



# Willans Hill School News

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## P&C Trivia Night

On behalf of the students and staff at the school I would like to say thank you to all those people in our community who supported the school by attending the Trivia night at the RSL Club. It was a really lovely and enjoyable evening. I would also like to thank the RSL Club for providing the venue and the sponsors who gave so generously. The list of sponsors is being sent home today with the newsletter. Thank you to Troy Fischer who kindly donated his time and did a marvellous job of entertaining everyone throughout the evening.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the Willans Hill P&C who worked very hard to make the evening possible and to raise funds for the school. Thank you to Steve Reynolds, Stephanie Morrow, Tara Tooze, Cathy Manning, Debbie Ritchie and Jon Daley.

## 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.

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.
- 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.

*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/atsos>

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>

Thank you to Tara Tooze and Kaylene Brown for contacting all the families within the school to encourage them to complete the survey.

## Pick up and Drop Off

The school always aims to provide a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. The Willans Hill School Transport Management Plan is being sent home with the newsletter as a reminder about procedures for the beginning and the end of the day.

*Gabby Sheather*  
Principal

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.

9-12M have had a great start to Term 4.

We have jumped straight back into all learning areas.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) has been the highlight so far.



## Class Awards

<b>Class K-2U</b>	Nathanael Brown	Great effort in using Mathseeds
<b>Class 2-6S</b>	Deanna Weston	Increased engagement in writing
<b>Class 2-6B</b>	Cooper Hallcroft	Working well during his learning experiences with the Vision Support teacher
<b>Class 7-9T</b>	Jaz Seymour	Improved listening to and following instructions
<b>Class 7-9Mc</b>	No award	
<b>Class 7-9O</b>	Harry Deveson	Settling back into school in a positive way
<b>Class 9-10C</b>	Jaiden Martin	Matching environment to locations on a world map
<b>Class 10 -12M</b>	Chloe Rowlands-Sim	Positive attitude to all aspects of learning
	Jack Ritchie	Showing great focus and independence during English activities
<b>Class 9-12M</b>	Chloe Blanchard	Working hard in Science lessons
<b>SPORT</b>	Ethan McDonnell	Persistence with skipping

## School Expectation Awards

<b>Jaiden Martin</b>	Being responsible
<b>Ryan Nechvatal</b>	Making positive choices

### 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.



**WOW  
OF THE  
WEEK!**



**Maggie Standley is WOW of the Week.**  
Displaying a positive, responsible and respectful attitude in all  
aspects of school life.  
Well done Maggie.

**WOW !**

## CHORDS 2017



A HUGE congratulations to the 11 dancers who performed at CHORDS on Monday. The students performed a dance routine to "True Colours". The students got huge applause from the audience and lots of positive feedback.

### *Save the Date*

<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

# Trivia Night Sponsors

The Willans Hill School P & C would like to acknowledge the sponsors for the Trivia Night. The funds raised will go towards improving the resources for the 66 students enrolled at Willans Hill School.

Tooze Family

Xceler8 Fitness, Wagga

Rules Club, Wagga

Country Bonsai Cafe

BOC, Wagga

Scooters Flowers

Bunnings, Wagga

Zacharia Naumann Optometry

Covering all canvas and upholstery

Aries, Wagga

Koorinal Butchery

Karla Kelly

Koorinal Pharmacy

Pippa McPherson

Tyronne Hoerler

Forum 6 Cinema, Wagga

CSU Winery

Koorinal Hotel

Confetti

Wagga Catering Equipment

Coles, South City

Woolworths, Koorinal

Helen Nugent

Megan Thomas

Lynda Williams

Riverina Co-op

Janine and Wayne Kenyon

RSL Club, Wagga

Melisah Douglas

Carmen Buik

Paper Pears Paintings

Domino's Pizzas, Wagga

Brown Family

**Please support these generous sponsors**



## Willans Hill P&C Trivia Night



On behalf of the P&C Committee, we would like to thank everyone who attended, donated and contributed to our very successful Trivia Night. A special mention to Troy Fischer for the amazing job he did running the night and throwing in an extra performance to entertain.

