



# Willans Hill School News

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Welcome back to students, parents/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.

On behalf of the students and staff at the school I would like to thank the P&C members for all their hard work in organising the Mamma Mia Film Night during the school holidays. The P&C make an amazing contribution to our school and I urge parents/carers to become involved in supporting their efforts.

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.

Pamela Steer is now working in the Learning and Support Assistant Principal role for the rest of the year. She will be responsible for leading the High School and the Learning and Support Teams. Charlotte Slater is replacing Pamela on Class 5.

Pamela Steer and I travelled to Sydney this week to attend a Fair Education Workshop. We worked with our partners in special education to develop programs to support complex learners.

NSW Education Week is an annual event held in the first week of August to celebrate public education across the state. The theme this year is 'Today's schools – creating tomorrow's world.' A flyer is being sent home with the newsletter this week outlining this important event in our school calendar. On Monday 6 August, Education Week celebrations will be opened in the Marketplace by the Director of Public Schools. Our school will have a display in the Marketplace that will showcase the great achievements students have made this year. On Friday 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 is being held at the school on Tuesday 14 August from 4pm 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. Information was sent home last week for parents to indicate a preference for times so if you have not received this please contact the school so that we can send it home with your child.

The school has recently employed Nadine Milgate, a local Occupational Therapist, to work across the school. Nadine is working every Tuesday from 9.00am-12.00pm and will be supporting teachers to create learning environments that support the sensory needs of students. Nadine will provide a valuable resource to our school and we are excited to welcome her into our community.



## **A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health**

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops. Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing. Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

*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

<b>Class 1</b>	Shylen Brydon-Undy	Settling into Class 1
<b>Class 2</b>	Nathanael Brown	Settling into Class 2 this term
	Henry Pavitt	Outstanding effort in Footsteps
<b>Class3</b>	Cooper Camery	Improvement in his letter formation
	Alyan Hasan	Enthusiasm during music
<b>Class 4</b>	Naomi Gadsden	Enthusiasm during a science activity on the human body
<b>Class 5</b>	Katie Daley	Enthusiasm when expressing music through colour in creative arts
<b>Class 6</b>	Sarah Clark	Starting Term 3 focused and ready to learn
<b>Class 7</b>	Chloe Smith	Constructing and interpreting class picture graphs
<b>Class 8</b>		This award will be presented at the next assembly
<b>Class 9</b>	Caleb Brydon	Enthusiastic engagement and mature choice making at work education

## Health and Self on the Hill



Hi, I'm Emma Zimmermann and I've recently begun in my role as one of the RFF teachers here at Willans Hill. I moved to Wagga Wagga with my husband and two children at the start of the year from Katherine in the Northern Territory, where I taught for four years. I've also previously taught in Queensland and South Australia. I have really enjoyed my time here so far and can't wait to get to know everyone over the next two terms.



I'm Kirsty Cochrane and I am in my second year as a teacher at Willans Hill School. In 2017 I joined the staff as the teacher of the additional class, and this year I have moved across to teach RFF. I moved to Wagga Wagga at the beginning of 2017 with my husband and four daughters. Prior to that, I taught in the Northern Territory and Queensland. I am currently studying my Graduate Diploma in Psychology through Charles Sturt University.

In each newsletter, we will be bringing you some information about what has been happening in PDHPE, and what you can do to reinforce this at home. Health relates directly to our study of health and physical activity, self relates to our study of personal development. We will include information that you can use as a guide to discuss with your child what they have been learning, and information that you might find helpful to support your child at home. This week we would just like to introduce ourselves and welcome you to say hello if you see us around the school.

Save  
the  
Date

**Mon 30 July to Friday 3 August**

Footsteps Dance Workshop

**Mon 6 to Friday 10 August**

Education Week

**Wednesday 8 August**

P&C Association Meeting - 6.30pm in the staffroom

**Friday 10 August**

11.45am-12.45pm Classroom visits and sausage sizzle

**Tuesday 14 August**

Parent -Teacher meetings ( Booking slip due Friday 3 August)

**Wednesday 22 August**

The Great Book Swap and Book Character Day

**Mon 20 to Friday 24 August**

Book Week

**Wednesday 8 September**

P&C Association Meeting - 6.30pm in the staffroom

**Friday 21 September**

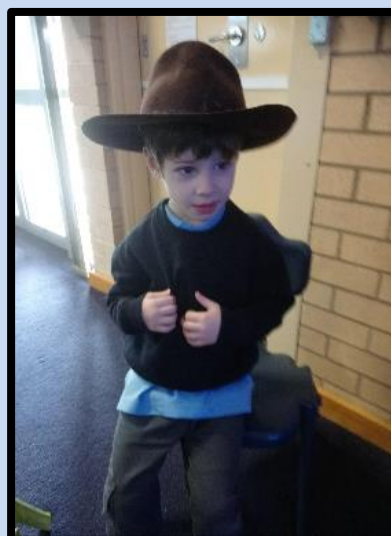
Year 12 Graduation

**Friday 28 September**

Last day of Term 3



Class 2 having fun celebrating NAIDOC Week.



Class 1 had a busy week last week – NAIDOC celebrations and reading about hats.





## Are you a school leaver needing help with the NDIS?

- » Need help with gaining a job or going on to further education?
- » Would you like to be more active in the community, socialise and make new friends?
- » Would you like to learn to be more independent? Meal planning, cooking, budgeting, learning to use public transport or gaining your licence?
- » Want to focus on preparing for working life with School Leavers Employment Supports (SLES)?

**As a registered NDIS provider, we can help you to achieve your goals.**



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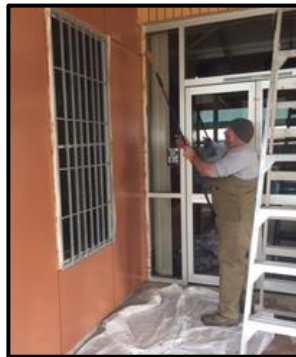
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## News around the school

Over the past week we have been updating the colour scheme on various walls around the school.



Every afternoon all students are participating in the Dance Workshop organised by the dance company Footsteps.



### 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.