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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

As we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 crisis and it's wide ranging implications, the staff at Willetton Primary School are committed to leading our students and community with care, respect, resilience, perseverance and success.

We will continue do this with regular updates and communication; we ask that you prioritise as you navigate your way through the information and attend to what is most important for your child and your family. Finally, we will continue to support you, problem solve, employ new practices and bring our school vision to life; *"to develop the whole child to succeed in an ever changing world."*

As a staff we feel privileged to be a part of the Willetton Primary School community. We have been buoyed by the many positive messages and support from our parents over the past couple of weeks. Thank you!

The COVID 19 virus is creating an ever changing landscape in the community and I'm sure we have all been impacted in some way already. It's unknown territory we are entering and at this time our focus should be on our health and the wellbeing of those closest to us.

It's been just two short weeks since our last newsletter, and it feels like years have passed. Such profound change in such a short amount of time.

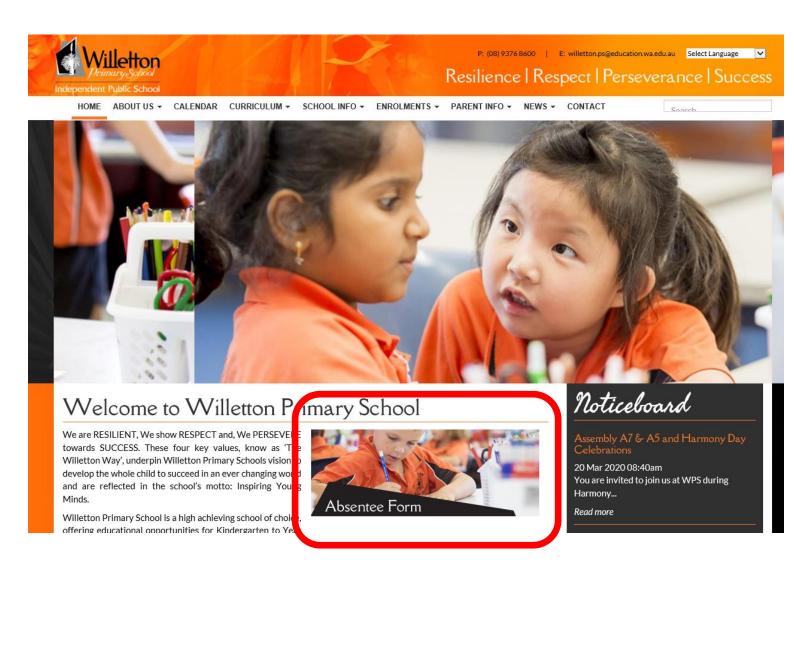
This is an opportune time to thank the staff at Willetton Primary School for everything that they have done to enable learning to continue and the active, practical steps they are taking to meet the challenge that confronts us. I would particularly like to thank my executive team, Mrs Desley Spencer-James, Mr Joshua Jardine and Mrs Karen Martin, and my administration team, Mrs Carol Gannon and Mrs Sarah Hustwick, who have kept me grounded, assisted me to make some tough decisions and are all working on having the best and safest environment for our students and staff.

Best Wishes, Heather McNeil

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Absentees

The preferred way to inform us of your child's absence if via our website – <u>www.willettonps.wa.edu.au</u> and complete the Absentee Form in the middle of the first page. Please see below



Merit & Values Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of Certificates: **MERIT CERTS VALUES CERTS** Area Students Students Aiden Zhang Kingfisher Amelia Walters Woodpecker Daniel Tham Ariya Seah Zare Horton 1 **Charlie Scorer** Vaishnavi Dasarathan 2 Seja Wjethunga Ryan Kaitharath Joe McGill 3 Kyle Oh Sarah Chen 4 Alice Jin Erin Masyuk **Paige Granato** 5 Max HOu **Emily Zhang** Stuthi Gurijala 6 Cyrus Ghasemzadegan Mitchell Nowrojee William Xie 7 Jaydon Koh Samairah Fatima Tzu-Teng Chi 8 Joel Lawlor Sara Ho Mahnoor Kamran 9 Chun Hei Phoebe Wong Nate Jeffery 10 Ashton Hanish Saaniv Kalgudi 11 **Caleb** Pontillo Joyce Chen 12 Anirudh Kapur Kyah Thorpe Mavis Wu 13 Charlie Okely Glasha Aleshina **Evie Wakefield** 14 Carter Bessen Shufei Hu Sophie Budas-Dickens 15 Cheniru Amarasingha **Jasmine Cousins** Zoe Millgate 16 Hanna Zhu Hayden de Jager 17 **Mitchell Griffiths** Aiden Woodacre Amrut Deshpande Dia Jhaveri 18 **Delilah Hunter** Hannah Saju George Noku Mavhondo Sadana Pathmanathan **Reyhaanah Vice** 19 **Dimity Murray** Ayaan Mushtaq 20 Zerah Shino

Naina Kaitharath

Message from the P and C

We're thrilled to announce that Candace Higgs has volunteered to lead the P&C for 2020! If you know Candace, she's been an active member of the school and the P&C since arriving. You may have met her one Friday morning helping your children bank their pocket money- she's also been running our Friday School Banking program. If you do see Candace (from a distance!) around the neighbourhood, or know her already, please give her a huge thank you and a warm welcome. It's also my pleasure to warmly welcome Tina R as Secretary and Mandy C as Canteen Convenor, while Candace H and Geoff R have agreed to continue School Banking Coordinator and Canteen Treasurer, respectively. On behalf of the whole school-THANK YOU to all our position holders and members.

I'm proud to report that the P&C has adjusted quickly to changes in the current environment and all our meetings will be proceeding via video-conferencing. There was a great turn-out of members on Monday night to hear from Ms McNeil about the school's coronavirus planning and talk about how we can help.

In this time of uncertainty, I would encourage you to stay connected to your community. Joining the P&C is a great way to do this and at the very least, you'll be able to smile at some friendly faces from the couch in your PJs (eating chocolate or drinking a glass of wine- you can block your video if you want!). One of our newest members commented on Monday night that it was lovely to see adult faces again after being isolated at home with young children.

Sadly, the canteen has temporarily close 🙁 and the P&C has had to postpone most of our activities- so what are we doing?!

Entertainment Books are available again for this year- in a digital format only. The current restrictions will end at some point and when they do, with a subscription you'll be ready to go! For those Bali-lovers amongst us, the Perth city membership also includes Bali.



- E'Co recycled clothing fundraiser. Are you spending a LOT more time at home and getting around to that long to-do list, including sorting the kids' bedrooms! Remember that you can drop off donations of clothes, shoes, bags, hats and belts in the big white bins next to the Kiss and Drive area in the main car-park. The school does receive a small amount from these donations and they do help families in need, here and overseas.
- Second-hand uniforms. Please place any donated uniforms in the blue bin in the old undercover area. Contact us via email if you wish to make a purchase and we'll put you in touch with the lovely Julie (willettonprimarypandc@gmail.com).
- We want to support our community. If you have a creative way that we can help our parents, students or teachers (from a safe distance- think online/virtual) please let us know!

The next meeting of the P&C is not scheduled until Monday May 11 (week 3 of Term 2) and we are planning to meet via video-conference again (while everyone is hoping that restrictions will be over by then!). EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Meetings are done in 90mins, starting at 7:30pm (to allow for bedtime routines) and if you need to leave earlier, you can just sign out! Email willettonprimarypandc@gmail so we can make sure you get the meeting details.