



Willans Hill School News

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Curriculum and Learning

Wellbeing for All

Connecting with Community

Year 12 Graduation

Staff Development Day

In 2017 staff will be involved in Professional Learning on 3 and 4 February. This means that students will return on Friday 27 January and there will be a pupil free day on the Friday 3 February. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Hot Weather

A reminder with the hot weather approaching students will be encouraged to wear hats and sunscreen when out in the playground. An information sheet for parents and carers regarding Sun Safety was sent home last week.

Late Arrivals and Early Departures

If your child arrives to school after 9:00am in the morning or needs to leave before 3pm you need to sign them in/out at the front office as per Department of Education policy. Staff will then take your child to or from class. Please do not go to the classroom yourself.

Reminder

A reminder to all students, parents/carers that at Willans Hill we have an important safety rule to remember at school: **hands down**.

Transport

Please remember to ring your transport provider if your child is not attending school on any day. This is a requirement of the Department of Education.



*Graduates Of
2016*

Georgia Buchanan

Samuel Cord

Bailey Gannon

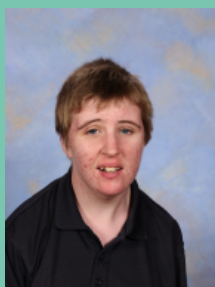
Kristian Martin-Gibbs

Joshua Schroder

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 9 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
Wed 14 Dec	Presentation Evening 6pm
Fri 16 Dec	Last day of Term 4 for students – Reports and classes for 2017 will be sent home
Fri 27 Jan	First day of 2017 for students – more information to follow
Fri 3 Feb	Staff Development Day – No Students

**WOW
OF THE
WEEK!**



Georgia Buchanan is WOW of the Week

Georgia received three awards at this week. The awards were for Sport, Library and Class.
Great job Georgia!

WOW!

Every student has the ability to learn, achieve and succeed. Together we nurture, guide and foster successful learners in a safe, respectful learning environment, recognising the capabilities of all students. Encouragement is provided to build and foster relationships to empower every student to make valuable contributions within their community.

Important dates for parents in 2017

Friday 27 January students return to school

Friday 3 February Staff Development Day – pupil free day

Students

To all the students at Willans Hill School, thank you for an amazing year and I hope you and your family have a happy and safe Christmas break. I look forward to seeing you all back next year in your new class. To those students who are leaving us Georgia, Sam, Kristian, Bailey and Joshua - you will all be greatly missed and we wish you all the best in your life beyond school.

Dear Parent/Carers

On behalf of the staff at the school I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to parents and carers for your support and patience throughout the year. I understand that this year has been full of many challenges and brought about many changes across our school which have at times caused concern and anxiety within the community. The support and trust that has been shown by many has been overwhelming and demonstrates a true indication of what a great community we have at Willans Hill School. In particular, I would like to thank the P&C who make an exceptional contribution to the school.

In 2017, the school will be faced with a number of challenges including the introduction of the new finance system called LMBR, the number of changes in staff within the school, the introduction of Sentral to manage administration across the school including Personalised Learning Plans, the planning phase to move the Junior and the Senior school and the introduction of the Teacher Development role to support teachers. We hope to face these challenges with a positive and united approach so that we can continue to provide the students at the school with engaging and meaningful learning opportunities which support their growth and development and enable them to make valuable contributions in the community. I look forward to working with you in 2017 in the effort to achieve the shared vision of the school.

2016 Progress Reports and your child's class in 2017 will be sent home on Friday 16 December.

Thank you to Staff

I would like to thank all the staff at Willans Hill School for their dedication and commitment demonstrated consistently throughout the year. I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to lead such an amazing group of people who are 100% committed to providing every student with the opportunity to learn, achieve and succeed.

Staffing at Willans Hill in 2017

Welcome to Sandra Blanchard who will be joining the teaching staff at Willans Hill School in 2017. Sandra has been permanently appointed to the school and will be teaching in the junior area.

Heather Shephard will be switching roles next year. She will be replacing Chrissy Millie one day a week in the Library. Di Le Lievre will no longer be replacing Anne Craig in the office on Fridays, however, Di will continue to work in the office on a casual basis. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the amazing and quiet contribution Di makes within the school. Her willingness to always help and her gentle and kind nature is greatly appreciated across the school.

Madelyn Imrie will be replacing Rosie in the Library and in the release for teacher's position.

Marg Maher and Emily McGrath will continue in their relieving Assistant Principal positions next year.

Natasha Small will be leaving Willans Hill School to take up a new position at ASPECT. Good luck and thank you for your contribution to the school over the years.

It is with a great deal of sadness that we are farewelling two long term staff members from Willans Hill School this year. Rosie Mackay started at Willans Hill School in 2003. In those fourteen years Rosie has demonstrated an outstanding work ethic, she is constantly the first staff member to arrive and the last to leave. Rosie's efforts have seen that the Library has become a hub of learning which has nurtured a love of literature across the school.

Anne Craig has worked at the school for 28 years. She has been instrumental in managing the school administration and finance matters, and as a result, the school has achieved outstanding results in audits done over the years. Her caring, supportive and welcoming approach to all who come into the school will be a great loss to students, staff and the wider community.

In the last 12 months I have had the fortune to work with both these ladies and their professionalism, dedication and absolute commitment to the school has been absolutely outstanding. They will always be an important and significant part of our community and their contribution to Willans Hill School will never be forgotten.

Gabby Sheather

Principal



Aboriginal Artefacts

7/9C and the Middle School have been investigating the past. This week we examined a variety of Aboriginal relics including tools and weapons. It was a fascinating learning experience.



Class Awards

Class 7-9C
Class 6-8T
Class 6-9M
Class 9-10S
Class 8-11S
Class 11-12M

Maggie Standley
Cooper Hille
Zach Nechvatal
Oliver Hawkins
Cody Winnel
Sam Cord
Kristian Martin Gibbs
Bailey Gannon
Joshua Schroder
Georgia Buchanan
Maggie Standley
Harry Deveson
Katie Daley
Georgia Buchanan

Focus and enjoyment of Wagga High's musical production
Giving every activity at the Netball Gala Day a go
Participation at the Netball Gala Day
Increased engagement during all lessons
Improved engagement in Working With Words
Awesomeness at Graduation
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Learning and practising new skills at the Netball Gala Day
Engagement in creating and sharing amazing, funny faces
Continuing to enjoy lessons and lunchtime in the Library
Fantastic comments during shared reading in the Library

SPORT
LIBRARY

Writing Awards

Senior School

Jaiden Martin

School Assemblies

Junior Assembly is on every Thursday at 2:30pm in the hall.
Senior Assembly is on every Monday at 9:15am in the hall.
All welcome to attend.

P & C Xmas Raffle

We are collecting items for the P&C Xmas Raffle.
Non-perishable food, toys, gift cards/vouchers, Xmas items,
etc. are appreciated. Please send any donations in to school.
Thanks.