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Principal’s message

RESPECT CONFIDENCE COMPASSION

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Grandparents and Special Friends Day

The grade 1&2 area would like to invite all grandparents or any other special adults in the student’s life to come along and spend some time in the classroom doing special activities on:

TUESDAY 22ND MARCH
9:00—10:30 AM

The morning will follow with a small morning tea. We look forward to meeting and sharing a wonderful morning together.
It was warm on Tuesday March 1st. The grade 5 & 6 students nervously walked into William Ruthven Secondary College, ready for Transition Day. Once we arrived at the secondary college, we saw some familiar faces from last year but we continued listening to instructions from the secondary teachers. We met new teachers and did some fun activities like Science, Public Speaking and Integrated Studies. Science was a fun experience because we had fun making a glue called 'Milk Glue'. We also used invisible ink to write a message and then we rubbed red cabbage juice over the ink to reveal the message. After science, our class moved onto Public Speaking. We were split into five groups where we had to speak in front of the others on a topic that was given to us. We enjoyed this task because it helped us to be more confident within ourselves. Then it was time for morning tea which was delicious and very peaceful. For Integrated Studies, we had to split off into groups of six. Luckily, we were accompanied by some older and smarter year 9 and 10 students who were a great help for the ‘Scavenger Hunt’ activity. Overall, we had an awesome day. We all had great fun experiencing these subjects and we enjoyed the high school experience at William Ruthven Secondary College.

Written by: Lily Rose & Zac
Clean up day

Clean up Australia Day

On Friday the 4th of March our school, William Ruthven Primary School cleaned up rubbish around the school as part of Clean Up Australia Day. We collected a grand total of 2419 pieces of rubbish, with 5/6A (Mr S) collecting the most. Their prize – to host our wonderful sustainable gnome ‘Goldeo’ for the next few weeks.

The amount of rubbish collected for each class on the day was:

Foundation - 245,
1/2 A 283,
1/2 B 255,
1/2 C 92,
3/4 A 285,
3/4 B 30,
3/4 C 113,
5/6 C picked up 446,
5/6 A picked up a huge amount of 670.

The environmental leaders would like to thank all the classes that helped clean up. We really appreciate you all making the effort to help conserve our environment.
To the wonderful WRPS parents and friends,

We had an exciting morning on Monday with our energetic Fun Run/Walk. The students finished their 10+ laps with icy poles to cool them down.

On behalf of the Cancer Council Victoria and the Hawthorn RFL, we would like to thank everyone in the WRPS community for their care, compassion and generosity.

We are still collecting donations and will let you know the total in the next newsletter.

Thank you for joining the fight to help achieve a Cancer free world!

Student Representative Committee
Addition Stories

Write your own addition story

Dean had chickens on the farm. Some of the eggs hatched. How many chickens does he have now?

Symbol: 🐔
Picture: 🐔

Sila had chickens on the farm. Some of the eggs hatched. How many chickens does she have now?

Symbol: 🐔
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Mrs. Mignon had chickens on the farm. Some of the eggs hatched. How many chickens does she have now?

Symbol: 🐔
Picture: 🐔

Leah had chickens on her farm. Some of the eggs hatched. How many chickens does she have now?

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**How to Brush Your Teeth**

By Kim

*When you brush your teeth it helps you get rid of germs and prevent cavities.*

**Things you need:**

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<th>Toothpaste</th>
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**Method:**

1. **Get your toothbrush and put a bit of water on the brush part.**
2. **Get your toothpaste and squeeze it out a bit on your toothbrush. Then put a bit of water on your toothbrush.**
3. **Put your brush in your mouth and brush side to side. Make sure you brush ALL your teeth.**
4. **Get a cup and put water in the cup. Put the edge of the cup on your bottom lip and then pour some water in your mouth and gargle. Then spit into the sink. Dry your mouth on your towel.**

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**How to Brush your Teeth !!**

By Noah T

*Things you need: tooth brush, tooth paste, towel and a sink.*

When you brush your teeth it will only take few easy steps. Follow these steps two times a day, morning and night.

