



# Williamstown North Primary School Newsletter

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**2020 Term Date**  
Term 2—14th Apr to 26th Jun  
Term 3—13th Jul to 18th Sept  
Term 4—5th Oct to 18th Dec

**Respect — Resilience — Responsibility — Doing Your Best**



**Last Day of Term**  
**Friday 26th June—2.30pm Finish & No Lunch Orders—Canteen Closed**

## Principal's Report

### End of Term Arrangements

A final reminder that students will be dismissed **early on Friday** to begin their mid-year break. Please note the following staggered arrangements for students leaving early via their corresponding gates:

*2:20pm – Years 1 and 2 to be dismissed*

*2:25pm – Years 3 and 4 to be dismissed*

*2:30pm – Foundation, Years 5 and 6 to be dismissed*

Students will resume for Term 3 on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Given the events over the last week in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic, the school is planning to continue with the staggered drop offs and picks ups that have been operating over recent weeks as we project into next term. If this situation changes over the holiday break, we will issue a newsfeed through the holidays to provide an update.

We sincerely thank all parents for their cooperation this term on this complex matter; it's certainly been a term we will never forget!

At tonight's School Council meeting, we will consider whether the grounds will remain in lockdown over the school holidays. A newsfeed will be issued on Friday to confirm the holiday arrangements.

### Student Reports

Mid-year Student Reports will be issued tomorrow for all students on our Compass platform. As explained through the newsletter over previous weeks, these reports have been composed on a modified format to give parents a brief snapshot of each child's achievements this semester, as well as some short commentary on each child's response to remote learning this term. I sincerely commend the work of our fabulous teachers once again, who have compiled these reports in the absence of extensive data sets, which under normal circumstances would have been undertaken by all students.

New items added to the Calendar

**Friday 26th June**  
Last day of Term 2  
Early Finish at 2.30pm

### STUDENT BREAK TIMES

**Foundation to Year 2**

Recess Break  
11.00am to 11.30am  
Lunch Break  
1.40pm to 2.30pm

**Year 3 to Year 6**

Recess Break  
10.00am to 10.30am  
Lunch Break  
12.40pm to 1.30pm

**Dates for your Diary**  
**Provisional 2021 Foundation Enrolments has begun.**  
Forms are available at the office or download from the School Website.

**Tuesday 4th August**  
School Photo Day



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### **Parent/Teacher/Student (P/T/S) Conferences**

Parents will have an opportunity to discuss their child/ren's mid-year report at P/T/S Conferences scheduled for early next term. For students in Foundation to Year 2, conferences will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July, whilst students in Years 3 – 6 have their conferences scheduled for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Each conference will be of 10 minutes duration and parents will be able to select a preferred time on Compass between 1:00 and 7:00pm.

Some teachers have elected to undertake their conferences remotely for the first time. Please take a moment to read the P/T/S Conference flyer in today's newsletter. Parents will be able to book conferences during the first week of next term, when bookings are live from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Term 3 Daily Operations**

The return of students from remote learning this term, afforded the school the opportunity to trial some different timetabling arrangements whereby F – 2 students operated under a different timetable to students in Years 3 – 6. Over recent weeks, teachers have noted many pros and cons to operating under two timetables; particularly in regards to student learning and patterns of play at recesses and lunchtimes.

We would now like to trial a different timetable in term 3, based on the feedback over recent weeks, which is somewhat of a 'hybrid' model of the current arrangements.

From the start of term 3, all students from F – 6 will undertake a two hour learning block from 9 -11am, to ensure a strong literacy block is facilitated for all students. A common recess break from 11:00 – 11:30am will be undertaken for all students, whereby year levels will be directed to play in allocated zones.

Students in F – 2 will continue to have their lunch at 1:30pm as per the current arrangements, with their extended lunch play in the grounds from 1:40 – 2:30pm.

Students in Years 3 – 6 will have their lunch at 12:30pm as per the current arrangements, with their extended lunch play in the grounds from 12:40pm – 1:30pm.

In summary, we hope that a common recess time combined with separate lunchtimes, we enable the school build a stronger learning focus in the morning, as well as maintaining a strong wellbeing focus over the longer lunchtime break for all students.

