



# 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

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



**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 the ongoing engagement with our remote learning platforms. Since the beginning of term, we have all been challenged to forge new routines at home and reframe our expectations around learning. It has been great to see our remote learning settle into some familiar patterns for families over the last week, with many of you appreciating that there is flexibility in how this is completed given that it is not in real time (other than scheduled Google Meets for the senior students). We note that a small percentage of families have elected to work 24 hours behind when work is posted, thereby enabling them to prepare the night before. Again, we would like to emphasise that there is complete flexibility around how each family is engaging with the suggested activities that are posted on the remote learning platforms.



Whilst we always value your collaboration and feedback, (even more so during this current period), it has been difficult to manage the very high level of queries and suggestions over the last fortnight.

In particular, there have been many requests for the school to utilise a range of other Apps and programs. Please be assured that the

school's current remote learning structures have been very considered, following advice from the Department of Education & Training (DET), to ensure we have safe and consistent practices across the school. To this end, Victorian schools have been advised by DET not to use ZOOM for example, due to potential privacy issues.

We recognise that importance of social connectedness during this period of isolation and are currently exploring the safest and most accessible platform for students in Foundation to Year 3 to link up virtually with their class. We anticipate using a separate platform aside from Google Classroom and SeeSaw, to facilitate this connectedness for our junior students. We hope to release these details in the coming week to all families, so please continue to

closely monitor all correspondence from the school and your child's teacher.

In regards to the work that is posted by your child back to their teacher (more so in Years 4 – 6), we emphasise that it will not be possible for your child's teacher to provide feedback on every item of work. As we move forward with our remote learning, we will aim to be more specific around which pieces of work will receive written feedback from your child's teacher. We seek your patience on this matter as we embed our remote learning practices and ensure a manageable work load for all staff.

## Social and Emotional Learning

Apart from teaching academic skills, schools also focus on building students' resilience, wellbeing and positive social attitudes. Social and emotional learning teaches students how to manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, show empathy for others, maintain positive relationships and make responsible decisions.

During this current period of isolation, we recognise the heightened importance of prioritising wellbeing and therefore social and emotional learning. The link below provides a wonderful resource which aims to provide simple and quick activities that students can do with their families to practice and reflect on their social, emotional and relationships skills. It helps to extend and reinforce the competencies students are learning as part of the Resilience, Rights, and Respectful Relationships program.

We hope the following link provides some rich conversation starters for your family:

[https://www.willynthps.vic.edu.au/uploaded\\_files/media/our\\_time\\_activities\\_to\\_learn\\_rr\\_at\\_home\\_002.pdf](https://www.willynthps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/our_time_activities_to_learn_rr_at_home_002.pdf)

## Welcome Kaylene Chaproniere

This week we have been delighted to welcome Kaylene Chaproniere to our office team as the school's newly appointed Business Manager. Kaylene comes to Willy North with impressive credentials as a previous Business Manager of a Regional Secondary College. When schools returns to normal operations (next term at this stage), please extend Kaylene a warm Willy North welcome when you're next at the office.

Our previous Business Manager, Debra Dorgan, earned a well-deserved promotion late last term to Altona P – 12 College. We certainly wish Deb well in this new role and extend our deepest thanks for her outstanding commitment to Willy North over the last five years.



## Year 6 Transition Forms

A big thank you to the many families who have already returned their Application Form for Year 7 over the last week. Whilst there is still a few weeks remaining for these forms to be returned to our main office, either in person or electronically, the prompt attention to the completion of these forms would be appreciated.

## 2021 Foundation Enrolments—Repeated

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 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Enjoy the rest of your week

Jim Cahill—Principal

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# 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 4<sup>th</sup> May**. The ‘Enrolment Form’ and ‘Preliminary Information Sheet’ will be available from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>TH</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.willynth.vic.edu.au) / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map

## Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)

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

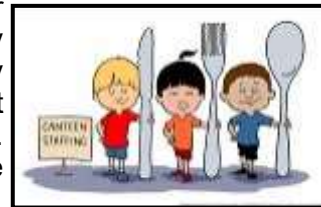


[taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au).

**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.



**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](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.



## 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](http://WWW.HVRS.NET.AU) OR**

**EMAIL US AT [DAN@HVRS.NET.AU](mailto:DAN@HVRS.NET.AU) TO BOOK YOUR LESSON!**