Willaura Primary School’s purpose is to provide programs and opportunities for each student to reach their academic, physical, social and emotional potential in a caring and stimulating learning environment so they are fully prepared for the next stage in their education and able to succeed as active and fulfilled members of their community.

### Nine Values for Australian Schools
- Doing Your Best
- Freedom
- Honesty and Trustworthiness
- Fair Go
- Understanding Tolerance and Inclusion
- Respect
- Responsibly
- Care and Compassion
- Integrity

### School Rules
- Be Nice
- Be Honest
- Be Safe
- Be Positive
- Be a Learner

### You Can Do It!
- Organisation
- Resilience
- Getting Along
- Perseverance
- Confidence
STUDENT AWARDS
Giaan Kumnick: for inventive and unique creations in Discoveries. You truly think outside the box!
Sophie Walker: for her amazing writing with great detail and structure.
Natalie Kumnick: for consistently making good decisions with her learning and how she treats others.
Jasmine Richards: for gaining confidence in numeracy and making great improvements in reading.
Ella Price: for being a wonderful learner and quiet achiever.
Sophie Joyce: for always showing her gratitude to all teachers at the end of lessons.

School News
It’s Wednesday again :) Parent Teacher interviews today, so students are happy to be heading home two hours early. The two days rest at the beginning of next week will also help to get them ready for the lead-up to the end of the year.
Remember, NO SCHOOL MONDAY OR TUESDAY for students.

Photos this week are of our art gallery workshop (art works to come), students listening carefully at ‘The Yarn’, Years 2/3 planting corn and pumpkins, and the catering fundraiser on the weekend—thank you to Anna, Amanda, Sybil, Nick and Glenn, as well as our amazing Gray, Kumnick and Burmeister children who manned the stall, sold drinks, worked out change, set up, tidied and packed up on Saturday and Sunday. Amazing leadership, confidence, social skills, dedication and team work. And a great result! Over $1300 was raised to go towards the 2016 Year 4/5/6 camp.

Well done to Sophie G who completed in the Regional Golf yesterday in Ballarat, finishing 6th out of 40 competitors. What a great result Sophie! Also well done to Scarlett and Ty who recently competed at the Regional Athletics. These competitions are always a huge step up in terms of skill and ability level. Many students are having specialist coaching at this level. Scarlett made the final of the 200m and Ty has another year in his age group (he is 9, competing in the 9/10 age group). Great work Scarlett and Ty!

We had a wonderful morning at ‘The Yarn’ yesterday at the town hall. Well done to Heather and Elijah for their vision and organisation and our school was delighted to be included in this wonderful community event. The students thoughtfully prepared a list of questions to ask the elders of the community. These included:
What was your favourite thing at school?
What were your Mum and Dad like when you were young?
How did you get to school?
What technology did you have in your life?
What was Willaura Primary School like when you were growing up?
Were there any big fires then?
What were birthdays and special celebrations like?
Did you have to share a room?
What was your house like?
What job did you do when you first left school?
The participants were very pleased to have the students attending and made very positive comments about their concentration, interest and lovely manners.
Remember, school photos are this Friday. Forms need to be back at school before or on this day and if you would like a family photo you need a Family Envelope, available from the school office.
Have a great week :)    Ms Knight
Hello parents, carers and friends of Prep/One,
Term 4 just keeps delivering with yet another jam packed week. We are so lucky in the Prep/One classroom and the school as whole for all the extracurricular activities that are provided to us. This term already the Prep/Ones have been lucky enough to attend Kidsfest and then this Tuesday we attended ‘The Yarn’ at Willaura Hall. What a great opportunity for us to step back in time and re-live Willaura’s colourful past. I for one find it hard to imagine a time when there were three supermarkets! How lucky we are to have such an active community that is committed to passing on its history to the next generation.

As always I relish the chance to meet with each of you at Parent Teacher Interviews this week. I look forward to discussing all the success’ we have shared this term and the goals we are aiming to achieve before the year is out.

