



Willans Hill School News

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Curriculum and
Learning

Wellbeing for All

Connecting with
Community

“Graduation is an exciting time. It’s both an ending and a beginning; it’s warm memories of the past and big dreams for the future”

On Friday, the Year 12 Graduation will be held at the RSL Club. This ceremony is an important occasion in the school year. Congratulations and best wishes to the class of 2017: Jordan Potts, Andrew Crane, Dominic Reynolds and Joseph Conte. It has been an absolute pleasure to get to know these young adults over the last 18 months. The school will also be acknowledging Lizzie Payne who sadly passed away last year.

I was extremely proud of the students who participated in the Group 9 Rugby on the weekend. Thanks to the parents who attended to support the students. Thank you to Jessica Murray, Peter Clark and Marg Maher for making this event happen.

This is my last contribution for the term so I would like to thank all the parents and carers in our community for their support this term. Parent/carer input is vital for us to provide the best possible learning environment for students. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you again in Term 4.

‘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 13 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>

New School Planning Cycle 2018-2020

Next 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.

Consultative decision-making with parents/carers is important for the following reasons:

- It creates a sense of shared responsibility among parents, community members, students, teachers and school staff.
- It ensures 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.

We will be offering a variety of opportunities for parents/carers to participate in the process. These opportunities will include:

- Discussion groups during P&C meetings
- Requests for information through the weekly newsletter
- The ‘Tell Them From Me’ Survey
- Morning and evening focus groups will be held in Weeks 2, 4 and 6 during term 4

Further information will be sent home regarding these meetings. If any parents would like to be involved in leading these groups, please contact the school.

Gabby Sheather
Principal

The students in 7/9T have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum this term. They have been learning about the Solar System in science, water in geography, Vikings in history and playing basketball and cricket in sport. Lots of learning and fun has been had!



Class Awards

Class 7-9T

Ajay Beer

Improved use of his Yes/No when participating in alphabet work

Class 7-9M

May Bowditch

Fantastic effort during visual arts

Class 7-9O

Katie Daley

Engaging with painting the planets

Class 9-10C

Ryan Nechvatal

Engaging with science investigations

Class 10-12M

Cody Winnel

Increased engagement across all KLAs

Class 9-12M

Chloe Blanchard

Wonderful participation in science

SPORT

Abbey Kaletta

Scoring a Willans Hill best score

May Bowditch

Excellent participation at cricket

Katie Daley

Fantastic participation at bowling

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.



Get to know the Staff



Maddie Podmore

- SLSO working on the newly established class.
- Something interesting – Studying psychology
- Favourite movie – Harry Potter
- Favourite food – Cheese and biscuits



Group 9 Rugby League

On Saturday our school rugby team played in their Grandfinal match against Albury Lightning.

It was a great game, enjoyed by all involved.

Thanks to the staff involved for their efforts as well as Anglicare staff Luke, Wayne and Trae.

Save the Date

Fri 15 Sept	Year 12 Graduation
Tue 19 Sept	'Earn & Learn' finishes
Wed 20 Sept	Sexual Health Education parent information night – 5pm
Week 10	Junior School excursion to farm to view the steers
Fri 22 Sept	Last day of Term 3
Mon 9 Oct	First day of Term 4
Fri 13 Oct	P & C Trivia Night
Sat 14 Oct	'Tell Them from Me' survey closes
Mon 16 Oct	Willans Hill Dance Group – CHORDS Dance Performance
Tue 17 Oct	Parent Focus group -10am and 6.30pm
23-27 Oct	Life Education van visit to Willans Hill School
Mon 30 Oct	RSL Auction Day for steers
Tue 31 Oct	Parent focus group -10am and 6.30pm
8-10 Nov	All students visit the Riverina Environmental Education Centre
Tue 14 Nov	Parent Focus group -10am and 6.30pm
Wed 6 Dec	Willans Hill School Presentation Evening
Tue 5 – Wed 6 Dec	School Mobile Dentist
Fri 15 Dec	End of Term 4 for students

Willans Hill P&C Association News

Trivia Night – Friday 13 October

We will still be accepting donations of prizes or auction items at any convenient time between now and 13 October. Please leave any donations at the school office.

Examples of donations: **Hampers, Chocolates/Lollies, Gift Cards etc**

Event Details:

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



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Winnel Family Fundraisers

Raffle Tickets - can be collected from the office.

Function – A fundraising function is being held on Friday 29 September, at the William Farrer Hotel, to support the Winnel family. For further information please contact Mel Bruce on 0422367797

Woolworths 'Earn and Learn'

Keep collecting stickers!

Woolworths 'Earn & Learn' promotion will finish on Tuesday 19 September when they will stop giving our stickers at Woolworths. Please send in any loose stickers or completed cards you have as soon as possible after 19 September.



Thank you for helping us with this program.

Just a reminder to register in the **Wagga Marketplace School Rewards**, and submit your receipts to collect points for our school. We are currently on top of the leaderboard so don't forget to register and submit your receipts to keep us in the running to win a share in the \$7,800.

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.