

Willetton's Got Talent

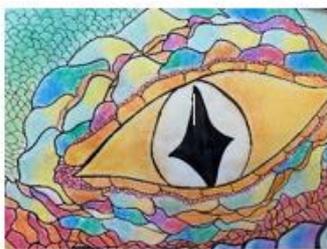
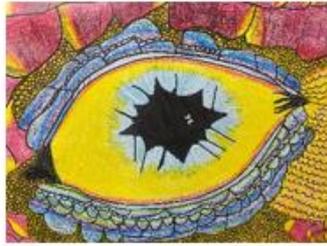
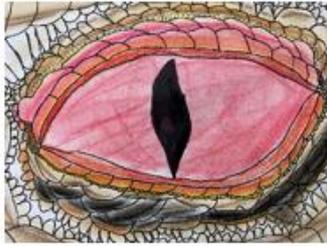
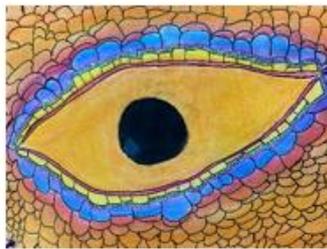
Year 5 students from Area 15 have created mesmerising art pieces called 'Dragon Eyes'.

Students used several important elements of Art in their designs. In particular: line, shape, colour and contrast.

I'm sure you will agree they are outstanding examples of the amazing talent of our Willetton students.

Mrs Thomas
Area 15





AREA 3 AND 9 ANZAC DAY BUDDIES



Where Is The Treasure?

Molly

IVY Was BURNIG hot!!!! She was crawling on the hot sand. She looked up and thought she saw water. " No you are imagining. Come on let's get up and walk, " Avril said. They walked and walked and they were tired and thirsty. Then they looked up and saw water!! They were running then jumped into the water "Ahhhh it's so nice," Ivy said . " What's that cross? Asked Ivy. "Press it , there's water is coming down. There's a shovel and there's a chest." They dug down, it was very deep, there was a key they dug even more, there's a chest , so they opened it , there was.....another key. They dug even more and BANG !! There was a chest. They opened it and found..... Treasure. Wow!!!! Avril carried the chest. "How are we going to get the chest up?" A note say's go down, there's a ladder. They dug down for the ladder , it was very long. "Let's climb up the ladder!" Said Ivy. They got back up to the desert, where there was a taxi. "Hello please take us home," He said "OK"! They arrived back home and were rich Yay!! This is a pretty dress, I love being rich it is so nice." Lets buy a mansion!" The girls shouted.

I LOVE BEING RICH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Wow, Molly!
I am super impressed
with your writing! Keep up the
fantastic effort. J. McNeil 2/3/21

Tyler Wong
Year 4
Area 12

William's Diary Entry for Anzac

Dear Diary, 1 January 1915

Even though this is only one day of this year, this definitely feels like it's going to be the worst one ever! I'm suffering from my wounds and I can't even command my soldiers!

About a year ago, someone shot me and I suffered immense pain. Only half my soldiers with snipers survived and hundreds died everyday, including one of our best soldiers. My pet horse kept on neighing at me alarmingly, as if it was suffering emotional pain. We were losing by far and by now nearly a million had died.

I'm slowly fading away and I have made no recovery, instead the wounds are killing me even more! I feel like I've lost my amazing role! I asked my soldiers to create better weapons and come up with a strategic plan. Even though they came up with a good plan that I agreed to, many soldiers keep on reporting to me that many of my mates have been shot. Great pets have been shot too! We've tried to fight in the sky, sea and land yet the enemy just do the same thing, they are way more prepared than us. I feel like our opponents are too good for us.

William

Science Experts - Biological Science - Year 6



Our expert scientists here at Willetton Primary School were asked to write a response to the following letter. Students used their observations and evidence from our class investigations to support their claims as to why the “Concerned Life-styler” was having such trouble in establishing a successful and sustainable farm.

Ask the experts ?

Dear experts,

A large vacant piece of farming land outside of town has been lying unused for decades. It was finally released for sale by the banks and my family and I were able to purchase it and follow our dream of growing everything we need and living sustainably.

