



Willans Hill School News

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Curriculum and
Learning

Wellbeing for All

Connecting with
Community

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 13 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 complete the survey for our school go to:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/whs55>

Book Week - Escape to Everywhere!

"Children's books change lives. Stories pour into the hearts of children and help make them what they become" Jane Yolen. This week we are celebrating Book Week. Every year, teachers and librarians across Australia spend a week celebrating books! Dress up days, parades, activities and books are explored, highlighting the importance of reading. This year's theme is—Escape to Everywhere!

Thank you to our amazing Librarian Rosie for her dedication and commitment to making the school Library a place that fosters a love of reading.

Ways to support your child's literacy development.

Studies have shown that children's motivation and achievement improve when their parents are involved in their education. There are many everyday things you can do to encourage literacy learning.

These include:

- Sharing your knowledge and explaining how you use literacy in your everyday life
- Encouraging your child to read and view a variety of texts such as newspapers, novels, comics, magazines, websites, email and timetables
- Encouraging your child to write and design for a variety of purposes using different mediums
- Discussing how texts look different depending on the purpose and audience — for example, text messaging uses different spelling from school projects
- Talking about things that you have read or viewed that were amusing, interesting or useful
- Discussing favourite authors, producers, directors or illustrators and what you like about them
- Discussing new and unusual words or phrases and exploring these through print and electronic dictionaries
- Playing games that develop knowledge and enjoyment of words
- Making use of community resources for information, local and school libraries

Gabby Sheather

Principal

Save the date

Mon 21 – Fri 25 Aug Book Week – Theme: 'Escape to Everywhere'

Thurs 24 Aug Year 7 Immunisations

Fri 8 – Sat 9 Sept Steers on exhibit at the Wagga 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.

K/2U have been busy with lots of sport this term. On Fridays students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in a basketball clinic.



Class Awards

Class K-2U

Alyan Hasan

Independent painting

Class 2-6S

Prudence Lapham

Reading unfamiliar text

Class 2-6B

Cooper Camery

Working hard and completing activities independently

Class 7-9T

Jaz Seymour

Making a consistent effort to complete his artwork

Class 7-9M

No award

Class 7-9O

Danielle Steele

Improved independence in class work

Class 9-10C

Emily Whittaker

Actively using her new visuals for communication

Class 10 -12M

Chloe Rowlands-Sim

Following instructions and displaying perfect behaviour on the textiles excursion

Class 9-12M

Oliver Hawkins

Using visuals to ask for a break

SPORT

Chloe Rowlands-Sim

Recording a personal best score of 114 at bowling

Chloe Smith

Listening to and following instructions to improve her throwing skills

School Expectation Awards

Michael Payne

Being a good learner

Oliver Hawkins

Following instructions

Chloe Smith

Being responsible

Paul Tseros

Being responsible

Declan Leidl

Being responsible

Baylin Hope

Being responsible

Cooper Hallcroft

Being responsible

Nikayla Greer

Being a good learner

Max Wighton

Being respectful

Cooper Camery

Being responsible

Chayse Camery

Being responsible

Writing Awards

Junior School Chayse Camery

WOW OF THE WEEK!



Keziah Steinmetz is WOW of the Week.

Keziah has made solid progress in literacy and numeracy areas. She is engaging more actively with classroom learning experiences. Her effort in Agriculture has also been a highlight. Keziah has made many positive steps forward this term. Well done Keziah!

WOW !

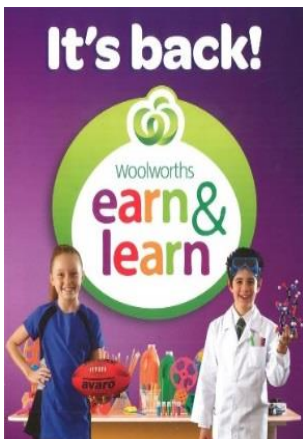
A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

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.



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 Koorngal, 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.

Winnel Family Fundraisers

Raffle Tickets - can be collected from the office.

Function – A fundraising function is being held on Friday 29 September, at the William Farrer Hotel to support the Winnel family for further information please contact Mel Bruce on 0422367797

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.