

# WILLIAM STIMSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter



Newsletter: 1310

Friday 29 November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

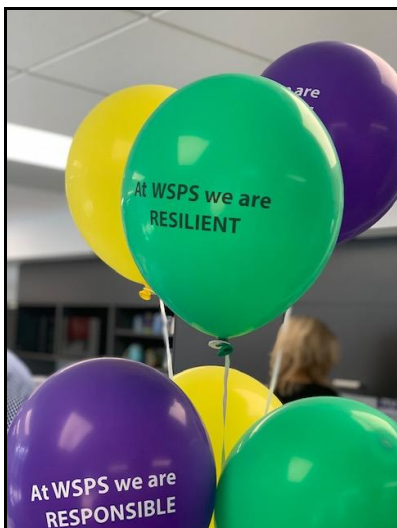
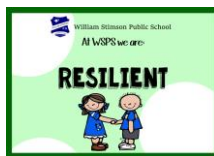
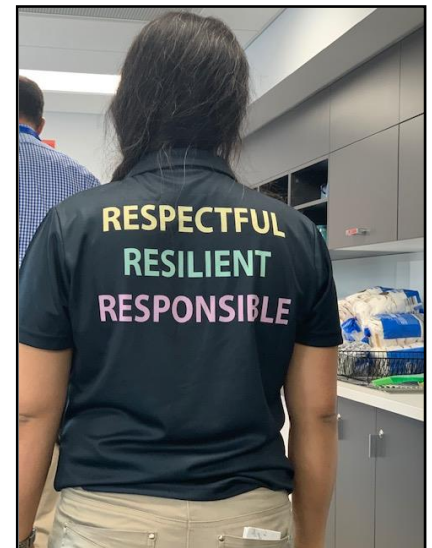
*I can't believe we are at the end of Week 7 in Term 4 already . . . where has the year gone? We have so much still to fit into the remaining three weeks of the school year. I have tried to include as much detail as possible in the calendar dates section so that families can manage their time and commitments as best as they can and join us for the many end of year celebrations!*



### **PBL Launch**

*WOW! What a day we had celebrating our 'official' Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Launch Day! We were excited to have so many of our families and friends join us on the day taking part in the information session and working through focused forum groups as well as observing the activities planned for the students.*

*Even though we had to modify the agenda of our day due to the poor air quality, the students enjoyed the activities that promoted and reinforced the three core values that are central to the culture of WSPS. They enjoyed their sausage sizzle sandwiches too!*



### **Schools Spectacular Super Stars!**

*On Friday a group of our students attended **The Schools Spectacular 2019 Stars Performance** at Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park. What a wonderful experience to see and hear the incredibly talented students from the Public Education sector. Our very own choir members were part of that extremely talented student group. We are enormously proud of our choir students, they have spent many weeks rehearsing and perfecting the routines and balancing this with their normal school work load. I would like to thank Ms Sharon Thompson and Ms Diane Anderson for their energy, time and commitment because without such*



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

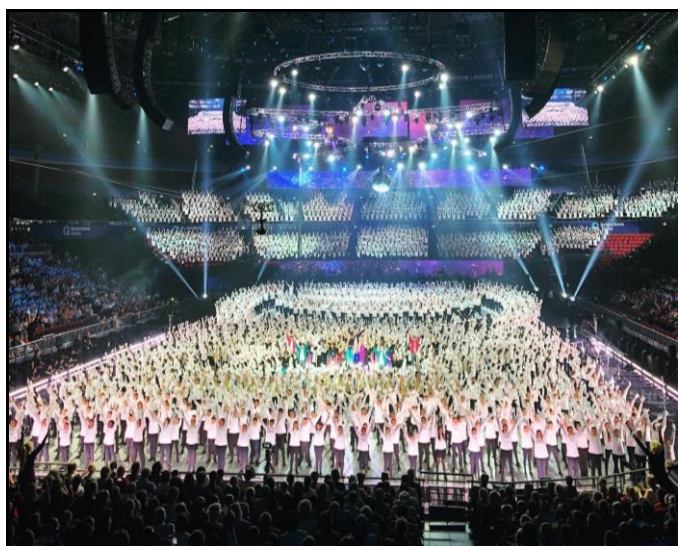
dedicated teachers, these experiences simply would not happen. I would also like to thank Mrs Maria Bozza, Gabriella's mum, for her dedication in assisting us with the students throughout the entire experience. We are extremely grateful. The Schools Spectacular will be shown on TV on Channel 7 on December 7 at 7.00pm.