To start with we have planted a small vegetable patch with tomatoes and lettuce and some cotton so that we can learn to make our own clothes. Later we want to grow wheat for bread and more fruits and vegetables. We have bought some Jersey cows as we hear they have the best milk for making cream, butter, cheese and yoghurt. We have some chickens so we can have fresh eggs. In time we'd like some sheep for wool, and to harvest the wood from the trees on our land to make our own furniture and keep ourselves warm.

The problem is that our plants are not looking healthy at all. We're worried it might be the summer heat, so we've

started pouring water over them morning, noon and night but it doesn't seem to be helping. The cows are having stomach troubles. Parts of the pasture aren't growing much grass for the cows but we are supplementing it with quality dry feed. They seem to be drinking an awful lot of water too so we are refilling their small drinking dam almost as often as we water the plants. It seems wasteful to be using so much water, even if it comes from a well that goes deep underground so it isn't costing us money. We have a separate rainwater tank that is treated for our personal use.

The chickens are looking really unhappy, despite all the chicken feed and vegetable scraps we're providing, and they aren't producing any eggs. We're really worried about our plants and animals. How can we care better for them?

- Concerned Lifestyler

*Dear Concerned lifestyler,
When you say 'pouring water' on the plants, are you using a watering can?
Some farms in that area have problems with salt on their land. Have you tested what is in your soil and water?*

Below are just a few of the many well thought-out responses to the “Concerned Life-styler”

Dear Concerned life-styler,

Thank you for letting us know about your problems.

I hear you say your plants are looking unhealthy, it may seem you've been watering your plants incorrectly. You've been pouring your plants every morning, noon and night. I suggest you reduce the amount of time you water your plants in a day, or reduce the amount of water you're giving it. I have been doing an investigation with other experts about this; we now know that plants that are watered with too much water will turn yellow, droopy and dry. On the other hand if you watered it with a small amount of water, it will, too turn dry and die eventually. Do try watering your plants with the correct amount of water by adjusting it to your plants. Also, make sure if you are planting in pots or containers put holes at the bottom to let the water escape.

I also want to suggest you to try checking out the water you use to water all of your plants. I am afraid you may be using salty water, looking back at your plants' current conditions. I too did an investigation about salt water concentration in water along with another experts, and it seems like the water you're using is salty. We've tried out watering plants with different salt concentrations, and according to it, some plants will not be able to survive with too much salt in the water, or otherwise it will die quickly. A little bit of salt in the water is okay for some plants, but be mindful that plants will die eventually even if you have only a bit of salt in the water.

For your pasture, I think you should water it with freshwater so it will be able to grow green and fresh grass for your cows to consume it. I am afraid your cows are having stomach troubles since you have not been able to feed them with any fresh grass. I also heard you have been supplemented it with dry feed, and after you did so, they have been drinking lots of water.

Referring to my investigation, it's because dry feed made their mouth dried out too, and they wanted to consume water right after. But, because they have also been drinking salt water, they get even thirstier, and keep drinking more and more salty water.

The chickens were unhappy weren't they? I am concerned you have also been feeding them with the plants you got, which you watered with salty water, and as I said earlier, salty water is not too good for your plants. Them eating these plants might be affecting their pregnancy, meaning they could not produce any eggs.

I suggest you check the water resources you use to water your plants and to feed your animals, and do try to filter the water as much as you can. You said that you have a separate rainwater tank for your personal use, right? Try doing the same thing you do for your use, and instead of using the salty water you've been using, use the fresh water instead!

Hope this has helped you to have a better farm, I am happy to help you out with anything you are struggling with, and hope your farm works out for you guys at the end!

From Chief Biology Expert Zya – Area 20

Dear Concerned Life- styler,

Thanks for your letter. Your farm sounds like an outright disaster, but there are numerous ways that you can solve its problems and start living sustainably. I will try my absolute hardest to answer your queries.

You said that your plants were not looking healthy at all and you thought it was the summer heat so you just started to pour water over them morning, noon and night. If you want your crops to survive, it is imperative that you change this habit. Based on a recent investigation we have completed, we have found that plants that get too much water (like yours) will not be very healthy, but plants that don't get enough will also end up dying. Because of this, I recommend using a hose or sprinklers and checking how much water your plants really require.

