



# Williamstown North Primary School Newsletter

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**2020 Term Date**  
Term 1—29th Jan to 27th Mar  
Term 2—14th Apr to 26th Jun  
Term 3—13th Jul to 18th Sept  
Term 4—5th Oct to 18th Dec

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



## Principal's Report

### Playground Upgrade

Firstly, some good news to start off this week's newsletter!



After several weeks of hard work, we were delighted to open up a new play zone for our students today. This area was previously a very underutilised part of the grounds, but thanks to the hard work of several key staff and parents it has undergone quite a remarkable transformation. In addition to several sensory elements, there are fossil pits where students can discover buried creatures, as well as balancing beams, tactile panels and a fantastic new rubberised surface which defines the area beautifully.

This new play zone was the 'brain child' of Belinda Gill (Communications Officer), who several months ago saw the opportunity to creatively redevelop this area. I commend Belinda on the wonderful initiative displayed in bringing this project to fruition.

As always, this project was a wonderful collaboration with some fantastic support from Joel Burchall (parent) who spent countless hours ensuring all landscaping aspects were finished to a high standard, whilst Jason Turnbull (parent) and co did a great job with all of the early excavation.

We would also like to recognise Hobsons Bay Council for the grant support we received, which made it financially viable to undertake the installation of the rubberised surface.

Another great Willy North team effort!

**New items added to the Calendar**  
**School Assembly**  
Monday 23rd March  
Foundation to Year 2  
Year 1PF Performing  
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**NO CANTEEN LUNCH  
ORDERS ON FRIDAY 27TH  
MARCH**  
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**Term 2 Begins**  
Tuesday 14th April  
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**Calendar of Events**  
**Term 1**  
**March**  
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**Monday 23rd March**  
**Athletics Sport Years 3&4**  
**Cancelled**  
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**Wednesday 25th March**  
**Athletics Sport Year 5&6**  
**Cancelled**  
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**Friday 27th March**  
**End of Term**  
**EARLY DISMISSAL AT**  
**2.30PM**  
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**Swap Shop Dates**  
11th May  
22nd June  
10th August  
14th September  
9th November



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## Coronavirus – Further School Changes

My sincere thanks to all parents for their support and understanding over the last week in regards to the evolving coronavirus pandemic. We have been vigilantly following all advice from the Department of Education & Training (DET) to ensure the wellbeing of all students, staff and parents during these unprecedented times.

Whilst the advice to schools is being updated each day at this stage, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is steadfast that all Victorian Government schools will remain open.

The following precautionary measures have now been introduced to further safeguard students on a day to day basis:

- ⇒ All school camps are to be postponed or rescheduled. If the current advice remains in place for the next several weeks, it is therefore highly unlikely that the Year 6 Canberra Camp will proceed. (Given this, we ask that parents hold off making payment for the final instalment, until the viability of this camp is confirmed. Alternative dates are also being explored to possibly schedule this camp in Term 4).
- ⇒ All excursions outside of the school have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. As this includes sporting events, there will be no Athletics competition next Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March as previously planned.
- ⇒ Whilst whole school assemblies have now been cancelled, at this stage we will proceed with our planned rotation of Junior and Senior assemblies, with a Junior Assembly planned for next Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
- ⇒ Our Fresh Fruit Friday program has been cancelled until further notice, in order to minimise the shared preparation/consumption of food.
- ⇒ Students returning from any overseas destination will now be required to undertake a mandated 14 day period of self-isolation.
- ⇒ Internal arrangements have been made to ensure there are no more than 500 students in any one section of the grounds at recesses and lunchtimes. This has been achieved by keeping all Foundation and Year 1 students restricted to Area A (the play zone at the front of the school) with students in Years 2 – 6 spread across areas B and C. The high student absenteeism at present, (which is being calculated each day), is ensuring that there is under 500 students in areas B and C at any one time. In the event where the total number of students exceeds 500 across areas B & C, a lunchtime 'Media Club' will be facilitated in the gymnasium.
- ⇒ A basic framework to support student learning for those students not currently attending is being developed by teachers at each level. For students in junior classes, we will aim to put together a small pack of activities, whilst students in more senior classes will have continued online access to their Google classroom. Our school subscriptions to several online platforms, such as Mathletics, WUSHKA and Spellodrome will also provide access to ongoing learning opportunities. Please watch out for more details later in the week as these material are finalised by our wonderful staff.

