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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcomes and Farewells

It is with pleasure that we welcome our new Chaplain, Mrs Charis Chua, to our school. Charis commenced her chaplaincy role on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, and has already begun getting to know our students and families. Welcome Mrs Chua.

We also welcome Miss Diana Do. Miss Do will be replacing Mrs Rachel Molloy in Year 2, Area 3, who will be taking maternity leave and the end of this week. We wish Mrs Molloy all the very best for the arrival of her new baby.

Mr Andy Zell, School Board Chair, has informed the Board of his resignation. Thank you to Andy for his contribution as inaugural School Board Chair since 2017. Andy has continuously supported myself and the school to achieve the best outcomes for students. Thank you Andy, for representing our school as the Board Chair.

School Sport Western Australia

Congratulations to our students who competed in the SSWA Cross Country event last Friday.

34 of our Year 3-6 WPS students joined over 2,000 primary school students from across the state to compete in the event. One of our students, Zac Wakefield, Year 6, has been invited to try out for the State School Cross Country Team for 2020! Congratulations Zac!

All of our students performed competitively and continued the Willetton Way of demonstrating good sportsmanship and resilience. Thank you Mrs Hughes (Phys Ed Specialist) for organising the opportunity for our students to participate in such a fabulous event and training the competitors in Before School Sport sessions. Thank you also to Mr John Wegner (Science Specialist) and Mr Sessoyeff (Gardener/Sports Assistant Extraordinaire) and the many parents who were there to support and assist on the day.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC week celebrations are held around the country to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The children and staff at Willetton Primary School had a week of rich learning. The younger students looked at Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders flags and their meaning and symbolism. The middle school enjoyed looking at Australian story books, poems and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander authors. The upper school researched famous and influential Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australians. The displays around the school are informative and stimulating showing the hard work done by everyone. Look out for some photos and pieces of work done for NAIDOC week in next week's Willetton's Got Talent newsletter!

Hon Dr Mike Nahan MLA Member for Riverton

Dr Mike Nahan will be visiting us on Friday 16th August, to meet Jenna Bass and Leila Dawson in Year 5, to congratulate them on their extremely successful Beanies for Brain Cancer Fundraising campaign. Dr Nahan was unable to be present when his generous donation of a \$250 gift voucher for a bike from George's Bike Shop in Willetton was drawn. Dr Nahan will address the school at the Area 16/Area 17 assembly.

Fostering Hope Pyjama Day

Once again, our school community demonstrated their big hearts and generosity by supporting the Year 6 Pyjama Day on Tuesday. It was fun to see the majority of the school (including staff) going about the daily school routine in their PJ's, dressing gowns and ugg boots! Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Garside and the year 6's for raising \$440 for the Fostering Hope Foundation. They will value your care and consideration.

Book Week Parade

The theme for Book Week 2019 is "Reading Is My Secret Power". On Friday 23 August we will culminate Book Week with a Special Parade Assembly. All students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite secret power or favourite book character. We look forward to seeing many creative costumes and to having a lot of fun as we celebrate the importance of reading.

Best Wishes,

Heather McNeil

Our School Times

8.40am-2.50pm

Important upcoming dates

Friday 16 August

Assembly
Areas 16 & 17

Monday 19 August

BOOK WEEK

Peninsula Farm
Excursion Area 2 & 4

Tuesday 20 August

Peninsula Farm
Excursion Area 1 & 6

Wed 21 August

Interschool Cross
Country

Friday 23 August

Book Week Parade

Willetton Cup
Basketball

Friday 30 August

Assembly
Areas 8 & 9

Message from the Deputies

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK Scitech Spacedome Incursion

Dear Parents & Guardians,

In Week 7 this term, Willetton Primary School will be celebrating National Science Week. This year, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Moon landing, the theme is 'Destination Moon'. All classes have been busily working away on STEAM projects focussing on this topic which will be displayed at our up-coming Parent Open Afternoon.

As a special treat for students, Mr Wegner and I have also arranged for Scitech to bring their Spacedome to the school for the entire week! Every student from K-6 will spend a half hour in the dome and half hour attending a space workshop with the Scitech team. Please keep an eye out next week for a note containing more information.

Joshua Jardine
Deputy Principal

Languages week 2019

Last week was **Languages Week** run by the Office of Multicultural Interests. Mrs Long ran a survey with the children at WPS to see how many languages (other than English) are spoken at WPS. It was fascinating to see how many children were bilingual or some even trilingual! We discovered the following fun facts!

