



Willans Hill School News

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Curriculum and Learning

Wellbeing for All

Connecting with Community

Staff Development Day

We appreciate your support in the change of the start date for 2017. This week on Friday 3 February will be a student free day as all staff are fortunate to have the opportunity to engage in professional learning with Judy Hattswell for 2 days. Judy is recognised Australia wide for her outstanding knowledge in the areas of student welfare, behaviour management and whole school approaches enabling students to be responsible for their behaviour. Having worked for many years as a specialist school psychologist for severe behaviour disorders she has trained staff, parents and specialist personnel in the concepts and techniques for effective management.

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.

Welcome to 2017

I would like to extend a special welcome to all those students and their families who are new to our school this year. Also I would like to give a big welcome to all students and parents who are returning for another year. 2016 was a year of significant change and I understand that for many it was very challenging. The school has many exciting things planned for 2017 and I am looking forward to all that we can achieve together throughout the year.

The school, in collaboration with the community, developed a shared vision in 2016. This vision provides the school with the foundation for the values, beliefs and goals that we will all work towards. To achieve this vision, we need to work in partnership with our community.

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On Tuesday 7 February a Parent Teacher Evening will be held at the school and we extend an invitation to all parents and carers to attend this evening. I would encourage all parents/carers to engage with the school P&C as they do an amazing job in supporting the school particularly in raising funds to enable students to achieve and succeed while at school. From 20 February to 3 March parents and carers will be invited to participate in meetings to set educational goals for their students in 2017. If you have a problem or concern, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, the Assistant Principal in the relevant area or me.

The school executive remains the same this year:

Janelle Urbanavicius – Junior School
Emily McGrath - Middle School
Marg Maher - Senior School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 3 Feb	Pupil Free day – No Students
Tue 7 Feb	Parent information Evening 6:30 – 7:30pm
20 Feb- 3 Mar	PLSP / review Meetings
Thu 23 Feb	Yr 7 Immunisations
Fri 7 Apr	Last day of term 1

WOW OF THE WEEK!



Anastasia and Dante are WOW of the Week

We welcomed Annie & Dante into year 7 at Willans Hill this week. They have both settled well into their new school!

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At the end of 2016 the school established school wide expectations. We would appreciate any support that you can provide in reinforcing these expectations at home. These expectations allow us to do the following;

- create a vision of a successful student
- proactively teach behaviours for success
- communicate a positive message to staff about success at school
- provide a framework to guide staff decisions about discipline
- align staff through the use of consistent language
- validate and support individual teachers' procedures and requests

Below are the school-wide expectations based on student, staff and community input:

Be Respectful	Be Responsible	Be Safe
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wait your turn• Listen to others• Be kind to others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be a learner• Make positive choices• Look after equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respect personal space• Follow instructions• Mind your body

I would also like to alert parents and carers to the extreme hot weather we are currently experiencing. Students will be encouraged to wear hats and sunscreen when out in the playground and to drink plenty of water. Staff will assess the situation daily and will decide if students will remain in classes during recess and lunch.

Below are staff changes that will occur in 2017

- Sandra Blanchard was permanently appointed to Willans Hill and will be teaching Tuesday to Friday on 1/6B
- Mary Lange will be teaching on 1/6 on Mondays and will be team teaching with Maddy Imrie releasing teachers from class on Tuesdays
- Shirley Taylor is taking leave this term for 5 weeks and will be replaced by Ruth Le Lievre on Mondays and Tuesdays and by Mary Lange on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- Jacquie Howell will be working in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays. Her replacement on 7/9M has yet to be decided
- Chrissy Millie will be working in the office replacing Anne
- Heather Shephard will be working in the Library on Wednesdays
- Janelle McGuinness will be working on Fridays in 9/11C replacing Ann Moore
- Hannah Kennedy will be replacing Heather Shephard on 10/12M
- Sarah Obst will be replacing Jason Sainsbury on 6/8O
- Maddy Imrie will be taking 7/9M on Fridays replacing Emily McGrath who will be working in the new Teacher Development role
- Rosie Mackay will be working on Wednesdays in the Library with the Junior classes
- Barry Hutchinson the General Assistant will be taking leave until the end of the term.

Currently Fiona Crakanthorp is contacting all parents/carers to gather information regarding the Health care needs of all students. Teachers will be sending home paperwork for you to complete in the coming weeks, so please make sure this is sent back to the school promptly so that we are able to provide the best possible care for your child while they are at school. This new approach has been adopted to prevent us from making parents/carers complete paperwork that is not required. It will also provide improved accuracy in recording of student data.

I look forward to catching up with you all in the coming weeks and I hope that 2017 brings happiness, peace and joy to all in our school community.

Gabby Sheather

Principal

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.

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.