



Willans Hill School News

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Challenging,
engaging and
innovative learning

Building a
professional learning
community

Making sense of the
world

Term 3
31 July 2019

Welcome back to students, parents and carers and staff. I hope you all had a safe and happy holiday and I am looking forward to catching up with you during Term 3. Thank you to Janelle for relieving in my position while I was on leave last term.

This week all students are participating in dance workshops organised by the dance company Footsteps. A flyer has been attached to provide further information regarding this exciting opportunity.

Education Week is a statewide, annual event, held during the first week of August, to celebrate NSW public education.

The theme for 2019 is 'Every Student, Every Voice'.

Key messages for Education Week this year.

Authentic participation

Student voice is more than just having a say. Valuing and actioning the ideas, opinions and expertise of all students has significant impact for student wellbeing.

Partners in learning

Student perspectives, experiences and aspirations shape and enrich our schools and communities and actively influence our decision-making as we strive to be the best education system in Australia.

Respectful relationships

Working collaboratively with other students and teachers, our young people grow into engaged learners and ethical citizens able to contribute positively to their school and wider community.

Connecting communities

We connect our diverse communities by creating and sustaining inclusive, interactive learning environments that use advanced technologies to promote and extend student influence beyond the classroom walls.

Change makers

A culture of high expectations empowers our students to build a shared sense of purpose, self-value and belonging that will prepare them for future lives as active citizens in an increasingly complex and dynamic society.

On Monday 5 August, Education Week will be opened in the Market Place by the Director of Public Schools. Our school will have a display in the Market Place that will showcase the great achievements students have made this year. On Tuesday 6 August at 10:50am, students from our school will be involved in a drumming performance at the Market Place.

On Wednesday 7 August the school will be opening classrooms and hosting a sausage sizzle for parents/carers. I encourage parents/carers to attend as this is a great opportunity to celebrate your child's education.

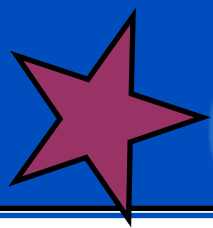
A Parent-Teacher evening will be held at the school on Tuesday 13 August from 4:00pm until 6:30pm. We hope that this will provide parents and carers with an opportunity to discuss their child's progress with the classroom teacher and make any adjustments where necessary to Personalised Learning and Support Plans so that we can continue to meet the needs of students. Semester 1 Reports will be sent home next week. These will also provide you with information regarding your child's progress.

Information has been sent home for parents to indicate a preference for times to meet with teachers, so if you have not received this please contact the school so that we can send it home with your child.

Gabrielle Sheather
Principal

Term 3	Event	Time
29 July - 2 August 2019	Footsteps Dance Workshop	Timed sessions
5 August - 9 August 2019	Education Week	
Tuesday 6 August 2019	HS Drumming Group - Wagga Wagga Marketplace	10:50am
Tuesday 13 August 2019	Parent Teacher Evening	4:00pm - 6:30pm
Wednesday 21 August 2019	Book Character and Great Book Swap Day	Information on page 3
26 August - 28 August 2019	Life Education Van	Timed sessions
Friday 20 September 2019	Year 12 Graduation	6:00pm
Friday 27 September 2019	Last day of Term 3	

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



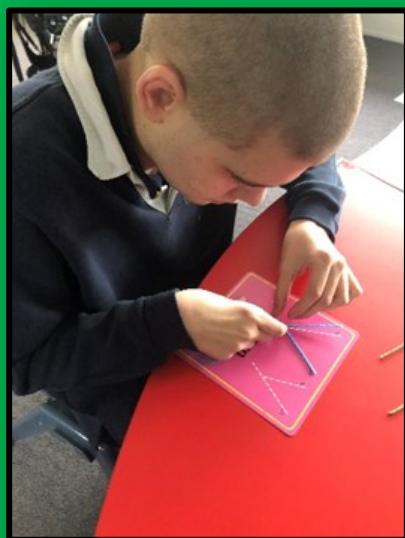
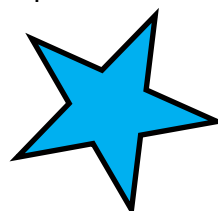
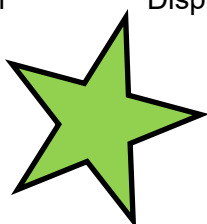
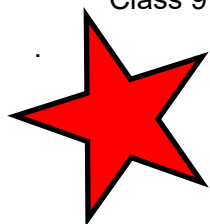
Class Awards



Week 1



Class 1	Kasey Barton	Enthusiastic return to all classroom routines.
Class 2	Chayse Camery	Excellent letter writing.
Class 3	Brooklyn Alexander	Excellent effort in physical education (PE)
Class 5	Ellena Learmont	Excellent answering of 'what' questions about our book of the week.
Class 6	Katie Daley	Having a positive attitude towards Term 3.
Class 7	Maggie Standley	Accurate editing skills in writing.
Class 8	Jaiden Martin	Working independently in maths.
Class 9	Chloe Smith	Displaying persistence in problem solving.

