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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Innovation Showcase

I would like to thank and congratulate Joshua Jardine, Deputy Principal, and Laura Yeoh, Year 2 teacher, for the extensive preparation and commitment that went into Willetton Primary School's display and presentation at the Innovation Showcase in the Perth Convention Centre last week. The showcase hosted dignitaries, industry leaders, special guests, hundreds of teachers and students, and the general public. There was a very large and positive interest in what our school is doing in STEM and Digital Technologies. Many Principals, Department of Education Principal Consultants, Curriculum Leaders and teachers from across the state, visited the booth that Joshua and Laura put together, asking many questions and commenting on how far the school had come in such a short time. Joshua and Laura were in constant demand as they explained what was on display, how we started, the whole school buy-in, the amazing talents of our staff and students and where to next?

On the second day of the conference Joshua was a presenter to a sold out, standing room only, audience. Being one of six primary schools in the state selected to present professional learning on Innovation Practices, is not only an honour, but also demonstrates how our school is at the forefront of providing high quality STEM and Digital Technologies programs to students across all year levels.

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and Dinner Dance

I am very much looking forward to joining parents, families and staff at next week's Year 6 Graduation Ceremony to celebrate the achievements, perseverance and successes of a wonderful group of students. The ceremony will be followed by dinner and dancing at Tompkins On Swan where staff will join the graduates for the evening.

After School Supervision

Here in our school, the safety of our students at all times is paramount. At times it is necessary to remind the school community that the staff are diligent in their duty of high care, during school hours, however we must emphasise that the students are under the supervision and care of their parents or carers once they leave the classroom at the end of the day.

The junior playground has become a very popular place for parents to gather whilst the children play after school. I am very pleased to see the interaction between parents and the development of new friendships through this opportunity. Please remember that the students MUST be collected from the classroom and go to the junior playground with their carer. Students ARE NOT PERMITTED to play unsupervised in the playground after school, as they wait to be collected. Students not collected directly from their classroom are directed to the front office where they wait for their parent. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation to keep all of our children safe.

Important upcoming dates:

Thursday 5 Dec PP 2020 Parent

PP 2020 Parent Information Session

Friday 6 Dec

Assembly IMSS - Strings & Guitar

Kindy 2020 Student Transition Session

Monday 9 Dec

Yr 6 Orientation Day at Rossmoyne SHS & Willetton SHS

PP Excursion to Spare Parts Puppet Theatre

Wednesday 11 Dec

Year 1 & 2 Bibra Lake Reserve Excursion

Thursday 12 Dec

Yr 6 Graduation Ceremony Yr 6 Graduation Dinner

Friday 13 Dec

Assembly
IMSS - Brass, Choir
& Woodwind

Monday 16 Dec

Reports issued via CONNECT

Wednesday 18 Dec

Christmas Concert

Thursday 19 Dec Students last day

See attached Term 4 2019 & Term 1 2020 Planners

End of Year Concert

The final event for this school year will be the end of year concert on Wednesday 18 December commencing at 6pm on the school oval. This information has been publicised on the school website since 15th November, and we are expecting a very large crowd, so the gates will be open from 5pm to enable everyone in the school community to find a nice spot for a picnic before the show begins! It has been delightful to hear Aussie Christmas songs being rehearsed around the classrooms. The Concert Committee has been hard at work organising this special event. A special thanks goes to Miss Flynn, our Music specialist and Mrs Mattock, Year 3 teacher, for their talented script writing for the evening. The staff and students are all looking forward to entertaining you!

P&C

Well done and thank you!!

I cannot thank the tireless, hardworking and committed members of the P&C, enough for the effort and diligence they have put in throughout the year, to achieving the goal of supporting the school financially through fund raising, to provide air conditioning for classrooms. This is of course, only ONE of the ways the P&C supports the school. Please read all about the terrific activities that have occurred this year and what is planned for 2020.

