

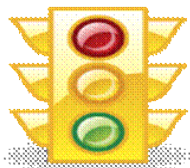


Term 1
Week 1
2018



Williamstown
Primary School
& Preschool & OSHC

DATES TO REMEMBER
SEE CALENDAR ON BACK



TRAFFIC DUTY

TERM 1

Week 1 Tyson / Jayden
Week 2 Jess / Ceara
Week 3 Tayla W / Roni
Week 4 Emily / Tamsin

Please remember to keep informed about our **Bushfire Plan**... it is on our school website

SWIMMING NOTES
COMING HOME SOON



Welcome back everyone to another year of exciting learning here at Williamstown Primary. We currently have 221 students across our 9 classes (up slightly on previous years), and a full Preschool too. We have had some work done over the holidays and you will notice the freshly painted buildings and the flourishing plants in the grounds. Special thanks to Deb Gardner and Sherrilyn Northcott who have also helped sort and spruce up our staffroom over the break, after much needed new storage cupboards were installed. As usual there will be a number of notes coming home this week. Please try to respond to them as soon as possible to get the year off to a really organized start!

School Fees: At Williamstown Primary we charge the minimum fee for Goods and Services (up to \$100 less than some public schools) as we try to make school the most affordable it can be. We do however set our annual budget spending to include student fees, and they are needed in order for us to provide quality learning experiences for all. 2018 fees have been invoiced for all families and posted out Monday 29/01. Fees can be paid upfront or in instalments. Please ensure you make arrangements to pay, or pay in full, as soon as possible. **There are a range of options for payment and our office staff are always happy to explain these to you and help you set up repayment plans through direct debit or cash instalments.**

Staffing news: Jodie Dahlitz takes on the role of Deputy Principal for 2018. I know she is looking forward to supporting all students learning across the school.

We welcome Mr Angus Bugeja in our Year 5/6 class this year, as well as Miss Georgia Hall in the R/1 class in the Unit on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Mrs Nicky Kemp on Fridays in our 1/2 class in Room 8. Ms Ali Wilkinson will take Arts and Library Skills this term, and we also welcome Mrs Emily McNair in the Preschool and welcome back Mrs Kylie McGoran (Preschool). We also welcome back all of our SSO team from 2017, with the exception of Miss Katy Veljanovski, who has currently taken on a teaching position at another school for Term 1 and Mr Nic Burton.

Acquaintance Night: We will have our Acquaintance Night next week on Tuesday night 6/2 between 5.00 - 6.30. Teachers will be available in their rooms and will present some information about their learning programmes this year. There will be time for some questions and answers. More information will come home, with talk times for individual classes, please look out for it.

Class Dojos: Many classes use Class Dojo to share classroom learning and news, and as a quick reminder system for class matters.

Teachers only communicate with you on dojo during their work hours (up to 5pm), at break times and when they have non-classroom duties. It is a handy way for short messages to be shared. Please do not use dojo for longer discussions, urgent communications (it may not be checked in time) or for after hours messaging. The usual school phone number should be used for immediate requests and information ie your child will be picked up early etc. If you want to talk at any length with your child's teacher then please contact them to make a mutually convenient time to do this.

REMINDERS:

Mobile Phones at school: Our current school policy recognises that some families give their children mobile phones to ensure after school safety (when walking home etc.). However we ask that mobile phones **not be brought to school unless absolutely necessary.**





If students need to bring phones to school we require them to be turned off during school time and encourage that they be handed to their teachers for safekeeping during the day. If we find a student has a phone in use during the day, or has brought a phone and is using it inappropriately, then the phone will be taken to the Principal and the family contacted and appropriate consequence given.

We cannot take any responsibility for loss or theft of private mobile phones which have been brought to school.

Bushfire Safety: Every year we practice our Bushfire drills and also ensure that our designated Bushfire Message phone is ready to send any messages that we need to let you know of any situations that occur re bushfire response. The Education Department informs us the night before when we need to close on catastrophic days, and we inform you as soon as we know this. Please make sure we have your **current phone number** so that we provide information to you in a timely manner. **Please note this phone cannot be used to reply/answer phone calls on.** Thank you all for your support of our school processes. We look forward to working with your wonderful children this year.

Regards,
Julee Veljanovski

Term One 2018 School Planner

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	29/01	30/01	31/01	01/02	02/02
2	05/02	06/02 ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT	07/02	08/02	09/02
3	12/02	13/02	14/02	15/02	16/02
	← SWIMMING WEEK →				
4	19/02 AGM 7.00pm	20/02	21/02	22/02	23/02
5	26/02	27/02	28/02 Incursion Australian Ballet (Whole School)	01/03	02/03 CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 
6	05/03	06/03	07/03	08/03	09/03 PUPIL FREE DAY
7	12/03 ADELAIDE CUP DAY	13/03	14/03	15/03	16/03
8	19/03	20/03	21/03 HARMONY DAY	22/03	23/03
9	26/03 7.00pm GOVERNING COUNCIL	27/03	28/03	29/03	30/03  GOOD FRIDAY
10	02/04 EASTER MONDAY 	03/04	04/04	05/04	06/04
	← INTERVIEW WEEK →				
11	09/04	10/04	11/04	12/04 SPORTS DAY 	13/04 EARLY DISMISSAL 2.15PM