

Term 2, Issue 2, 2026

RESPECT

INCLUSION

CURIOSITY

EXCELLENCE

Key Dates

Friday 12 June	Interschool Sport
Monday 15 June	School Council - 5.45pm
	Annual Report to the School Community - 7.00pm (All welcome)
	End of Term Special Lunch
Friday 26 June	JSC out-of-uniform day
	Last day of Term 2
	EARLY FINISH – 2.30pm
Monday 13 July	Start of Term 3 - Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 14 July	Students return to school
Fridays in term 3 (except final day of school)	Swimming Program for PREP – Grade 4
Wednesday 29 July	Firefighters visit - PREP
Wednesday 5 August	Firefighters visit - PREP
Wednesday 12 August – Friday 14 August	Year 5 & Year 6 Camp
Monday 17 August	School Council – 5.45pm
Tuesday August 25 – Tuesday 1 September	Book Fair
Thursday 27 August	Book Week Parade
Wednesday 2 September	Performing Arts Showcase (TBC)
Tuesday 8 September & Wednesday 9 September	Parent Teacher interviews
Monday 14 September	School Council – 5.45pm
Friday 18 September	Last Day Term 3 – Early Finish

William Ruthven Primary School acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we learn, work and play. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

William Ruthven Primary School is a Child Safe school

We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all our students. Our Child Safe policies and practices are listed on our website: williamruthvenps.vic.edu.au/page/147/Child-Safe-Standards.

As a Safe School, William Ruthven Primary School also fosters a safe environment that is supportive and inclusive of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and questioning (LGBTIQ+) students.

If you have suggestions, comments or questions about our Child Safe policies and practices, contact our Principal, Cleo Ndalians



FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

It has been a busy and positive week at William Ruthven Primary School, with students involved in a range of learning experiences and school events that included Hockey Clinics, Football Clinics, the Grandparent/Special Friends Morning, the Soul Sonic Workshop and for two of our students, representing the school and the Divisional Cross Country event! Thank you to our staff, students and families for your continued support.

Attendance Matters

Every day at school makes a difference. Regular attendance supports learning, friendships, confidence and wellbeing. We understand that there are times when children are unwell or family circumstances arise, but we encourage families to make school attendance a priority wherever possible. *If attendance is becoming difficult for any reason, please contact the school. We are here to work with families and provide support where we can.*

Getting to School: Dyson Bus Services

We are continuing to look at ways to support students to attend school every day and arrive on time. Families may not be aware that Dyson bus services that travel to William Ruthven Secondary College can also be used by William Ruthven Primary School students, as our schools are located next door to each other. Primary school students are allowed to use these buses. The only time students may not be able to board is if a bus is full. These buses are Public Transport Victoria school services, so families do not need to register their child to use them. Students will need a valid myki card and should touch on when required. Dysons currently operates five morning services to William Ruthven and five afternoon services from William Ruthven. Buses will stop at PTV stops along the route.

Morning services include: • Regent Street, Preston to William Ruthven Departs at approximately 8:00 am and arrives at school at approximately 8:22 am, depending on traffic. • Regent Station to William Ruthven Time to be confirmed. • Henty Street to William Ruthven Time to be confirmed. • Reservoir Station to William Ruthven Departs at approximately 8:10 am and arrives at school at approximately 8:35 am, depending on traffic. • Thomastown Station to William Ruthven Departs at approximately 8:25 am and arrives at school at approximately 8:50 am, depending on traffic.	Afternoon services include: • William Ruthven to Regent Street, Preston Departs at approximately 3:25 pm and arrives at Regent Street at approximately 3:50 pm, depending on traffic. • William Ruthven to Regent Station Time to be confirmed. • William Ruthven to Henty Street Departs at approximately 3:25 pm and arrives at Henty Street at approximately 3:40 pm. • William Ruthven to Reservoir Station Departs at approximately 3:25 pm and arrives at Reservoir Station at approximately 3:45 pm, depending on traffic. • William Ruthven to Thomastown Station Departs at approximately 3:25 pm and arrives at Thomastown Station at approximately 3:40 pm, depending on traffic.
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Families are encouraged to consider whether these services may help support regular attendance and punctual arrival at school. For questions or concerns about the bus service, families should contact Dysons directly by phone between Monday and Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, or through the Dysons website. More information about myki for children and young people is available on the Transport Victoria website. **Maps are at the back of the newsletter.*

Annual Report to the School Community

The Annual Report to the School Community will be presented to the school community on Monday 15 June at 7.00pm, following School Council. Families are welcome to attend.

Warm regards,
Cleo Ndalianis

Soul Sonics music workshop

Students recorded, produced, and performed their own original compositions using industry-standard tools including **Ableton Live** and **Push hardware**.