School Board

I would like to thank all Board members for their time and commitment to our board this year. This was Raelene Endersby's final year on the Board and I would like to thank her for her valuable contribution to the Board, particularly throughout my two years in the school. Board elections will be conducted in Term 1, 2020. The School Board will be asking for nominations for a Board Chair and new parent member. Further information will be provided in an information session early in Term 1, so please keep an eye out for notification of a special evening.

Week 10 Newsletter Issue Date: Thursday 19 December

The final newsletter for 2019 will be issued in HARD COPY to all students, as well as distributed on Connect AND be posted on the school website. It will not be issued until the final day of the term and will include important information for 2020 and a copy of the Term 1, 2020 Planner.

Please note: Term 1 2020 Term Planner is attached to this newsletter.

Best Wishes, Heather McNeil

Message from the Deputies

Dear Parents and Guardians,

PRE-PRIMARY PARENT INFORMATION SESSION FOR STUDENTS STARTING IN 2020

There will be a session in the <u>Library on Thursday 5th December at 2:15</u> for parents who have children starting Pre-primary in 2020. Please come along and find out what Pre-primary is all about and meet our current Pre-primary teachers. We ask that only parents attend this session please.

SEMESTER TWO STUDENT REPORTS: ONLINE DISTRIBUTION

As you were aware, our Semester One reports were only issued through CONNECT. In line with the Department of Education's move towards the electronic distribution of reports, we will only be issuing Semester Two reports through CONNECT. There will not be any hard copies of reports sent home. You are able to print off your child / ren's report via the CONNECT Website not the app.

We still have a small number of families who are not using their CONNECT accounts. To ensure everyone receives the electronic distribution of reports, we ask that you complete the following steps over the coming weeks. You only need to do this if you cannot log in or you are not using your CONNECT account. Most people will not need to complete this.

- 1. Ensure you have your P-Number and Password to login to connect If you require these to be reissued, please email your name and child/ren's name to <u>willetton.ps@education.wa.edu.au</u>
- 2. Login to Connect and ensure you can see ALL your children under the 'My Learners' tab.
- 3. Access the Connect user guides located in the 'School Space' library.
- 4. Check the School Space regularly for important school updates.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support with the transition to Connect and electronic reporting. Should you have any questions or are in need of any support, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Desley Spencer-James

Deputy Principal

Department of Education Innovation Showcase 2019

On the 27-28th of October, it was my absolute pleasure to represent Willetton PS alongside Miss Yeoh and Ms McNeil at the Department of Education's 2019 Innovation Showcase. This event saw educators from across the state come together to showcase exemplary, innovative practices in the fields of STEM and Digital Technologies.





On Wednesday, Miss Yeoh and I were one of only 45 schools to host a booth displaying the innovative practices happening across WPS. This display included our whole school approach and language to STEAM known as 'SPARC', Code Orange and Blue before school coding programs, Wired into Willetton and the incredible projects from our Parent Open Day in Term 3 such as our Minecraft Space Colonies and Beebot journey to the moon. Feedback from educators, industry and the public was overwhelmingly positive with many people remarking they could not believe the quality and creativity of the work happening at WPS.

On Thursday, it was my absolute honour to present a sold out breakout session to educators and students outlining our SPARC approach to STEAM and walking them through the steps taken by the year 5 students in Area 17 to produce their Minecraft Colonies. The audience was in awe of what the students had produced and many were very keen to take SPARC back to their own school.



Such an opportunity as this only came about thanks to outstanding work of the staff and students at Willetton Primary School who I can say with certainty, are at the cutting edge of STEAM education in Western Australia. I would like to say a special thanks to Ms Christener and Miss Flynn for their tireless efforts with Minecraft and Wired into Willetton respectively. Finally, I wish to acknowledge Miss Yeoh who spent countless hours preparing displays and did an outstanding job sharing the incredible work she has done with Area 6, the STEAM committee and Code Blue at the booth, it was an absolute pleasure facilitating it with her!