Have you tested what is in your soil and water? Some farms in your area have issues with salt concentrations. We have found that, according to another recent investigation, plants that get too much salt will turn droop and decay. If a plant gets only a bit of salt, it will survive for a while, but

will be extremely unhappy and will eventually turn yellow and droop. Freshwater is best for your crops, so try rainwater.

Now to your poor cows. The reason parts of your pasture aren't growing much grass could be soil infertility, which could be caused by salt. As previously stated, you must check what is in your soil and water. Thanks to this terrible problem, you have decided to use quality dry feed to supplement the cows' diet. Have you realised that the feed you are using is dry? This dry feed is making the cows thirsty, which is why you are needing to fill their drinking dam as much as you water the plants (not that you should water them so much). Unfortunately, because this water is groundwater, it's possible that you could be tapping into the salty water table, which is rising due to less deep-rooted plants to soak it up, bringing saltwater close to the surface! Salt water can have many negative effects on animals, like excessive thirst, loss of appetite, stomach pain, diarrhoea and increased urination. Try filtering the water or installing more rainwater harvesting systems.

The reason your chickens are extremely unhappy despite all your vegetable scraps and chicken feed is probably also because of salt water. Humans and poultry are sensitive to salt and should not drink water with high salt concentrations. Due to this compromised health, there are no eggs being laid.

Overall, it's immensely vital that you test your soil and water as well as not overwatering plants. You also must stop giving your cows that dry feed and try vegetable scraps instead, and also, you need to try to grow more grass. I hope this letter has helped you get a better understanding of what you need to do and will set you on the pathway to success. Thanks for your letter, and good luck to you.

From Expert Scientist Amrut – Area 17

There are too many fabulous responses to publish. A special mention to the following students for their outstanding responses.

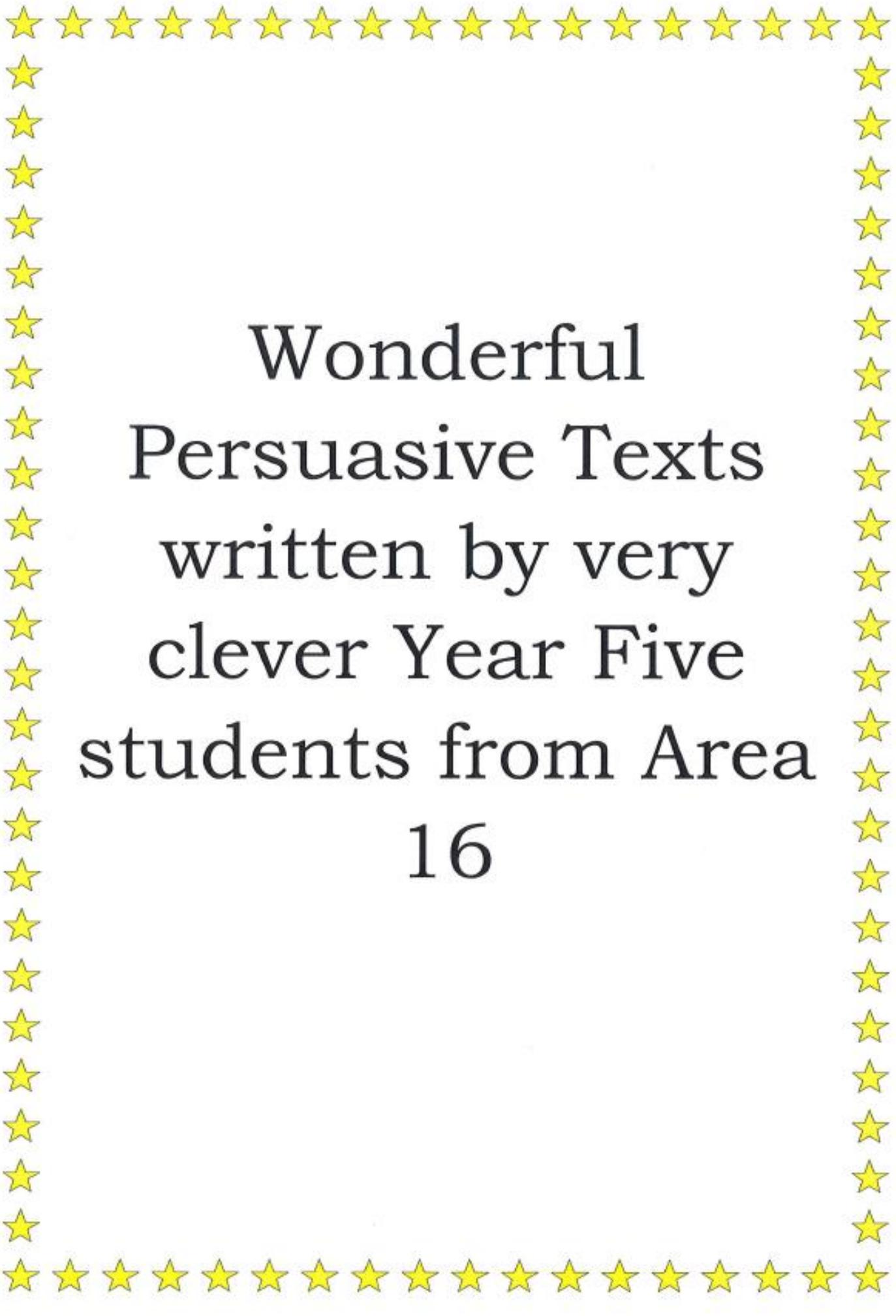
Area 17 – AnnRose, Leah, Daniel, Rayen, Aarin, Tahlia, Jasmine, Shreeya, Eshal and Praneel

