	Marjorie Halling (Boucher)		
1934	Jeffrey Smith		
1934-1938	Alan G Legge		
1937-1938	Marie Munt (Olsen)		
1939	William Argall		



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140th Anniversary Celebrations - 9th August 2023

At today's 140 year anniversary celebrations all students and staff enjoyed a cake cut by the eldest student, Jordy, and the youngest student, Nellie, with school captain Teagan. Also shown are the Principal Ports bottled as part of celebrations from the 100 and 120 year anniversaries. Both bottles remain stored and unopened today!



INDOOR SOCCER

Any Under 7s, OR Under 9s who are interested in joining a team for indoor Soccer, please contact Sarah Marino on 0418 510 328. Reed and Acacia are both keen to enter a team this season. Registrations open soon.



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- 🏈 SUMMER JUNIOR SOCCER 🏈
- 🏈 REGISTRATIONS OPEN SOON 🏈

Start getting the team together because our registrations will be opening shortly! Competition starts early October! Full season information coming soon!

Our competition has seen some changes, please read the information below 😊

DIVISIONS:

- 👍 U7 (Born 2016/17/18)
- 👍 U9 (Born 2014/15)
- 👍 U11 (Born 2012/13)
- 👍 U13 (Born 2010/11)

GAME NIGHTS:

- 👍 U7's – Tuesday
- 👍 U9's – Wednesday
- 👍 U11's & U13's – Thursday

FOR SALE RIDE-ON LAWN MOWER



We are selling our school John Deere Z335E Ride-On Lawn Mower. The mower was purchased in October 2020. If you may be interested in purchasing the mower, please email Cindy at: cindy.walker@education.vic.gov.au with an expression of interest.



Bliss Balls

(from the Healthy Eating Advisory Service Website)

Serves 8

Ingredients

Oats – 2 cups

Dried dates – 2 cups

Cinnamon, ground – 2 teaspoons

Honey – 1/4 cup

Desiccated coconut (to coat)

Method

1. Process the oats, dates and cinnamon in a food processor.
2. Add the honey and mix with a wooden spoon or spatula to make a sticky consistency.
3. Roll 1 teaspoon of the mixture into balls.
4. Lightly roll each ball in coconut then refrigerate for 30 mins before serving.

Murphy's Meats Trafalgar

Gracies Arcade

TRAFALGAR 3824

5633 1194

Peter Nation Contracting

143 Marslens Road

HILL END 3825

0427 055 047

Helloworld Travel Moe

48 Moore Street

MOE 3825

5127 3388

Delfab Engineering

9 Della Torre Road

MOE 3825

5126 1425

Hill End Football Club

Main Road

WILLOW GROVE 3825

5635 2243

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**FOOTY TIPPING
COMPETITION
2023**

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