Kind Regards, Mr Joshua Jardine Deputy Principal WILLETTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS:

AN AUSTRALIAN CHRISTMAS WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER



- Senior Oval
- 5pm Gates open
- 5:45pm Children required at classrooms
- 6pm Concert Start
- BYO Picnic, picnic rug or LOW chair
- Please note, seating areas will be allocated based on chair size
- Smoke & Alcohol free event

Message from the office

Leaving Willetton Primary School?

We know that our Year 6 students are on the move to high school at the end of the year. If your family is moving and we are not already aware, please advise the office via email as soon as possible willetton.ps@education.wa.edu.au so we can take this into account for our planning for 2020.

Leave Requests

A reminder that all leave requests must be directed to our Principal Ms Heather McNeil for approval. If any families are planning to leave before the end of the school year or returning late for 2020 please provide these details as soon as possible. This can be provided via our absentee form on our website or a letter or email to willetton.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Generous Support

A big thank you to Mr Raymond Chen from Top Realty for his financial support of our school. Mr Chen has been a regular supporter of local education in Willetton and his generosity is appreciated.





P&C News

Only another two weeks until the end for the school year! Thanks to all the P&C members who attended the last 2019 P&C meeting on 25th November. With some drinks and nibbles we enjoyed each other's company, reflected on the year that's been and were able to approve the funding of the year 6 Athol Klemm award and set the 2020 meeting dates. Please save these dates in your calendar/diary as we'd like to see you there!

Our annual general meeting (AGM) starts us off on the 17th February with the out-going President's report and election of new committee members. Please consider participating on the committee as with a number of our office bearers and members leaving,

	Term	Week 3	Week 7	
P&C 2020	1	17 th February 2020 (AGM & first meeting)	16 th March 2020	
Meeting	2	11 th May 2020	8 th June 2020	
Dates	3	3 rd August 2020	31 st August 2020	
	4	26 th October 2020	23 rd November 2020	

we will need new faces to step up and keep the P&C going. More information on roles available at the end with a wrap up of 2019.

We also did a little brainstorming around events for 2020. We are hoping that the well-loved events like the student discos, the family picnic and teacher appreciation morning tea will continue, but there is so much room for new members to energise the school with new events.

Did you know that 2020 will be the 50th anniversary of Willetton Primary School? What better way to celebrate than with a school fete! How can you help out? This would be the BIG event for 2020 and would be run in collaboration with the school. Got ideas for it or other events? Feel free to share with us via PM on Facebook or an email willettonprimarypandc@gmail.com .



Photo: Deb Ginbey

The **Colour Fun Run** went very smoothly with plenty of parent volunteers assisting (even those who weren't rostered on!) and lots of colourful FUN!

A HUGE thanks to Mrs Hughes for her guidance, advice and assistance in planning the event, coordinating the Faction Captains and arranging assistance from Will, the gardener, who supplied the equipment. A big thanks to all the teachers and parents who were so generous of their time and support. Last but not least, thanks to our kids who were amazing fundraisers, and runners on the day.

We managed to raise \$13,742 in total, with us retaining a big \$7,773 for the air conditioners after administration fees and prize costs.

Thank you to all our students, families, friends and community for helping us make such a big difference in our school. And THANK YOU to Jodie W for organising this event!



On behalf of the canteen we would like to say a big thank you for all your support this year. Thank you to the people who volunteered their time to help us out, whether it be in the canteen or at special events. We look forward to serving you our delicious food again in 2020 and also welcome any volunteers to come in next year to help us out. Your help is always appreciated. Have a happy and safe holiday.

Dana & Narelle

PS. Last lunch order day is Wednesday 18th December, so don't forget to order before 8am at www.quickcliq.com.au.



STILL WANTED!!

Are you a qualified auditor? Do you know someone that is? We are looking for someone that could audit the P&C's financials for this year financial year (December 2019). If you can help, please contact our treasurer, Fiona on willettonprimarypandc@gmail.com

Look out for a **SECOND-HAND UNIFORM** stall when the class lists go up just before school starts. Or if you need something now, please contact the P&C via the front office, email or facebook and Mel O will be in touch. Now's also a great time to donate your out grown, clean school uniforms in the blue bin in the old undercover area.





