Dear parents, students and friends of Willaura Primary School,

Willaura Hospital Outdoor Market
We had an extremely successful stall at the market, continuing a tradition that began a couple of years ago. It was extremely successful on many levels. The Grade 4/5/6 students, coordinated by Miss Gibson, were well prepared with their signage and roster system. They also delivered with a range of brilliant items to sell, such as, cakes, slices, popcorn, biscuits and craft items. They had an amazing support team at home who helped them to provide these high-quality products on the day. We had a bunch of dads who discovered that they have extraordinary ‘salesman’ strategies (tactics!) that they didn’t realise they had and managed to sell over 10 loads of wood on the day. Many of you may not realise that they will now need to cut all of the wood and deliver it to the buyers. This effort is phenomenal! Thank you to the teachers for coming in on their Sunday to help out during the day. The feeling I got from the event was, it was an event for the entire Willaura PS community and everyone chipped in and helped out for the benefit of the students learning. There was a real ‘community feeling’, which made it a fun day for all. Although we are still counting the proceeds, we know that we have raised quite a significant amount of money that can be used to provide excellent resources for the school. A HUGE thank you to all of the students, families and friends who contributed to the success of the day.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program
Miss Steph and I have been busy organising the launch of our new SWPBS program. This follows the professional development that we attended on February 22nd. We are going to launch some of the program and the new positive reward system ‘Class Dojo’ on Friday at assembly. The school focus for Term 2 will be ‘Respect’, which is the 4th letter of our new acronym STAR. STAR stands for Stay safe, Try your best, Act responsibly, Respect others.

We are excited and can’t wait to launch this on Friday!

Tammie Meehan

Dates for the family diary.....

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GROWTH MINDSET PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
All families are invited to learn about growth mindset and how your child’s brain learns best.
WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH @ 6 PM

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
Hi Parents and Friends of Grade 4/5/6,

Firstly, a BIG thank you to all of the parents, students and friends for their kind donations and time, helping out at the market day on Sunday. The whole day was a huge success due to parent and students hard work. A highlight for me was seeing the students communicate with the public in a respectful and enthusiastic manner. I was very proud to be their teacher.

This week we have introduced the classroom networking tool Edmodo. Edmodo is a safe way to share resources and have educational discussions. However, unfortunately there will be no more excuses for losing their homework as homework can be found in the homework folder on Edmodo, complete with direct links to websites (a hard copy is also available). Another fantastic thing about Edmodo is that parents can also sign up and keep up to date, not only with what we are doing in class, but ensure that your children are safe online. Please ask your child for the code if you are interested in signing up. If you have any questions or concerns about Edmodo, please do not hesitate to ask.

In reading we have been focussing on being a detective and using clues in the pictures and text to make inferences. We have continued to explore language techniques used to persuade an audience in a persuasive text.

Miss Gibson

Greetings to my Prep/one families!

We have kick started parent/guardian reader helpers in the mornings, thank you to those who have been able to volunteer their time to help out, this little bit of time means so much to our class! I am still looking for a parent for a Wednesday morning if anyone is available (starting next term)? This week we have been busy using the iPads in mathematics and discoveries where we have been researching characteristics of our pets (or animals we would like as our pets – scary!).

Preps sounds of the week have been: m, n, ng, p

Year ones sounds of the week: c, k, ck, q, x

Miss Steph

Hello Family and Friends of Grade 2-3 Students!

The Willaura Market day was a huge success! I am always impressed with the market day in general, but this year the parent helpers were the real stand out for me…so thank you all for your contributions and time on the day.

This week in Reading, we are focusing on Inferring when reading. When readers infer they are “reading between the lines.” It is an abstract comprehension strategy that we are delving into in a variety of ways. We are using images to help us understand the strategy, for example facial expressions and body language help us understand emotions. As part of our Whole School Reading on Tuesday we did activity observing a photograph and discussing what we saw, than what we knew about what we saw and finally what we might infer about what we saw. It is a simple way of thinking about inferring. In our classroom all students have a focus or goal they are working on in reading. These goals are meant to improve their Comprehension Accuracy Fluency and Vocabulary. I have written this goal in their communication diary for you to talk about with your child when you hear them read at night.

In Numeracy we are learning Multiplication. Students are talking about the language we use and learning to write multiplication equations. They are thinking about multiplication as groups of numbers and using bead strings and arrays to visualize what multiplication looks like.

Miss Rae

PREP/ONE READING HELPERS IN THE MORNINGS

We love to have parent helpers in the mornings to help with our Grade Prep/One readers. If you are not on the roster, but you would still like to help, you are very welcome! 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!
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?’
Enquiries to: Judy Price 53541504 or Lisa Heard 0429447502
Children will be met at school’s front gate & walked to the church.
Only children with a signed consent form can attend
Our School Grounds

Willaura PS is very fortunate to have a wonderful group of very supportive families who are more than willing to volunteer their precious time to work in the grounds to create a beautiful and welcoming school for the students to learn and play in every day. This includes watering, weeding and mowing, to name a few. One parent, in particular, Casey Walker, deserves our thanks for coming in at all hours to water the garden so that it survives over this hot summer. Thanks Casey! Our students don't know how lucky they are!