Cross Country Divisionals

Congratulations and thank you to Ava and Monique for proudly representing WRPS at the Divisional Cross Country event. It was held at Bundoora Park under very difficult weather conditions.



Drawing Competition 2026

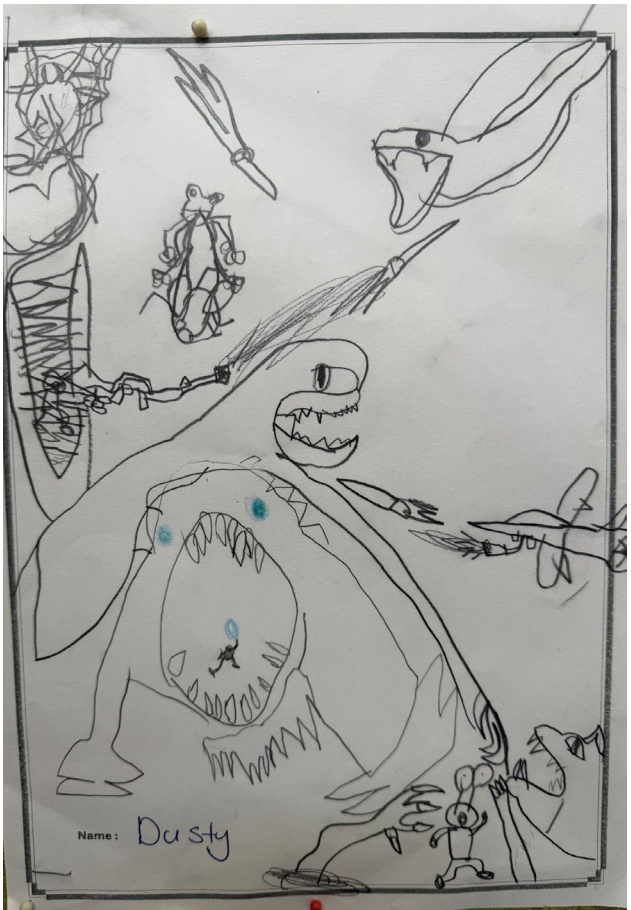
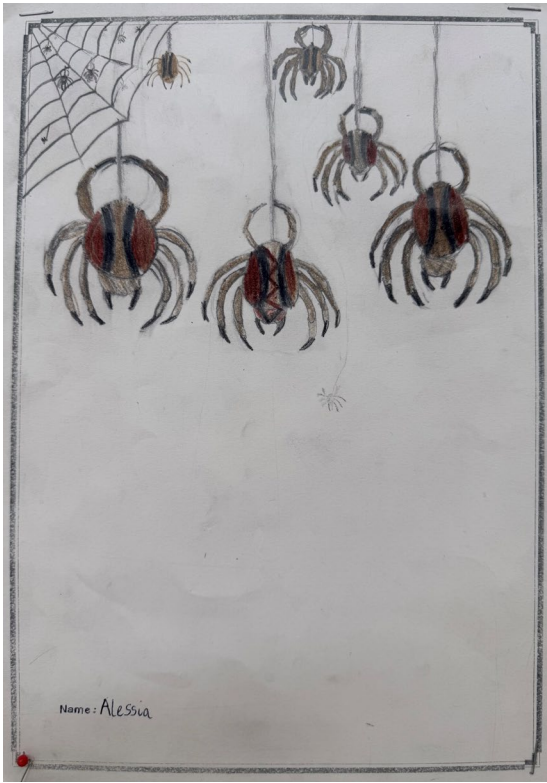
Almost half of the school entered our first ever drawing competition at William Ruthven Primary School. The theme was animals, with entries from students in Years 1–3 and Years 4–6. Students who entered the competition worked incredibly hard during lunchtimes, spare time, and art classes. They researched their chosen animals and created many draft copies before completing their final artwork.

