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
Poppy Fitzpatrick: for focussing very hard on her handwriting. Keep those lower case letters coming!
Sophie Walker: for working hard and persevering with place value—what a number whizz!
Max Jenkinson: for setting strong goals and working hard in class
Josh Phillips: for always pushing himself to do his best and writing creatively
Nick Norman: for working so efficiently during the Spring Fair process
Ebony Atkins: for working amazingly well with Georgiana during the Spring Fair

School News
Miss Forbes and I received some lovely flowers as a thank you at the train station after our big day in Melbourne last Wednesday with the Year 6 students. Thank you Kristy—what a nice surprise!

It’s Wednesday again. What an exciting week, with **T20 cricket** for Years 3—6 on Monday. Our girls had an amazing day and our boys made the Grand Final! Both teams said they wished the day went longer as they just got better and better with each game. Thank you to Casey, Kelly, Adele, Kristie, and Gary for transporting students, and Miss Rae and Miss Forbes for their expert coaching and scoring. If any student is keen head over to Tatyoon for U13 cricket. Training is on Thursday after school and games are on Sunday morning. Boys and girls all welcome!

Our **Spring Fair** is **TOMORROW (Thursday)**, **from 11 until about 1.30pm**. Come in for a coffee, yummy sandwiches, sausage sizzle, games and fun activities organised by our wonderful Year 4/5/6 students. They have worked in pairs to create and organise their stalls and activities. The focus is on teamwork, organisation and resilience (bouncing back when things go wrong, which they do!). This is a huge learning experience for all students and it would be great to have parents and friends come along to offer words of encouragement and positive feedback and well as adding to our customer base! We look forward to seeing you there.

We had another **extra-curricular activity** yesterday with a visit from a lifeguard from **Lifesaving Victoria**. It is so important for children to learn about water safety, how to react to an emergency situation, how to keep themselves safe and who to go to for help. This is a great free program that we take part in each year.

Another extra-curricular activity coming up is **Life Education**. There will be a **PARENT SESSION on Building Resilience** in your children from 9—10am on Tuesday 1st December before all the classes have their sessions. This is one of the MOST important skills we want to develop in our children—how to bounce back when facing challenges. Hard times happen in life—it is not a matter of IF but WHEN something will happen that will mean we have to draw on our reserves to think positively, look on the bright side, not give up, try again—that's what resilience is! Resilient children cope better with change and are less likely to be bullied. It is by facing little challenges in a supportive environment that allow children to develop resilience. That is why it is so important not to step in to solve every little issue or challenge that children face. That is sometimes easier said than done when our children are involved and our instincts are to protect them. So come along and learn how best you can develop RESILIENT children :)

Years 2—6 students are also off to Moyston PS on Wednesday 25th November to try out their **BMX bike track** and learn about bike safety with Mr Cain, the Principal of Moyston PS. Mr Cain is a bit of an expert in BMX racing and some keen Moyston parents have built a bike track at the back of the school. The school has bikes and helmets for us to use. Students just need **to bring a long sleeve top and long pants to wear**. A permission note will come home on Friday.

Teachers are teaching (which never stops!), writing reports, organising sleepovers, planning for next year, celebrating successes with students, singing Christmas songs, filling the vegie garden, watering sunflowers, and enjoying each day as the school year races to a close. Attendance is as important as ever. Students are working hard right up to the end of the year.

Have a great week, **Ms Knight**
Hello parents, carers and friends of Prep/One,
What another fabulous week we have had in the prep/one room. This week we were lucky enough to have Charlotte in from Life Saving Victoria to talk to us about being safe around water. It was wonderful to see so many of the students engaged in this session and learning lots of great tips to be safe around water. I have sent some slips home of books that are due back for the Marc Van, please return these asap. In literacy this week we have continued to work further on Narratives. Our focus this week has been to begin to put all that we have learnt about narratives characters, setting, structure (beginning, middle, end) and plot together to create our own, which we will word process in the coming weeks and illustrate. In reading we have been stepping back and looking at all the strategies that good readers use, take care of books, ask questions, pick good fit books, think when they read, read fluently, share books, practice reading and like books.

In Numeracy this week our focus has been writing numbers. We have been focusing on the actual formation of numbers 0-9 and then using place value to practice writing them. Get your child to practice writing correct formations of numbers as well as letters at home. Next Tuesday we have Prep 2016 transition which we are all looking forward to. It is a great opportunity for the students to take a leadership role and share their knowledge and experiences. We look forward to seeing you at cooperative play this Friday.

Miss Jayde
Year 2/3

Hello Family and Friends of Grade 2-3 Students!
This week in Writing, students are publishing their own books. They have discussed their writing task with me and have chosen a given text type to explore. Most have chosen narratives or information reports, which is an insight into what engages them as writers. They could chose to work individually or in pairs. Students were provided with certain criteria about the writing process in the form of a rubric. Rubrics have become popular with teachers as a means of informing students of expectations for an assignment, providing focused feedback on works in progress, and grading final products. Students are using them to monitor their own work as well as provide feedback to other students. It is a powerful way to foster independence and future learning goals. Students have chosen how they were going to publish their book, but upon completion they will present their stories in a variety of mediums.

The ways in which we can now share writing has changed dramatically with the development of digital technology. A text can be paper, such as picture storybooks, novels, comics or posters. The can be digital, such as slide presentations, e-books, blogs, web pages, animation, film or video. They can also be live, such as a play or movie or performance. This student choice project has allowed students a lot of flexibility, creativity and sums up their year of learning in writing quite joyously.

In Numeracy we have been conducting end of year assessment tasks. Students are performing and coping quite well. These tasks have helped me see gaps in learning as well as areas for improvement and continued focus for the end of the year.

Miss Rae

Senior Classroom
Week 7 began with an eventful day of T20 Blast Cricket for all of the 4, 5, 6, students. The boys, coached by Miss Rae made it to the Grand Final, which was a huge achievement. Even more than that though, their behaviour was noted so they should be feeling fantastic about the day. I had the pleasure of coaching the girls and although they didn’t make it to the finals, their sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitudes towards the day and their peers was wonderful. Seeing firsthand the way these girls were able to work together and support each other so naturally and with initiative made me proud to be coaching them. Rich recount writing was done by the senior classroom on Tuesday following this event, showing how powerful real life experiences can be in our literacy too. Other than the huge success of the T20 Blast Cricket on Monday, this week has been all about the ‘Spring Fair’ in the senior room! The last few days have seen our teams coming together to work out locations of stalls, pricing, timetables and finalising posters and other advertisements. A big thank you must go to our parents who have helped our students in the preparation for this event too. Without you, the process would not be as smooth. As we near the ‘Spring Fair’, I hope that it in the midst of this busy time that each student enjoys the day. Our 4, 5, 6 students should feel so proud of the huge effort and teamwork they have carried out for this school community event.

Miss Forbes
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You are invited to our...

Spring Fair!

Senior students are working in teams to organise and run stalls and activities on Thursday 19th November from 11am – 1.30pm

Face painting, apple bob's, arm wrestling, mini golf, craft and cafes are all on offer...something for everyone!!

Come along to support our Year 4/5/6 students

Profits go towards our shade sail