



Willans Hill School News

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Curriculum and
Learning

Wellbeing for All

Connecting with
Community

Partners in Learning 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.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

Wagga RSL Partnership

For a number of years the Wagga RSL has developed a strong partnership with our school. This year we are very fortunate to be supported once again by the Club. On 30 October, a Murray Grey and Poll Hereford will be auctioned, with all proceeds donated to the school. This is a substantial contribution to the school and we would like to thank the RSL Club and John Rodd, the farmer involved, for making this possible.

The students of Willans Hill will be visiting John Rodd's farm at the end of the term to view the steers and a whole school naming competition is in progress.

National Science Week

This week is National Science week. I would encourage you to look at the amazing nightly digital projections on the walls of the Civic Centre. You can catch the Night Lights projections every evening at the Wagga Wagga Civic Centre from 6.30pm. The new Indigenous Star Stories projections have been created by four Wiradjuri Elders (Uncle James Ingram, Aunty Sandy Warren, Aunty Joyce Hampton and Aunty Lorraine Tye), working with digital media producer Yenny Huber and animator Tim Amio. Their work tells us the two stories of Pleiades (Seven Sisters), and the Emu and this is just one of the science events and activities organised this week by the Riverina Science Hub.

Professional Learning

Amanda Cappello and Jessica Murray are attending the Positive Partnerships workshop this week. This program will inform future school planning by doing the following;

- Build the school's capacity to support students on the autism spectrum and maximise learning in the school and home environment;
- Explore processes and strategies that strengthen effective partnerships between home and school;
- Provide an opportunity to explore the experiences of young people on the autism spectrum and their families.

This week three staff members Pippa McPherson, Jane Lindner and Emily McGrath are training in the Advanced First Aid course in Albury. This is a significant commitment by the school because we are committed to providing the best possible care for all students within the school.

Gabby Sheather
Principal

Save the date

Mon 21 – Fri 25 Aug	Book Week – Theme: 'Escape to Everywhere'
Wed 23 Aug	Book Character Day
Thurs 24 Aug	Year 7 Immunisations
Fri 8 – Sat 9 Sept	Steers on exhibit at Wagga Show
Fri 15 Sep	Year 12 Graduation
Week 10	Junior School excursion to farm to view the steers
Fri 13 Oct	P & C Trivia Night
Mon 30 Oct	Auction Day for steers

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.

7/9M - Riverina Swimming Carnival Recounts

'I went swimming in the red fountain. I saw Nadine in the pool. The fountain has lots of water in it. I put my white googles on. The Oasis shower has lots of water. Harry hopped out of the pool and went into the change rooms to get changed. I had a fun day.' Harry Tooze

'I went swimming in the big pool with Nadine. I went in backstroke, freestyle, butterfly and breaststroke. I got a first ribbon for my backstroke race. I got two third ribbons for freestyle. I got four good effort ribbons. My PaMa and my Nanny came to watch me swim. I went for a swim in the whirlpool. I did a backflip under the water. I had a great day.' Maggie Standley

'I went in the freestyle race. I was happy to see my old friends and teachers from Red Hill Public School. I met some new friends. It was a good day.' Sarah Clark

'I went in 25m freestyle and some novelty races. My favourite novelty race was the hoop race. My Mum came to watch me swim. I got some hot chips for lunch.' May Bowditch

'I went in a freestyle race at the carnival. It was a good day. I got to see my old teachers.' Dante Williams



Class Awards

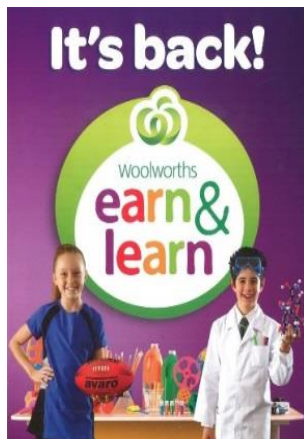
Class K-2U	Natahanael Brown	Great effort in writing
Class 2-6S	Chayse Camery	A fabulous effort in history
Class 2-6B	Brooklyn Alexander	Improved independence in morning circle
Class 7-9T	Kiara Quade	Correctly choosing all six pictures beginning with the letter "P" during alphabet work
Class 7-9M	Dante Williams	Demonstrating a love of learning and history
Class 7-9O	Naomi Gadsden	Improved knowledge of money
Class 9-10C	Michael Payne	Enthusiastic attitude during science investigations
Class 10 -12M	Chloe Rowlands-Sim	Positive attitude toward work experience
Class 9-12M	Joseph Conte	Being respectful when completing jobs around the school
SPORT	Jaiden Martin	Improved focus and concentration during writing tasks
	Maggie Standley	Participation in the Riverina Swimming Carnival
	Sarah Clark	Participation in the Riverina Swimming Carnival
	Emily Baldwin	Participation in the Riverina Swimming Carnival
	May Bowditch	Participation in the Riverina Swimming Carnival
	Danielle Steele	Participation in the Riverina Swimming Carnival
	Dante Williams	Participation in the Riverina Swimming Carnival
	Harry Tooze	Participation in the Riverina Swimming Carnival
	Jaidyn Bright	Participation in the Riverina Swimming Carnival
	Max Wighton	Participation in the Riverina Swimming Carnival

School Expectation Awards

Ryan Nechvatal	Being responsible
Chloe Rowlands-Sim	Being responsible
Keziah Steinmetz	Being responsible
Cooper Hille	Independently stacking chairs

Writing Awards

Middle School Zac Nechvatal



Woolworths 'Earn and Learn'

Our school is participating in the Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' program.

By collecting stickers when you shop at Woolworths, our school will be able to choose resources that we need, at no cost to us!

The stickers are now available when you shop at Woolworths.

You fill a special card with stickers and then drop completed cards to the special box in the foyer at school. You can also put loose stickers in the box labelled with our school name at Woolies Marketplace, Woolies Koorringal, or in the box at the school. (We will have the cards available at the school).

Remember to get friends and family collecting stickers for us too. We're off to a great start! Please keep collecting stickers.

Thank you for helping us with this program.

Book Character Day



Wednesday 23 August



Why: To celebrate everything that's great about books

What to Do: Come to school dressed as a character from a book

and

have fun!

Which character will you come dressed as?



A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops. Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the Principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Get to know the Staff



Tyrone Hoerler

- SLISO working on the newly established class.
- Something interesting – Working across the school on an art project
- Favourite movie – Dirty Dancing
- Favourite food – Caesar Salad

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.

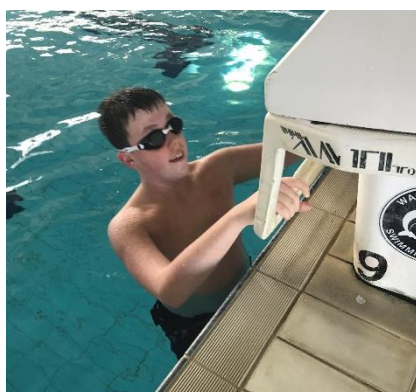
School Assemblies

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.

Riverina Swimming Carnival



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

-  laptops & tablets
-  lessons & activities
-  uniforms & shoes
-  books & supplies
-  sports fees & gear
-  camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



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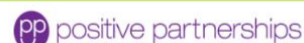


Free workshop for
parents & carers of
young people on the
autism spectrum!

Wagga Wagga
12 & 13 September 2017

Register your place:

positivepartnerships.com.au



Please support the Winnel Family

Raffle Tickets - can be collected from the office.

Function - Further information please contact Mel Bruce on 0422367797