Area 18 – Amritta, Cruz, Freya, Hardy, Jessica, Pranjal and Reagan.

Area 19 – Devya, Trinity, Jy, Isla, Ethan, Thomas, Levi, Cheniru and Tanya

Area 20 – Tannisha, Nathan, Jocelyn, Kishaany, Emily and Gayatri.

Jules Uhlmann – Science Teacher



Wonderful
Persuasive Texts
written by very
clever Year Five
students from Area
16

Lion's are the best animals!



By Abdul Haroosh, Ben Lam, Allissa Seah, Felix Craggs and Logan Tham

ROAR!! Wow! Aren't lions majestic?! They are the greatest animals on earth! Lions are powerful predators, zoo favourite and, best of all, they are the KING of the jungle!

Lions are powerful predators. They are fast to catch prey and have lots of stamina which means they can run further distances than cheetahs. Lions have a powerful jaw with sharp teeth to chomp through their prey like a knife cutting butter. They even have sharp claws for attacking and strong legs for unsuspecting prey. Lions are definitely SUPREME hunters!!

The lion is the jaw dropping animal, the one that children BEG their parents to see first at the zoo. ROAR! The lion is the biggest cat on earth and has a magnificent appearance. Their mane, long tail and beautiful brown coat look incredible. Have you heard of the lion? Of course you have because it is soooooo well known from literature and documentaries. Now give the legendary lion a loud ROAR!!

Lions are the KINGS of the JUNGLE! All other animals run away in terror from this powerful predator. The lion's mane looks like a crown as he walks majestically around his savanna home. Lions certainly are the jungle kings!

Lions are the GREATEST creatures on earth. They are powerful predators, zoo favourites and jungle kings. Let the lion's ROAR be heard across planet earth!!



Spring Is The Best Season

by Sienna 



Don't you like the weather to not be hot, but not too cold? Well I do, that's why I like love spring! There's blooming plants everywhere because the weather is perfect, and you can see the colours fill your backyard. Your fitness levels will quickly rise because you can go for more walks. There might even be a lovely sun shower in your backyard. How sad to not have a greener life.

Would you like to have flowers bursting out of the soil in your own backyard? Well, I do! In spring fruit, veggies and even honey are at its very best. The bees work extremely hard to pollinate the honey we have today. Most animals that hibernated during the winter, awake and roam around. If you like butterflies, then you'll like spring for sure! Let's make ourselves healthier by eating more delicious, healthy fruit.