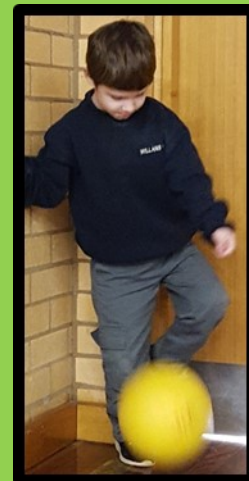
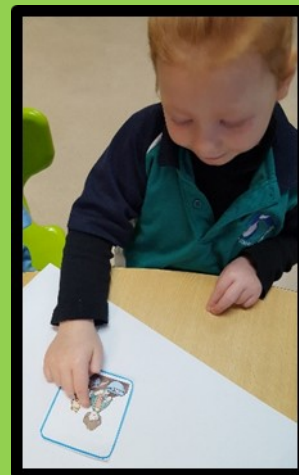


Class 8

We have settled into a great Term 3!

Bluearth, maths and English have been the highlight so far.





Class 1 working on science and ball skills last week.

Get ready! We are celebrating **BOOK WEEK** on **Wednesday 21 August**

with **Book Character Day** and **The Great Book Swap!**

greatbookswap.org.au



The Great Book Swap



Our school community can help close the literacy gap

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation aims to reduce disadvantages experienced by children in remote Indigenous communities across Australia by lifting literacy levels and instilling a lifelong love of reading.

Every donation helps provide books and literacy programs to remote communities where they are needed most.



What do students do? Dress up as a book character, bring a book to swap and a gold coin to donate to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

The Great Book Swap is not just for students! Parents, carers, pre-schoolers, grandparents and staff are also welcome to bring a gold coin donation and a book to swap.



Parent/Carer Invitation

Education Week 2019

'Every Student, Every Voice.'

Wednesday

7 August

11:45 onwards

- Visit your child's classroom
- Engage with other parent/carers in our school community
- Enjoy a free Sausage Sizzle



Does anyone have any Lego (not Duplo as we have that) that you no longer use and would like to donate to the school to add to the Students' lunchtime activities? Your donation would be greatly Appreciated.

Late arrivals and early departures

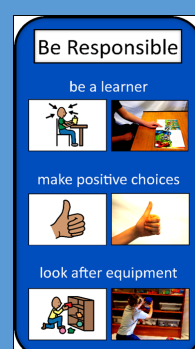
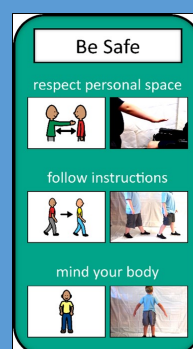
If your child arrives at school after 9am or needs to leave before 3pm you need to sign them in/out at the front office as per Department of Education policy. Staff will then take your child to or from class. Please do not go to the classroom yourself.

School wide student expectations

Below are the school-wide expectations developed in 2017 in consultation with students, staff and the community.

These are displayed in classrooms, playgrounds and other learning environments across the school.

Staff model and reinforce these expectations daily to support the wellbeing of all students. Your support to reinforce these expectations is greatly appreciated.



Wagga Wagga POST SCHOOL EXPO

for students with disability and special needs

This is your chance to speak to providers about:

- accessing supports - transition to work programs -
- advocacy - recreation - further study - NDIS and more -

Wednesday 4th September 2019

5.00 pm—7.00 pm

Wagga Wagga RSL Club Mirage Room



Footsteps

Dance Programs

Ph: 1300 760 588
www.footsteps.com.au
dance@footsteps.com.au

Educating through movement

"Footsteps are fantastic! The teachers are extremely personable and well trained. They are thorough in their planning and programming of all lessons. The lessons are delivered in a fun, exciting and motivating atmosphere where every student is encouraged to do their best. I have not hesitated in bringing this company into my school."

Bill Bird - Willoughby Public School

Other services we provide:

- Vacation Care
- Music Trivia Nights
- DJ Services
- Birthday Parties

Costing

Australia

Prices start at \$2.00 per student per session

New Zealand

Prices start at \$2.50 per student per session

Why choose Footsteps?

- We are the longest running, most experienced dance provider in Australia and New Zealand, with over 20 years experience teaching dance in schools
- Instructors receive up to 3 months on the job training in addition to further training and development during each holiday period
- Our curriculum program meets outcomes from both the HPE and The Arts (Dance) learning areas of the National Curriculum
- Each dance within the curriculum program is linked to a Teacher Resource that outlines curriculum outcome information, music and choreography details, and an assessment guide to assess students at each session
- All management staff have been instructors in the classroom - we understand the needs of students in relation to dance and fitness
- A professional, high quality sound system is brought to each lesson
- Our programs change every year and we keep up to date with the latest dance and music trends
- We offer the largest range of dance styles including individual, partner and progressive partner styles

Our dance programs promote:

- Confidence
- Fitness
- Coordination
- Self-esteem
- Creativity
- Social skills
- Risk-taking

Course Structure

Half or full term programs available. Sessions run for approximately 40-45 minutes depending on your school timetable. Our vibrant, energetic and experienced instructors can cater for groups of up to 150 students in one session.

Courses are available from Pre-school to Year 12, including special needs

Outcomes

- Concerts/Showcases
- Discos
- Socials
- Parent presentations
- Fete or community performances
- Graduations
- Formals
- Much more! We cater for any dance requirement!