



Willans Hill School News

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Challenging,
engaging and
innovative learning

Building a
professional learning
community

Making sense of the
world

Welcome Back Everyone

On behalf of the staff at Willans Hill School I would like to welcome new and returning students, parents and carers. I hope you all had a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to catching up this term.

On Tuesday 12 February a Parent Teacher Evening will be held at the school and we extend an invitation to all parents and carers to attend this evening.

I would encourage all parents/carers to engage with the school P&C as they do an amazing job in supporting the school particularly in raising funds to enable students to achieve and succeed while at school.

From 4 March to 15 March parents and carers will be invited to participate in meetings to set educational goals for their children in 2019. If you have a problem or concern, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, the Assistant Principal in the relevant area or me.

The following times are the recess and lunch breaks at the school.

Recess 10:00-10:15

Lunch 1 11:15-11:45

Lunch 2 12:45-1:15

If you would like further information regarding the school, information booklets are available at the front office.

Student Health Care

A letter has been sent home regarding student Health Care plans and Emergency Response plans. If you have not received this letter or have any questions regarding your child's health care needs please contact the school immediately. Student health care is an extremely important matter and your support is crucial to enable the school to provide a safe environment for your child to participate in learning.

Bluearth

This year the school is very excited to be working with the Bluearth Foundation. Bluearth staff will visit the school every 2nd Tuesday, starting next week, to deliver evidence-based programs in the school, to train teachers and to use physical activity to develop students' social and emotional wellbeing as well as their physical health. A brochure is attached to this week's newsletter to provide parents and carers with further information regarding the Bluearth Foundation.

Gabby Sheather

Principal

Save the date

Tuesday 12 February	Parent Information Evening 2019	6:30 to 7:30 pm
Wednesday 20 February	P & C AGM and meeting	6:30pm
Thursday 21 February	Vaccinations Years 7 and 10	
Monday 4 March - Friday 15 March	Personalised Planning Meetings	By appointment only
Thursday 21 March 2019	Harmony Day	
Friday 12 April	Last day of Term 1	

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.

Staffing 2019

The school leadership team this year is as follows:

Primary School - Janelle Urbanavicius

High School years 7, 8, 9 and 10 - Maddy Imrie

High School years 11, 12 and RFF - Jessica Murray

We have appointed a number of positions this year to continue to extend and improve the opportunities available to students at Willans Hill.

Class	Teacher	Other Positions	SLSO
1	Janelle Urbanavicius		Jane Lindner
2	Pam Steer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STEM team Technology Coordinator 	Owen McDonell
3	Kate Saxon		Nadine Haisell
4	Sarah Obst		Suzanne Murphy
5	Shirley Taylor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative Arts Coordinator 	Jacquie Howell
6	Maddy Imrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Representative Council (SRC) 	Lynda Williams
7	Peter Clark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative Arts Coordinator 	Anthea Weeks
8	Jessica Muray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Coordinator 	Lyn Davies
9	Marg Maher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MULTILIT Coordinator 	Noha Youssef

Introducing our new members of staff



Kate Saxon
Class 3 Teacher



Emma Molkentin
Release from
Face to Face (RRF)
Teacher



Laurelle Nosworthy
School Administration
Officer

Janine McBeath
Job Coach



Lisa Nelson
Release from
Face to Face (RRF)
Teacher



INTRODUCING

Class 1, 2019



Kindergarten

Chris



Year 1

Kasey



Year 1

Olivia



Year 1

Ryan



A reminder to all parents and carers that Willans Hill is a nut aware school.

Please make sure that all food at school is nut free.

Help us keep our kids safe!

Late arrivals and early departures

If your child arrives to school after 9am 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 .

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

Primary assembly is on every Tuesday at 1:30pm.
High School assembly is on every Tuesday at 2:20pm.
Parents/carers are welcome to attend.

A brochure containing information regarding nuts has been included in this newsletter to raise awareness of the risks associated with food allergies and anaphylaxis as this is essential to ensure the safety of our students.

In accordance with the policy of the Department, peanuts, tree nuts and nut products will be excluded from the curriculum. This does not include foods labelled "may contain traces of nuts".

If food is being provided from home for any reason please ensure that peanuts, tree nuts and nut products are not used as ingredients. We are a Nut Aware School.

Expression of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/astp/atsos>

For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au

Class Awards

Class 1	Wol Wol	Settling into school life.
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	Olivia Priest	Settling into school life.
	Chris Om	Settling into school life.
Class 2	Chayse Camery	Enthusiasm and great effort in all key learning areas.
Class 3	Shylen Brydon-Undy	Settling back into school with enthusiasm.
Class 4	Ajak Mabyour	Joining in all class discussions.
Class 5	Charlie Achilles	An excellent transition into Willans Hill School.
Class 6	Max Wighton	Settling into Class 6 well and taking on more responsibilities.
Class 7	Jaz Seymour	Successfully settling into his new classroom and routines.
Class 8	Nikayla Greer	Great start to Year 11.
Class 9	Emily Baldwin	Displaying a mature attitude to learning.

Sport Awards

Chloe Smith

Great participation in Bluearth

Personalised Learning and Support Planning meetings (PLSP)

Personalised Learning and Support Planning meetings for all students are occurring this term between 4 March and 15 March 2019. Parents and carers are encouraged to attend these meetings as they provide a valuable opportunity for staff to work in partnership with all stakeholders to improve learning outcomes for students. Thirty minutes has been allocated for each meeting. Parents and carers with students in Years 11 and 12 have been allocated 45 minutes. If you would like any external providers such as Speech Pathologists and/or Occupational Therapists or interpreters to attend the meeting you are welcome to invite them. We ask that you let teachers know prior to the meeting if they are attending.

Forms have been sent home with students this week.

Please nominate 3 time preferences and return to the school office by Friday 15 February 2019. Parents and carers will be notified allocated times in writing during the week beginning 18 February 2019.



PARENT EVENING 2019

Tuesday 12 February
6:30 to 7:30pm

The evening will provide parents with the opportunity to:

- ◆ Meet and connect with staff, other parents and carers in our community.
- ◆ Learn about some of the amazing opportunities students have across the school .
- ◆ Visit classrooms and learning spaces.

A disco will be held for students in the hall and a BBQ including light refreshments will be provided.