



# Willans Hill School News

**21 Mar 2018**

Challenging,  
engaging and  
innovative learning

Building a  
professional learning  
community

Making sense of the  
world

## Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, based on the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is the most successful multicultural country on earth and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Let's come together as a community to celebrate our diversity on and beyond 21 March.

### *Facts and figures*

There are some fascinating statistics about Australia's diversity that can be good conversation-starters:

- nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- we identify with over 300 ancestries
  - since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi
- more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

*These facts are taken from ABS 2016 Census Data*

## New School Plan

The new school plan is now in the final stages of being completed. At the next P&C meeting the plan will be presented and parents will be asked to provide feedback. I encourage parents/carers, if available, to attend this meeting as the new school plan provides the direction the school will be taking in the following three years. However, if you are unable to attend and would like further information regarding the plan please contact the school.

## Staff absences

This term we have had a number of staff away and I would like to thank parents and carers for their patience and understanding. To improve communication we will be sending a note home to families when the teacher or SLSO is away.

## Pick up and Drop Off

The mornings and afternoons at the school are extremely busy and we ask for your assistance to make sure all students are safe when arriving at and leaving from the school. Parents/carers are asked to remain in vehicles until staff can support students to or from the car. You are more than welcome to come into the school to collect your child, however, please park your car in the carpark so that other cars are able to move around the pickup area.

## Health and Wellbeing

The flu and bug season is approaching. Please be mindful of sending your child to school when they are unwell as there are many students in the school who have little or no immune system. A Five Step Hygiene program was implemented within all classes across the school. If your child has an allergy to soap or wipes please make sure the teacher is informed.

## School Uniform

The Department of Education guidelines regarding school uniforms states the following:

The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist school communities in:

- defining an identity for the school within its community
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

## Easter

This will be the last newsletter before Easter so I would like to wish all our families a happy and safe Easter.

*Gabby Sheather*  
Principal

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.

# Class Awards

Class 1	Ryan Sellings	Enthusiastic reading of classroom books
	Ruby Langfield	Singing the alphabet song
Class 2	Chayse Camery	Improved handwriting skills
	Henry Pavitt	Independently writing his full name
Class 3	Deanna Weston	Participating and having fun during Bluearth
	Declan Leidl	Making great predictions when reading stories
Class 4	Cody Manning	Great focus during language lessons
	Anastaissa Heir	Careful and concise work during Mathematics lessons
Class 5	Katelyn Daley	Coping well with change
	Harry Deveson	Focus and inquisitiveness in STEM
Class 6	Toby Mildren	Excellent effort in shared reading
Class 7	Nikayla Greer	Always participating and completing every activity given
	Kiara Quade	Creative thinking in Creative Art
Class 8	Cody Winnel	Beginning reading lessons without being prompted
	Oliver Hawkins	Persistent effort in Mathematics lessons
Class 9	Abbey Kaletta	Positive attitude and engagement in Work Education
	Asha Daley	Enthusiastic participation and supporting her peers in rugby training

## School Expectation Awards

Luca Scarrone – being responsible and being a good learner

## News around the school



Students participate in Work Experience in various locations in and out of school. Some of the activities and locations include: Jewellery making, cooking, Bunnings, E-Waste, Coles, and Wagga Wagga City Council.



## Willans Hill P&C Association News

### Movie Night

We are pleased to announce that this year's movie is **Mamma Mia**. Stay tuned for booking details.

### Second Hand Uniform Shop

Donations needed  
Located in the canteen  
Once up and running parents and carers will be able to access the shop on Wednesdays

### Easter Egg Raffle

The P&C is asking for donations for the Easter Egg raffle. The last day for donations is Friday 23 March. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 28 March.



Your NDIS and Technology! How do they work for you?

Date: Wednesday 21 March

NDIS Information Session 1

10:30pm to 12:00pm

Equipment Showcase

12:00pm to 2:30pm

NDIS Information Session 2

2:30pm to 4:00pm

Venue: Wagga RSL, Dobbs Street, Wagga Wagga

RSVP: (02) 6926 8500 or email [adminN31@visionaustralia.org](mailto:adminN31@visionaustralia.org)

If you are unavailable to attend a session in person, stay tuned for our NDIS webinar coming up soon!



Now in its 5th year, Football4All Wagga Wagga welcomes all children and adults with a disability to come and participate in a Team sport. It is lots of fun and there are heaps of friends to be made.

Registration is FREE and easy. For further information please call;

**Michael or Trudy Standley on 0416256338 / 0410657409**

When: First game for 2018, Saturday 7th April at 9am

Where: Duke of Kent Oval – Wagga Wagga

## Save the Date

Fri 23 Mar	Last day for P & C Easter Egg raffle donations
Wed 28 Mar	P&C Easter raffle draw
Thurs 29 Mar	Primary School Easter Hat Parade
Fri 30 Mar – Mon Apr 2	Easter long weekend
Fri 13 Apr	Last day of Term 1

### 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.

### 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.







STEAM – catapult



STEAM – space

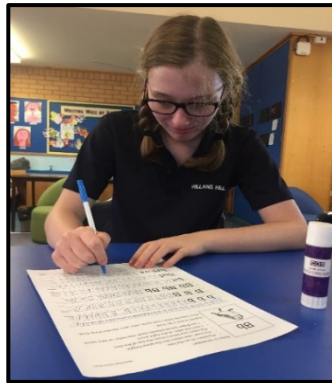


Work experience

## Class 6



Spelling in  
shaving  
cream



Handwriting



Agriculture



## Class 7 Superstars!