## School Council Executive

With our 2020 School Council now up and running, we're delighted to confirm the executive roles which were verified last month at the first meeting our newly constituted council. We congratulate both Julia Kaye on being re-elected as President and Matthew Round as being newly elected as Vice-President. Further congratulations are extended to Martin Gill who has been elected as Treasurer and Wendy Emin who has once again accepted the role of Secretary.

## Last Week of Term 1

At this stage, Term 1 will conclude on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, with all students being dismissed at 2:30pm to begin their term 1 break.

Sadly, there will be no final assembly to finish the term. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms.

Due to Easter falling at the end of the school holidays, Term 2 will resume on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

Enjoy the rest of your week

Jim Cahill—Principal

## Classroom Tables

Free to good home—if you would like a classroom table for home etc, please come past the office and let the office staff know.





World Health  
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## Helping children cope with stress during the 2019-nCoV outbreak



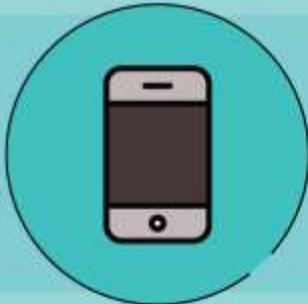
Children may respond to stress in different ways such as being more clingy, anxious, withdrawing, angry or agitated, bedwetting etc.

Respond to your child's reactions in a supportive way, listen to their concerns and give them extra love and attention.

Children need adults' love and attention during difficult times. Give them extra time and attention.

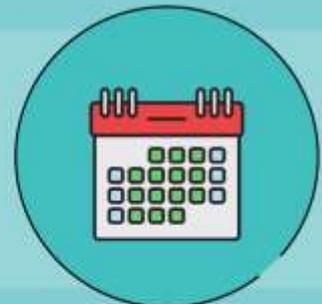
Remember to listen to your children, speak kindly and reassure them.

If possible, make opportunities for the child to play and relax.



Try and keep children close to their parents and family and avoid separating children and their caregivers to the extent possible. If separation occurs (e.g. hospitalization) ensure regular contact (e.g. via phone) and re-assurance.

Keep to regular routines and schedules as much as possible, or help create new ones in a new environment, including school/learning as well as time for safely playing and relaxing.



Provide facts about what has happened, explain what is going on now and give them clear information about how to reduce their risk of being infected by the disease in words that they can understand depending on their age.

This also includes providing information about what could happen in a re-assuring way (e.g. a family member and/or the child may start not feeling well and may have to go to the hospital for some time so doctors can help them feel better).

## Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)

Fresh Fruit Friday needs parent volunteers. Please email Linda Taylor directly, so she can add you to the roster—

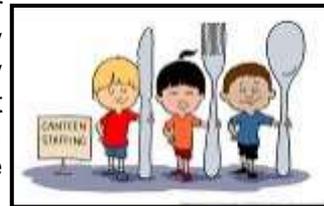


[taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au).

**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.



**Thursday 19th March 2020 — HELP NEEDED**

**Friday 20th March 2020 — Antoniette Graham**

**Wednesday 25th March 2020 — HELP NEEDED**

**Thursday 26th March 2020 — Georgianna Horsfall**

**Friday 27th March 2020 — CANTEEN CLOSED**

## 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](mailto: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.

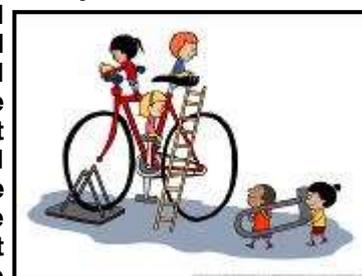
<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

## 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.**



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