



Willans Hill School News

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Curriculum and
Learning

Wellbeing for All

Connecting with
Community

Our school community is deeply saddened by the tragic news that one of our parents, Angela Winnel, Cody Winnel's mother, passed away suddenly on Friday 23 June.

On behalf of our whole School community, we extend our deepest sympathy to Cody and his family.

We all may experience a range of emotions during this time. Your child may feel sad or upset. These are normal reactions.

However, if you have concerns and would like your child to see Paul, our school counsellor, please contact the school.

We would also like to congratulate and send our best wishes to the Brown family for the safe arrival their daughter and sister Amelia.

Semester One Progress Reports will be sent home this week. This year we are introducing a new reporting format which, we believe, will enhance the school's communication with parents/carers regarding their child's progress towards achieving learning outcomes. We welcome any feedback from parents/carers regarding the new format. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress the Parent Information Evening will be held next Term on Wednesday 26 July.

Staff will be participating in professional learning addressing staff wellbeing when they return on Monday 17 July. We hope to be exploring ideas and strategies to support and promote staff and student wellbeing. We look forward to sharing this with our community in the coming months.

On behalf of all the staff at the school, 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 3.

Gabby Sheather
Principal

Junior School Report

It has been a very busy term. All classes have been studying the books of Mem Fox. We have read 10 books and also based our writing around the stories of this fabulous author. In Science we have been learning about Living Things and even grown some grassy heads. RDA has been a popular activity for some of our students. We also enjoyed our Australian Rules football clinic. A very exciting experience was our excursions to the Civic Centre to participate in the 'Odyssey' performance. We hope everyone has a relaxing holiday, and look forward to coming back in Term 3.

Middle School Report

The Middle School students have been involved in a number of activities and programs to support their learning during Term 2. These programs include the Multi Sport Day, Riverina Dance Festival, School Bowling, AFL Clinic and the Wagga High Dance Spectacular.

The Middle School students have engaged in a wide range of learning experiences this term including:

- Engaging in a range of daily literacy and numeracy programs.
- Learning about Australian cities and towns and rating their liveability
- Engaging in a range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities
- Continuing to learn Auslan sign language
- Learning and practising the fundamental movement skills
- Researching facts about Ancient China
- Learning about the life cycle of a range of animals

Senior School Report

Term 2 has been filled with lots of positive learning experiences. As part of the electives: in Agriculture Studies students have grown broccolini, snow peas, spinach and carrots, as well as parsley and mint; in Food Technology Studies students have created beautiful aromas as they made delicious winter comfort foods including quiches, sausage rolls and pumpkin soup; and in Textiles and Design Studies students have made a draw string bag and cushion as well as a tie dye T-shirt.

We are very proud of the senior students who represented our school as part of the high school dance group in the Riverina Dance Festival.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 30 June	Semester 1 Reports sent home
Fri 30 June	Last day of Term 2
Mon 17 July	Staff Development Day
Tue 18 July	First day of Term 3 for students
Wed 26 July	Parent teacher meetings will commence
Fri 15 Sep	Year 12 Graduation

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.



Willans Hill School P&C is a vital link between the school and the broader community. Come join us!



Willans Hill P&C Association News

Cook Book

As a fundraiser we are putting together a cook book.

Start gathering photos, stories and recipes that you would like to add to the book.

We would love to also include past staff and students, so not only will it be a cook book, but a book of history about our school.

We are also looking for businesses to advertise in our books to help cover costs.

These books will make a fantastic Christmas present for your family and friends.

For More Information Contact:

Tara Tooze - 0423 979 544

Cathy Manning - 0409 662 347

Trivia Night Change of Date – Friday 13 October

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the proposed Trivia night has been changed from 2 June to Friday 13 October at the RSL Club. More to come at a later date.

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 and they will be collected. We apologise for any inconvenience the change of date may have caused.

When: Friday 13 October

Where: Wagga RSL Club

**WOW
OF THE
WEEK!**

The Dance Group is WOW of the Week.

Great work on your awesome performance at the Riverina Dance Festival last Friday. You all did our school proud!

WOW !





Term 2 has been a busy one for 2-6B. We have been working hard and had many fun extra curricula activities such as the AFL clinic, our transport day and excursions.



Class Awards

Class K-2U
Class 1-6B
Class 2-6S

Jai Gorham
Elijah Yang
Chase Sinnett

Excellent work in Maths
Fantastic letter recognition when writing his name
Enthusiastic participation in all morning activities

NDIS Information

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will roll out across NSW between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2018. Our school will continue to meet the personalised learning and support needs of students with disability under the Disability Standards for Education 2005. In the coming months the school will be providing information to parents and carers in our community to further assist them during the transition to this Australia-wide scheme. In Term 3 the school will be hosting additional NDIS Information sessions for parents/carers. These sessions are designed to learn more about the NDIS from an NDIA representative, meet Department of Education staff working with the NDIA and provide parents/carers with an opportunity to ask questions.

SIMPLIFI app

SIMPLIFI is a new accessible app that can help people with disability find the planning support they need as they begin to plan to access the NDIS. SIMPLIFI contains prompter questions, for people with disability and their carers, which can be used in support meetings, discussions and planning sessions.

Below is a link where you can find further information regarding the app.

<http://communitynet.ngo/index.php/news/resources/74456-simplifi-app-for-people-with-disability>

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.
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.