All of these timetable trials, will provide important observations for the school as we begin to delve deeper into our School Review next term and begin to anticipate the school's structures under a new 4 year Strategic Plan.

### **Cleaning Update**

The school's Principal Class team met with our cleaning contractors last week to confirm/revise the elevated cleaning schedule that is currently in place. Prior to COVID-19, three cleaners would clean the school each night after students had left for the day. At present we have six cleaners appointed each day, to undertake a mixture of cleaning 'high-contact' areas through the school day as well as more intensive cleaning each night. Our contractors have now confirmed that additional cleaning staff will continue to be allocated to the school during Term 3, as well as undertaking a deep clean of many areas over the holiday break. It is certainly re-assuring to know that these arrangements will be in place next term, in order to ensure the health & wellbeing of all students and staff on-site each day.

### **Remote Learning Survey Result**

In last week's newsletter we shared a number of graphs from our recent remote learning survey. Unfortunately the feedback from the last two survey questions was accidentally omitted from the newsletter. Consequently, in addition to the tabulated data, the following commentary is a summary of the responses to the final two questions on the survey:

***What aspects of learning from home worked well:*** Structure and routine, understanding of classroom routines/ timetabling, presentations and content, explicit teaching, engagement and flexibility, videos, daily catch ups, loan of lap tops, creativity of online programs, fun and engaging lessons, students kept busy, Google Meets specialist classes on one day, slides ready at 9am and connectedness with the teachers.

***What aspects of learning from home could have been improved:*** More interaction in real time with teachers and students, checking in with students and further feedback regarding work completed, disparity between year levels, expectations and reliance on parents was difficult, more differentiation of work to cater for varying student needs, seasaw was unreliable and difficult to use at times, after a few weeks the program became mundane - needed to be continually refreshed.

Our sincere thanks to the one hundred parents who took the time to complete this survey. As everyone is aware, there were many complexities to facilitating remote learning. In addition to the survey data above, our teachers also dedicated a staff meeting recently to analyse the successes and challenges associated with remote learning. All of this feedback will now be used to formulate the school's mid-year Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) report.

Enjoy the break.  
Jim Cahill—Principal

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# WILLIAMSTOWN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL - 1409 PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES

Foundation to Year 6 - Week 2, Term 3,

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July, for Foundation to Year 2

& Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, for Years 3 to 6

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parent/Teacher/Student (PTS) conferences will be held for all Foundation to Year 2 classes on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Year 3 to 6 classes on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

We now invite all parents/guardians to book a PTS conference with your child's classroom teacher. The conferences will be 10 minutes duration and scheduled between 1.00pm and 7.00pm, with a teacher break from 5.00pm and 5.30pm.

**Please note these teachers have elected to have their PTS Conference remotely via WebEx.** You can still make an appointment online via the Compass booking process, however the appointment will be held remotely.

Anita Goldsworthy Year 5G    Dianna Lane Year 4L    Vicki Symons Year 4S    Jamie Peters Year 4P

Fran McCormick Year 3Mc    Julie Case Year 2C    Belinda Randall Year 2R

If your child's teacher is having face to face PTS Conferences and you don't feel comfortable to meet directly, please contact your child's teacher directly via email. The focus of the conference will be to provide you with brief details of your child's progress in Semester 1. This will include shared commentary on work habits, achievements, future learning goals and connectedness.

**Using Compass you can book your Parent/Teacher/Student Conference online from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, once the Newsfeed has been sent.**

1. Parents will have a notification on their Compass dashboard advising them that they have a conference cycle open to make bookings for their child/ren.
2. Parents can click the notification to proceed to make a booking. Parent can either click **'Start Booking Now'** or **'Show Me How to Book'** to proceed'.

Please remember, that once a time has been booked, the options for parents are reduced. Be prompt to select your time. If all conference times are booked, please contact your child's teacher to make an alternative time.

If your appointment is during the school day, details of where your child/ren will be, will be advised in a Newsfeed. Collect your child and then proceed to the designated classroom to meet with their teacher. For those conferences being held remotely, your child will be with their teacher in the classroom during your designated conference time.

