



WILLAURA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents, students and friends of Willaura Primary School,

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of Term 4. We have had a wonderful year of learning and we are very proud of the achievements of our students.

Our Transition Day event, held last Tuesday was very successful, with our students experiencing the excitement of moving up to the next grade for the day. We welcomed 5 new prep students and a new student in Year 1. They have all settled in incredibly well and cannot wait until starting school next year.

On that note, we would like to congratulate Mr Busija on his success in gaining a position at Alfredton Primary School in 2017. Mr Busija has been with us since the beginning of Term 2 and will be remembered especially for his sporting prowess. We wish him all the best!

We would like to welcome to the Year 4/5/6 classroom, Mrs Lisa Parker. Our Year 4/5/6 students met Mrs Parker on our Transition Day. Lisa is also an Indonesian teacher and we are very much looking forward to introducing this program in 2017!

Our current Year 6 students have almost completed their primary school education and will be graduating at our Graduation/Christmas Concert tonight, starting at 6pm. Please arrive by 5.45pm so that we make a timely start to the evening.

A number of special awards will be presented on the evening, recognising outstanding academic achievements, citizenship and leadership. We would like to thank our award sponsors for their generous support—the Ararat Rotary Club, Ararat Rural City Council, Bendigo Community Bank, 75BC, Willaura Lions Club, and Willaura RSL Sub-Branch.

Our School Council has conducted their final meeting for 2016. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank our School Council President Sybil Burmeister, and all of the members of our governance group for their dedication and commitment to ongoing development of our school—Aaron Hill, Amanda Kumnick, Anna Gray, Janie Evans, John Jenkinson, John Keynes, Kelly Evans, Nick Anderson, Merrin Parkinson, Rae Perry and Terry Walker.

A reminder that Friday 16th December and Monday 19th December are curriculum days and students are not expected to attend school. Our final day of school is on Tuesday 20th December, finishing at 2.30pm. We understand that many families will have already begun their Christmas holidays and students are not expected to attend school on this date unless they really wish to. It will be a day of packing up for the end of the year. All important learning and presentations will be completed at the concert tonight.

Following the holidays, we will be running two assessment days on Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. All families must book their child in for their assessment on either of these two days and

I have attached a booking information letter to this newsletter. These two days ensure that your child's teacher can begin teaching your child from the point of need on their first day of school. Students will begin their first full day of school on Thursday 2nd February.

And finally, we are very pleased to announce our 2017 School Captains and Vice Captains. Congratulations to Ruby Evans and Angus Gray, our School Captains, and to Bella Latronico and Lachlan Walker, our Vice Captains. They were chosen after a very thorough process of a written application, speech, class votes and an interview. Badges will be presented to these students at the beginning of 2017.

On behalf of our staff, to our school community, thank you for a wonderful year of support. We have achieved an amazing year of learning this year and we were an excellent team. Have a happy, restful and safe Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in 2017!



Tammie Meehan - Principal

School News



Vision Australia

Our Community Op Shop Needs You—

“Volunteers”

It's only for 2 hours per month. A great way to mix and mingle and you might find a bargain!

Contact Karen Robinson: 5354 1264
Julie Chick: 5354 1526

We have a Morning Tea for all volunteers/new comers (please bring a friend!) on January 3rd at 10.30am.
1 Wileman Street, Willaura

Swimming Lessons at the Willaura Pool

Dates: 9th - 13th January

A second week (16th-20th Jan) will run if there is enough interest

Specific lesson times and cost TBC

Age: 2-14 years (coaching available for older children)

Please register your interest with Angela Brain on 0428541122 or

angela.brain96@gmail.com



Could your Primary School be the next State Champion of Lawn Bowls?



**It all starts at Chalambar Bowls Club in Ararat!
Register to be part of the School Sport Victoria
Division Day on
Friday 10th of February!**

**Get your school involved by visiting the link below!
2017 Primary School Championship Registration!**

For more information:

E-mail: seano@bowlsvic.org.au

Call: (03) 9861 7109

December 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Christmas Concert / Graduation 6pm	16 Curriculum Day— No students at school	17	18 
19 Curriculum Day— No students at school	20 Last Day of Term 4. Early Finish 2.30pm	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	

January 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 New Years Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Australia Day	27	28	29
30 Teachers Return	31 Assessment Day	Feb 1 Assessment Day	Feb 2 First Day of School			

2017:

Monday 30th January: Teachers return to school

Tuesday 31st January: Assessment Day (students only come for their 45 min assessment)

Wednesday 1st February: Assessment Day (students only come for their 45 min assessment)

Thursday 2nd February: Students first full day of school