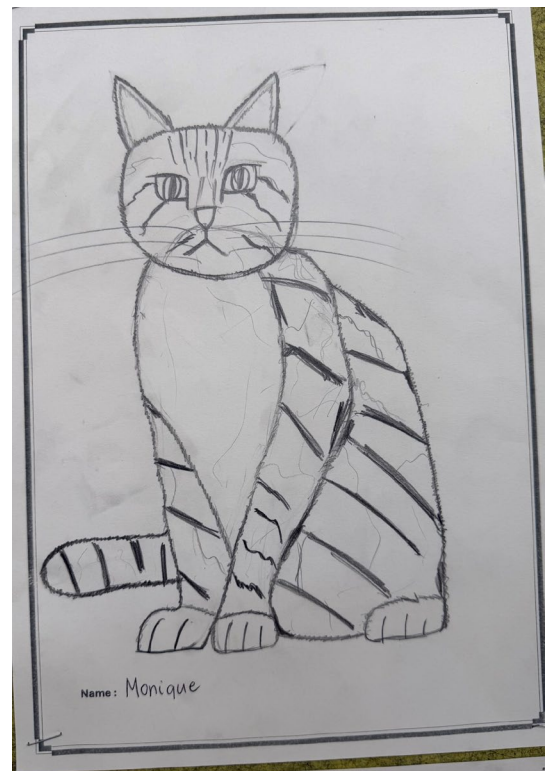
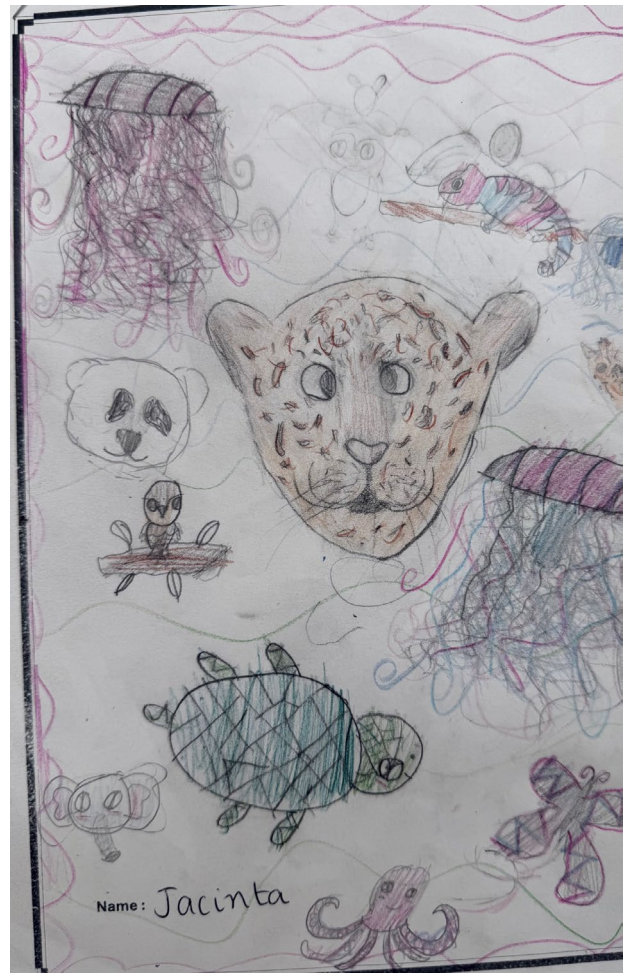
The winners will be announced at assembly in the coming weeks. We raised \$66.00, which Rachel will help us donate to The Royal Children's Hospital.

Thank you to everyone who entered and tried their best. I am so proud of how hard you all worked on your drawings and the effort you put into creating such wonderful artworks.

Miss Sotos









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FAMILY HUB

When schools and families speak the same language around mental health, our young people thrive.

Our **Family Hub** is designed to keep you in the loop, inspire everyday **wellbeing practices at home**, and help strengthen the connection between what your child is learning in the classroom and how you support them in life.

Scan this QR code to access practical strategies to help build healthy habits as a family.



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WELCOME TO THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

Families

Why wellbeing?



1 in 4 primary students
experience high levels of depression
or anxiety.¹



1 in 3 secondary students
experience high levels of depression
or anxiety.¹



2 in 5 adults
experience a mental disorder
in their lifetime.²

¹ State of the Nation Report 2024

² Australian Bureau of Statistics: National Study of Mental Health and Wellbeing, 2020-2022.

School wellbeing program

With staggering statistics among children, young people and adults in Australia, The Resilience Project is working to **drive change through a preventative approach by building a culture of wellbeing in schools.**

Based on the evidence-based principles of **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** (GEM) and **Emotional Literacy**, our program equips students with lifelong wellbeing habits and **empowers families to support wellbeing at home.**

The whole-school wellbeing program involves explicit teaching through our **evidence-based curriculum** alongside wellbeing habits being integrated in school routines.

Supporting wellbeing at home

We know that when schools, families and communities **speak the same language around mental health, our young people thrive.** Throughout the year, you'll receive resources to help you develop wellbeing and resilience at home.

Proven impact

Through multiple independent evaluations, students participating in our School Wellbeing Program have shown **measurable improvements** compared to students at schools that aren't involved.



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to learn more.



The Imperfects podcast

[On this podcast](#), founder of The Resilience Project **Hugh van Cuylenburg**, his good friend **Ryan Shelton**, and only one of their brothers, **Josh van Cuylenburg**, talk to a variety of interesting people who **vulnerably share their own struggles and imperfections, or expertly pass on their wisdom on the subject of imperfection.** Whether it's in The Vulnerabilitea House, The Academy of Imperfection, or with their resident psychologist, Dr Emily, The Imperfects are here to find some valuable takeaways we can all apply to our own imperfect lives.