Welcome back

It has been a busy start to term three, with a number of families starting at William Ruthven Primary School. I would like to welcome our new students to our school and know that they will enjoy their time at WRPS.

Welcome back to Ms D who is returning from family leave. Ms D will be working in the 3/4 area of the school. I would also like to welcome Mrs M to WRPS. Mrs M is working in the 5/6 area of the school.

Great work

This week I would like to congratulate Emily P from Foundation for completing some terrific work in Maths and Hailey M from grade two for showing great improvement in her reading.

Recently William Ruthven Secondary College had their mid year awards presentation. Quite a number of past students from WRPS received awards and I would like to congratulate them.

Year 7
Alana N, Charlie F, Christina S

Year 8
Antoinette P, Te Ana C, Angelica G

Year 9
Jordan B, Alexander M, Peter P, Gabriel G

Year 10
George K, Chris J

Year 11
Maddison F, Danny N

Year 12
Tina H

At William Ruthven PS we take great pride in preparing our students for secondary college and this is reflected in the number of students who receive awards at secondary college.

Parent opinion Survey

Each year The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DET) invites parents from all Government schools across Victoria to participate in a parent opinion survey on how things are going at your child’s school.

If you have been selected to participate in this survey you will have already received your survey in the mail. This survey is completely anonymous and we do not see any of the responses. They are collated by an independent company and the results sent to DET.

This is an opportunity to have a say in how things are going at William Ruthven Primary School and what we need to work on to ensure that we are a school of high expectations that we can all be proud of.

Could you please complete that accompanying survey and place in the envelopes and return to school by Friday 5th August.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Buildings and Grounds

Over the holiday break we had shade sails erected outside the foundation building and a refurbishment of the soft fall on the junior playground.

Multicultural Day

On August Wednesday 10th as part of our Olympic theme we will be having a Multicultural Day. Many fun activities have been planned for the day with a student parade. A note has been sent home outlining the activities planned for the day.

Allan Waterson

Have you visited our website

For all the latest information on our school visit our website: www.williamruthvenps.vic.edu.au
Lunchtimes: The Library will now be open for the first half of lunchtime recess on Mondays and Tuesdays. Students may visit to read, return and borrow books. Please enter and exit through the Library doors only.

Bookfair: The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! The stock will be arriving on Tuesday the 23rd of August. Please look in future newsletters for when the sales desk will be open.
As part of our Integrated unit in Term 2, Significant Australians in History, 3/4C students worked in groups to create four fantastic board games. The objective for each game was to create a game that was educational and fun. The games were certainly fun and we learnt a lot about Australian inventors and their inventions, the people that are on our money, creative musicians and talented sports people.
“The Foundation students have been eagerly learning how to write recounts. They wrote a recount on what they did during the Term 2 school holidays.”
Basketball Coaching at WRPS

For the first four weeks in term 3 all students from Foundation to 6 will take part in four basketball skills coaching sessions as part of their Physical Education Program. Our school was fortunate enough to have funding approved for 44 sessions of basketball coaching through the Melbourne Sports Institute.

How many basketballs can you see?

Colour in the basketball boot any colours you like.
Cari Genitori (Dear Parents),

WRPS is celebrating the Olympics with a diverse cultural celebration! Please mark this date on your calendars. It will be held during **Week 5 of Term 3. Wednesday 10\textsuperscript{th} August** - an exciting day of activities for children in Foundation to Year 6.

The main events include:

**Special assembly: Wednesday August 10\textsuperscript{th} at 9am.** It would be wonderful if all children could **dress up** on this day in a costume from their cultural heritage. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Filippo from Global Grooves** will perform **“Music from around the globe”** to all students. Students will be learning about various instruments and folk songs/dances from different cultures.

**Shared multi-age activities from F-6** will be a feature of the day with rotational activities.

**Multicultural shared lunch:** We are asking parents to bring a plate to share from their own cultural background. Please bring a snack for recess. Lunch will be at 1.00p.m.

Children with **allergies** please provide a treat from home to avoid a possible anaphylactic reaction.

