



Williamstown North Primary School

# Newsletter

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## 2020 Term Date

Term 4—5th Oct to 18th Dec

## 2021 Term Date

Wed 27th January 2021

Teachers return & Office open

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Thurs 28th January 2021

All Students Return

New items added to the  
Calendar

Friday 18th December

Last Day of Term

Early Finish @1.30pm

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



## Principal's Report

### 2021 Parent Payments

As a follow up to last week's newsletter, all families should have now received a letter (mailed to the home address), providing an overview of the payments required for the 2021 academic year. If you did not receive this letter, could you please make contact with the school immediately so that we may check the address of your primary residence on Compass and re-issue this documentation.

We're delighted that we have been able to maintain the overall cost at the same level as this year, with the \$550.00 per child covering all essential classroom supplies, Incursions/Excursions, daily access to a nurse and computer technician, as well as provision to continue to maintain our grounds to a high standard. (For families carrying forward credits from 2020 excursion payments, please note that a payment of \$410.00 will cover all charges in 2021).

In support of the commitments that the school has made on your behalf, we seek full payment of these charges by the end of the school year. Cash payments can be made at the office until 4.00pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, or alternatively EFTPOS payments can be made at the office until 4.00pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please note that full payment of this amount for each child, will ensure that all of your child's essential books/pens/pencils etc, will be ready for them on the first school day next year.

Parent payments have been structured within the guidelines provided by the Department of Education & Training (DET) with the approval of our School Council. Our Parent Payment Policy is freely available on the school's website for any parents who would like more information about these payments. Please feel welcome to access this policy at:

[https://www.willynthps.vic.edu.au/uploaded\\_files/media/parentpaymentsonepageoverview\\_november\\_2020.pdf](https://www.willynthps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/parentpaymentsonepageoverview_november_2020.pdf)

### Transition

The first stage of our Whole School Transition program began last Friday afternoon, with students across all year levels attending an assembly facilitated by the teachers currently teaching at the next year level. These teachers discussed some of the key aspects of the programs at these year levels as well as some of the major activities that students can anticipate at their new year level (pending future restrictions and operational guidelines). Students also had the opportunity to ask



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questions about their new level and to discuss any matters that they may be unsure about. For many students, there is much excitement and positivity about their future class, whilst other students can be quite anxious and nervous about these future changes. Through the several stages of our transition program over the coming weeks, we aim to ensure that all students are well supported and equipped to confidently begin 2021!

The next stage of this Transition process will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, where students will participate in a morning of activities designed to orient them to the learning environments ahead next year. The final stage of the Transition program will see all students visiting their new teachers with their new class on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am. Stay tuned for further details on these final stages which will be provided closer to the time through the newsletter.

### Revised Drop Off Arrangements



## DROP OFF

We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all families for the fantastic cooperation with the revised drop off & pick up arrangements during this term. On the whole, these arrangements have successfully ensured the safe arrival and departure of all students whilst also facilitating appropriate social distancing amongst parents.

As previously reported through the newsletter, all entrance points around the school will **open at 8:50am and now close at 9:05am each morning**. We hope this 15 minute window for arrival provides sufficient scope for all families to get to school on time comfortably, noting that all schools in Victoria are still operating under modified guidelines for the remainder of this year at this stage. This reduced arrival period has also been very beneficial for settling students into their classroom studies a little quicker each morning.

Given the very smooth starts each day, we don't see the need to stagger the arrival times further based on the first letter of family surnames. Please feel welcome to now arrive during any point between 8:50am and 9:05am at your gate.

Any students arriving after 9:05am will however still be required to collect a late pass from the main office.

### Supporting Willy North Families

As the school year begins to draw to an end and we begin to prepare for the upcoming festive season, we appreciate that this Xmas might look very different for some Willy North families this year.

At our recent Community Engagement meeting we discussed a proposal whereby we would love to put Xmas Hampers together for any families in need. We appreciate that this matter requires some sensitivity and so any hampers would be delivered discretely through friends of the family.

If you know of a family who could really use a helping hand this Xmas – please send me an email at [jim.cahill@educaton.vic.gov.au](mailto:jim.cahill@educaton.vic.gov.au). We don't need any details about these families, at this point we are simply trying to determine how many hampers we might need to put together.



