



Williamstown North Primary School

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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

School Council Thanks

Tonight is the last scheduled School Council meeting for the year. Over the course of 2020, nine parents and four teachers have met on a regular basis as school councillors to make important decisions for our school. Interestingly, whilst meetings in Term 1 were held on-site in person, all council meetings are now conducted via WebEx – how things have changed! The dedication and commitment of our councillors to their roles has indeed been commendable as we reflect back on what has been an extraordinary year. The initial focus of Council to support our Whole School Review was quickly reframed as the school responded to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As they meet for the final time this evening, it is fitting to take a moment to sincerely thank the following parents and teachers for all of their hard work and sage advice over the year:

Julia Kaye (President), Matthew Round (Vice-President), Martin Gill (Treasurer and Facilities & Finance Convenor), Nadia Kettle (Community Engagement Convenor), Natalie Hammond (Education Convenor), Heath Venn, Aaron Hunt, Andi Lott, Simon Middleton, Wendy Emin, Tom Drummond and Robyn Law.

At the conclusion of each year, half of the councillors finish their tenure. Pending any potential renominations from existing councillors, there are always vacancies on School Council at the start of each school year. Watch out for this information in the newsletter early next year if you are interested in becoming a councillor. Let's hope the role of School Council can get back to some more 'normal' operations over the coming months, with our School Review being the prime focus of 2021.

Xmas Hampers

A big thank you to the several parents who touched base after last week's newsletter. We would now like to proceed with putting together ten Xmas Hampers for some Willy North families who have had a very tough year and who could really benefit from some support as we head into Xmas.



In putting the hampers together, we're seeking donations that might include: non-perishable food items with a Xmas theme (shortbreads/cake/pudding etc.), small Xmas decoration/Bons Bons, magazine/book, small voucher (Coles/Myer/local

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compton green

café/fruit shop), soap/bubble bath, jigsaw/puzzle book, herbal tea/coffee, movie tickets, candle etc.

If each school family could donate one item from the list above, we could transform the upcoming Xmas period for ten of our families in need! Any donated items can be dropped at the main foyer area, whilst vouchers etc. can be dropped off at the main office. We request that any donations are made by Friday 11th December, to allow sufficient time to put the hampers together before the end of the school year. We thank you in advance for any small item you might be able to contribute to support Willy North families.

Staffing News

The final stage of recruitment for teaching staff for next year has now been completed with the appointment of three graduate teachers last week. The school's leadership team is now just in the final stages of composing the new teaching teams at each year level for 2021.



Given that we will have four teachers on leave who will be returning, further staff going on maternity leave, as well as several teachers who will be transferring to new positions next year; every teaching team is therefore going to look quite different for the new school year ahead. I hope to be able to publish the exciting news about our new teaching teams in next week's newsletter.

Parking Around the School

I was somewhat saddened to hear of an unfortunate interchange between Willy North parents last week as a result of a parking matter before school. We understand that there are very few parking spots around the school and we regularly suggest that parents allow sufficient time each morning to park a little further away from the school (where possible) and walk the last few hundred metres to the school gates. Confrontations between parents are totally avoidable if the signage around the school is adhered to and families are not rushed in the morning. It can also be very distressing for young children to witness heated discussions between adults.

Ultimately, we want to ensure the safety of all students during these peak times of the school day and therefore seek the support of all parents on this important matter.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Jim Cahill—Principal



2021 Term Dates

Term One

27th January (Teachers Return), 28th January (Student Return) to 1st April

Term Two

19th April to 25th June

Term Three

12th July to 17th September

Term Four

4th October to 17th December



With Melbourne temperatures rising it is important that we prepare for hot days and look after each other, particularly children, the elderly and anyone with a pre-existing illness/condition.

The **Heat Illness Chart** is a guide to the relationship between ambient temperature and the risk of heat related illness.

Stress increases with rising air temperature and humidity places an extra toll on the body.

We perspire to stay cool but on humid days, sweat does not evaporate from the skin, so it becomes more difficult to regulate body temperature.

Plan Ahead

Students, please remember to pack your hat and drink bottle every day and apply sunscreen before school.

When hot days are forecast, freeze a big water bottle overnight to keep it cool all day. Frozen grapes and watermelon make great fruit snacks too.



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
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.



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.





FREE 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN FOR 2021 FOR EVERYBODY!

Have you enrolled your child/ren in 4 year old kindergarten for 2021?

There are still places available in centres across Hobsons Bay

Kindergarten is an important step for young children and is strongly recommended to give them the best start for school.

Enrol through Council's website

www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Community/Community-services/Families-Children/Kindergartens/Central-registration

or contact the kindergarten team on 1300 179 944
or enquire at your local centre.



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