

WILLIAM STIMSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter



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Friday 10 August 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

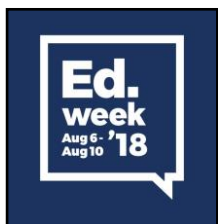
Our learning community shared in a very special experience on Monday! The **KOOMURRI Indigenous Cultural Group** delivered a truly interactive program that kept the students engaged throughout the whole day. The students took part in art and painting activities, dancing and studying artefacts. The day finished with a farewell smoking ceremony and presentation of the artwork that every student contributed to. Such a culturally authentic experience that truly inspired our students and enriched their understandings.



Stage 3 Canberra Camp

Our Stage 3 students returned safely from their trip to Canberra! Many, many thanks to all staff involved for coordinating such an exciting experience and for caring for our children. The itinerary was jam-packed with students visiting places such as Parliament House, the War Memorial, Questacon, Australian Sports Institute and many other significant places. Check out the photos on the last page of the newsletter!

Education Week - 2018



On **Monday 13 August - 9 - 11am** we will be holding **'Open Classrooms'** where students can showcase the learning they have been involved in. There will be a range of strategies and programs on display, these may

include Inquiry Learning, 'hands on' Math Investigations, Coding, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) tasks, Gaming, Literacy Circles, etc. Ask your child to explain the **'Learning Intentions'** and **'Success Criteria'** they are working on and how they use the **'Feedback'** provided to them, you will be amazed at what they will tell you!

11.00 - 12.00pm

Please join us for a **'Picnic Lunch'**. This year we have decided not to organise any external vendors. We really want our students to be spending quality time sitting and enjoying their lunch break with family and friends rather than waiting in queues to be served. So please, prepare a simple lunch and come join us.

12.15 - 1.00pm

We will be holding an assembly where **Semester 2 Class Representatives** will receive their badges. Parents of these students are invited to attend this Induction Ceremony followed by an afternoon tea in the staffroom. Looking forward to having you join us for this celebration!

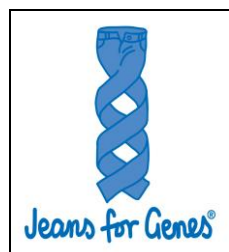
Kindergarten - 2019

We are accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 now. 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 you may need. Please see our website for the relevant documents required when enrolling.

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



Jeans for Genes Day



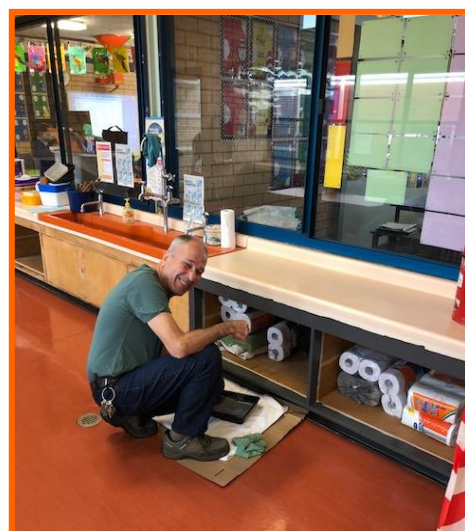
On **Wednesday 15 August** the Student Representative Council (SRC) would like to invite the whole school to participate in a **Jeans for Genes** day. Each year Australians unite by wearing their

favourite jeans and outdoing each other with crazy denim outfits, donating money or purchasing merchandise to support genetic research. Every dollar raised on the day helps scientists at the Children's Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures to give every child the opportunity to live a long and healthy life.

For a **gold coin donation**, students are to wear their favourite jeans and crazy denim outfits.

Classroom Refurbishment - Update

We have kept on with the refurbishing of our school over the last school holidays with the remaining classrooms in C Block and all of D Block having their carpet replaced and brand-new blinds installed. We have also had our wonderful GA's Mr Casenave and Mr Tinker remove the wire bag racks from inside the classrooms and the old-fashioned bench desks from the small breakout spaces. This face-lift gives our classrooms a very contemporary feel to match the future focused learning that is taking place inside them. This week Mr Casenave was kept busy painting the cupboards in the Kindergarten wet area. Thank you, Mr Casenave, our Kindy students love their 'new-look' wet areas!



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 on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between **27 August** and **26 October**. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated. Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

Get Active Program



Participate in a non-contact Rugby League skills program, starting **Thursday 23 August**, in a fun and friendly environment. See the advertisement on the last page of the newsletter.