### A Small Welding Project

At this time of the year, many classes are utilising the picnic tables under the ornamental pears near the canteen as a very comfortable additional classroom space for students to work and eat their lunch. A bench seat on one of these tables became dislodged last week and needs a welding repair. We'd love to hear from a parent who might be able to assist with this welding repair. Please feel welcome to email me if you might be able to assist: [jim.cahill@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:jim.cahill@education.vic.gov.au)

Enjoy the rest of the week  
Jim Cahill—Principal

# SWAP SHOP SALE—ONLINE

*If you have any items to donate, please leave them at the office.*

*Second hand uniforms are available to order online.*

*The orders will be packed and taken to the office for pick up each Friday.*

*Currently we have ample stock of everything in sizes 4—10 and in larger sizes we mostly have bottoms (e.g. shorts).*

*To place an order please email Kim at [kimpannone@bigpond.com](mailto:kimpannone@bigpond.com)  
Kim will reply to your email and advise that she has the item/s you are requesting.*

## Prices are as follows:

\$5.00 items: - Rugby tops, Baseball jackets, Long sleeve polos, Girls long pants, Track pants, Stussy pants, Short sleeve polos, Stussy shorts, Skorts

\$15.00 item: - Winter Tunic

\$2.00: - Hats

\$10.00 Item: - Summer dresses

Up to \$20.00: - School Bags depending on quality

## CASH OR EFTPOS AVAILABLE

If you have any school clothing you no longer require or want, Swap Shop would greatly appreciate your donation. Clothing must be in reasonably good condition and clean. Please only donate Polo and Rugby tops that have the school logo. Any donations of clothing can be dropped off at the front office.

Thank you, Kim Pannone & Emma Bell – Swap Shop Coordinators

## 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.



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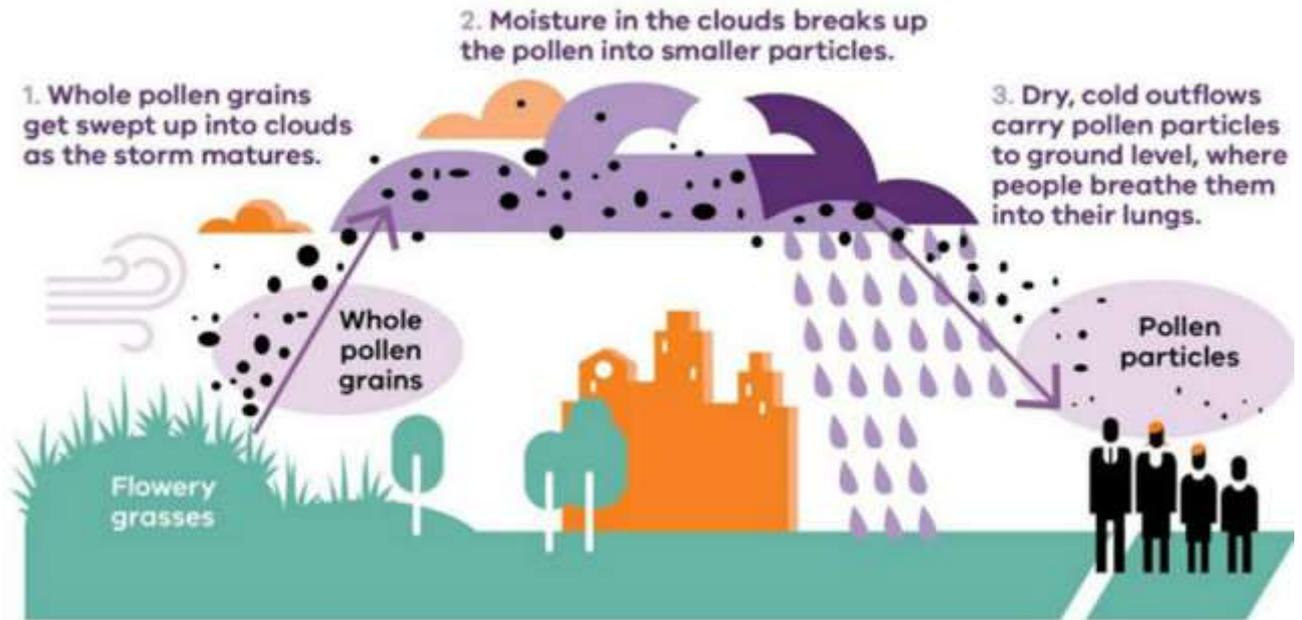
Please do not enter if you have any of the following symptoms:

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





## What is thunderstorm asthma?



## The risk of experiencing Thunderstorm Asthma increases if you have:

- diagnosed asthma
- undiagnosed or mild asthma
- **seasonal hay fever** without asthma



### Melbourne Grass Pollen Forecast

TUESDAY November 10, 2020	WEDNESDAY November 11, 2020	THURSDAY November 12, 2020	FRIDAY November 13, 2020	SATURDAY November 14, 2020	SUNDAY November 15, 2020
Extreme	High	High	High	High	High