



WILLIAM STIMSON PUBLIC SCHOOL



Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 5 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,



WELCOME BACK!

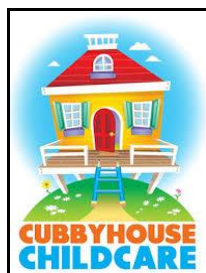
It is wonderful to have our students back at school!

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our students during what was a very

*difficult time in our world. Whilst the priority was to keep everyone safe and healthy, our next concern was to keep our students learning. As a school we were very impressed with how our students engaged with the 'learning from home' situation and the success of this was largely due to the communication connections made with our families through Skoolbag App, Seesaw, Class Dojo, Google Classroom and phone. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff for their efforts during this time. I think you would agree that they went above and beyond what most other schools provided. Whether it was the explicit video messages or lessons, creative ways to engage our learners, the multitude of websites explored and suggested, the personalised messages and feedback, the masses of 'hands on' learning packs, or maybe just the crazy dancing, our staff has to be the very best there is! **THANK YOU** just doesn't seem enough!*

OOSHC

We have had many parents asking about how to enrol their child / children. Parents are directed to The CubbyHouse Child Care website to complete enrolments online. Simply click on this link - www.cubbycc.com.au Any questions, please ask at the school office.



Tell Them From Me Student - Feedback Survey

Due to the recent situation where students were learning from home, the Department of Education has decided to extend the date for the



Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The survey is a great opportunity for our students, in grades 4-6, to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

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

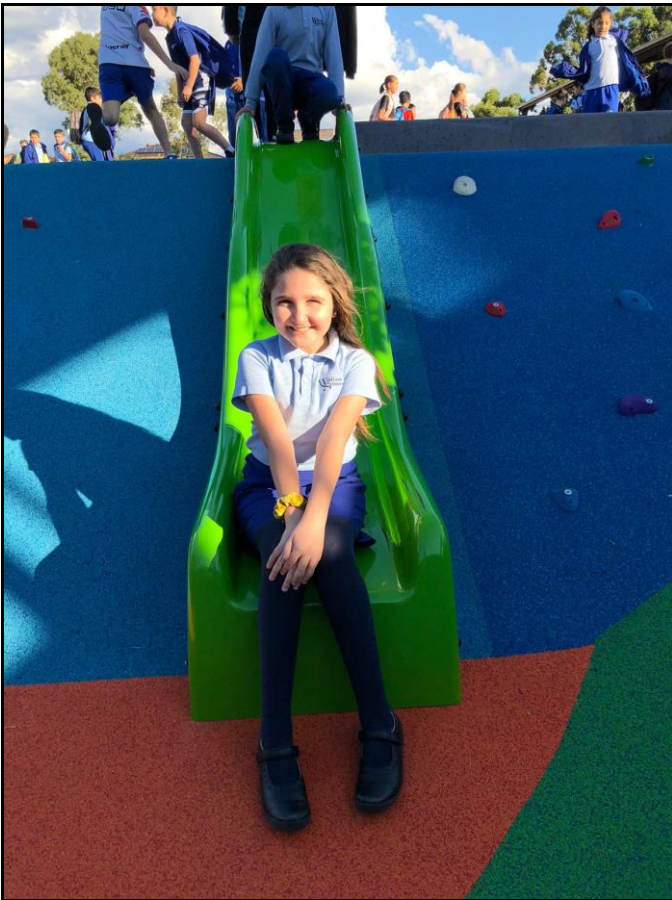
*I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. The survey window has been extended until **Friday 3 July**.*

Our Building Project is Finished!

It is official! Our building project is finished, the basketball court area has been refurbished, including the installation of dual basketball and netball rings, and the slides and climbing wall are ready for action. Our students are delighted with the results!



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Uniform



If you are looking to add a few items to your child's uniform for the cool weather, please remember, the options. For our boys it is easy, their only option is to wear tracksuit pants. For our girls however, they have a couple of choices. They too can choose tracksuit pants, or they can continue to wear their skorts and add a pair of tights or leggings underneath them. If they choose to wear the tights or leggings, then please make sure they

are navy blue. Any warm beanies or scarves should also be the colour of our uniform too. Please also remember that **black school shoes** are part of our standard uniform and should be worn throughout winter. It really does make a difference when we stand as one in our school colours.

Crossing the Road - Dangerously!



The unsafe behaviour of adults and children who are choosing to cross Lily Street at random points along the road and not making use of the wombat crossing is of great concern. Please understand that this practice is **extremely dangerous** and that with one small move left or right, we are going to have a significant accident that should have been avoided. **Parents, I urge you to support our school in insisting the students cross at the crossing.** You may feel that it takes too long to walk to the crossing then double back to the entrance of the school, but I can guarantee you all that no amount of time saved is worth an injury to you or your child because you refused to cross the road safely. We are talking and teaching about safety regularly in our classes, let us lead by example.

Please also be mindful of parking across private driveways, we have many residents frustrated at not being able to enter or exit their premises.