- **Step 1:** You squeeze the toothpaste out and put it on the toothbrush.
- **Step 2:** Turn on the tap and put a little bit of water on the toothbrush and brush your teeth up and down. Make sure you brush all your teeth.
- **Step 3:** Brush your teeth for 3 minutes.
- **Step 4:** Spit the toothpaste out in to the sink and wipe your mouth with the towel.

That is how you brush your teeth. 😊

GOOD BRUSHED TOOTH 🦷 VS UN BRUSHED TOOTH

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**How To Brush Your Teeth**

**Things needed:**

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- A cup of water

**Method:**

1. **Step 1:** Pick up your toothbrush.
2. **Step 2:** Get some toothpaste and put it on the brush.
3. **Step 3:** Move your brush side to side in your mouth.
4. **Step 4:** When the toothpaste is bubbly get a cup of water and put some water in your mouth.
5. **Step 5:** Spit out the water and if you have time you can floss.

By Theo
My Favourite Sport
By Ali C

I love tennis much more than AFL football.

Firstly, I believe tennis is better than AFL because we can never get hurt as it is not a contact sport.

Secondly, there are lots of hand techniques in tennis. We try to win points and also we can play tennis anywhere.

Thirdly, tennis is for older people and younger people.

In conclusion, I hope I have convinced you to play tennis more often.

My Favourite Sport is Cricket
By Yusuf

I love cricket. It is an amazing game

Firstly, I love cricket because when you play we have pads and helmets, so we don’t get hurt when we miss the ball.

Secondly, it is a good team sport and we can cheer for our team.

Thirdly, Cricket helps us keep fit and healthy because we run a lot.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that cricket is the best sport.

Please Buy this Black Dog
By Henry

I really believe that you should buy this black dog. If you buy this black dog you will be surprised.

Firstly, this black dog is very cheap. The pink poodle is very expensive.

Secondly, this dog is very gentle and it gives the best cuddles.

Thirdly, he is a very clever dog and learns very fast. You can teach him many tricks and have fun with him.

In conclusion, I hope you will buy the black dog instead of the pink poodle.

Please Buy This Dog
By Mikayla

I really should buy the black dog because it is better than a pink and white poodle.

Firstly, I think that the black dog will love you a lot because it is a very caring little black dog. It is cute and soft and listens to the owner.

Secondly, I think this black dog is quiet because if there is a dog across the road, it won’t bark at it and it will keep on walking.

Thirdly, I strongly think that this black dog is so helpful and cute and if you throw a ball it will get it.

In conclusion, I wish that I had a black dog because it is so cute and it could be my friend.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

CSEF- Parents with Healthcare Cards.

You may be eligible for CSEF- Camps, Swimming and Excursions Fund. The government will give $125.00 per student via the school to help pay for excursions, ect during the year. If you have not already applied and have a valid HEALTHCARE CARD please call by the Office to do so.
Community News

NO LUNCHES - CANTEEN

The canteen will not be selling lunches on the following days:
TUESDAY 15th March
TUESDAY 22nd March.
Students will need to bring their lunch on these days.

GRADE 3-6 SWIMMING PROGRAM

The swimming program is now up and running. Please remember to bring your towel, goggles and swimmers next Tuesday for the final week.

UNIFORM

Our uniform stock has now been replenished. We have all items in all sizes available. Uniform sales are on:
Wednesday 8:30-9:00am & 2:30-3:00pm

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks goes out to the following local businesses for donating goods to our school for the Bunnings BBQ. Your support is very much appreciated.

Bakers Delight
Reservoir

FRUIT & VEGETABLE
Fresh Fruit Supply Daily
Open 6 Days
Mon-Fri 7:00am-5:00pm
Sat 7:00am-3:00pm
Diyen: 0451 424 080
Vu: 0411 190 567
92 McFadzean Ave Reservoir Vic 3073

The Big Butcher
2 Lipton Drive
Thomastown Victoria 3074
Telephone 03 9480 3133
Fax: 03 9485 6133
Email: sales@thebigbutcher.com.au
Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm
Saturday - Sunday 9am - 3pm

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be on:
WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH

All students must be in full school uniform.
See the enclosed leaflet on how to order your school photos.
William Ruthven Primary School
Is now taking enrolments for 2017

Academic Excellence
Personalised learning
Innovative curriculum
A strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy
Committed and dedicated teaching staff
Strong partnership between school and family

A specialist Science School

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