

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

Term 4	
October 27	Melbourne Victory Soccer Clinic, years 5 / 6 8:50 am -10:50 am
October 31	Interschool Sport
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	2026 Prep transition session #1 (in Room 1; 11:30 am and 12:30 pm)
November 21	2026 Prep transition session #2 (in Room 1; 11:30 am and 12:30 pm)
November 28	2026 Prep transition session #3 (in Room 1; 11:30 am and 12:30 pm)
December 1	Prep, 1/2, 2/3—Melbourne Zoo Excursion
December 5	2026 Prep transition session #4 (in Room 1; 11:30 am and 12:30 pm)
December 5	Interschool Sport
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 6:30pm—7:30pm
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

2025 grade compositions

Planning for 2025 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.

In term 4, classroom teachers spend a significant amount of time to place students in their grade for the following year. In addition to considering students' friendship requests and parent/carer wellbeing requests, our teachers work hard to ensure that each grade is balanced in terms of social, emotional and behavioural needs, gender, equity, as well as having grades with academic balance.

In today's classrooms, teachers differentiate the curriculum in the key areas of literacy and numeracy so that the learning is 'pitched at just the right level' – regardless of the class structure. Collaboratively, our teachers plan tasks to be open-ended to enable students to perform at their level and to be extended.

For more information about class placements, please refer to our [Class Placement Policy](#). Please also see information about [composite grades and grade compositions](#) on our website.



Traffic Safety

Please be mindful of the speed limits, particularly during school times. A few families have expressed concern when waiting for their children at pick up and drop off times.

Cleo Ndalianis

Acting Principal

School Council news

2025 Parent Payments: Policy and Letter

The [2026 Parent Payments: Letter and Policy](#) 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:

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.