Dear parents, students and friends of Willaura Primary School,

As a Principal, I am lucky enough to see our students out and about when they are off on excursions or attending special events. On Tuesday, I headed to the Little Desert & Black Ranges Division Swimming Carnival in Horsham with 7 of our students—Angus Gray, Georgiana Gray, Erica Evans, Floyd Burmeister, Ben Kumnick, Ella Price and Lachlan Walker. I was extremely proud of the students and the manner in which they competed throughout the day. Well done! A big thank you to the parents who managed to get their child to the day and help out!

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students for being awarded a student award at last week’s assembly:

Sharlee Phillips—For her sentence work in Kidwriting.
Riley Menz—For having a growth mindset and encouraging others to keep trying.
Archie Price—For his great recount writing and working on length and writing independently.
Giaan Kumnick—For doing her best in all areas and developing her growth mindset.
Georgiana Gray—For showing maturity at the Swimming Sports and having a positive attitude towards the classroom.

Growth Mindset Parent Information Session

(Please note Date Change)

All of our students have begun the year learning about having a growth mindset and learning how our brains work. In an effort to maximise this learning, we are running an information session for families, so that we can be partners in the learning of your child.

All families are invited to attend a ‘Growth Mindset’ Information Session in the Multipurpose Room on Wednesday 16th March at 6pm—7pm.

Lunch Orders

We have included a new Lunch Order menu in this newsletter. We will begin lunch orders next Thursday 10th March.

Willaura Hospital Market

Our Grade 4/5/6 Students will be running their own stall at the Willaura Market. They are busy making cakes, slices, and lots of things to sell on the day. Make sure you come along and support their efforts! It is on this Sunday March 6th from 10-2pm.

Tammie Meehan

Dates for the family diary.....

| Wednesday | 16th March | Family ‘Growth Mindset’ Information Session @ 6pm |
| Monday    | 14th March | Labour Day Holiday |
| Tuesday   | 22nd March | School Council AGM meeting |
| Thursday  | 24th March | End of Term Assembly—11.30am (Parents welcome to collect children following) |
| Thursday  | 24th March | Last Day of Term 1—Early Pickup 2.20pm |

BE NICE    BE HONEST    BE SAFE    BE POSITIVE    BE A LEARNER

TERM DATES 2016

Term 1—1st February—24th March
Term 2—11th April—24th June
Term 3—11th July—16th September
Term 4—3rd October—20th December
Hello Prep/One families!
In the ‘Who am I’ discoveries students have been looking at ‘Families’ writing and describing about them. Drawing through family trees, looking at number through family and discussing what we do as families.
This week our Prep students have been focussing on learning the letters g, h, j and I in our phonics program, feel free to ask them about their letter of the day everyday they get home from school, you could ask them to write it, sound it and say the name…. could be a fun little game :) Year One students have had the sound/letter ‘a’ for the week, looking at all the common patterns such as an, ad, at, ap, and, ack, amp etc. Students have been making endless lists of words that use these patterns.
Well done to the enormous effort we have all put in for Week 5 on the school year, look forward to seeing parent reader helpers officially in class as of next week.

Miss Stephanie

Hello Family and Friends of Grade 2-3 students!
Last week’s Welcome Barbecue and Balloon Launch was a nice way of celebrating the end of our successful swimming program and rewarding the students for their positive attitude. The community atmosphere was very evident and a big thank you to the parents for attending. I personally loved the Mission Statement balloon launch and found great humour that ours got stuck in a tree...as I am sure one of my students will attempt to get it out at the market this Sunday!
This week in Reading, students are focusing on Making Predictions when reading to help better understand what they are reading. Effective readers use a variety of text features including; pictures, titles, headings, and text, as well as their personal experiences to make predictions before, during and after they read. Predicting involves thinking ahead and anticipating information and events in the story. After making predictions, students confirm, refine and revise their predictions. The strategy of making predictions actively engages students and connects them to the text. Over the next four weeks, Miss Gibson and I will be holding a Reader’s Workshop on Tuesday mornings, focusing on comprehension strategies and having a whole school read in. You are more than welcome to join us.
This week in Numeracy we are concentrating on subtraction. Subtracting can be harder to teach than adding since there are more basic subtraction facts to master that have no obvious system. We are starting our unit by understanding the language we use with subtraction such as; minus, less than, subtract, take away, difference, remain, decrease, how many are left?. Then we will focus on basic rules, minus zero, minus 1 and subtracting the same number. Students will than begin to make the connection between addition and subtraction and use the same strategies such as doubles, take ten, near ten...and so on. This is called reciprocal...and the kids love that word!