In literacy this week we have continued to work further on Narratives. Our focus this week has been ‘characters’ and ‘settings’ - what they are, their importance and the language that we use around them. I can tell you we have some very creative story tellers in our midst. In reading we are discussing comprehension - the importance of understanding what we read. Our discussion has revolved around students taking the time to think at the end of each page:
“Do I understand what I read?”
“Does it make sense?”. If the answer is no, then our first strategy is to re-read to gain a deeper understanding.

As students move up through the levels it is a case of also assisting them to build their vocabulary so they learn new words and their meanings.

In numeracy this week our focus has been on place value. We are counting collections to 100 and partitioning using place value. We use this concept to partition two digit numbers into tens and ones. This understanding cements a strong foundation as we move higher into the place value scale.

As I say every week we look forward to seeing you at Cooperative Play this Friday!

Miss Jayde

Hello Parents and Friends of Senior Students,
Without a doubt, Term 4 is definitely under way. The Grade 4/5/6 class are continuing to work hard across the curriculum. As you know, this work ethic is so important not only to finishing the year successfully but in preparation for next year, whether that is for the final year of schooling or for transitioning into secondary school.

In literacy there has been a strong emphasis on goal setting in terms of the length of writing pieces and it has been heartening to see all students work towards, meet and even exceed their writing goals this week. On Monday after our students had visited the Ararat Art Gallery, they had to write about something that is special to them. This choice of topic was based on the theme of the printmaking workshop that the children participated in, “All That Glitters Is Not Gold”. This theme involved getting students to think about non-material things that mean a lot to them in their life.

Spelling continues to be a strong focus and our students are working through a range of spelling activities as well as tests to allow us to see how everyone is progressing and also what we still need to work on to help our students.

In Maths, we are revising addition and subtraction as well as fractions and of course our times tables. This week our students have been out into the community on numerous occasions and yesterday they also had the chance to attend “The Yarn” in Willaura, where they were able to listen to locals who have lived in Willaura for many years talk about early life in the community and importantly, ask questions.

In the next few weeks we will be working together to organise the ‘Spring Fair’ which we are having on the 19th of November. Keep an eye out for invitations and flyers about this!

Miss Forbes
Ararat and District Cycling Club
"Come and Try" day
Saturday 7th November 1pm start
Bring any type of bike, along with your helmet, shorts and runners
ALL WELCOME
Come and ride the Velodrome in a safe environment with some expert riders showing the way!!
Cycling is great for kids of all ages. It promotes participation, fitness, and social skills, and can range from highly competitive to recreational riding.
We would love the opportunity to have as many kids as possible at this event, please spread the word within your school and community.
Any enquiries please don’t hesitate to call Harold Culling (Secretary) 0407743278

Melbourne City Ballet (MCB) is bringing 'Carmen' to Ararat Performing Arts Centre this Thursday 29 October at 7pm - an earlier than usual starting time so that young dancers can attend this special performance.

Melbourne City Ballet’s re-imagining of Bizet’s 'Carmen' combines traditional ballet and opera to bring to life this evocative Spanish-inspired tragedy. Set in Seville, ‘Carmen’ is a tale of passion, betrayal and inevitable loss.

'Carmen' boasts a cast of performers from companies, including the Dutch National Ballet, San Francisco Ballet and Royal New Zealand Ballet, alongside emerging young dancers who have studied at leading schools.

Tickets to 'Carmen' are Adults $29 - Concession / Child $27 and can be purchased from the Ararat Performing Arts Centre Box Office or by phoning 5352 2181.

To purchase tickets online go to www.trybooking.com and search under ‘Ararat’.

Melbourne City Ballet is committed to supporting young dancers and is offering students from local dance schools a special discount price of $15 per ticket and $20 for their parents. For more information about this special offer, please call the box office on 5352 2181.
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