



Willawarrin Public School

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— A window into the schoolyard —

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Term 1 Week 2

Monday 7th February, 2022

Dear Parents

It has been another great start to the year. It's been brilliant to see the way the students have come back to school with their positive attitudes. It has been especially gratifying to see how they have obviously missed each other but have reconnected so well.

Covid Test kits

There are four more tests being distributed to each student at school. Please administer the test twice a week to each child. There is no need to let us know the outcome of the test unless it is positive. We have plenty of tests here at school if you would like more. As yet there is no firm indication when the tests won't have to be done. If you have any questions about the tests and how we are managing the threat of Covid to our school please contact us.

Small Schools' Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 9th students from our school will be attending the Small Schools' Swimming Carnival. This is a competitive carnival and all students must be able to swim 50m unaided and without stopping. Good luck to all of our Willawarrin swimmers. Maybe we will have a new Olympic star.

Ms Miller

Ms Miller has been appointed as an Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction (APC & I) for this year with the possibility of extension for another two years. While we are extremely sad she won't be with us every day this year, Ms Miller will be at our school for two days each fortnight. Her APC & I role means Ms Miller will be working with Bellbrook, Greenhill, Gladstone, Kinchela and Willawarrin supporting literacy and numeracy learning at our school. Ms Miller has already been back and connected with our students. All of the kids were excited to see her and I know Ms Miller will go above and beyond to help us as much as she can.

Wellbeing lessons

On Thursday we began our Wellbeing sessions. The goal was for all students to encourage each other to be their best. Students were reminded to look each other in the eye when talking, use nice words and remind each other to say please and thank you and to use phrases like—*great idea, I like the way you are helping all of us*—and I have put a copy in this newsletter. If you could use the same language we are using at school at home as well it would help to reinforce our efforts. Their group goal was to create a vessel that was going to support as much weight as possible. These will be tested next Thursday. We are hoping to have some amazing photos of their work to share after Thursday this week.

One of our learning goals for the Wellbeing sessions each Thursday is to - encourage members of my group to be and do their best.

The students decided this could be achieved if they;

- kept their voices calm - **not shouting and a quiet voice**
- Used kind words - **hey we can do this, I need your help, great idea, doing a great job, Thank you, please, Don't give up, you're the best,**
- looking at other kids as we talk to them

Passionfruit vine

A big thanks to Andrew and Loretta from Macleay Valley Rural Supplies for our new passionfruit vine. Graham has already planted it. Hopefully there will be lots of fruit soon.

This week I am taking both classes for cricket skills (catching, throwing and batting) for PE. A huge shout out to Byron and Max for listening to and then practicing the catching skills taught.

Have a great week! Hopefully any rain doesn't cause flooding and everyone can be at school for the whole week.

Kind Regards

Stephen de Roos

P & C NEWS

Canteen

We are thinking of expanding our menu and adding meals such as spaghetti bolognese, macaroni cheese and fried rice. Do you have any suggestions? We would love to hear from you.

P & C AGM

Tuesday 22nd February 2022

At 3.30pm

Please come along and support our P & C.

Uniforms

Our shirt order has arrived. We now have plenty of stock so if you need to purchase new shirts please let us know.

