



# WILLIAM STIMSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter



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Friday 1 February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to the start of the 2019 school year! Already there is lots of enthusiasm and positive energy about the plans we have for 2019. At the moment, we are running 20 mainstream classes and 7 Support Unit classes, however, should the number of students enrolled in our school change, then the class organisation may need to change also.

I would like to introduce a new permanent member of our staff, Mrs Josiana Ohrynowsky joins us this year and will be teaching Stage One (1/20). We are also fortunate to have several other staff new to William Stimson PS - Mrs Sharon Thompson is Relieving Assistant Principal teaching and coordinating Stage One (1/2T), Mrs Kylie Platfoot, Mr Khanh Lam and Mrs Monica Acin will all be joining the RFF Team in 2019. In our Support Unit, Ms Diane Anderson will be teaching class SA and Ms Cassie Ashe will be teaching class SC. Another new member to our team is Mr Tony, our new School Crossing Supervisor. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming them all warmly to our WSPS family.

### Welcome

Welcome to our new **Kindergarten** students and their families who joined our Learning Community

this week. I was able to greet many of them as they waited so excitedly in the office area for their meetings with Mrs Williams, Miss Shahin and Mrs Dang. Our fantastic team of Kindergarten teachers and support staff have done a brilliant job settling the students and ensuring their schooling journey has started positively.



### Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Ms Stegnjaic and Mrs Boulous for the organisation and smooth running of the Swimming Carnival. Thank you to our parents and friends who supported the children and provided encouragement and dry towels throughout the day. It was wonderful to hear about the effort and determination of many of our students who tried their best, and in some instances, beat their personal best times! Our trusty lifeguards, Mr Tilt, Mr Rasera and Mr Screnci were on hand to help if needed.

### Swimming Scheme - 2019

Please ensure your child has secured their place in the 'Learn to Swim Program' by having them bring in the signed permission note and money.



The program will run from **Monday 18 Feb until Friday 1 Mar**. Instruction will take place at the **Fin Aquatic & Recreational Centre** in Smithfield.

#### **The cost of Learn to Swim Program is:**

**\$75** - Grades 2-6

**\$40** - Support Unit students

Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. The Scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Year 2 and 3 but provides for weak swimmers in Years 4 to 6 as well as students with special needs such as new arrivals in Australia and students with disabilities.

### Getting to School on Time!

I'd like to say, '**well done!**' to you all on making a huge effort to be on time for school for the first week back. Last year we had a big focus on improving this behaviour and it seems that we are carrying this into the new school year! Students are expected to prepare themselves for an enjoyable day of learning by making

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sure they are at school on time. Students must remember to order their lunch (if they need to) and make their way to their class lines by the time the assembly bell has sounded. **NO ONE** should be making their way to the canteen to order their lunch or buy breakfast once the assembly has begun. **REMEMBER - As of this week, assemblies will only happen on Monday and Thursday mornings so you will have to be extra organised for the start of your school day each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.** If you are late to school, you must go to the office to collect a **LATE NOTE**. If you turn up at your classroom door without a late note, then your teacher will ask you to go back to the office to collect one.

### School Uniform

I would like to congratulate our families for their efforts in ensuring our students are dressed in school uniform. A special mention must be made about the effort from students in wearing black school shoes, great job! Our message has been that by wearing our William Stimson uniform we proudly represent one Learning Community.



### Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary contributions in 2019 will remain **\$40.00**. You will have noticed that this is a reduced amount from previous years as we will no longer be asking parents to purchase textbooks. There may be several grades that will require the students to purchase a Handwriting Book for individual use however these will be purchased separately and have not been factored into the voluntary contributions. Notes regarding the details for voluntary contributions will be sent home early next week. In the meantime, all children need to be equipped with the general stationery items required for school such as pencils, pens, rulers, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, etc.

### Parent Information Afternoons

#### (Meet the Teacher)

These meetings will be held in Week 5, (the week beginning **25 February**). The timetable for each grade will be advertised on the Skoolbag App. All parents are encouraged to attend these meetings to gain information about the programs and events for the year ahead.

### Homework Centre

The **Homework Centre** will begin on **Monday 18 February** for students in Years 2-6 only. A permission note will be sent home next week. Students attending the Homework Centre do not receive individual tutoring. Students can ask questions about the content of their homework, but the main emphasis is on supervision of independent workers.

### P & C - Annual General Meeting

Please note that the **P & C Annual General Meeting** will be held in the staffroom on **Wednesday 13 February** at 9.00am. All parents are welcome. \$2 ensures financial membership so parents can vote for the Executive Committee. Please join us, all welcome!

### Updated Canteen Menu

A copy of the updated Canteen Menu has been uploaded on our WSPS Skoolbag app. There are lots of delicious items for our students to choose!



### 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](https://www.facebook.com/WilliamStimsonPublicSchool)

Twitter handle - **@OurSchoolWSPS**

**Melissa Vallorani**

**CALENDAR DATES - 2019**

- 4 Feb** Kindy students commence their school year  
**8 Feb** PSSA Summer Teams try outs  
**13 Feb** P & C - AGM  
**15 Feb** PSSA Summer Round 1  
**18 Feb** Swimming School commences today - 2 weeks  
Homework Centre opens for 2019  
**22 Feb** PSSA Summer Round 2  
**25 Feb** Parent Information Afternoons ( timetabled  
across this week )  
**1 Mar** PSSA Summer Round 3  
**6 Mar** Zone Swimming Carnival  
**8 Mar** PSSA Summer Round 4  
**11 Mar** School Photos - class, individual & family

**Enrol for Term 1**

Learn **Music**  
on the **Keyboard**  
at school



**Music theory. Learning to play keyboard.**  
**Music games. Introduction to music.**

- 🎵 Convenient at school venue 🎵
- 🎵 Small group - 45 min weekly lesson 🎵
- 🎵 Competitive rate - \$29 (GST incl.) per session 🎵
- 🎵 Instrument not required initially 🎵
- 🎵 Limited vacancy! 🎵

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