



# Willans Hill School News

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Curriculum and  
Learning

Wellbeing for All

Connecting with  
Community

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to students, staff and parents/carers. I hope everyone had a relaxing, restful and safe holiday. This term we have many things happening across the school. The coming events will be published each week in the Newsletter in the Save the Date section of the weekly newsletter, on the Facebook site and on the Willans Hill website.

## New School Planning Cycle 2018-2020

This term we will be spending a considerable amount of time working in consultation with students, staff and our community to develop our school plan for the next three years. Parent focus groups will be held at the school on the following dates at 10am and 6.30pm. Refreshments will be provided and parents who attend will go in the draw to win a Forum 6 voucher.

17 October

31 October

14 November

**Parents/carers are encouraged to attend, as consultative decision-making is important for the following reasons:**

- It creates a sense of shared responsibility among parents, community members, students, teachers and school staff.
- Insures that parents' values and interests are heard and respected.
- Parents are entitled to be consulted and participate in decisions concerning their own children.
- Parents can play meaningful roles in the school decision-making processes.

*I understand that sometimes it is difficult to attend the school for various reasons so a copy of the questions for next week's focus group are being sent home. If parents return the questions before next Tuesday's session they will go in the draw for the Forum 6 voucher. Next week's session will focus on the shared vision of the school.*

## Expression of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/astp/atso>

For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at [atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au)

## 'Tell Them from Me' Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the 'Partners in Learning' parent survey, another part of the 'Tell Them From Me' suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff; activities and practices at home; and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 21 August and 20 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>. To access the survey for our school go to: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/whs55>

## P&C Trivia Night this Friday 13 October at the RSL Club

I would encourage parents/carers to support the P&C Trivia night this Friday. The Willans Hill School P&C is committed to supporting the school and it is important that our community support them in their efforts. It will be a great opportunity to connect with each other outside of the school environment. Many prizes have been donated from within the community and Troy Fisher has kindly offered to host the evening. Thank you to those people and businesses that have shown their support. A reminder to those attending to bring along a plate to share at their table.

*Gabby Sheather*  
Principal



## Term 3 Christian College visit



## Class Awards

<b>Class K-2U</b>	Dustan Mazeika	Great focus during sorting in Maths
<b>Class 2-6S</b>	Elijah Yang	Great effort using instruments during music
<b>Class 2-6B</b>	No award	
<b>Class 7-9T</b>	Jaz Seymour	Improved consistency in spelling his name at sign on time
<b>Class 7-9Mc</b>	No award	
<b>Class 7-9O</b>	Nikayla Greer	Outstanding participation in the All-Ilympics
<b>Class 9-10C</b>	Chloe Smith	Identifying and labelling 3D shapes
<b>Class 10 -12M</b>	Sam Larfield	Doing an excellent job in the Master of Ceremonies role at graduation
	Marcus McKenzie	Doing an excellent job in the Master of Ceremonies role at graduation
	Jordan Potts	Being a valued member of Willans Hill School community
	Dominic Reynolds	Being a valued member of Willans Hill School community
<b>Class 9-12M</b>	Andrew Crane	Being a valued member of Willans Hill School community
<b>SPORT</b>		Outstanding participation and effort at the All-Ilympics sports day
	Maggie Standley, Sarah Clark, Emily Baldwin, Harry Tooze, Naomi Gadsden, Danielle Steele, May Bowditch, Dante Williams, Max Wighton, Nikayla Greer, Cooper Hille, Triton Stoddard, Stephanie Brest	

## School Expectation Awards

**Triton Stoddard**

Being respectful – following instructions

### 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.

### School Assemblies

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

### 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.



# Graduation 2017





# Junior excursion to view the steers



## Dance Group off to CHORDS 2017

The Willans Hill dance group will be performing a dance to 'True Colours' at CHORDS 2017. The students will be performing a matinee and evening performance on Monday 16 October. Tickets to the evening performance are available from the Wagga Civic Theatre booking office. Tickets to the performance are \$21. The show will go for approximately 1hr 20minutes including an intermission. The dance group would love to see their family and friends supporting them from the audience. If you would like any further information, please contact Emily McGrath.

## Trivia Night – Friday 13 October

**Time:** Doors open at 6:30pm  
**Where:** Wagga Wagga RSL – Mirage Room  
**Cost:** \$15 per head-Tables of 10  
**Bookings:** Steve Reynolds – Ph 0400 835 250  
**Dress:** Friday 13 Fancy Dress Optional

Bring a plate of nibbles to share at your table

Raffle Tickets – Please return all outstanding raffle tickets, sold or unsold, by this Thursday 12 October.

## **Save the Date**

<b>Fri 13 Oct</b>	P & C Trivia Night
<b>Mon 16 Oct</b>	Willans Hill Dance Group – CHORDS Dance Performance
<b>Tue 17 Oct</b>	Parent Focus group -10am and 6.30pm
<b>Fri 20 Oct</b>	'Tell Them from Me' survey closes
<b>23-27 Oct</b>	Life Education Van visit to Willans Hill School
<b>Wed 25 Oct</b>	Great Book Swap
<b>Mon 30 Oct</b>	RSL Auction Day for steers
<b>Tue 31 Oct</b>	Parent focus group -10am and 6.30pm
<b>8-10 Nov</b>	All students visit the Riverina Environmental Education Centre
<b>Tue 14 Nov</b>	Parent Focus group -10am and 6.30pm
<b>Wed 6 Dec</b>	Willans Hill School Presentation Evening
<b>Tue 5 – Wed 6 Dec</b>	School Mobile Dentist
<b>Fri 15 Dec</b>	End of Term 4 for students