



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



Last Day of School—Friday 18th December Early Finish at 1.30pm

Canteen Closed—Thur 17th & Fri 18th Dec

Principal's Report

Parent Thank You

On behalf of our staff, we would like to extend a big thank you to the band of parents who very kindly decorated the staffroom last Friday and provided the delicious cupcakes for all teachers and education support staff as thanks for their extraordinary collective efforts over the course of this year. (Special thanks to Monique Milenkovic for the very generous donation of cupcakes from the Cupcake Queen!) The heartfelt thanks expressed in the card were indeed very touching and gratefully received by all. We are so very lucky to be part of such a wonderfully supportive community at Willy North!



Staff Training Days for 2021

To assist your forward planning for next year, please note the following 2021 staff training days that were recently endorsed at School Council:

1. Wednesday 27th January (The school year will begin on Thursday 28th January for all year levels),
2. Tuesday 9th March,
3. Friday 14th May, and
4. Monday 1st November.

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Staffing News

Further to our staffing news in last week's newsletter which confirmed our teaching teams for 2021, we will sadly say farewell to the following teachers at the end of this year.

- ♦ *Joanne De Mesa (1D) has been appointed to Truganina South PS for 2021.*
- ♦ *Anita Goldsworthy has been appointed to Westbourne to teach Japanese next year.*
- ♦ *Maggie Snowden will return to her home town of Wangaratta to teach at Wangaratta District Specialist School in 2021.*
- ♦ *Kylie Missen has been appointed to Garrang Wilam where she will lead the Prep Team next year.*

Joanne and Maggie began their careers at Willy North this year as graduates and must certainly be commended and thanked for successfully navigating such an extraordinary year for their students!

Kylie has completed two years at our school and has done a great job leading the Year 3 team this year through the challenges of on-site and remote learning!

Anita began at WNPS in 2015 and has demonstrated amazing competency in undertaking roles such as teacher class, education support and even a specialist role in Japanese!

We congratulate all of these teachers on their new appointments and thank them deeply for the wonderful support they have so professionally extended to Willy North students. On behalf of our school community, we extend our best wishes for their future careers in teaching.

Spellodrome News

Students in Year 4L were indeed very excited to learn that they were first in the world last week on this electronic platform! Here's a short report from Charlie, Ella & Roy:

"4L have been working really hard on Spellodrome and they have some exciting news to share with WNPS. A few days ago, 4L found out that they had made the Hall Of Fame on Spellodrome and they were coming 32nd. The whole class was very excited and determined to beat their score.

Every day they each went on Spellodrome for at least 15 minutes, this moved them up the leader board. A few days later 4L were once again doing their 15 minutes when they noticed they were coming in 1st place!!! This caused a HUGE celebration spreading smiles across the classroom. This proves that practise makes perfect and if you work hard you can achieve anything!"

Written by, Charlie P, Ella G and Roy O



Position	Country	Name	School	Points
1	Australia	35 Lane : Year 4	Williamstown North Primary School, VIC, Australia	1644
2	United Kingdom	Mr Farman : Year 5	Phoenix Park Academy, Grimsby, United Kingdom	1577
3	Australia	Mr Laurence : Year 5	Bobs Farm Public School, NSW, Australia	1514
4	Australia	Mr Laurence : Year 4	Bobs Farm Public School, NSW, Australia	950
5	Australia	Mrs Robinson : Year 7	Elderslie High School, NSW, Australia	876



Specialist Programs in 2021

Next year we will proceed with a comprehensive suite of Specialist programs to complement our regular classroom provision. All students from Foundation to Year 6 will undertake an hour of Physical Education each week under the expert guidance of Jack Rhodes and Bill Manoleras. All other Specialist programs will be undertaken on a semester basis (six months) for one hour per week, with students participating in two of these programs at a time.

Helen Atkins will continue to engage students in a rich Japanese cultural and language program, with links to our sister school Shin Ishikawa PS near Yokohama.

Michelle Barnes will lead our Performing Arts program again next year with big plans afoot to rekindle the performance opportunities for our students.

Robyn Law will again immerse students in a broad range of opportunities as part of a comprehensive Visual Arts program.

Excitedly, Dale Evans will merge Science and Digital Technologies into a new specialist area that will have a strong STEM focus.

We are therefore very pleased to confirm that under this carefully planned specialist structure, all students will participate in three hours of specialist classes each week beyond their home classrooms in 2021.

December Student Reports

Our hard working teachers have been very busy over the last several weeks rebuilding achievement data sets for each student in preparation for end of year student reports. Whilst these upcoming reports won't provide achievement data/commentary across all curriculum areas due the periods of remote learning this year, progression points will be re-established to show progress in the key areas of literacy and numeracy.

Student reports will be available on Compass after 4.00pm on Thursday 17th December. We urge all families who are leaving the school at the end of the year to download these reports whilst access to our Compass platform is still available.

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

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 and clean condition. 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



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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