

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

Term 4	
October 6	First Day of term 4
October 15	RACV Visit– Prep to 6
October 20	School Council (5:45pm)
October 23	Soul Sonics Music Workshop
October 30	Fire Ed (Year 6)
November 03	Student free day - Students do not attend school
November 04	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday—Students do not attend school
November 05	2026 Prep Information Session (6:30 pm—7:30 pm)
November 14, 21, 28, December 5	Prep Transition Sessions x 4
December 9	Meet the Teacher / Step Up Morning (Prep - Year 6) Statewide Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day (Year 6s to attend their Secondary School for 2026)
December 10	Celebration and Awards Night
December 16	Year 6 Graduation
December 19	End of term 4-1:00 pm Finish

**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).

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

2026 grade compositions

Planning for 2026 grades has begun.

- If you know of any families who are planning to start at our school next year, please ask them to contact the office for an enrolment form.
- If you are leaving us at the end of this year, we ask that you please contact the office to complete your child's exit form.



2026 Prep enrolments and transition sessions

A 2026 Prep information session will be held on Wednesday, 5 November (6:30 pm - 7:30 pm). Session details will be emailed to families whose pre-school children are enrolled for 2026. If you are yet to enrol your child for next year for Prep, please contact the office for an enrolment form.

The '1000 Generations' team is back!

We are very pleased to report that the JET program run in term 3 will be run for our 3/4 students. This will run in session 5, every Tuesday starting from October 14. The JET Program is designed to help young people develop the mindset, skills, and strategies they need to navigate their personal and academic journeys with confidence.

Through engaging activities, discussions, and real-world applications, students will develop essential life skills, including self-awareness, decision-making, empathy, and effective communication.

By encouraging students to explore their personal strengths, set meaningful goals, and overcome obstacles, the JET Program prepares them for a smooth transition into adolescence—giving them the tools they need to thrive, both in and out of the classroom. *More information will be sent to the relevant families.*

[JET Program — 1000 Generations](#)

Cleo Ndalians

Acting Principal

Assistant Principal news from Gemma Albress

2026 grade preference surveys

We are beginning to make initial plans and preparations for 2026. We are starting the process of looking at class structures and placements for next year.

To help us with this process, we are asking families to complete the 2026 Grade preference survey. The survey will ask you to select 5 of your child's friends/students that they work well with from their year level. Please complete this survey with your child by 5:00 pm, Friday, 24 October. This information will help to ensure that every child has a successful transition in 2026.

If you have a specific wellbeing request regarding your child's 2026 class placement, please email me at: gemma.albress@education.vic.gov.au by 5:00 pm, Friday, 24 October.

Regards

Gemma Albress (she/her)

Assistant Principal

School Council news

2025 Parent Payments: Policy and Letter

The 2026 Payment Policy and Letter to families was sent via Compass on Monday, 6 October. We will also be sending this home with your child. As we have done previously, we are requesting **a contribution of \$100.00**. These contributions support the school in enhancing the resources and programs offered. Families are also asked to purchase stationery pack for students to individually own and use at school. **Stationery packs are capped at \$36.00**. The packs are available for purchase via the [Rapid Office Supplies portal](#). (link is on Compass). The portal will remain **open until Friday, 19 December**. If purchasing stationery supplies from the school a \$15.00 administrative fee will be charged for each stationery pack.

If you require support in accessing the portal or with anything else, do not hesitate to contact the school.

Special events and Fundraising news

Zooper Doopers on sale in term 4

Each Tuesday and Thursday in term 4, we have Zooper Doopers for sale. They are sold for \$1.00 by our Year 5 and 6 student leaders. **We gratefully accept donations of sugar-free Zooper Doopers which can be left at the office.**

Seeking donations for our end-of-year raffle

Each year, William Ruthven Primary School holds an end-of-year raffle – with the winners drawn at the end of our Celebration and Awards Night (Wednesday, 10 December). You can help support our end-of-year raffle by donating:

- a NEW children's toy or game or jigsaw-saw puzzle
- a NEW children's book (or colouring-in book)
- a gift card (or movie tickets)
- any other prize that you feel is appropriate (e.g., you may work for a company willing to donate to our raffle).

Please leave your donation at the office no later than Friday, 7 November.

Raffle tickets to sell will be sent home mid November.

Thank you in anticipation of your support of the school's fundraising efforts.

Thankyou!

**Thank you to the Saggi,
Koukoulas and Innes
families for their generous
donation of bread and
Zooper Doopers!**

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)