Have you ever thought about taking evening walks? Well, you **MUST** try it! In spring there's sunlight for longer. But in winter it'll be too your rainy and dark to be taking walks. All you'll be able to do is stay at home, and watch TV in winter. In Spring the trees will provide lots of oxygen for your needs. Did you know you can even go to the beach! You can even do spring sports, like netball, but only the weather can make that happen.

Do you like the weather to not be hot, but not to cold? Well, you'll like spring for sure! Although in winter you'll won't get sunburnt, sunlight makes your day more bright. Have you ever seen a sun shower? Even though it'll make your day more humid, the outcome is a **RAINBOW!**

Have you ever seen such beautiful flowers than spring in summer? Not me. Don't you like blooming lilies in your own garden? Did you know that in winter you'll probably get fat, because you won't be able to take as many walks? Even though you can snuggle up on your couch, you will be healthier in spring. Unhealthy kids shall now be healthy.

By Sienna Trew
Year 5
Area 16





SPRING IS THE BEST SEASON

BY HARRISON SHIERLAW

Do you like warm air and that chilly shade that beautiful warm sunshine in your face? Fruits taste delicious at spring and grow really well. Animals reproduce more baby animals so wildlife doesn't die. Plus the temperature is always good so it never rises too high and never too low so its just right.

Good climate always matters right? You need it to be cold to have hot cocoa but you have milkshakes on hot days. Well in spring everyone is super healthy because if your in the shade your sometimes cold but in the sun its really nice and warm so you have to keep moving but not too much so you get really healthy. Even though you might get hay fever. Spring is the perfect I mean perfect time for picnics with people and fun outside frolicking with friends. Oh don't forget animals.

Do you like finding new animals you've never seen before? In spring animals give birth to baby animals so there is so much more wonderful wildlife to look at and discover. Meat production is amazing and fresh so it is very yummy. Even though some people are vegan. Spring is where endangered species multiply because they give birth so their species doesn't become extinct.

Health is probably extremely important don't you agree? Well in Spring the fruit and veg are at their best. Apples, bananas and oranges are only some of the scrumptious fruits that are at their ripest so they taste so much better. Oh and if you go to the supermarket then you see the fruits at sale & they cost around 50% more than they should, but in spring they don't cost much. In spring the rich soil helps ground plants grow faster so potatoes, carrots and etc. are all stocked up.

Do you want to be healthy, stay warm, save money and find new animal species. Well Spring is the best time for all of that so when spring comes around you should make the most of it. Spring is the best season because it is a really fun time. Having fun is best in Spring!

Spring is The Best Season.

By Archer



Do you ever feel too hot in Summer, too cold in winter? That is because they aren't the right temperature. Spring is the BEST season it has everything you could want! Fruit and vegetables are at their very best. Flowers bloom and deciduous trees regain their leaves. The temperature is just right for going outside and playing.

Wouldn't it be amazing if you could play outside all day everyday? That's what YOU can do if it was always Spring. What if it was always summer and it was too hot to do anything. Imagine what you could play and what you are able to do if you could have the PERFECT temperature everyday. Although some people may favour the heat or the cold spring is in the middle so everyone can have their favourite temperature. There would be a nice cool breeze that didn't make you melt or make you freeze. Solar panels would be extremely efficient since there would always be sun in the sky. Plus it would be great to have a nice walk in nature.

Have you ever seen how good spring is for the environment, everything is green and happy. Have you noticed that seeds almost always sprout in Spring, it is the best time for planting and growing most plants. Deciduous plants always lose their leaves in winter, the plants look sad and bare. Luckily spring brings the leaves back and lets the trees grow again. Although most plants in Australia are evergreens that is not the case in other countries. Since all the trees are happy and green all the animals are even happier and healthier because of it. And since they are happy the fruit and vegetables are much fresher.

Did you know that food is better in Spring because there are more bees and it is warmer than winter. There is so much fresh food and it is absolutely delicious, it is such a shame that it only happens for three months. In Spring there is lots of amazing honey too since there are so many flowering plants around. Crops in Spring have a

higher chance of growing than one that is being grown in winter. That is because winter is very cold and harsh. But not all plants like the warm temperature of Spring.

