



WILLIAM STIMSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter



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Friday 20 September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the lovely conversations I have had with many of you since returning from Extended Leave asking about how much I enjoyed my holiday and the various places I visited. I had an amazing time but there is no place like home and I'm so excited to be back at school catching up on all that I've missed.

So much has happened in the time I've been away ... Spelling Bees, Author Visits, Excursions, Athletics Carnivals, Public Speaking Finals, NED Show K-6, Semester 2 Student Leader Induction, Parent Information Sessions, Support Unit Parent BBQ, Education Week and Book Week just to list a few. The day to day running of the school is busy enough so imagine the added complexity of coordinating a move into our totally refurbished Administration Office and moving four classes into the brand-new Support Unit facility.

I'd like to thank everyone involved who took part in supporting that process. The extra effort extended by staff and external agencies who spent long hours before and after school, not to mention many a weekend too to make sure all went well! I'd also like to thank our parents for waiting patiently whilst we located resources that had been moved to the new Administration Office.

I'd especially like to thank Mrs Natalie Simmons, Rel. Principal, Ms Amanda Redshaw, Rel. Deputy Principal and Miss Bojana Stegnjaic, Rel. Assistant Principal for their outstanding contribution to WSPS whilst in these positions. They always do amazing work, so it comes as no surprise to hear how well they did in these roles too! I also thank you on behalf of our learning community.

Congratulations Mrs Simmons!

Something else that happened whilst I was away was that Mrs Simmons received a **Secretary's School Achievement Award!**



This prestigious award recognises NSW Public Schools that have successfully created a sustainable learning environment through a project. Schools receiving this award must demonstrate significant improvement in learning outcomes and opportunities, excellence in student learning, maximising learning opportunities for all students as well as community leadership.

This award was presented to a team from Bankstown PS, where Mrs Simmons worked before coming to WSPS.



Congratulations Mrs Simmons, well deserved!

Term Four - Dance Program



Following on from the success of the Athletics program in Term Two and the Gymnastics program in Term Three, the school has engaged Dancefever Multisport to run a **dance program for Term 4, for all students**. We are offering this at a reduced cost.

Dancefever Multisport will provide staff who will teach the students hip hop, jive, tango, contemporary and creative composition. The program is structured for all ages and abilities and the students will not only learn dance routines and theory, but students will also learn to interact and demonstrate appropriate social skills. The program is aligned with the dance and arts curriculum and the students will be assessed accordingly.

Towards the end of the term, the students will perform their newly learnt dance routines during a Parent Showcase. This date will be organised early in term and promoted to parents via the school newsletter and App. Please complete the permission note and return it to the school office with the payment of **\$25.00 by 27 Oct 2019**.

The price of **\$25.00** for the nine-week program is discounted. We are asking to pay the fee in a single payment.

The Partners in Learning Parent Survey

This term, our school will be participating in the **Partners in Learning Parent Survey**, another part of the **Tell Them From Me** suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.



Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent / carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. Please access the Parent Survey for William Stimson Public School through this login:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/s3z2q>

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Homework Centre

The **Homework Centre** has **closed** for Term 3. It will open again next term once homework has been issued, usually Week 2.



PARKS Festival of Performing Arts

Parks Festival of Performing Arts is coming up early next term and students have been working hard perfecting their items in readiness for their big performance.

As usual there will be two evening performances: **Tuesday 22 October** and **Wednesday 23 October**. Tickets for the evening performances will be available for purchase next term from the Administration Office.

Parents would be wise to purchase tickets early as there will only be a limited number of tickets available at the door on the nights.



Fairfield City Mayor's Youth Achievement Award

Hannah Petrella, a former student of WSPS just keeps on excelling! Hannah is currently enrolled in Year 8 at Bossley Park HS and confidently manages her schooling with running her own business and being invited to deliver 'keynote' speeches to many varied audiences. More recently Hannah has been awarded the **Fairfield City Mayor's Youth Achievement Award** in the 'Entrepreneurial Spirit' category. This category was for nominees between the ages of 12 and 24!

Congratulations Hannah, we are so very proud of you.



Hannah accepting her award from Mayor, Mr Frank Carbone.

Kindergarten Enrolments - 2020



We are at the point of finalising enrolments for Kindergarten 2020. You may pick up forms from our front office where

the ladies will happily answer any of the questions you may have or assist you with any of the documentation needed. Please ensure you follow this up soon as we need to inform the Department of Education what our Kindy enrolment numbers will be for 2020 as they provide the staffing ratio accordingly. If you are aware of any families yet to apply for enrolment for 2020, please encourage them to speak with our office staff asap.

Bread Tags

Don't forget to keep on collecting your bread tags!

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Please save your bread tags – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been recycling bread tags in South Africa since 2006. They currently collect about 500kg/month, which funds 2-3 wheelchairs. Now we are collecting in Australia too!

