



Williamstown North Primary School Newsletter

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2020 Term Date
Term 2—14th Apr to 26th Jun
Term 3—13th Jul to 18th Sept
Term 4—5th Oct to 18th Dec

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**New items added to the
Calendar**

**Remote Learning
until further notice**

**Provisional Foundation
Enrolments for 2021 to begin
on Monday 4th May**

Principal's Report

Remote Learning

We would once again like to express our sincere thanks to all parents for their support and engagement with the school's Remote Learning platforms over the last week.

As an alternative model to regular schooling, Remote Learning aims to maintain some basic level of learning focus and



engagement during this period of isolation as a result of the COVID—19 pandemic. Remote learning does not aim to replicate the regular classroom environment and will not be able to accommodate the new learning and curriculum outcomes that would normally be covered for term 2. To this end, we completely recognise and understand that many parents are juggling work commitments, multiple children & remote learning at present and given these complexities we therefore must all continue to also prioritise our mental health and wellbeing.

The consistent feedback we have had over the last week is that most children are engaging successfully with their remote learning activities, however there have also been challenges for some parents to navigate. In moving forward, we emphasise that the learning activities that are posted each day are 'suggested' and not mandatory. If for some reason the full suite of activities are not completed on a particular day, there is certainly scope to undertake other rich activities at home that provide alternative learning opportunities – whether this be a family game of Monopoly or buying all of the ingredients to then bake ANZAC biscuits. This period of isolation provides children with many new and unique opportunities for learning, so please don't feel 'restricted' by the Remote Learning platforms that have been developed by the school. Further to this point, the daily schedules are also 'suggested'. Remote Learning platforms can



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be accessed at various times – especially for families with multiple children and particularly in light of varying internet connectivity.

Please be assured that we will continue to collaborate deeply and do our best to facilitate Remote Learning opportunities that are engaging for all students and manageable for parents to supervise.

Applications for Secondary School

On Monday, a Newsfeed was sent to all families with a student in Year 6, outlining the process for applying for Year 7 Secondary School placement. The Application Form that needs to be completed by parents was attached within this Newsfeed. Please note the deadline of Friday 29th May for the return of this application to Williamstown North Primary School. If you have any further queries regarding this process, please don't hesitate to make contact with the main office on 93975722.

2021 Foundation Enrolments

We have needed to amend our regular enrolment process for prospective 2021 Foundation families as a result of the COVID—19 pandemic. A flyer has been included in this week's newsletter with further details about this process. Provisional enrolments for 2021 Foundation students will commence on Monday 4th May.

Enjoy the rest of your week

Jim Cahill—Principal

FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

Williamstown North Primary School

“Finding Out About Williamstown North Primary School”

Due to COVID-19 and the requirements that are in place according to the State and Federal Governments, our ‘Finding Out About Williamstown North Primary School’ will not be held. When circumstances change we will organise an Information Sessions and/or tours and post this information on our website.

If you have decided that your child/ren will be enrolling at Williamstown North Primary School for 2021, please complete the enrolment form and provide a copy of the required documents

Provisional enrolments for 2021 Foundation students will commence on **Monday 4th May**. The ‘Enrolment Form’ and ‘Preliminary Information Sheet’ will be available from Monday 4th May, a copy can be collected from the General Office or downloaded from the school website.

If you have any questions, or concerns regarding enrolments, please contact the school office on 9397 5722.



School Tours

To Be Advised



Please Provide the following information when lodging your enrolment

1. Enrolment Form and Preliminary Information Sheet
2. Proof of Age - (Child’s Birth Certificate)
3. Certificate of Immunization (School Entry Form)
4. Three documents as “Proof of Residential Address”.
(Drivers Licence, a Rates notice/Lease Document and a third document with your **full name & residential address**).
5. Additional documentation maybe requested by the Principal/ Assistant Principal.

Enrolment Policy

Please note as endorsed by the Department of Education, only families who reside within the defined school neighbourhood are eligible to seek enrolment.

A map defining the school neighbourhood is available on the school website.

CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT WILL BE MADE EMAILED & POSTED ON FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST, 2020.

Parent Information Night for 2021 Foundation Students

The parent Information Night for parents of confirmed 2021 Foundation students will be held on Monday 9th November, 6.30pm to 8.00pm, Kay Margetts from Melbourne University will speak on “School Readiness” and “School Expectations”.

Transition Program

Our ‘Kinder to School’ Transition program for our 2021 Foundation students will commence week beginning Monday 19th October, Week 3 of Term 4.



All transition details will be included with the ‘Letter of Enrolment’ sent to families.

For our School Zone go to www.willynth.vic.edu.au / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map



2020 Influenza Vaccine

Flu vaccine is now available at Hobsons Bay City Council sessions. Immunisation is by appointment only and a separate appointment is required for each person requiring immunisation. This has successfully eliminated wait times and crowds.

Check the link below as there is a session on today **Wednesday 22nd April**.

New immunisation sessions will be added regularly, so if you find the page is 'booked out' check in each day for more availabilities.

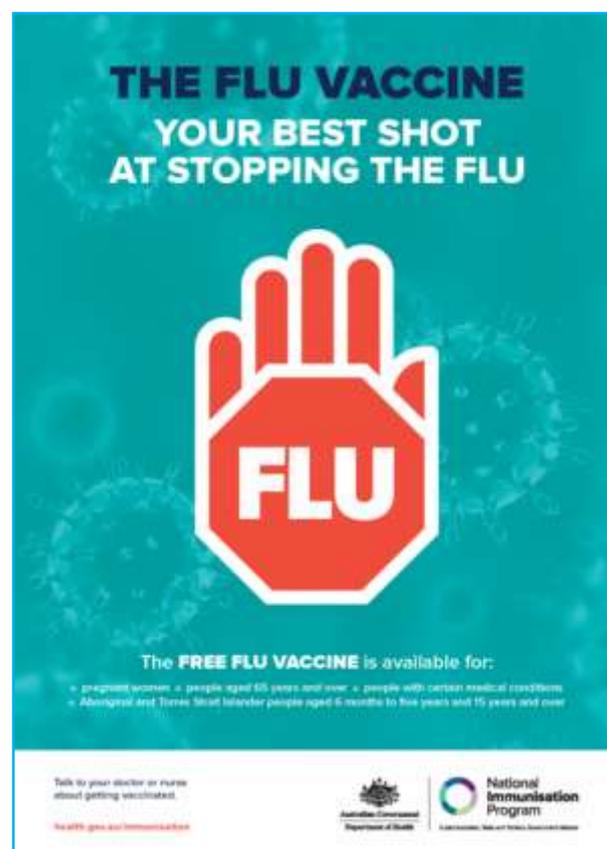
The flu vaccine is free for:

- 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.

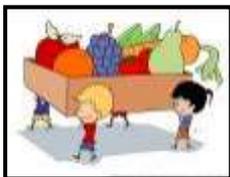
Follow the link to book the whole family in:

<https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/hobsonsbayimmunisation>



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.

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.



No Canteen—Until further notice.

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.

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.



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.

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.

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/>

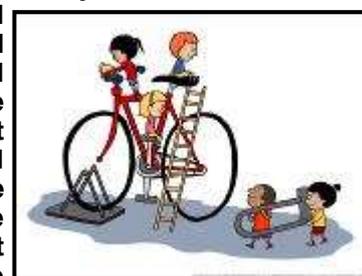
Bikes & Scooters

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.





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 TO BOOK YOUR LESSON!