Welcome back
We have had a settled start to the term, with the students and staff jumping back into their work enthusiastically. Each unit has some exciting activities and work planned for the term. Welcome to the new students and their families who started at the beginning of this term, Marley, Brock, Jemillah and Jakita. We know that you will enjoy being at William Ruthven PS.

Great Work.
Even though we have only been back at school for two weeks, as I walk around the school and visit the classrooms I see the students really focussed on their learning.
This week I would like to congratulate Max P for great reading with Mrs G and Eli A for a terrific effort with his brown words.
I would also like to congratulate the following students from grade 1/2, Carlo S, Kayla L, Emily Y, Amina J, Salim E, Vivian L, Lachlan C and Dean K for their great work with the money activities they have been doing in Maths.

School Council
Recently I called for nominations from parents who were interested in joining out School Council. Congratulations to the following parents who have nominated to participate in our school council this year. Christine C and Cathy P have been elected for a two year period and join Tamara P and Rachael S as the parent representatives. The teacher representatives on the School council are Peter M and Kent S. The community representatives on our School Council are Stuart R and Faz E. Christine C was elected President of the School Council and Cathy P Vice President. I look forward to working with the school council this year.

Visit by Mr Merlino
On the first day of this term we had a visit from the Deputy Premier of Victoria Mr Merlino. Mr Merlino is also the Minister for Education. Mr Merlino visited our breakfast club program. He had a look at the work we are doing and spoke at our school assembly. At assembly Mr Merlino presented Jack F from grade 6 with his Student Representative Council badge. At the end of his visit Mr Merlino commented on how polite, respectful and engaged in their learning our students were.

Mother’s day
The fundraising committee have been busy preparing Mother’s Day gift packs for our students to purchase for Mother’s Day. Notes were sent home earlier this week. All Mother’s Day gifts need to be pre ordered and no late orders will be accepted.

Breakfast club
Breakfast club is now up and running in a big way. Everybody is welcome to breakfast club even if you have had breakfast before coming to school. If you would like to have some breakfast, just pop over to the year 7 building. Breakfast club starts at 8:15 am.

Allan Waterson
On Thursday the 14th April we had Responsible Pet Ownership. We sat down in the library. The lady had a dog. She taught us how to be good with dogs. The dog was showing off. She put her dog back in her bed and she showed us how to safely approach dogs. She also showed us the dogs feelings on the board. It was great!!!

By James
The Foundation students visited Joyce our school crossing supervisor to practise crossing the road safely.
Aiva

Blowing the whistle, she will go.
Stop the car.

Angus

I'm stopping until she blows the whistle two times.

Eli

The girl she crosses the road, Joyce tells her to blow the whistle two times.

Franny

When I cross the road, Joyce tells me never to walk near the road.

Amelia

When she blows the whistle, you cross the road.
When she didn't blow the whistle, you don't walk.

SCHOOL
Community News

Mother’s Day Gifts
Mother’s Day is fast approaching and we have a lovely selection of gifts to choose from, ranging from $2.00-$8.00.

Gifts are available for viewing in the school office, so feel free to come in and take a look.

Order forms were sent home earlier this week. Please have them returned along with the money no later than Friday 29th April. Please note no late orders will be accepted.

Dropping Lunches off to the school
To minimize the interruptions to students working in the class, we would like all parents delivering late lunches or any other items to come via the office. Lunches should be left at the office and the office staff will deliver them to the students 5 minutes before eating time begins. This process is less disruptive and less likely to impact the children working in their classroom. We thank you for your cooperation and trust all parents will display our school value of RESPECT in this matter.

Skoolbag App
Keep up to date with what is happening at WRPS by downloading our school app onto your iPhone, Android phone, Windows phone or tablet. Simply go into your app store and search William Ruthven Primary School and install it onto your chosen device. For Windows Phone and Windows Store, search for Skoolbag install the app, and then find your school. Please note it must be a Windows 8.1 device.

We encourage parents to download the app as it will help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. Handy Hint: you can notify the school of a child’s absence via the Skoolbag app. It sends an email to the school. If you have any questions please contact sales@skoolbag.com.au or email support@skoolbag.com.au for free support. You can of course call our office on 9460 1668.

Student Records
It is very important for our student records to be kept up to date at all times especially in cases of emergency. This includes any changes of address, phone numbers or medical conditions. If any of your details have changed, could you PLEASE advise the school office immediately.

Yard Duty and First Aid Procedures
A large number of students are coming into the sick bay with low grade injuries, eg. minor cuts, abrasions and minor falls. Students that sustain minor injuries in the classroom or out in the playground will be treated on site. All classrooms and teachers out on yard duty are equipped with supplies to treat minor injuries. In these cases a note will not go home as they are low grade injuries. All moderate to severe injuries will be treated in the sick bay and of course parents will be notified via a note or phone call.

We hope families will support us in building resilience in our students, as we are sure you will recall cuts and scrapes are all part of growing up.

Sick Students
Deciding when to keep a sick child at home from school is not always easy. It’s important for children to attend school but when a child is genuinely sick they need to stay home and be cared for by an adult in order to get well and to prevent spreading illness to others.

The school does not have the facilities or the staff to care for students that are unwell.

Please ensure your emergency details are kept up to date and provide the school with an alternative contact if you cannot be reached.

We thank you for your cooperation and hope all families display our school value of RESPECT in this matter.
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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

2016 Winter Sports

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