### First Lego League - Bossley Park HS

What an amazing experience for our students who took part in the First Lego League Competition at Bossley Park High School last Sunday! Our teams were very confident and knowledgeable when discussing how and why they had created the models they displayed and were courageous and very adaptive in adjusting their models each time they took to the table to compete. We even won the **Inspiration Award!** Well done **STIMBOTS!**

A huge thank you to Miss Liao, Miss Navarrete and Miss Lavorato for their support of our students, there were many hours invested in working with the students during lunch times and after school. Another huge thank you to our parents who supported our students, your encouragement and praise means a great deal to us.



*Hard at work trying to adjust the code!*



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





### SRC Christmas Donation Drive

There has been a tremendous response to this request, you just need to see the amazing number of gifts under the Christmas tree in our Administration office! Our SRC representatives, escorted by Mr Curry, will deliver these gifts to patients in the Children's Ward at Liverpool Hospital on Wednesday 4 December. These gifts will surely be a welcome surprise for the children and young

adults receiving treatment in hospital over the Christmas period. **THANK YOU** for your generous support in purchasing these gifts, they will bring smiles!

### Parent Helper Morning Tea

On **Thursday 5 December**, we will be hosting the **Parent Helper Morning Tea** at 11 o'clock in the Staffroom. This



is our way of saying a huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have helped throughout the year - in classrooms, at events, covering

books, hearing children read, making a variety of donations to the school and in particular, working on the P&C Fundraising activities. Please come and join us for this special celebration.

### Christmas Grocery Appeal

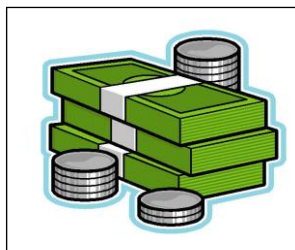
Volunteers at the Uniting Church Fairfield feed and care for more than 350 people in our community every week. To stock the cupboards ready for 2020, Starr Partners Real Estate Fairfield has once again invited our school to participate in a community grocery appeal.



Throughout **THIS WEEK ONLY** donations of **NON-PERISHABLE** food items (with long lasting use by dates) can be sent to school with your child and left in the school office. **Please give generously!**

### Student Banking

Please note that **Thursday 12 December** will be the last day for student banking in 2019.



I would like to **acknowledge** and **thank** our dedicated P&C members for ensuring the student banking was carried out each week. We will be offering the Student Banking opportunity again in 2020

and will notify everyone whether the banking day remains on Thursdays or changes to another day.

### Colour Run - Monday 2 Decemeber

Don't forget **TOMORROW** is our **COLOUR RUN!** Our P&C have been hard at work with this fundraiser.

Please **DO NOT** wear your 'good' clothes as the coloured powder can sometimes stain. If you can wear an old white t shirt that would be great!

At last count we had nearly reached our **\$20 000** target!  
We are looking forward to a **FUN, COLOUR RUN!**  
Why don't you join us?

### Prairiewood High School - Year 7 in 2020

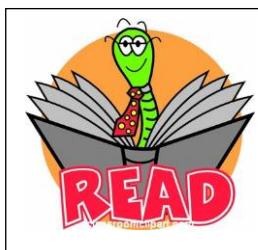
Students who will be attending Prairiewood High School in 2020 please note - you will **NOT** be able to purchase uniforms from the school Uniform Shop over the school holidays as it will be closed for renovation for the entire time. Prairiewood High School staff have asked us to communicate this very clearly so that students won't miss out on the information. School uniforms can be purchased right up until the close of the school on Wednesday 18 December from the Uniform Shop on the grounds of Prairiewood High School.

### Classes for 2020

We are starting the process of organising classes and teacher groupings for 2020 so . . . if you have not returned the form about 'Returning to School in 2020', please do so quickly. At the moment we have planned 20 mainstream classes and 7 Support Unit classes but this could change early in the year if we have too many unexpected enrolments or departures.

### Homework Centre

Please note that after tomorrow the **Homework Centre** will be closed for 2019. From now until the final week, children are requested to read at home every night. Our expectation is that children will continue their home reading consistently throughout the school holidays. Why not visit the local library to see what new and exciting resources they have to offer?



### Exciting News for WSPS!

A huge **THANK YOU** to those parents and carers that completed the survey asking for input about whether you would use a **Before & After School Care** facility at

William Stimson PS. I can confirm, there **WILL** be one running at our school from **January 29, 2020**. The tender evaluation took place on Wednesday 13 November, more information will be shared once we know which organisation has been successful in gaining the tender.

### 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. Enquiries can be made directly to Mr Blenman or the school office.

### Presentation Days - 2019

We are looking to change the way we schedule our Presentation Days for 2019. Rather than have four separate days where we schedule our Sport and Cultural Group Awards, Support Unit, K-2 and 3-6 Presentation Days, we have streamlined them so we will now schedule them on two days. Hopefully this helps our working parents by limiting the number of days they need to take away from work.

