



WILLIAM STIMSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter



Newsletter: 1313

Friday 6 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a great response we had to our **'Meet the Teacher'** afternoon on Wednesday 26 February! Thank you for the feedback regarding offering the different time options on the same day. It was obvious from the many comments made, that this arrangement supported our parents and families. Thank you also for continuing to support our efforts to provide opportunities for our learning community to come together, share information and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

PS - I think the sausage sizzle and cold drinks were a real hit with our community too!

Update on Novel Coronavirus

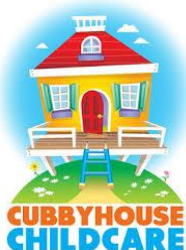
This has been a complicated issue to communicate about as there have been many people confused about who has the potential to be affected by this virus. The information I have shared and will continue to share is directed by the **NSW Department of Education** and has been informed by the **NSW Ministry of Health**.

Current advice from the Australian Government Department of Health for parents and affected staff is attached as a separate document on the app. See - Notices.

The school should report any suspected or confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus to the **Incident Report and Support Hotline** on **1800 811 523** and contact the local **Public Health Unit** on **1300 066 055** to provide details so that the Public Health Unit can follow up as necessary.

OOSH Update

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.



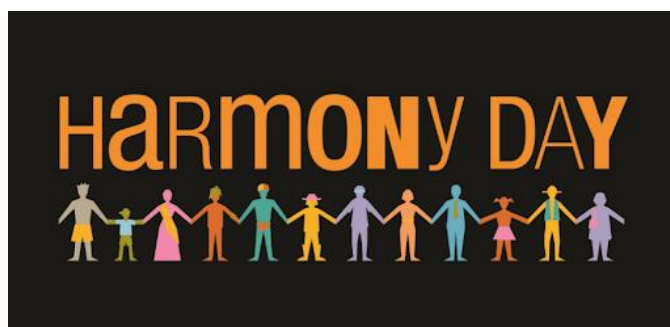
School Photos

Photos will be taken on **Wednesday 11 March**. This date will be for the **individual, class and family photos**. On **Monday 16 March** students in our **Support Unit** will have their **individual and class** photos taken. Full school uniform, including black shoes and white socks should be worn on these days.



'That's My Team' Day

Next **Thursday 12 March**, Year 6 will be holding a special fundraising event called **'That's My Team' Day**. Children are asked to donate a **gold coin** and the money raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell, which this year will be held again at Fairfield RSL. Children can **wear their favourite team jersey or come to school dressed in their favourite team's colours**.



The Student Representative Council and the wider school community will be celebrating **Harmony Day** on **Monday 23 March**. We are asking children to wear **ORANGE** to celebrate communication and respect. The ongoing theme of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs'. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for all. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians equally belong to this nation and enrich it. We are not asking for money as this is an awareness raising day, not a fundraiser.

Tell Them From Me Student

- Feedback Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: 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.



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

The survey is a great opportunity for our students 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. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used Tell Them From Me to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

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. It will be administered during school hours between 23 March and 8 May. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey will be sent home with students this week. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 20 March**.

Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

Annual Report

Our **2019 Annual Report** is nearing completion and will be published on the school website. This mandatory document is completed by schools to highlight major programs and Strategic Directions and communicate them to the school community. Please feel free to discuss any information contained in this report that you may want further clarification of.

NAPLAN - 2020

In May 2020, the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.



The results of the tests will provide valuable information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Please ask your child's teacher for any additional information regarding **NAPLAN**.

Crossing the Road - Dangerously!



In recent weeks I have had many parents approach me concerned at 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. 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's lead by example.

Please also be mindful of parking across private driveways, we have many local 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.

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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:

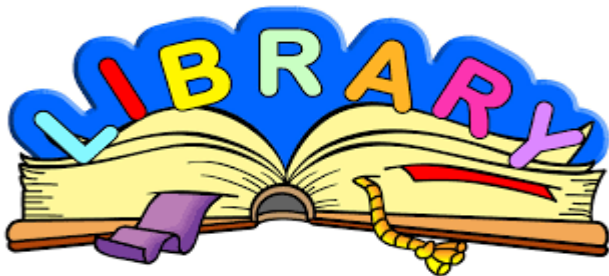
www.facebook.com/WilliamStimsonPublicSchool

Twitter handle - **@OurSchoolWSPS**

Melissa Vallorani

CALENDAR DATES - 2020

- 10 Mar** Dance Fever MultiSports - Mind & Body & Wellbeing Program (School funded)
- 11 Mar** School photos - full school uniform (black shoes)
- 12 Mar** Year 6 Fundraiser - That's My Team
- 13 Mar** PSSA Summer Round 5
- 16 Mar** Support Unit photos + catch ups
- 17 Mar** Dance Fever MultiSports - Mind & Body & Wellbeing Program (School funded)
- 20 Mar** National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
PSSA Summer Round 6
- 23 Mar** Harmony Day - Students wear orange
- 24 Mar** Dance Fever MultiSports - Mind & Body & Wellbeing Program (School funded)
- 27 Mar** PSSA Summer Round 7
- 30 Mar** Cross Country Carnival
- 1 Apr** P & C Meeting - Everyone is welcome
- 2 Apr** White Ribbon March
- 3 Apr** PSSA Summer Round 8
- 8 Apr** Easter Hat Parade
Mounties 30th Anniversary - Bunny Run



Newsletter - Library News - Term 1 Week 6

Welcome back to another exciting year in our amazing Library at William Stimson!

During Week 4, all classes had their first library lesson for 2020!

All students are currently participating in a 'Library Orientation' program. Students will become familiar with the library, how to care for our books, library rules, internet safety, our library management system Oliver, Premier's Reading Challenge, borrowing and returning procedures.

Library Bags and Borrowing - I encourage all parents/carers to purchase a school library bag from our office for \$5.00 as they are the BEST protection for our books. Alternatively, material bags from Kmart, Target or Big W are acceptable. Please ensure your child's library bag is clearly labelled with their full name on it.

Students borrow on their Library days below:

Monday - Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday - Year 5 and Year 6

Wednesday - Support Unit, Year 3 and Year 4

Friday - Kindergarten

Please be advised if a student does not return their books after a few weeks, a note will be sent home. Also, notes are sent home to students requesting payment for lost or damaged books. This money contributes towards the purchase of replacement books.



Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) - The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) has started! All students are encouraged to participate and complete this year's challenge by 28 August 2020. Last year, we had 237 students complete the challenge.

The PRC is not a competition but a challenge to each student - to read, to read more and to read more widely. It aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable them to experience quality literature.

This week, classes discussed the 2020 PRC, for example, where to locate PRC books and how to identify the PRC ID number. All students received their personal reading logs with detailed instructions on how to complete the challenge online. K-2 students received an orange card

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and 3-6 received a yellow card. These cards must be completed and returned to Miss Lavorato for validation. Students will receive their certificates signed by the Premier in Term 4.

Please come and see me if you have any questions or concerns. Happy Reading!

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Enrolment for Term 1

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CODING COURSE
Expression of Interest
Y1 - Y6 Students

CODING IN SCRATCH
BEGINNERS LEVEL

Boxley Park High School
Term 2, 2020

Every Thursday
from 30 April to 2 July
10 weeks

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Y1 - Y6 students
with no or a little prior experience

Laptops are provided

\$200 per student per term

PRE-BOOKING
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Please email your child's name & school year to
info@code4fun.com.au
or call 0452 525 453.
Check out our website at
www.code4fun.com.au

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CODE4FUN is exploring an opportunity of running Coding program starting from Term 2, 2020. Decision will be made based on a number of students who are potentially keen to join.



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