Teacher Appreciation Morning Tea

A Big THANK YOU to all the parents who baked, cooked, arranged a delicious morning tea for our amazing teachers and school support staff. Thank you for helping us show them how much we value their efforts, passion and time they put into teaching our children. Thank you to Belinda MG for coordinating the event and her helpers on the day.

In these busy last weeks of term, we'd also like to say thank you to our school families and community that donated food items for our **FoodBank Food Drive**. We were able to add 1 big wheelie bin to Foodbank's reserves for Perth families in need. Your small deeds will help make a big difference! Thanks to Belinda MG for arranging.



Are you as excited as we are about the **Christmas Concert**? Remember to put in your calendar/diary: Wednesday 18th December on the school oval. Gates open 5pm for a 6pm start. Bring a picnic, a rug or a low chair and enjoy watching the children perform one more time in 2019. See you there!



ABOUT US

The P&C is an important part of our school community. We aim to combine fun, education and fundraising to help provide a warm and inclusive environment at our school.

We meet twice a term, in the school staff room, on Monday nights (weeks 3 and 7 of each team). Meetings are kept as short as possible, usually around 1.5 hours.

Membership costs \$1 a year. A form will be distributed at the beginning of the new year. Please consider becoming a member, even if it's only to receive the agenda and minutes of the meetings, so you can stay abreast of our activities. We are only a small group of parents and are keen to increase our representation and numbers so that we are hear from all points of view in our community. Becoming a member and attending meetings will earn faction points, which are much treasured by our children!

Meetings are a great opportunity to hear directly from the Principal about what's going on at the school, to meet other parents and feel connected to the school.

If you have even a small amount of time, please do come along/ reach out and find out how you might be able to contribute. Helping can come in a variety of forms, whether it's a one-off or a couple of hours a month; flexibility is guaranteed! Importantly, all official positions have a large degree of autonomy, giving the position holder the opportunity to make as much, or as little of it as they are able.

Kind Regards,

Tracey Wilkinson

P&C President

If you are interested in helping out by taking a position on the P&C committee but not sure what it entails, have a read below. They are not as scary as they may look - some only take a couple of hours a month or term. If you have any questions about a role, contact us via email at



willettonprimarypandc@gmail.com or PM us on Facebook (WillettonPrimarySchoolPandC) and we can talk you through it. (3) There are a number of committee members and P&C members moving on at the end of year so we'd love to see lots of new faces!

- The PRESIDENT (Executive) chairs all General and Executive Committee Meetings of the Association and
 offers leadership and management of the committee. Works with Secretary on meeting agendas.
- The **VICE-PRESIDENT (Executive)** assists the President, represents the P&C at WACSSO meetings (~1 per term), and chairs meetings when President is absent.
- The SECRETARY (Executive) takes care of correspondence and administration documents, takes
 meeting minutes, maintains a register of members, and notifies the school and WACSSO of the office
 bearers and committee members before 30 April. Works with President on reporting to the ACNC and
 Associations Online.
- The TREASURER (Executive) is responsible for all monies (receipts, payments, banking, and related documents), provides statement of accounts to each P&C meeting, maintains proper books of accounts and prepares annual financial statements for audit (end December), and forwards a copy of the audited annual financial statements to the school and WACSSO.
- The FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR co-ordinates P&C fundraising projects and event teams.
- The UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR liaises with uniform shop, manages the school dress sales, co-ordinates graduation shirt ordering with school, and co-ordinates the second -hand uniform collection & sales. This has been a shared role.
- The SAFETY HOUSE CO-ORDINATOR co-ordinates the safety houses in the area and the Safety House activities.
- The SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE co-ordinates sustainability initiatives and liaises with the school on more sustainable approaches.
- The KPP LIAISON co-ordinates Kindy and Pre-Primary events and activities with KPP class reps.
- The SCHOOL BANKING CO-ORDINATOR co-ordinates volunteers for school banking and banks student monies.
- The CANTEEN SUB-COMMITTE is a team of parents that oversee the canteen. This committee requires a
 convener and a treasurer and at least 2 other members, and works with the canteen manager, assistant
 and volunteers on ensuring a sustainable canteen that serves healthy, delicious food for students and
 staff.
- The PR TEAM work to co-ordinate news and information to school and general community through school newsletter and website, notices to families, P&C notice board, P&C Facebook page and other avenues.

