



Willans Hill School News

21 Feb 2018

Challenging,
engaging and
innovative learning

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learning community

Making sense of the
world

"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". Building positive, robust and respectful relationships with our parents and carers is essential if we are to achieve our shared vision. Throughout the year we invite you to participate in your child's education and welcome any suggestions or feedback as to how we can improve what the school has to offer. Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the Parent Information Evening last week. We value these opportunities as they enable us to connect with our community and to share what is happening across the school.

An important part of your child's education is the creation of Personalised Learning Support Plans. These identify the educational priorities for the coming year and outline the support that your child will require to achieve learning outcomes. Parent/carer input is an essential part of this process. The school is conducting Personalised Learning Support Planning meetings from February the 26 until March 9. I encourage you, if you have not done so already, to make a booking with the classroom teacher.

A reminder to return any paperwork sent home to the school as soon as possible so that the school is able to provide the best possible care, welfare and safety for your child.

The school start time is 9.00am and we ask that students are on time as this can often prepare them for the rest of the day.

This year we are moving into a new school planning cycle. We have 3 new strategic directions all with a clear purpose for the following three years. Staff are currently working together to further develop this plan. Your input in this process is crucial and as we progress we will continue to invite parents/carers to provide feedback. I would like to share with you the 3 new Strategic Directions and their purpose statements.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1

Challenging,
engaging and
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(Learning)

Our purpose is to provide a high standard of education through quality teaching and learning programs that inspire every student to excel and learn to their full potential. Through accessing quality teaching and learning programs students will be empowered to achieve success at all stages of development

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2

Build a professional
learning community

Our purpose is to develop professional learning communities that promote the growth of staff. We will work collaboratively to build knowledge, be innovative, develop practices and celebrate success. We will improve student outcomes through the implementation of evidence-based feedback practices

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3

Making sense of the
world
(Learning)

Our purpose is to develop increasingly self-motivated learners, confident and creative individuals with the personal resources for future success and wellbeing

The P & C at Willans Hill School is an active and supportive group. They are very keen for more parents and carers to become involved this year. Without their contribution we would not have many of the resources we have today. The AGM is on Wednesday 21 February at 6.30. I strongly urge parents to attend tonight's AGM to support the school and to connect with our community.

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

Be Respectful

- Wait your turn
- Listen to others
- Be kind to others

Be Responsible

- Be a learner
- Make positive choices
- Look after equipment

Be Safe

- Respect personal space
- Follow instructions
- Mind your body

Gabby Sheather

Principal

Late Arrivals and Early Departures

If your child arrives to school after 9:00am or needs to leave before 3:00pm 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.

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.

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Class Awards

Class 1	Nathanael Brown	Writing his full name when signing on
Class 2	Henry Pavitt	Showing engagement in all KLA'S
	Brooklyn Alexander	Outstanding participation in Blue Earth
Class 3	Declan Leidl	Working with more independence during Literacy
	Deanna Weston	Improved focus during Literacy activities
Class 4	Harry Tooze	A positive attitude when completing tasks across all subject areas
	Annie Heir	Positive attitude when attempting all new tasks
Class 5	Dante Williams	Fantastic focus and participation in language
	May Bowditch	Fantastic creative writing
Class 6	Toby Mildren	Increased focus in all learning areas
	Sarah Clark	Demonstrating a positive attitude in all subjects
Class 7	Nikayla Greer	Great start to 2018 and settling straight into new routines
	Kiara Quade	Using Proloquo2Go to make choices and engage in a STEM lesson
Class 8	Jaiden Martin	Great work with addition during Mathematics
	Stephanie Brest	Consistent effort in learning all week
Class 9	Chloe Rowlands-Sim	Outstanding effort in Mathematics
	Will Nagangast	Engagement and participation in the Blue Earth program
SPORT	Max Wighton	Showing energy and stamina during high school dancing

Save the Date

Wed 21 Feb	P&C AGM – 6:30 pm in the Staffroom
Thurs 22 Feb	Vaccinations Years 7,10-11
Mon 26 Feb – Fri 9 Mar	PLSP Meetings
Fri 30 Mar – Mon Apr 2	Easter long weekend
Fri 13 Apr	Last day of Term 1

News around the school

During the school holidays our school purchased signs to display our school expectations. The signs have been placed in frequently visited locations such as classrooms, playgrounds, the hall and office. The behaviour expectation signs have been created as a direct result from the Communication Passport training staff completed last year. Each sign has a real photograph, symbol and word so that each student can access and recognise the school expectations. The displays visually prompt students to follow expectations and to maintain a safe and respectful environment.



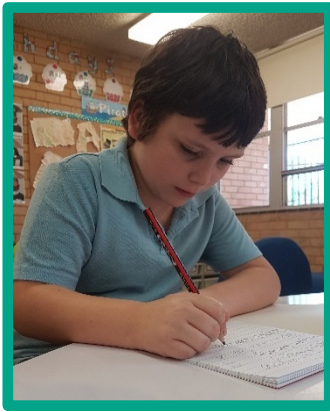
Reminder

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

Newsletter in 2018

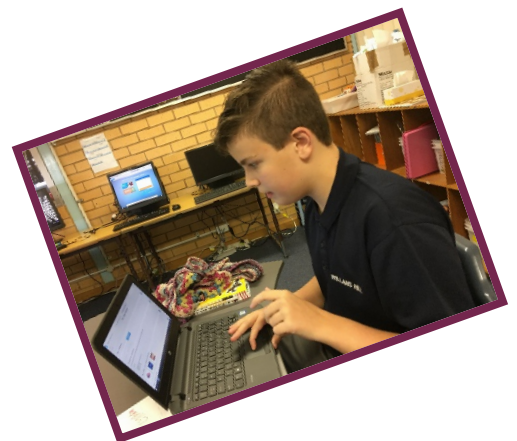
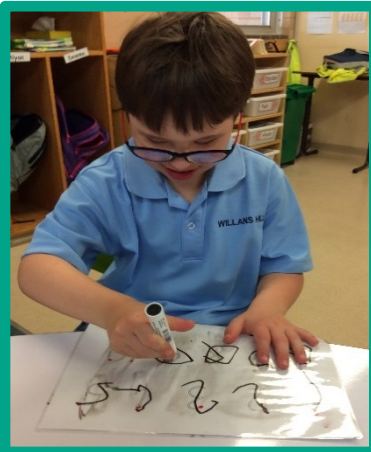
In 2018 the school will be changing from weekly to fortnightly newsletters. We hope this will improve the quality of the information we can provide to our community.





Class 3 have enjoyed settling into the new primary school area.

We have been busy in all Key Learning Areas and are looking forward to a great year of learning.



Class 4 have made a great start to 2018 in all subject areas.