- There are **more than 7,000** distinct languages spoken around the world according to the 2017 Ethnologue language database.
- In the 2016 census, there were over 300 separately identified languages spoken in Australian homes.
- **At WPS 33 different languages are spoken daily at home!**
- **In one class at WPS nearly 50% of children were bilingual and in another just 15%!**
- Some of the less common languages spoken by students at WPS are Pidgin (Papua New Guinea), Kannada (South West India), Shona (Zimbabwe) , Setswana (Botswana), Dzongkha (Bhutan).
- The most common languages spoken at WPS are Mandarin (China), Hindi (India), Malayalam (Kerala, India), Cantonese (Southern China & Hong Kong), Korean (South Korea).

TOP FIVE LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME IN AUSTRALIA AS A PROPORTION OF ALL LANGUAGES SPOKEN, 2016 CENSUS



Merit & Values Certificate Winners

**Congratulations to the following winners of
Certificates at our last few assemblies:**

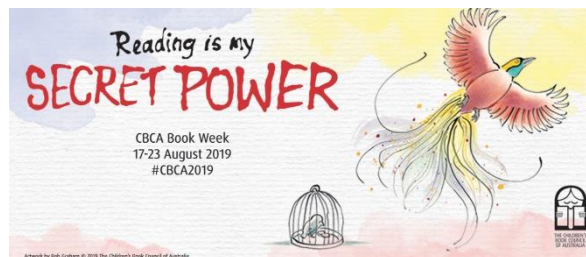
	MERIT CERTS	VALUES CERTS
Area	Students	Students
Kingfisher	Aaron Chan Ocean Le	Charley Poh
Woodpecker	Piper Williams	
1	Dre Hanisch Kishore Vijayakumares Lyric Jorge	Xavier Waters
2	Alice Jin Krish Rao	Twinkle Tandon
3	Jhanvi Veeramachaneni	Alisa Shuai
4	Kobi Seah Thisara Kumarapperuma	Ivy Dawson
5	Chloe Que Jayden Zhao	Aarna Asundi
6	Manisha Marattil Marley McGill	Chloe Lee
7	Evie Weeks Felix Craggs	Austin Bessen
8	Jiawen Hu Lachlan Berger	
9	Jack Chisholm Riley Porter	Matt Marattil
10	Anirudh Kapur Claudia Zell	Alissa Seah
11	Eshal Raza	Daniel Xie
12	Josiah Elecanal	Aiden Woodacre
13	Corrine McKenzie Daisy Wu Ra'ees Parker	Alona Isty
14	Lingfeng Zhang Max Thornton Michael George	Areej Raza
15		Narin Seo
16	Lohitya Kari	Carlito Ciavarella
17	Asha Ushamulla Hannah Saju George	
18	Chelsea Smartt Chris Shen Reyhaanah Vice	Ekham Sandhu
19		Luke O'Loughlin
20	Connor Riedel Elaine Li Ishaan Kumar	Saara Wijethunga

P&C News

Doesn't time fly... here we are in the 4th week of Term 3 already. Thank you to everyone that attended the last P&C meeting on 5th August. It was a busy meeting with upcoming events and possible fundraising activities discussed, welcoming the new canteen treasurer (thanks Geoff R for volunteering), and approved donations to the school for new paper recycling bins and for year 6 graduation. We'd love to see more new faces at our **next meeting on 2nd September, in the staffroom, at 7.00 pm. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Got an idea, please drop us a line at willettonprimarypandc@gmail.com or drop by for the meeting.**

Book Week (17th - 23rd August)

This year's Book Week theme is "Reading is my Secret Power". Looking forward to seeing all the different expressions of secret powers and how reading can transform us in the school at the week 5 assembly.



Book Fair 2019 Update (20th – 25th September)

After several years break, the book fair is returning to Willetton Primary School! (If we have enough volunteers to help out).

Jodie Wakefield, our Book Fair Co-ordinator would love to hear from any parents able to assist with sales, helping our fair-goers find books, crowd control & general assistance.

If you are able to volunteer your time for any of the following shifts, please contact Jodie ASAP via email at zamber@iinet.net.au

- Friday 20 September, 3-4pm
- Monday 23 September, 8-8.30am or 3-4pm
- Tuesday 24 September, 8-8.30am or 3-4pm
- Wednesday 25 September, 4.30-5.30pm

This is a fabulous community event and our students just love choosing their own books, plus our school library receives the profits.