What can I do?
It's easy save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.

Contact us for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.

aussiebreadtags@gmail.com www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za 0412 207 072
aussiebreadtags Local Contact:

Car Offer for Year 6 Farewell

Mr Blenman has kindly offered the services of the automobile club he belongs to, **Good Mates Car Club**, to transport students from school to Fairfield RSL. Any enquiries can be made directly to Mr Blenman or the school office.

Holiday Dates
REMEMBER - Term 3 holidays start today next **FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER**. Students return after the 2-week holiday period on **MONDAY 14 OCTOBER**.

Stay Connected

Remember you can keep updated with **everything** that is happening at William Stimson PS through accessing our **WSPS Skoolbag app** or following us on **Facebook** or **Twitter**. Our addresses are as follows:

www.facebook.com/WilliamStimsonPublicSchool

Twitter handle - **@OurSchoolWSPS**

Melissa Vallorani

CALENDAR DATES - 2019

23 Sep NO HOMEWORK CENTRE TODAY
Footy Colours Day - Fundraiser

24 Sep Stage Two Camp – YARRAMUNDI
Gymnastics

25 Sep Stage Two Camp - YARRAMUNDI

27 Sep LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - TERM 3

14 Oct Students return to school for Term 4!
Parra Eels Incursion K-2

15 Oct Dance Program K-6

17 Oct Parra Eels Incursion 3-6

18 Oct PSSA Summer Competition

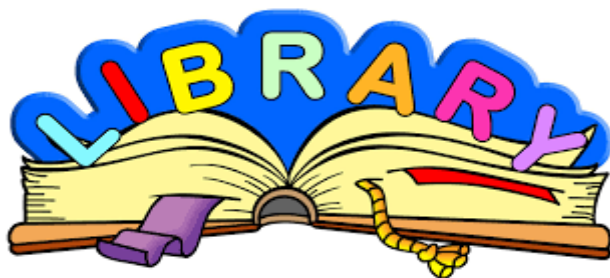
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25 Oct PSSA Summer Competition



Library News - Term 3 Week 9

Premier's Reading Challenge - The Challenge has now finished! We had 201 students complete the 2019 Challenge which is an excellent achievement!

At William Stimson PS we are - RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE & RESILIENT

In Term 4, students will receive their certificates signed by the Premier! Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge: Amanda Braithwaite, Selena Er, Marcella Sanhir, Evan Bitar, Mira Sivasankar, Rekardo Hankla, Alexander Turdak, Tyrone Kearney, Leah Rohaim, Cameron Braithwaite, Sierra Ashkar, Brody Dean-Van Uden, Khadija Khan, Jovana Trkulja, George Warda, Zoey Trajkovski, Rihanna Todoroski, Ethan Tay, Mya Tran, Emily Dashto, Sophie Barnett, Christian Laine, Aziz Sanhir, Deniz Kilic, Aaron Delfino, Tia Bahidh, Elbret Yonan, Matej Mikulic, Matthew Dinkha, Charlie Skinner, Aydan Dean-Van Uden, Taylor Kearney, Stephanie Warda, Josanne Tay, Nina Warda, Daniela Turdak, Lucas Pham, Christian Ly, Sarjon Meero, Ana Petrovic, Tamara Turic, Emma Basek, Jayna Sim, Leonard Tomi, Merlisuhail Danha, Harry Ha, Gianluca Pettinato, Esther Hanna, Miracle Apulu-Anaki, Amer Homsji, Mary Sharro, Chaniel Zakria, Ali Al-Musawy, Taylan Stroud, Rabi Al Gailani, Piron Al Gailani and Jayson Sobby.

Overdue books - Notes have been sent home to students who have outstanding books requesting they be returned to the library as soon as possible. Please come and see me if you have any questions.

Holiday Reading - Please ensure your child keeps their library books in a safe place over the holiday break. Take the time to read to your child or let your child read to you. Also, enjoy reading our eBook collection through our library system, Oliver! Happy Reading!

Just a reminder that Oliver can be accessed by all students via a link through the student portal.

1. Go to <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/>
2. Click on '**Login**' and select '**Student**'.
3. Students use their DEC username and password to access their student portal.
 - For K-2 students, this information was provided on the Premier's Reading Challenge card.
 - For 3-6 students, this information is used during computer and library lessons.
 - Please see me if you have any questions or concerns about logging in.
4. Read the '**Conditions of Use**' and click on '**Agree**'.
5. You will be directed to the '**Student Portal**'.

6. Click on the '**Oliver Library**' link you see at the top, left hand side of the screen.
7. Click on the '**eBooks**' tab to access books online.
8. Please also check your loans or overdue books, read Miss Lavorato's messages and write book reviews!