Do you want to be happy? Well say no more, spring has everything you could want. Nature is happy, trees get their leaves and flowers bloom. There are great temperatures for playing outside and fruit and vegetables are the tastiest making for great meals. EVERYBODY will be happy in Spring!

Summer is the best season

By Kingston



Do you admire the season of summer? Summer means more family time and more family outings, more outside time, and more swimming in lakes and pools. Don't you just love summer.

Have you ever thought of going swimming more often? Summer is the perfect time to swim. It's scorching hot outside and taking a dip in the refreshing pool will cool you down for sure! Even though you can swim in other seasons, summer is the best one to do so. If you don't have a pool why not trying a waterpark it always leads to a action packed day with family and friends, running and sliding around. Lakes are great as well, you can spend all day cruising around on a floaty watching the lake glitter and the trees sway. This will always lead to family fun.

Wouldn't you like to spend more time with family? If you like walks, summer is the perfect time to do so. You can go for nice evening walks every day, talking about the stuff you did that day because of longer sunlight hours, but again why would you like to go on walks with the heat. Maybe you could go for a picnic in the park with your family while the weather is still nice. In summer NO sitting in front of the TV playing video games only outside goodness. Also why don't you try a family holiday, it is lots of outside fun.

Have you ever thought of spending more time outside? With summers heat you know you can always guarantee a great day outside. Lots of summer sports are played on weekends like cricket, tennis, volleyball, Tee ball and baseball. They are played by children and adult all over the globe. Summer is also a sign of fitness levels rising to the max. Another benefit is that it is the right time to see your friends, especially during the long holidays, and these are only SOME of the benefits of summer

By now you can definitely see now that summer is the best season by a mile. Even if its getting out to the beach, spending time with the family or just playing outside with friends. Summer will live forever!

WILLETTON'S WIDE WORLD OF SPORT

New in 2021

What a fantastic way to kick start Term 2! Students in year 5 and 6 competed in their first Summer Carnival competition. Willetton brought home 3 shields, finished 2nd in 3 sports and 3rd twice. I cannot express how happy the staff and I were to hear how well each team went. The coaches said each student showed the 'Willetton Way', strong resilience and great sportsmanship, being if it was win, lose or draw.

Finally, thank you to all teachers, staff and volunteers for your efforts of coaching and training the students to compete at a high level. Now we are straight into Winter Carnival, Cross Country and Athletics practice.

Mr Gotti

Before School Fitness

Before school fitness is up and running for Term 2, permission slips are available on Connect.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3	Mr Gotti	Cross Country	Winter Carnival Skills - AFL	Winter Carnival Skills - Soccer	Winter Carnival Skills - Flagbelt	No Before School Fitness
Week 4	Mr Gotti	Cross Country	Winter Carnival Skills - AFL	Winter Carnival Skills - Soccer	Winter Carnival Skills - Flagbelt	No Before School Fitness
Week 5	Mr Gotti	No Before School Fitness - Camp	No Before School Fitness - Camp	No Before School Fitness - Camp	No Before School Fitness	No Before School Fitness
Week 6	Mr Gotti	Cross Country	Winter Carnival Skills - AFL	Winter Carnival Skills - Soccer	Winter Carnival Skills - Flagbelt	No Before School Fitness

Requesting Super Stars

Our seniors are currently training for the Winter Inter-School Carnivals on Friday afternoons, between 1.40pm and 2.40pm. We would appreciate any parents and caregivers who would like offer to share their sporting expertise in the following sports;

- o Soccer
- o Flag Belt (Rugby)
- o Netball
- o Football (AFL)

Please come in for a chat or email Mr Gotti if you would like to help.
Brendan.gotti2@education.wa.edu.au

Upcoming Events

- 📌 Camp for Years 6, Week 5, 17th to 19th
- 📌 Cross Country Week 9, 18th June
- 📌 Winter Carnival Week 10, 24th June

We Are Learning To

Year 1 – Assessment

Year 3 – European Handball

Year 5 – Assessment

Year 2 – Assessment

Year 4 – Assessment

Year 6 – Assessment

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Summer Carnival Photos





