



Williamstown North Primary School Newsletter

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2020 Term Date
Term 3—13th Jul to 18th Sept
Term 4—5th Oct to 18th Dec

Respect — Resilience — Responsibility — Doing Your Best



New items added to the
Calendar

Principal's Report

Remote Learning Update

Sincere thanks again to all students and parents/carers for your ongoing efforts at home over the last week to establish routines around our remote learning platforms. Through our ongoing collaboration with families, we have been able to forge agreed practices whereby there is general 'comfort' and agreement for how to work through the daily programs. We continue to appreciate the feedback and where possible we continue to 'tweak' our remote learning provision to ensure it is both accessible and manageable for all families.

I've had several enquiries over the last week about the possibility of posting the daily programs the evening before. We've had ongoing discussions with teachers around how they are managing their workload at the moment and many of them have shared that on most mornings they are putting the finishing touches to their slides, taking into account student responses/feedback from the day before. This process of reflection to guide our teaching practice, which typically echoes the normal practice in a regular classroom, is an important consideration when putting our programs together each day to ensure they are manageable for all students. Of course we will continue to monitor this situation, however in the interim, if you are needing more time to prepare for the remote learning day, you might like to work a 'day behind' (in collaboration with your child's teacher) on the slides to build in greater flexibility for your family.

We have been really pleased to see the large majority of children joining their Google Meets/WebEx meetings most days. This connectedness and checking-in is really important for all students wellbeing during this current period of remote learning. We seek your support to ensure your children are ready to undertake these meetings with minimal distractions. They need to be dressed (sorry no pj's!) and to preferably have had breakfast prior to their meets. Unless pre-arranged with the teacher, the presence of pets/younger siblings etc is not preferred and we also ask that parents also have an awareness of their own actions possibly in view in the background. We do want to ensure that the support offered through these brief meetings times is optimised for all students.

This week we began to undertake virtual assemblies for the first time, with a junior and senior assembly posted last Monday. We have really missed recognising our students of the week over the last several months and now hope to build this back into our virtual assemblies each week, with certificates being emailed to families afterwards. In addition to the students of the week, we do hope to build in more student content over the coming weeks to find out more about the wonderful learning taking place in homes across our Willy North community. Please feel very welcome to forward work samples, special messages, videos etc if you have something you would like to share at an upcoming virtual assembly to the following link: assembly@willynthps.vic.edu.au.

School Photos

Our whole school photos which were planned for next week have once again been cancelled. Fortunately we have been able to reschedule these to an alternative date in term 4. Further details will be provided through the newsletter. We really want to make sure we capture this extraordinary 2020 school year!

2021 Foundation Enrolments

We can confirm that we have four foundation classes filled for next year with approximately 80 students pre-enrolled in this 2021 cohort. Throughout August, we plan to host virtual Q & A meetings with small groups of prospective parents, in order to finalise all of foundation enrolments for next year. Stay tuned for more details on how to book a meeting with the school's Principal Class team.

Enjoy the rest of the week
Jim Cahill—Principal



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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.

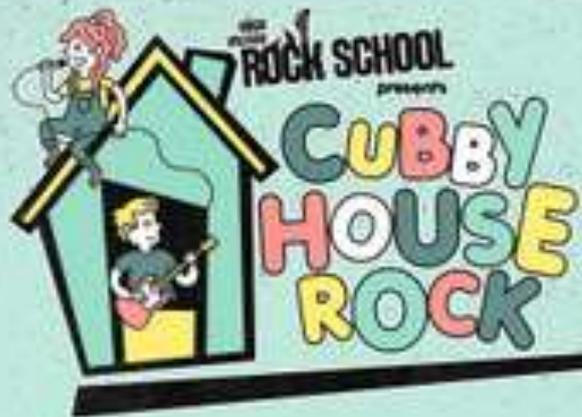


CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

**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.



ONLINE LESSONS NOW AVAILABLE!

**LEARN TO ROCK FROM HOME WITH ONLINE
LESSONS STRAIGHT FROM THE CUBBY HOUSE!**

**INSTRUMENTS WE TEACH: GUITAR, BASS, DRUMS,
KEYBOARD, VOCALS AND UKE.**

**CUBBY HOUSE ROCK IS A CHILD SAFE
ORGANISATION AND ALL STAFF HOLD A BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION AND CURRENT POLICE CHECK.**

VISIT WWW.HVRS.NET.AU OR

EMAIL US AT [DAN@HVRS.NET.AU](mailto:dan@hvrs.net.au) TO BOOK YOUR LESSON!



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.

