



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

Foundation to Year 2 Students Return

We were so excited to welcome our Foundation to Year 2 students yesterday as they returned back to school. This went extremely smoothly, with the staggered times and multiple entrance/exit points ensuring a very calm and orderly start and finish to the day. We will monitor these interim arrangements closely over the coming week, to help shape our plans for when our students in Years 3 – 6 return on Tuesday 9th June.

We once again thank all parents for monitoring all school communications over recent weeks and for the fabulous support to date, as we continue to navigate the many complexities of the COVID-19 pandemic.



New items added to the Calendar

Dates for your Diary
Tuesday 4th August
School Photo Day

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Return to School
Year 3 to Year 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.

Reminder Year 6 to 7 Transition Forms

A final reminder to all families who have a student in Year 6, that Transition Forms for Secondary Placement are due by the end of this week – Friday 29th May.

Please ensure these forms are returned to the main office by 3:30pm on Friday, so that we can begin to submit all initial placement requests to each relevant Secondary College over the next week.

Don't hesitate to make contact with the main office if you require any assistance with this documentation.

Drinking Fountains – Water Bottles

In following the Department of Education & Training (DET) guidelines for the return to school operations, all external drinking fountains are currently turned off and marked with hazard tape to remind students that they are not operational.

In the interim, all students are required to bring their own drink bottle to school each day.

If these drink bottles need to be filled during the school day, most classrooms have their own tap to ensure this can be easily done. Otherwise students will be directed to a designated area to fill their water bottles.

Further to these current hydration practices, we also confirm that Fresh Fruit Friday will not be operating for the remainder of this term. Understandably, the sharing of any food items is not permitted under the current guidelines.

Lockdown of School Grounds

Over the last six weeks, the school grounds have been closed to the public after hours as part of the COVID-19 restrictions. With restrictions on playgrounds currently being eased, we will undertake discussions at School Council to determine whether we remain in lockdown for a further period as an added precaution, or whether we open the grounds after hours for families to use. An update on this matter will be provided in next week's Newsletter.

Years 3 – 6 Arrangements

Please note that Remote Learning remains in place for all students in Years 3 – 6 until Friday 5th June. We have continued to work closely with many families on this matter as individual circumstances continue to change. Where parents have been able to validate work commitments beyond home, the school has been able to provide on-site supervision so that students in Years 3 – 6 can access on-site supervision in order to continue with their remote learning. This week we've supported between 20 - 25 students each day with additional staff to undertake this role. We again sincerely thank parents for the continued efforts to juggle work at home and supervision of students who are undertaking remote learning where possible.

As we now compose our plans for all students to be on-site from Tuesday 9th June, we ask all families to closely monitor the Newsletter and relevant Newsfeeds over the coming week as these plans are released.

Remote Learning Feedback

Thank you to the many families who have taken the time to forward emails, letters & cards recently to express thanks to our wonderful teachers for their amazing efforts in recent weeks. We are very eager to seek broader feedback from parents regarding the school's Remote Learning platforms that have been operating this term and will therefore include a short survey in next week's Newsletter in order to capture some of this feedback more formally as part of our mid-year Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) reporting process.

Congratulations Ashleigh and Joel

On behalf of the school community, we would like to pass on our congratulations to Ashleigh Paton (Year 1 teacher) and her husband Joel on the announcement that baby number two is on the way later this year. We will be excited to share this journey over the coming months as we anticipate the birth of a brother/sister for little William.

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.



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 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

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



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 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—Not Required

Thursday 4th June—Not Required

Friday 5th June—Not Required

Wednesday 10th June—Not Required

Thursday 11th June—Not Required

Friday 12th June—Not Required

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.