Please advise your availability **before Monday 19 August**, as after this date we will be deciding whether the Book Fair will proceed or be cancelled.



\$380 raised through School Banking!

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students we have raised \$380 for our school through the School Banking Contributions Program in Term 2. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

These funds will go towards classroom air conditioners.

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember, School Banking day is every Friday morning before school in the undercover area.



Edu-Dance Concert (Wed, 25th September)

The kids have been practicing their dance steps and working hard to show off their talents. For those of you that would like to get up close and comfortable, the P&C will hold a raffle of the front rows of parent chairs. So no need to get there early to grab a seat, if you win it will be reserved for you! More details to come!

DID YOU KNOW...that this year, all our fundraising is going towards the new air conditioners for the classrooms?

Canteen

Meal Deals are in the pipeline so please keep an eye out for those when the notification goes home. Besides that, Dana and Narelle would love if there are parents and carers willing to give a helping hand on a Wednesday or Friday morning. Grab a friend and catch up with each other and meet others while helping make yummy, nutritious meals for our children. Even if you can commit just for the term, that would help out immensely. Please contact Dana via willettoncanteen@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/willettonprimaryschoolcanteen/.



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Our friends at Dinner Twist are donating a massive \$60 to Willetton Primary P&C for every family that purchases a delicious food box!

These donations will go towards funding new air conditioning (yay!) keeping our kids nice and cool this coming summer. That's good food for a good cause!

Head to www.dinnertwist.com.au, customise your food box and make sure you include WILLETTONPANDC in the discount field at the checkout.



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Saturday Aug 17th
9am - 11am

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\$10 per child

21st September

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Messy Play Day

2-3 Or 3:30-4:30

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Facilities designed for children 0-5 years of age

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- ✓ Perfect all-weather party venue
- ✓ Brand new kitchen with oven

Venue hire: \$150/4 hours (\$100 current members)

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Term 3 Planner 2019

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	22 July Staff Development Day	23 July Students resume	24 July	25 July	26 July Kindy & PP Enrolments 2020 - Close
		← →	Edu Dance lessons ← →		
WEEK 2 NAIDOC week activities	29 July	30 July	31 July Newsletter issued Edu Dance lessons	1 Aug PEAC testing	2 Aug Faction Cross Country
		← →	← →		
WEEK 3 Languages Week	5 Aug Puzzle-a-thon K /PP during this week P & C Meeting 7pm	6 Aug Year 4 Excursion Areas 11 & 20	7 Aug Willetton's Got Talent Edu Dance lessons	8 Aug Year 4 Excursion Areas 12 & 13	9 Aug Assembly Areas 7 & 10 SSWA Cross Country
		← →	← →		
WEEK 4	12 Aug	13 Aug BOARD MEETING	14 Aug Newsletter issued Edu Dance lessons	15 Aug	16 Aug Assembly Areas 16 & 17
		← →	← →		
WEEK 5 Book Week	19 Aug Excursion – Area 2&4	20 Aug Excursion Area 1&6	21 Aug Interschool Cross Country Willetton's Got Talent Edu Dance lessons	22 Aug	23 Aug Book Week Parade Willetton Cup Basketball
		← →	← →		
WEEK 6	26 Aug	27 Aug	28 Aug Newsletter issued Edu Dance lessons	29 Aug	30 Aug Assembly Areas 8 & 9 Multicultural Netball Carnival
		← →	← →		
WEEK 7 Science incursion all week.	2 Sept P & C Meeting 7pm	3 Sept	4 Sept Willetton's Got Talent Edu Dance lessons	5 Sept	6 Sept
		← →	← →		
WEEK 8	9 Sept	10 Sept BOARD MEETING	11 Sept Newsletter issued Edu Dance lessons	12 Sept	13 Sept
		← →	← →		
WEEK 9	16 Sept	17 Sept	18 Sept Willetton's Got Talent Edu Dance lessons	19 Sept	20 Sept
		← →	← →		
WEEK 10	23 Sept	24 Sept	25 Sept Newsletter issued Edu Dance Concerts 1pm and 2:15pm Open Afternoon 3:00 – 4:30pm	26 Sept	27 Sept