Something else to remember is that **the Kiss and Drop Zone** is exactly that. Parents are **NOT** to park there whilst they take their children into school. Please respect the rules that are in place for everyone's convenience and safety.

Kindergarten - 2021



We are now accepting enrolments for **Kindergarten 2021**. You may pick up forms from our front office where the ladies will happily

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answer any of the questions you may have or assist you with any of the documentation you may need. Please see our website for the relevant documents required when enrolling.

<https://wilstimson-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Congratulations

We welcome another baby into the William Stimson PS extended family! Mrs Kim Dang, and her husband announced the birth of their beautiful baby girl, **Avalena Dang** born on Wednesday 27 May a healthy 3.75kg and 54cm long. Both mum and baby are doing extremely well.



Canteen Update



Our canteen is back in operation all day, 5 days per week. **Please note** - there is still a limited menu from which to choose from and this menu will run

for the rest of Term 2. Please remember that Flexischools is available for you to order your child's lunch online.

Banking Update

School banking is a process undertaken by volunteers. Due to the COVID-19 situation, volunteers are yet to be allowed back into our schools. Once we have approval for this to happen, we will inform our families that school banking can recommence. Thank you for your patience.

Dance Fever Multisports Program - Term 3



We are hoping to have instructors from Dance Fever Multisport onsite throughout Term 3 delivering an Athletics Program, the one we missed out on this term. We are yet to send the notes home asking for the 9 week contributions as the Department of Education have to

approve incursions before we can have organisations onsite working with our students in this post COVID-19 situation. We are hoping all goes well in preparation for our K-6 Athletics Carnival scheduled for **Tuesday 4 August** at Dwyer Oval, Warwick Farm. More information about this as we get closer to Term 3. The Gymnastics Program would then be moved to Term 4.

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**

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CALENDAR DATES - 2020

8 Jun Public Holiday (Queen's Birthday)

1 Jul PJ Day - Year 6 Fundraiser

3 Jul Last day of Term 2

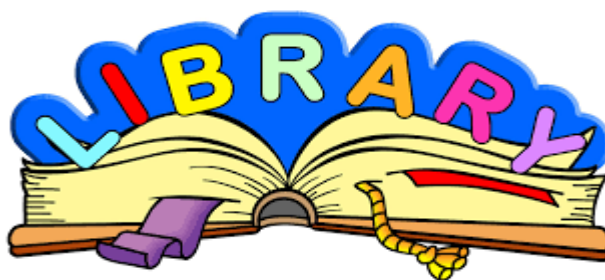
21 Jul Students return for Term 3

Athletics Program (DFMS) - if permitted

28 Jul Athletics Program (DFMS) - if permitted

4 Aug K-6 Athletics Carnival @ Dwyer Oval

6 Aug Education Week - OPEN DAY



Newsletter - Library News - Term 2 Week 6

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for the way you have supported our Library. Students engaged with Library learning experiences through Class Dojo (K-2) and Google Classroom (3-6).

I was also impressed with the number of students accessing our eBook collection. In March 2020, 848 books were downloaded and read by students! This is excellent, especially considering in March 2019 there

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were only 163 books downloaded. I encourage all students to continue reading eBooks and borrowing physical books from our Library. It is a great combination to improve literacy skills.

In accordance with Department of Education guidelines, students can use the Library, however access must be provided in a managed way. We have adapted accordingly and will be implementing strict operating procedures to keep our school community as safe and healthy as possible.

Returning Books

Students must place returned books into tubs marked with the days of the week. These tubs will be placed into a quarantined area for 48 hours. Books will then be thoroughly wiped over with a cleaning product/wipe and left to dry before being returned to shelves.

Borrowing

Borrowing will commence on Monday 1 June.

Monday - Year 1 and Year 2 (2 books only)

Tuesday - Stage 3

Wednesday - Stage 2 and Support Unit (2 books only)

Friday - Kindergarten (2 books only)

Please note: Borrowing limits are extended for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students. They are encouraged to borrow books for a fortnight.

Hand sanitiser will be provided before borrowing occurs. The Library will be open every day during 1st half of lunch strictly for borrowing. There will be a limit of 10 students.

Teaching and Learning Experiences

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will visit the Library and sit on the floor area only. Students with allergies may sit on a chair which will be wiped down at the end of the lesson.

Stage 2, Stage 3 and Support Unit - I will conduct Library lessons in classrooms to minimise the contact of high touch surfaces such as tables and chairs.

Book Club - Issue 4 orders are due by **Friday 12 June 2020**. Please note that cash payments are no longer accepted. All orders and payment must be placed through the **LOOP (Linked Online Ordering and Payment)** platform:

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Premier's Reading Challenge - At this stage we have 28 students who have finished the Challenge! In previous years, student names were published in the school newsletter, however, student names will now be listed in the Library window. These lists will be updated fortnightly. You must complete your online Student Reading Record by **28 August 2020**.

If you have any questions, please message me on Class Dojo or email me: Bianca.Lavorato@det.nsw.edu.au

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Teacher Librarian