2019 P&C Wrap Up

2019 was another great year for the P&C. A BIG THANK YOU to our passionate, hard working committee and members, and to the many parents and guardians that assisted throughout the year in so many big and little ways - thanks for lending a hand!

It was all possible THANKS to the many wonderful:

- Parent Morning Tea helpers and delicious food makers,
- Cake stall bakers, sellers and organisers,
- Sausage sizzle cookers and sellers,
- Teacher morning tea cooks, servers and cleaners.
- Harmony Day helpers,
- Family Picnic organisers,
- School Banking coordinator and tellers,
- Canteen staff and volunteers,
- School Photo helpers,
- Kindy & Pre-Primary Class reps,
- Puzzle-a-thon organisers and helpers,
- Safety House coordinator and Safety House owners,
- School Disco planners, security, caterers, and toilet wardens,
- Edu-Dance raffle organisers,

Each and every one of these amazing acts of service meant the kids had more fun, got that little bit more out of their school day, and got extra resources.

We've had great success over the last few years with fundraising because of our fabulously supportive school and local community. This year we surpassed our goal of \$20,000 and raised \$30,273! From this we donated \$19,857 to the school for:

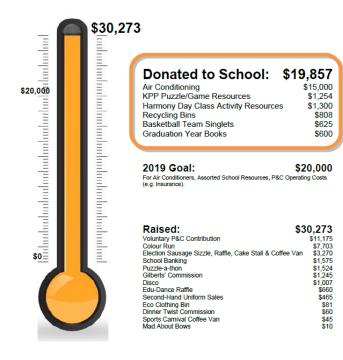
- Air conditioning
- ★ Basketball team shirts
- ★ Recycling Bins
- ★ Graduation year book
- ★ Athol Klemm Award
- ★ Harmony Day classroom activities
- ★ KPP Resources from Puzzle-a-thon

So, what's in store for 2020?

Well, that's up to YOU! We have a number of P&C Groupies leaving us for high school pastures and it is your time to come in, take over and run the school!!! ③

There are some traditional events that would be nice to continue (school disco, teacher appreciation morning tea, Safety House show, the canteen, helping with Book Fair, taking advantage of any election days, collaborating with the school on events like

- Second hand uniform stall holders,
- School uniform dress organiser,
- Graduation Shirt organiser,
 - Walk to School/Fume Free Friday organisers and helpers,
 - Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker collectors and collators,
 - Entertainment Book organiser,
 - Book Fair organiser and helpers,
 - Eco Bin organiser,
- Food Bank food drive organiser and donors,
- Money counters and statement balancers,
- Flyer makers, copiers and sign writers,
- Facebook admins,
- Ticketing creators,
- ...and all the students and families that bought a cake, bought a lunch order, used the school banking, and came along to one of the event



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Harmony Day, etc) but the rest is awaiting your amazing ideas! There is even the school's 50th anniversary to celebrate with perhaps a SCHOOL FETE!

If you're excited to create a fun, inclusive school community and support the school's great work for our students, come along to the **first meeting and the AGM for 2020, on Monday 17th February at 7pm** in the school staffroom (just next to the office). If you have an idea before then or want to ask us a question, PM us on Facebook or send us an email at <u>willettonprimarypandc@gmail.com</u>.

Community News









What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, aftermoon tea and a refiliable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys fincluding tablets and smartphones) at home.