For classes that have two teachers, please select the following teacher when making an appointment: -

Year 6SH – Crissy Samaras                      Year 5GH – Cathy Graham                      Year 5NE – Sarah Nobbs  
Year 3DR – Wendy Drayton                      Year 2DV – Carey Dewerson                      Year 1PF – Ashleigh Paton

## The PTS Conference days are as follows:

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July - Foundation to Year 2	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July - Years 3 to 6
1.00pm to 5.00pm	1.00pm to 5.00pm
5.00pm to 5.30pm (Staff Break)	5.00pm to 5.30pm (Staff Break)
5.30pm to 7.00pm	5.30pm to 7.00pm

# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

**If you are unwell, please stay at home.**

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults. Please follow these physical distancing measures:

- avoid gathering in a group inside or around the school



- keep 1.5m between yourself and other adults



- avoid handshakes and hugs



- wash your hands regularly.



## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

**If you are unwell, please stay at home.**

Please do not enter if you have any of the following symptoms:

- fever
- shortness of breath
- flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat or runny nose.



## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

**Please do not drink directly from  
drinking fountains.**

Students should bring their own  
water bottle for use at school.

Taps may be used to refill  
water bottle.



### **Williamstown High SEAL 2021 Rescheduled Edutest Examination Update:**

The Edutest examination for the Year 7 Select Entry Accelerated Program 2021 has been rescheduled to Saturday 18th July 2020.

Only students who sit the Edutest examination can be considered for the Year 7 2021 SEAL program.

Edutest will send further details to registered applicants outlining the process for the day. Please contact Edutest directly if you have any queries regarding the Edutest examination by email [info@edutest.com.au](mailto:info@edutest.com.au) or phone +61 3 9014 1411.

Any questions regarding the SEAL Program at Williamstown High School can be directed to the SEAL Program Coordinator, Liz Lorenc, via email: [seal@willhigh.vic.edu.au](mailto:seal@willhigh.vic.edu.au)

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to address the impact of covid-19.

# FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

## Williamstown North Primary School

### "Finding Out About Williamstown North Primary School"

Due to COVID-19 and the requirements that are in place according to the State and Federal Governments, our 'Finding Out About Williamstown North Primary School' will not be held. When circumstances change we will organise an Information Sessions and/or tours and post this information on our website.

If you have decided that your child/ren will be enrolling at Williamstown North Primary School for 2021, please complete the enrolment form and provide a copy of the required documents

Provisional enrolments for 2021 Foundation students has commenced. The 'Enrolment Form' and 'Preliminary Information Sheet' are available, a copy can be collected from the General Office or downloaded from the school website.

If you have any questions, or concerns regarding enrolments, please contact the school office on 9397 5722.



### School Tours To Be Advised

See below a link to our Website to watch a Virtual Tour of the School.

<https://www.willynthps.vic.edu.au/page/172>



### Please Provide the following information when lodging your enrolment

1. Enrolment Form and Preliminary Information Sheet
2. Proof of Age - (Child's Birth Certificate)
3. Certificate of Immunization (School Entry Form)
4. Three documents as "Proof of Residential Address".  
(Drivers Licence, a Rates notice/Lease Document and a third document with your **full name & residential address**).
5. Additional documentation maybe requested by the Principal/ Assistant Principal.

### Enrolment Policy

Please note as endorsed by the Department of Education, only families who reside within the defined school neighbourhood are eligible to seek enrolment.

A map defining the school neighbourhood is available on the school website.

**CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT WILL BE MADE EMAILED & POSTED TOWARDS THE END OF TERM 3.**

### **Parent Information Night for 2021 Foundation Students**

The parent Information Night for parents of confirmed 2021 Foundation students will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30pm to 8.00pm, Kay Margetts from Melbourne University will speak on "School Readiness" and "School Expectations".

### **Transition Program**

Our 'Kinder to School' Transition program for our 2021 Foundation students will commence week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Week 3 of Term 4.



All transition details will be included with the 'Letter of Enrolment' sent to families.

## Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)

Fresh Fruit Friday needs parent volunteers. Please email Linda Taylor directly, so she can add you to the roster—

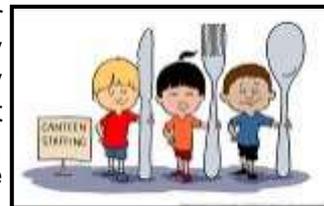


[taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**Fresh Fruit Friday has been cancelled until further notice.**

## Canteen

Julianne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of time parents or family members can volunteer. Contact Julianne via the General Office. New parents or family members are most welcome.



**Thursday 25th June—Not Required**

**Friday 26th June—CANTEEN CLOSED**

**Term 3 Roster will be published earlier next term**

## Uniform Shop News

Primary School Wear (PSW) is our Uniform supplier. Uniforms can be purchased at their outlet located at Unit 1, 128 Bertie Street Port Melbourne, or online.



Email—[portmelbourne@psw.com.au](mailto:portmelbourne@psw.com.au).

Trading hours are

Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm,  
Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm.

## School Banking

School banking day is Wednesday.

Don't forget to send in your child's bank book.



## Student Safety

Please take the time to regularly remind your child/ren about safety, especially when going to and from school.

- Do not talk to strangers and never accept a ride, lollies or gifts from a stranger.
- Immediately report any issue or problem you may have when going to or from school, to your mum and dad, or your teacher, the Principal, Assistant Principal or office staff.
- Always get permission from mum or dad before going to play with a friend after school and always let mum and dad know where you will be and what time you will be home.

We advise that wherever possible, children should travel to or from school with an adult or friends, rather than travel alone.

## Early Release

All children collected from school before 3.30pm must be signed out at the Office with an 'Early Release Pass' to hand to the supervising teacher. If a child is signed out at Recess or Lunch time, your child will be called to the Office and the Early Release Pass will be given to the supervising teacher.

## Working With Children Cards

Cardholders who are required to renew their WWCC will no longer need to go to Australia Post to lodge a paper form and present their current card. Cardholders will go to the WWCC website to complete their renewal application online and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the fee using a credit card when using the **online renewal process**. Cardholders will be notified by SMS, letter or email 28 days before their WWCC is due to expire. It is important for cardholders to keep their contact details up to date so that they receive this important reminder.

After receiving a notification, individuals continuing to do child-related work should go to MyCheck on the WWCC website and apply to renew their check. Cardholders will be asked to register with MyCheck if they have not already done so. Once logged in to MyCheck, cardholders will be prompted to confirm or update their personal contact and work details, complete the online form and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the non-refundable fee.

**More information:** an FAQ guide to online renewals will be available in 'Publications' under 'Resources' on the WWC website, or contact the Customer Support Line on 1300 652 879 8.30am – 5.00pm weekdays except public holidays.

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

## Bikes & Scooters

Many children ride bikes and scooters to school each day. All bikes and scooters must be locked up in either the Bike or Scooter Enclosure to prevent theft. Please ensure your child has a chain and a lock.

All children who ride a bike or scooter must wear a helmet which is a requirement by the Government. The school regularly reminds all children about wearing helmets for their safety.

All bikes, scooters, skateboards, ribstic and helmets must be labelled, with your child's name and class. **Children are reminded they must walk their bike, scooter, skateboard**

**or ribstic to and from the school gates. No bikes are to be brought through the school buildings and we request, where possible, that scooters are also not walked through the building.**





There are plenty of appointments available at Williamstown Town Hall and Laverton Community Centre for family **Flu Immunisations**. Follow this link to book in:

<https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/hobsonsbayimmunisation>

## 2020 Influenza Vaccine

Flu vaccine is now available at Council sessions. Immunisation is by appointment only and a separate appointment is required for each person requiring immunisation. New immunisation sessions will be added regularly.

If you have more than one child/person to be immunised you will need to book separate appointments, ideally one after another.

We are also asking that just **one adult accompanies their child/children to the immunisation session**. Please do not bring extended family/carers to these sessions. You'll notice that our immunisation nurses may be wearing protective items like masks, gloves and eye protectors. This is to protect staff and our community from the spread of the virus.

The flu vaccine is free for:

- children 6 months to 5 years of age
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People
- people with a chronic medical illness, e.g. heart disease, diabetes, asthma
- all people >65 years

For healthy adults and children over 5 years of age the vaccine costs \$22.00 and is payable by EFTPOS at the session.

