



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

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Principal's Report

Return to School Arrangements

We are so excited to be planning for the return of all students in **Foundation to Year Two next Tuesday 26th May**. Whilst we understand that there is some nervousness and concern about school resuming, we hope you will be reassured by the detailed plans below, which aim to ensure a safe and very positive start for all students, staff and parents.

Firstly, we confirm Monday 25th May is a state wide Staff Training Day and no students are to attend school. (Remote learning will not be operating on this day).

Please take some time to carefully read the details below which will apply from Tuesday 25th May until Friday 5th June:

Drop Off Arrangements:

- ⇒ **Foundation** to be dropped off at **9:10am** and to enter via the **double gates on Freyer Street**.
- ⇒ **Year 1** to be dropped off at **9:00am** and to enter via the **double gates near the junior playground on Melbourne Road**.
- ⇒ **Year 2** to be dropped off **8:50am** and enter via the **main entrance opposite the traffic lights on Melbourne Road**.

Several staff will be present on each of these entrances to welcome students and to direct them to their classrooms. **Unfortunately parents will not be able to enter the grounds at this time.** We ask that parents move directly away from these entrances after drop off times so that appropriate social distancing can be maintained.

*Parents may elect to keep siblings with them until their appropriate starting time, or alternatively they can be dropped off at the Junior playground (where there will be staff supervision provided) until their relevant start time.

Please note that all students will require a **drink bottle each day** as bubbler taps will not be operational.

The canteen will be available to provide lunches as usual from Tuesday 26th May onwards.

New items added to the Calendar

Dates for your Diary
Monday 25th May
Staff Training Day

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Tuesday 4th August
School Photo Day

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Return to School
Foundation to Year 2
Return on Tuesday 25th May
Year 3 to 6
Return on Tuesday 9th June

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Provisional 2021 Foundation
Enrolments has begun.
Forms are available at the
office or download from the
school website.



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Pick Up Arrangements:

Importantly, please note that parents will not be permitted to enter the grounds at pick up time. We ask that parents space themselves along the corresponding footpath areas mentioned below:

- ⇒ **Foundation** students to be dismissed at 3:25pm. Teachers will assemble classes spaced across the Freyer St end of the soccer field and students will be released when there is a visual sighting of a parent/guardian.
- ⇒ **Year 1** children to be dismissed at 3:20pm. Teachers will assemble classes spaced across the synthetic grass at the front of the school (near the Year 1 classrooms) and students will be released when there is a visual sighting of a parent/guardian.
- ⇒ **Year 2** children to be dismissed at 3:15pm. Teachers will assemble classes spaced across the grass area either side of the main entrance (behind the hedge) and students will be released when there is a visual sighting of a parent/guardian.

We seek the support of all parents during this important transition back to school for students in Foundation to Year 2. The staggered times and designated entrance/exit points outlined above, will be reviewed and updated with further advice being provided before students in Years 3 – 6 start back on Tuesday 9th June.

Please note that students in Foundation to Year 2 will take their breaks at the usual times for recess and lunch over the next two weeks, with Foundation students restricted to Area A at the front of the school and Years 1 and 2 spread across the soccer field, main play equipment zone, the basketball courts and the running track (Tasmania).

Over the next few days, it will be important to begin building school routines again (particularly in relation to going to bed and getting up in the morning). A short social story is attached to the newsletter and also available on the website at https://www.willynthps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/returning_to_school_social_story.pdf to support the conversations at home about returning to school. We hope you find this beneficial.

Whilst on-site learning will start for students in Foundation to Year 2 next week, students in Years 3 – 6 will continue to undertake remote learning at home until they resume on Tuesday 9th June. We recognise with junior students resuming next week, many teachers and possibly other workers will also be returning to their work places next week. If this is the case for you, whereby there will no longer be anyone at home to provide supervision, the school will provide on-site supervision for students in Years 3 – 6 so that they may undertake their remote learning at school.

To access this on-site supervision, the school will require documentation (via an email) to verify your return to work and to substantiate that there is no longer anyone at home to provide supervision. Given that the school will need to engage casual relief staff to provide this supervision, we request this information from parents by midday on Friday 22nd May, so we may plan ahead for this supervision. On-site supervision forms will also need to be completed for eligible students to access this supervision.

From next Tuesday, temperature checks will not be undertaken for students attending school. However, if a student presents at the Health Hub with any COVID-like symptoms, parents will be contacted immediately to collect their child from school. Further to this, children must not be sent to school under any circumstances if they are unwell.

Increased signage is on display around the school to remind students that 'Coronavirus Restrictions are in Place'. We have included these in the Newsletter to support some further conversations at home. The school has been allocated additional cleaning hours and we continue to touch base with our cleaners on a daily basis to ensure additional cleaning is being undertaken during the school day on all key surfaces. Each classroom is equipped with hand sanitiser and students will be directed to use this as they enter the classrooms after recess and lunch breaks.

We hope the above plans reassure all families that the initial transition back to school has been well considered by the school. We will of course closely monitor the start of students in F – 2, so that we can successfully prepare for June 9th whereby all students will be back on-site. If there are any pressing matters you would like to seek further clarification on at this point, please feel welcome to email me at cahill.jim.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Attendance

If parents have chosen to keep their child/ren home, please email Belinda (gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au) so that the correct coding can be used on Compass.

Enjoy the rest of your week

Jim Cahill—Principal

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.



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



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 ON FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST, 2020.

Parent Information Night for 2021 Foundation Students

The parent Information Night for parents of confirmed 2021 Foundation students will be held on Monday 9th 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 19th October, Week 3 of Term 4.



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

For our School Zone go to www.willynth.vic.edu.au / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map

Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)

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

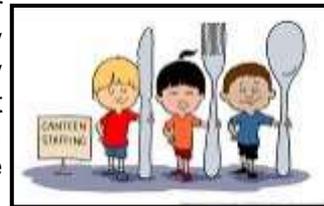


taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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.



Canteen to resume normal ordering from Tuesday 26th May.

Wednesday 3rd June—TBA

Thursday 4th June—TBA

Friday 5th June—TBA

Wednesday 10th June—TBA

Thursday 11th June—TBA

Friday 12th June—TBA

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.

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.