#### Monday 9 December

Support Unit Presentation Ceremony - 9.15am  
Sport Awards - 12pm

#### Friday 13 December

3-6 Presentation Ceremony - 9.15am  
K-2 Presentation Ceremony - 12.00pm

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

Twitter handle - **@OurSchoolWSPS**

**Melissa Vallorani**

### CALENDAR DATES - 2019

- 2 Dec** Colour Run
- 3 Dec** Dance Program K-6  
State-wide Orientation Parent Evening for High School Transition 2020
- 4 Dec** Prairiewood HS - MADD Matinee Performance  
SRC - Liverpool Hospital visit



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

**5 Dec** Parent & Volunteer **THANK YOU** Morning Tea - 11.00am  
Leadership Speeches - 2020  
Parramatta Leagues - Rugby League  
After School Program @ WSPS - (3.30 - 4.30pm)

**6 Dec** Trolley Drive

**9 Dec** Support Unit Presentation Ceremony - 9.15am  
Sports Awards & Cultural Groups Ceremony - 12.00pm

**10 Dec** Dance Program K-6 (Parent Showcase)

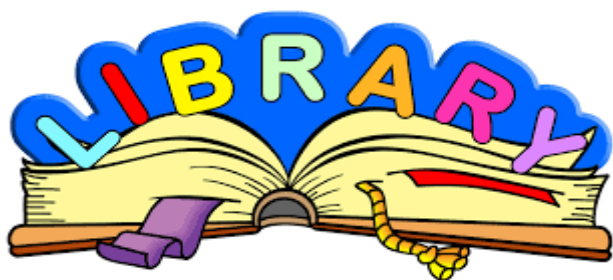
**12 Dec** Movie Day - Stage 2 & Stage 3

**13 Dec** 3-6 Presentation Ceremony - 9.15am  
K-2 Presentation Ceremony - 12.00pm

**16 Dec** Kinder Graduation Ceremony - 1.30pm

**17 Dec** Year 6 Graduation Ceremony - 9.15am  
Movie Day - K-2 & Support Unit  
Year 6 Farewell - Fairfield RSL

**18 Dec** Talent Quest  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2019**



### Library News - Term 4 Week 7

Our Library has officially closed for 2019! We have had a very exciting and busy time in the library this year. Some key highlights include:

- ★ Best-selling authors Matt Cosgrove and Louise Park visited our school
- ★ National Simultaneous Story time
- ★ Connected classroom session with author Shaun Tan
- ★ 202 students completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. 32 students achieved their gold certificate and 7 students achieved their platinum certificate
- ★ All students experienced the virtual reality headsets and 'visited' some amazing places
- ★ Kindergarten and Stage 1 started to learn the basics of coding by using Blu-Bots
- ★ Stage 2 started coding using code.org
- ★ Book week celebrations and parade

★ Stage 3 were busy making the Dash Robots move, make sound and follow instructions.

I look forward to another amazing year in 2020!

**Overdue books - Please return all overdue library books as soon as possible.** Over the next 2 weeks, I will be weeding/culling our collection and completing a stocktake of certain sections in our library. There will be no borrowing for the rest of the year. Notes have been sent home to students who do not return their books requesting payment to replace these books.

**Premier's Reading Challenge Certificates (PRC)** - To recognise this fantastic achievement, PRC certificates were presented to students during K-2 assembly and 3-6 assembly. Gold and Platinum certificates will be presented to students on Presentation Day.

These students have completed the challenge for **4 years** and are awarded with a Gold certificate: Katherine Chammo, Tia Bahidh, Russell De Simone, Matthew Dinkha, Matej Mikulic, Elbret Yonan, Lelayne Hoyt, Ruby Schraishuhn, Sophia Arancibia, Taylan Shoaib, Marcus Ainuu, Tiana Ilic, Natalie Zamattia, Nancy Warda, Danika Blain, Selina Farrugia, Kayla Kerde, Caliah Pinones, Jordana Olmos, Xavier Peralta, Chloe Tran, Melina Sinani, Ryan Lao, Michael Buttigieg, Lili Jovanova, Rania Khan, Rajeev Karan, Ali Al-Musawy, Jack Hanna, Jesus Carrasco, Daniel Olic and Taylan Stroud. Well done!

Congratulations to these students who have completed the challenge for **7 years** and are awarded with a Platinum certificate: Stephanie Eap, Nina Warda, Scott Stig, Alicia Ly, Charli Tom, Ali Kilicoglu and Larken Tatlonghari. Amazing work!



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



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