Thanks in advance,

Signora Sandra P (Italian teacher F-2)
Tech talk
With the end of financial year approaching, we’ve decided to focus this month’s ‘tech talk’ on email scams. We’ve teamed up with our program partners at Microsoft to provide you with information on how to avoid becoming a victim, and ways to start the conversation with young people on how to protect their personal and financial information. This time of year sees many of us scrambling to collect group certificates, receipts, and seeking professional help in gaining the most out of our returns. Unfortunately, this time of year also creates an opportunity for scammers to take advantage. They pretend to be ‘tax experts’, ‘accountants’ and sometimes even pose as the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Scammers may also attempt to contact you directly via email which may look legitimate, however there are some tell-tale signs to look out for that can keep your computer and private information safe.

What is phishing?
Phishing emails are designed to steal money by installing malicious software on your computer to collect personal information from within your computer and websites you have visited. Scammers sometimes use social engineering to convince you to install malicious software or hand over your personal information under false pretences.

What does a typical phishing email message look like?
1. **Spelling and bad grammar.** Scammers are not always known for their writing skills. Professional companies and organisations usually have editors that will not allow a mass email to go out with basic grammar and spelling errors. If you notice mistakes in an email purporting to be from a usually reputable organisation, it is likely a scam.

2. **Beware of links in emails.** Avoid clicking links in email messages. Try hovering your mouse (but don't click!) on the link to see if the address that appears matches the link typed in the message. A seemingly innocent link can be a scam.

3. **Spoofing popular websites or companies.** Scammers use graphics in emails that appear to be connected to legitimate websites but actually take you to scam sites or legitimate-looking pop-up windows. Never click on links associated with these sites.

Time2Talk
Although not all our young ones are working and lodging tax returns, this time of year provides a great opportunity to discuss the implications of opening emails from unknown senders or clicking on suspicious links. Here are some ways to start the conversation:

1. **Would you offer your personal information to a stranger?**

2. **Consider the list of people and organisations you feel comfortable sharing personal information with.** Such as your name, address, birth date and bank details. Are these good choices?

3. **What should you do if you receive an email from someone you don’t know?**

4. **What filtering software can you use to limit unwanted contact?** And remember, if something seems too good to be true, it probably is!

A common scam around this time of year is one claiming to have uncovered money owing to you from previous tax periods. To obtain the “refund” you might be asked to provide details such as name, email address, date of birth and banking details. If you receive this type of email, our advice is do not open it or click on any links and delete the email immediately.

If in doubt about the authenticity of any communication you receive from the ATO check with them directly by calling 1800 008 540.

**What should I do if I suspect I am the victim of a scam?**
- If you believe you are a victim and have lost money as a result of phishing activities, contact your financial institution immediately.
- Scams or phishing emails can be reported to the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network


For more information visit:

- www.acorn.gov.au
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What is the NDIS?
• The NDIS is a new way for people with a disability to access supports. It puts the goals of your child/family at the centre of supports.
• NDIS provides you with a choice over who delivers the services you want and what these could look like in order to achieve the outcomes you want.
• NDIS is a scheme for Australian citizens, permanent residents and New Zealand citizens with Protected special Category visas
• It covers ages from 0-65 and beyond if eligible and required.
• With NDIS all different funding systems will be streamlined into ONE system
• ECVS (Early Childhood Intervention) services will now be funded through the NDIS.

Why Irabina?
Irabina Autism Services is a not for profit organisation dedicated to helping young people and families adapt to the challenges of living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Delivering expert support and education services for 50 years, our team of therapists, psychologists and specialist educators provide assistance to individuals aged between 0-21 years, helping them connect with and understand the world around them. We are the largest autism-specific Early Intervention service in Victoria. Our family-centred approach in all that we do is crucial to our programs, ensuring the entire family unit is cared for.

We are coming to you!
Irabina can visit you at your home or school to provide services directly, including Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Psychology and more. We will also be coming to provide sessions to give you the information you need to know about the NDIS.

SO TELL US, HOW CAN WE HELP?
We invite you to take the following survey to let us know what help you need, where, and when.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KH9KDQ

discovering pathways to potential

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