



Willans Hill School News

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Curriculum and
Learning

Wellbeing for All

Connecting with
Community

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our school community that last year we designed a new logo including a new motto which sums up in three words the essence of our school:

Learn	All students and staff will engage in learning
Connect	Through connection we will support the wellbeing of all
Contribute	We will encourage contributions from students, staff and our community

We hope in the coming months to replace the signage around the school to display the new logo with the new motto.

Communication across the school continues to be our major priority for 2017. Our vision is that every student should have some way to communicate in the world around them. We have successfully negotiated to trial the communication passport program which is currently being implemented across a number of SSP schools in Sydney. This program aims to meet the communication needs of all students. We will be presenting more information regarding this in the coming months. We will continue to use a range of communication systems including YES/No cards, Aided Language Displays and Proloquo2go. Janelle Urbanavicius has a great deal of expertise and knowledge regarding communication and is leading the communication team within the school. Janelle will be working with staff to implement the passport program and will also be supporting teachers to meet the communication needs of all students.

I would also like to invite anyone in our community who is interested in working with the school to apply for grants to please contact the school. This year we have some major projects which are going to require a significant amount of money to complete.

Sadly, we are losing a very valuable and hardworking member of our staff this term. Hannah Kennedy, who is working with Marg Maher in the senior area, will be leaving the school on 27 March. Jacquie Howell will be moving to the senior area and in the coming weeks we will be looking for an SLSO to replace Jacquie in the middle school.

Last year staff decided to move the junior and senior schools in 2018, however, after careful consideration the decision has been made to move this forward to the end of Term 2 2017. In the coming months the school will be working hard to complete a number of tasks in the senior area in preparation for this change within the school. We ask for your patience and support.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have been making such an effort to get their children to school on time. When students arrive on time they are more likely to be prepared for the day ahead. If students are late an adult must sign them in at the front office. This makes sure we have accurate records of who is on school grounds in case of an emergency.

Gabby Sheather

Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 11 Mar	Community Cup – 5pm at Harris Park
Wed 15 Mar	P & C – 6:30pm in the staff room
Fri 7 Apr	Last day of Term 1
Wed 26 Apr	First day of Term 2 for students

FREE MOVIE TICKETS

We have 2 movie tickets available.
Please contact the school if you would like one of these.

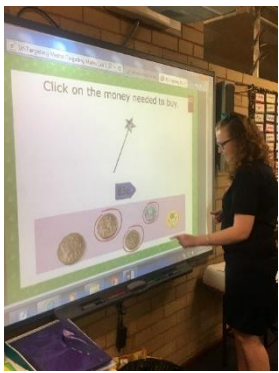
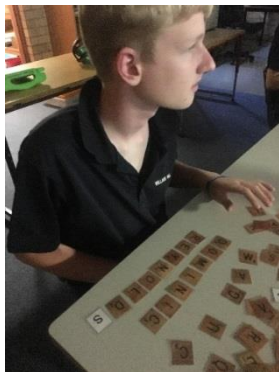
**Get to know
the Staff**



Maddy Imrie

- Release Teacher, EALD, 7/9M on Friday
- Something interesting – Plays Netball
- Favourite movie – Harry Potter series
- Favourite food – Pasta

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.



Welcome to 10/12M. This term we start our work experience programs, TAFE program, Sport and TAS.
We are looking forward to a great year!

Class Awards

Class K-2U	Elijah Pagai	Engaging with action breaks and fingerplays
Class 2-6B	Henry Pavitt	Eagerly participating in literacy activities
Class 2-6S	Elijah Yang	Following instructions and becoming more familiar with class routines
Class 7-9Mc	Emily Baldwin	Sharing facts during history research
Class 7-9O	Nikayla Greer	Being able to name and recognize her behaviours
Class 7-9T	Kiara Quade	Showing improved focus at Shared Reading time
Class 9-10C	Ephram Abdel-Malak	Weeding, mulching and watering the garden bed in Agriculture
Class 9-12M	Chloe Blanchard	Wonderful enthusiasm and sharing of knowledge during Textiles
Class 10-12M	Abbey Kaletta	Positive attitude to all aspects of school
SPORT	Ryan Nechvatal	Following instructions, and enthusiasm at swimming

Writing Awards

Junior School	Deanna Weston
Middle School	No award
Senior School	No award

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.

Reminder

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

School Assemblies

Junior Assembly is on every Monday 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.