Road Safety and Parking Issues



I would like to remind you of the dangers of parking cars across private driveways in the mornings and afternoons. I have had several complaints lately from residents in Lily Street and Shakespeare Street. Please do not enter either of the Staff car parks as these are extremely busy areas and are not supervised in any way. Carparks are dangerous places for children to

be walking in, especially when many of the cars are reversing. Parents / carers who are parking their cars in the **Kiss and Drop Zone**, please note that traffic fines are applicable and expensive. Home time is such a busy and dangerous time of the day so please exercise patience and common sense. Pedestrian traffic through the **Support Unit car parking area** is also causing extreme concern. There are many School Travel taxis and cars, driven by parents of our Support Unit students, who are trying carefully to navigate around parents and students walking through this area. **Once again, I ask you model appropriate and safe behaviours for the sake of our students.**

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 - 2018

- 13 Aug OPEN CLASSROOMS & PICNIC LUNCH - 9 - 12pm**
Semester 2 - Class Representatives - Badge Ceremony - Hall @ 12.15pm
- 14 Aug** Gymnastics Program K-6
ICAS - Mathematics
- 15 Aug** Maths Olympiad 4
SRC Fundraiser - Jeans for Genes Day
Marianne Siokos, our Director, visits from 12pm
- 16 Aug** Primary Incursion - Parramatta Eels
- 17 Aug** PSSA Wet Weather - 2
- 20 Aug** Author Visit - Steve Matthews
- 21 Aug** Gymnastics Program K-6
- 22 Aug** Book Week Parade - 1.00 - 2.30pm
- 23 Aug** Primary Incursion - Parramatta Eels
Stage One Excursion - Fairfield Museum (Group - 1)
CARES Program - 4G & 4P
Rugby League Skills Program (After School) – begins
- 24 Aug** PSSA WINTER SEMI FINALS
- 28 Aug** Gymnastics Program K-6
- 29 Aug** Zone Athletics Carnival
- 30 Aug** Stage One Excursion - Fairfield Museum (Group - 2)
Rugby League Skills Program (After School)
- 31 Aug** PSSA WINTER FINALS - Wet Weather

There's more to your library

Library News - Term 3 Week 3

Premier's Reading Challenge - Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge: Isla McCreedy, Christian Laine, Riley Whicker, Anthony Budak, Ilhaam Hassan, Winton Kim, Fredericko Misigaro, Jaden Popovic, Marco Cuka, Jack Hanna, Charbel Harbieh, Joseph Kanoon, Amy La, Ivan Hardas, Saman Jebara, Lachlan Luo, Gianluca Pettinato, Leonard Tomi, Miracle Apulu-Anaki, Kenzie Brown, Danial Mekhael, Daniel Olic, Mary Sharro, Leon Tassopati, Amer Homsy, Fatma Al-Roufaii, Damien Cao, Sophie Nissan, Jhett Stewart, Billton Kim, Esther Hanna, Ali Al-Musawy, Isaiah Badel, Aylin Bektas, Jesus Carrasco, Rajeev Karan, Mohammad Naji and Sithikun Thach.

Please encourage your child to participate in the 2018 Premiers Reading Challenge. You must complete your online Student Reading Record by **31 August 2018**. Please return all purple cards to Miss Lavorato when all books are read and entered online.

Steve Matthews Author Visit - On Monday 20 August, the amazing author Steve Matthews will visit our school. **All students will attend this event.** Please complete the permission note indicating your preference for the sharing of images/recordings and return to your child's classroom teacher.

10K Reading Marathon -The 10 000 Book Reading Marathon has now started and finishes on **Friday 17 August**. **The entire WSPS community: students, parents and all WSPS staff members** are recording all the books they read or listen to during the day. Record sheets need to be submitted to the library for official counting. New recording sheets will be issued upon request. Please check our goal thermometer displayed in our Library window for updates.



get active

Participate in a non-contact Rugby League skills program in a fun & friendly environment.

START 23 August 2018
TIME Thursdays 3.30pm
LENGTH 6 weeks
COST \$60
WHERE William Stimson PS
43 Lily Street
Wetherill Park NSW

Register and receive your NRL pack
PLAYNRL.COM/JUNIORPROGRAM

Delivered by

The advertisement features a photograph of two young girls, one in a green shirt and one in a yellow shirt, smiling and holding a rugby ball. The background is green with faint outlines of people and a star.

BANKSTOWN AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP



The Autism Community Network provides support for families living with autism conditions. If you would like to meet other carers who understand you or find social opportunities for your ASD child and their siblings, please contact us or come along to our free support group meetings.

When: Third Tuesday 10 am to Noon
Venue: Bankstown Sports Club
Provided By: ACN and Bankstown Sports Club
Cost: Free

For more information :
www.autismcommunity.org.au | info@autismcommunity.org.au | 9543 9036

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