

RESPECT • INCLUSION • CURIOSITY • EXCELLENCE (DOING YOUR BEST)

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September 05	Fathers' and / or Special Person's Day Stall 9.00 am - 11.00 am
September 11	Immigration Museum Excursion (Years 3/4, 4/5, 5/6)
September 12	Footy Colours Day (NO SWIMMING ON THIS DAY) Special Lunch
September 16	Home of the Matildas - Soccer Clinics (Years 4 - 6)
September 18	THURSDAY - Final swimming session will be taking place on this day.
September 19	LAST DAY TERM 3 - 2.30 pm Dismissal Colour Run Fundraiser
Term dates	06 October - 19 December
November 03	Student free day - Students not required to attend

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Reporting an absence or late arrival

If your child is absent from school or late, parents/carers are required to contact the school on the morning of the absence or late arrival. Student absences and lateness can be reported via Compass or by telephone (9460 1668).

SunSmart Reminder

As part of our Sun Protection Policy, students are required to wear their school hats from 15 August through to 30 April. Please ensure your child has their hat at school each day.

Students without a hat will be directed to the 'no hat, no play' areas located outside Rooms 1 and 2 during outdoor play times.



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



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.



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.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It's hard to believe that I've already been at William Ruthven Primary School for six weeks. In this short time, I've been so impressed by the positive behaviours I've witnessed across the school – students showing kindness to one another, taking pride in their learning, and stepping up as leaders in small but powerful ways. I am also impressed by the way the staff support students in being accountable when good choices are not made and actions impact on others. These moments reflect the strong values and culture that make our school community so special.



Our families have been equally inspiring. From day one, I've felt the warmth of your support and the genuine welcome you've extended. This was especially clear during our recent Art Show, where the creativity of our students was celebrated and the turnout of families was great to see! The energy in the room spoke volumes about the pride our families take in the school, and how important these shared moments are for our children.

I'd also like to highlight the importance of how we, as a community, promote our school beyond the front gates. Every positive story shared – whether it's talking to neighbours about our students' achievements, inviting new families to see our learning in action, or celebrating events like the Art Show – strengthens our reputation in the wider community. This kind of positive promotion not only reflects the great things happening here, but also ensures that William Ruthven Primary continues to grow as a school of choice.

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement. Together, we can continue to make WRPS a place where students thrive, families feel connected, and the community recognises the wonderful learning and opportunities on offer.

Warm regards,
Cleo Ndalians
Acting Principal

Special Events and Fundraising News

AFL Grand Final Special Lunch – September 12—Fundraising goes towards new iPads!

What's on offer:

- ◆ Pie, sausage roll or vegetable roll + drink
- ◆ AFL Grand Final-themed iced donut (optional)
- ◆ Complimentary tomato sauce (available in classrooms)
- ◆ Juice box flavours & donut colours subject to availability

Other details:

- ◆ Students may wear their **favourite team colours**
- ◆ Orders close: **Friday 5 September** – no late orders accepted
- ◆ Return the order form + **exact money** to classroom teacher
- ◆ Card payments available at the office (no change given)



Colour Fun Run - SEPTEMBER 19—Fundraising goes towards new iPads!



Don't forget to fundraise with Monty the Monstar and collect some of the unique items up for grabs!

- ◆ **Monty Handball:** Collect all of Monty's online virtual badges.
- ◆ **Champions Medallion:** The highest fundraising student in our school.
- ◆ **Online Golden Coins** – complete online tasks to redeem up to an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.

Register now at www.myprofilepage.com.au and start fundraising today!

The Importance of Attendance & Punctuality

At William Ruthven Primary School, we know that **every day counts**. Regular attendance and punctuality are vital for your child's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging. When children miss school – even just one or two days a fortnight – it quickly adds up. By the end of primary school, that could mean almost a full year of lost learning.