Miss Rae

Hello Parents and Friends of Grade 4/5/6,
This week has been another busy week leading up to the Market Day on Sunday (10am until 2pm). We have made posters, will be pricing items and we are very excited to run our stall on Sunday. This will be fantastic to help students develop their leadership and social skills while helping out for a good cause.
Along with setting up for the Market Day, we have also been very busy exploring how to make positive choices and how our choices lead to a desired outcome.
Our focus in Reading has been on using clues within the text and pictures, to make predictions. We have also discussed how to use punctuation as a guide to our fluency. In spelling we have continued to explore prefixes and suffixes and how they alter the meaning of the root word.
The focus in Writing has been on persuasive texts. We have begun to explore the structure and how careful choices of wording affects the persuasiveness of a text.
In Maths we are consolidating our understandings of subtraction and how to identify this information in a worded question.
We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday!

Miss Gibson

PREP/ONE READING HELPERS IN THE MORNINGS
We love to have parent helpers in the mornings to help with our Grade Prep/One readers. We are also going to run a Parent Reading session soon. We hope to see lots of parents involved in the classroom. You are also welcome at any time throughout the day to help!
Library Autumn School Holiday Program

Jamie and Kim’s Mobile Zoo - Friday 1st April: 11:00am-12:00pm
Meet and greet Australian animals. An opportunity to have a close up experience and plenty of time for questions.

Dr Seuss Craft - Tuesday 5th April: 2:00pm-3:00pm
Hat’s off to Dr Seuss! Join us for some fun craft based on this beloved character in celebration of his birth 110 years ago. Suitable for any age. Bookings required

We Love the Farm - Wednesday 6th April: 11:00am-12:00pm
Meet author and photographer Tracy Kruger who will read her new book “We Love the Farm”. Fun guaranteed! Suitable for early years primary.

Critters in the Creek - Friday 8th April: 1:00pm-2:00pm
Join Zoologist Prue Simmons for a fun and interactive session in the library as we explore the lives of the wildlife in our waterways. What does a platypus eat? Where does a freshwater shrimp live? And what happens if the creek stops flowing? Fun and learning for ages 5 and up.

Baby Rhyme Time – Tuesday’s at 10.00am – Rhyme, Rhythm and song and story
Preschool Story time – Thursday’s at 11.00am- Interactive songs, stories and preschool craft

For enquires and bookings please contact the Ararat Library on (03) 5352 1722 or Email library@aratar.vic.gov.au
Willaura Uniting Church
Welcome any interested Primary School age children to our
Easter Workshop
Tuesday 15th March 2016
3.20 to 4.30pm
$2.00 per child
Afternoon Tea, Learning, Craft, Fellowship & Fun
'What is Easter all about?'

For some parents, the thought of volunteering in your child’s classroom can be frightening; volunteering to help with mathematics in your child’s classroom can be twice as scary. Perhaps you may think: “I don’t like math; how could I help?” Or: “I was never good at math; I’m afraid the teacher will find out.” Or maybe even: “It’s been so long; the math seems so different now; I don’t think I could help.” However, volunteering to help the teacher with mathematics or any other class in your child’s classroom has many more benefits than trials and tribulations. Here are a few reasons why you should volunteer to be a classroom helper.

1. **Volunteering in the classroom sends a powerful message to your child.**
When your child sees you helping at school, your child thinks “They think my learning is important enough to their time”.

2. **Working with students other than your own child is illuminating.**
It can teach you a lot about how children learn, and this can help with your own child at home.

3. **Not only do teachers need assistance; children need to be exposed to other adults as part of the learning process.**
Every parent who helps in the classroom is an adult role model for the children. When you are kind and helpful, the children also learn to be kind and helpful. Let the teacher know that you would like to work with the children when you are there.
# Willaura Bakery Lunch Orders 2016

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**Lunch order days are on Thursdays.**
If products are not available, substitutes are given.

Please give correct money if possible. Place in an envelope with order, name and grade clearly marked.