OSHClub follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au



Before making your booking & cancellations

All children must be enrolled with SSFCMb prior to booking via oxhelub.com.au. Bookings made within 5 days for a Vacation Care seasion will linear an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 7 days notice is required for cancellation of a Vacation that the control of the control of the control of the control of the Please note that bookings cannot be made online within 5 days of the assion commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the service directly, the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or by emailing oshaccounties [University of the control of the control of the control of the oshaccounties] university of the control of the control of the oshaccounties [University of the control of the control of the oshaccounties] university of the control of the oshaccounties [University of the control of the oshaccounties] university of the oshaccounties [University of the control of the oshaccounties] university of the oshaccounties [University of the oshaccounties] university of oshaccoun

Child care subsidy

Children with additional needs We support all children including children with additional needs. If you would like to provide additional information about your child and his/her needs or require inclusions support funding, please contact us 6 weeks prior to program commencement on 04/17.









Building Active Bodies and Brains is a series of free resources for parents of children aged one to five years, developed by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and Playgroup WA.

The series includes one video from the experts, nine skills videos and nine imaginative play ideas to help your child develop fundamental movement skills, like jumping, throwing and balancing. There are physical and mental benefits of starting to explore these skills in the early years.

We invite you to visit the Playgroup WA website to watch the videos and look at the activity ideas for some inspiration to get moving and have fun!

Visit: playgroupwa.com.au/bodiesandbrains





Term 4 Planner 2019

WEEK 8	2 Dec Year 6 Dance lessons 11 – 1pm	3 Dec Parent Appreciation Morning Tea BOARD MEETING	4 Dec Year 6 Graduation Ceremony rehearsal at JCCA 11am-1pm Newsletter issued	5 Dec 2.15pm PP 2020 Parent Information Session - Library	6 Dec Assembly Strings / Guitars Kindy 2020 Student Transition
WEEK 9	9 Dec Year 6 Orientation Day at Rossmoyne SHS & Willetton SHS PP Excursion to Spare Parts Puppet Theatre	10 Dec	11 Dec Willetton's Got Talent Yr 1 & 2 Bibra Lake Reserve Excursion	12 Dec Year 6 Graduation Ceremony at JCCA 11am-1pm Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6-9pm Tompkins on Swan	13 Dec Assembly IMSS Brass / Choir / Woodwind
WEEK 10	16 Dec Reports issued via CONNECT	17 Dec	18 Dec K – 6 Whole school Christmas Concert Newsletter issued	19 Dec END OF TERM 4 FOR STUDENTS	20 Dec Staff Development Day

Term 1 Planner 2020

Willetton Dringary School Independent Public School	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
TERM 1 2020	27 Jan Australia Day Public Holiday	28 Jan	29 Jan School Office reopens 8:30am	30 Jan SDD	31 Jan SDD
WEEK 1	3 Feb STUDENTS COMMENCE	4 Feb	5 Feb Newsletter SWIMMING LESSONS Years 3 – 6	6 Feb	7 Feb Welcome back to school BBQ. 7:30 – 8:30am
WEEK 2	SWIMMING LESSONS - Years 3 - 6	11 Feb	12 Feb Willetton's Got Talent	13 Feb	14 Feb
WEEK 3	17 Feb P & C Meeting 7pm	18 Feb	19 Feb Newsletter	20 Feb	21 Feb
WEEK 4	24 Feb	25 Feb BOARD MEETING	26 Feb Willetton's Got Talent	27 Feb	28 Feb
WEEK 5	2 Mar LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	3 Mar	4 Mar Newsletter	5 Mar	6 Mar
WEEK 6	9 Mar	10 Mar	11 Mar Willetton's Got Talent	12 Mar	13 Mar
WEEK 7	16 Mar P & C Meeting 7pm	17 Mar	18 Mar Newsletter	19 Mar	20 Mar
WEEK 8	23 Mar	24 Mar BOARD MEETING	25 Mar Willetton's Got Talent	26 Mar School photos	27 Mar School photos
WEEK 9	30 Mar	31 Mar School closure from 12pm for Parent / teacher interviews.	1 Apr	2 Apr	3 Apr
WEEK 10	6 Apr	7 Apr	8 Apr Willetton's Got Talent	9 Apr	10 Apr GOOD FRIDAY