Why Attendance Matters

- Learning builds on itself. *Every lesson missed is a step missed, and it's harder for children to catch up later.*
- Strong routines support success. *Coming to school each day sets habits that will benefit children throughout their lives.*
- Relationships matter. *Being present ensures children can connect with their teachers and friends, strengthening their social and emotional development.*

Why Punctuality Matters

Arriving on time is just as important as attending every day. The first part of the school day is when children:

- settle into routines
- hear important instructions
- connect with their peers and teacher

Missing just 10 minutes each morning adds up to over 30 hours of lost learning each year.

Why Staying Until the End Matters

- Early pick-ups interrupt lessons and distract the class as focus shifts to the child leaving.
- Students who leave early often miss the summary, reflection, and key reminders for the next day.
- Where possible, please plan appointments for outside school hours.

If an early pick-up is unavoidable, we kindly ask that families aim for:

- 11:00 – 11:20am (recess break)
- 1:30 – 2:00pm (lunch break)

This minimises disruption to learning and helps the whole class stay focused.

How Families Can Help

- Aim for consistent routines at home with regular bedtimes and morning habits.
- Plan for appointments – try to book outside of school hours where possible.
- If your child is unwell, let the school know straight away and encourage a return as soon as they are fit.
- Contact us if you're facing challenges with attendance. We're here to support families.

General notices

**Just Breakfast
Thankyou**

Thank you to the Saggi and Hogg families for their generous donation of bread and to the Izhyk family for their equally generous contribution of bread, honey and butter!

We are now live on the social pages! Please follow, like and share the William Ruthven Facebook and Instagram pages with friends and family to help spread the word of the great things we do here! ***Please also be assured that no child's image or name will ever be shared on these pages.***

The links are here:



<https://www.facebook.com/people/William-Ruthven-Primary-School/61578832593357/>



[instagram.com/williamruthvenps](https://www.instagram.com/williamruthvenps)

Early Leavers

Appointments during the day are unavoidable, but unfortunately they are also a distraction to other students learning.

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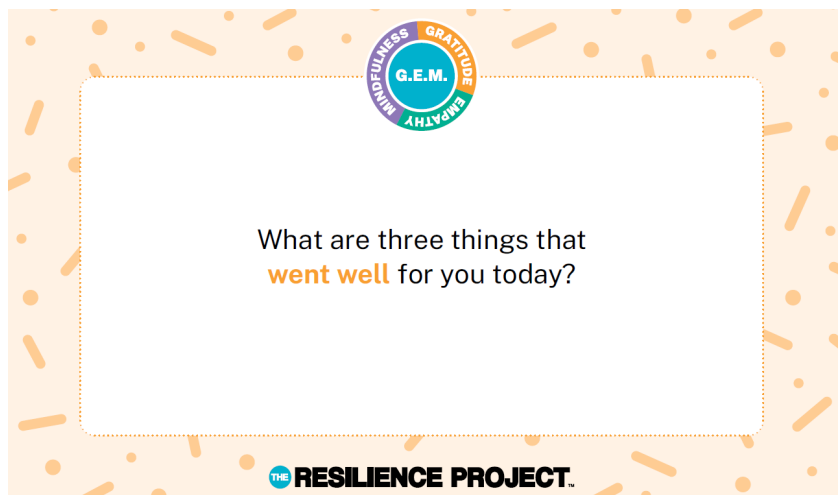
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The Resilience Project **Gratitude**, **Empathy** and **Mindfulness (GEM)**

Parents/carers can play a big role in supporting the development of positive wellbeing habits at home by checking out the Parents and Carers page on the Resilience Project website (theresilienceproject.com.au).

Here are some GEM conversation starters we wrote about in the last newsletter.

You might like to begin by asking your child(ren) these questions over the next fortnight and sharing your own response:



www.theresilienceproject.com.au

WRPS: The place to be in term 3...



Father's Day / Special Person Day
Stall 5 September



Footy Colours Day
12 September 2025



Soccer clinics at Football Victoria
16 September 2025 (34D, 45E & 46)



Colour Explosion Fun Run
19 September

**With
more in
store in
term
4...**



Celebration & Awards Night
10 December 2025



End of Year raffle
10 December 2025