



# Willans Hill School News

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Term 2  
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Student Growth and  
Attainment

Quality Teaching

Well-being and  
Connection

## Principal's report

Dear parents/ caregivers,

I hope everyone enjoyed Mother's Day, spending time with loved ones in the beautiful weather. Who can believe that we are nearly halfway through the year? I'm really not sure where the time has gone but I know that the remainder of the term will prove busy for teachers as they prepare to assess and write report comments.

## Mother's Day Stall

I would like to thank Mr Clark and the Class 10 work experience students for organising our Mother's Day stall last week. Our students were so proud to be able to choose and purchase gifts for someone special.

## Cold Weather

Can parents and carers please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing as we near the colder months. Some days, even though forecast to be warm, start off extremely cool at Willans Hill. It is easier to take off extra layers then find additional clothes when it is cold.

## Boccia

Well done to our school Boccia team who recently participated in an inclusive tournament at PCYC. Even though our team was not placed, an enjoyable day was had by all. A special thank you also to Miss Jessup and Annie who organised the day.

## Horse riding at Riding for the Disabled

I currently have the privilege of taking a small group of high school students to horse riding each week for sport. The horse riding program assists in Improving coordination, posture and balance and developing core and muscle strength. It has therapeutic benefits for our students, bringing a sense of calm and supporting a broader range of movement.



## P&C

As many of you would have noticed through social media, our P&C are currently holding a raffle to raise much needed funds for our school. The prize is a Thermomix valued at over \$2000. There are only 200 tickets available at a cost of \$30. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 30th May. Please support our P&C and all of the wonderful things they do for our school. The next P&C meeting will be held on 14th June at 6pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome. Have a fabulous week!

Rachel Linsell  
Principal

## Save the date

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 14 June 2023 at 6pm

Last Day of Term 2

Friday 30 June 2023

# Class Awards

## Week 2

- Class 2 Isla Barry—Participation in assembly in week 1.
- Class 3 Fidelis Chinkwo—Very careful gluing during literacy.
- Class 4 Shylen Brydon-Undy—Commitment to learning odd and even numbers.
- Class 5 Ryan Burrill—Completing two-digit subtraction.
- Class 6 Baxter Geppert—Making positive choices and strong focus in reading.
- Class 7 Prudence Lapham—Improved following of instructions.
- Class 8 Elijah Yang—Independently using Proloquo2Go to engage in class discussion.
- Class 9 Monique Besley—Engaging in English activities with confidence.
- Class 10 Charlie Achilles—Making a positive start back to TAFE in Term 2.

## Week 3

- Class 1 Savanah Towers—Engagement in morning routine.
- Class 2 Ruby Raine—Curving lines to form the letters in her name.
- Class 3 Stephen Sudeesh—Engagement during literacy activities.
- Class 4 Chris Om—Writing his full name in the correct formation independently.
- Class 5 Sophie Deveraux—A detailed illustration of the solar system.
- Class 6 Sophie Way—Engagement and focus during addition to 10 tasks in maths.
- Class 7 Chayse Camery—Strong engagement and participation in writing tasks.
- Class 8 Luca Scarrone—Engagement in maths, learning subtraction.
- Class 9 Lucas White—Trying his best to follow instructions and focus on his learning.
- Class 10 Cooper Camery—Displaying high interest when reading and understanding procedural texts.

# Sports Awards

- Class 8 Luca Scarrone—Focus and engagement in sport, learning a new game.
- Class 9 Cody Manning—Achieving a personal best in Rugby Union.
- Class 7 Kya Charles—Focus and engagement at bowling.

## EVERY DAY COUNTS...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**





# Class 2

This term Class 2 have been outside exploring the new playground. We are absolutely loving all the new things to play with.



# Class 7

Class 7 is enjoying mixing colours in art this term!





## Playgroup PALS

Playgroups Play and Learn Supported (PALS) playgroups are an innovative Australian model, bringing together all families – whatever their abilities – for shared activities, fun and learning.



### PALS playgroups are welcoming environments for all children, including those with disability and additional needs.

It's all about learning together, creating communities that support us all.

At PALS, families identify shared interests and embark on a program of activities with 'mainstream' cultural, arts, sporting or recreational organisations. At every step, they are supported by a trained playgroup facilitator. Dance classes? Gymnastics? Yoga or art? It's all possible at PALS.

An external evaluation of the PALS program identified a **range of benefits**, including:

- **For children with disabilities and their families:** new opportunities to connect with others in the community, increasing children's skills
- **For families of children without disabilities:** greater understanding of disability and inclusion
- **For community organisations:** greater skills in providing inclusive practices and referrals to other appropriate services.



# Could you care for a child with health needs in your community?

CareSouth is currently seeking individuals or couples who have time and space in their homes and hearts to care for a young child with health needs in the Wagga Wagga community. You could have experience providing in-home support or simply be willing to learn.

Ideally, you work part-time or have a primary carer in your household who is not currently working; and you have older children or are 'empty nesters'.

This is an opportunity to make a real difference in the life of a young child who is already reaching key milestones with caring support.

CareSouth will support you every step of the way. In addition, you will receive a carer allowance, medical financial assistance, as well as support from other carers.

If you are ready for a rewarding journey and think you could help, we are here to answer all your questions. Please call Rebecca Crosby in our Wagga Wagga office on **1300 554 260**.

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