

WILLIAM RUTHVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 4	
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 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
2026	
27 January	Pupil Free Day
28 January	First day of school, years1 to 6
29 January	First day of school for Prep Students
13 February	WELCOME EVENT



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

As we reach the end of another year, I want to thank all our students, families, and staff for their ongoing support and commitment to our school. It has been a year full of learning, growth, and community connection and we are so proud of what our students have achieved. To celebrate student achievements and the end of the school year, I would like to invite everyone to our Celebration Night on Wednesday December 10. Details for this event are below.

At this time of year, we also begin planning for the year ahead. This sometimes means changes for our staff, with some teachers moving to different year levels, taking on new roles, or, in a few cases, moving to other schools. These decisions are never made lightly. They are part of the natural cycle of professional growth and are always made with great care, keeping your children at the centre of every decision.

We know that news of change can sometimes lead to questions or uncertainty. Please be assured that all staffing decisions are made thoughtfully and with the aim of providing the best possible learning environment for our students. We ask families to avoid speculation, as this can create unnecessary anxiety for students and others.

Thank you for your understanding and trust during this time of planning and transition. Together, we'll ensure that the end of this school year is calm, positive, and a celebration of our students' achievements.

Warm regards,

Cleo Ndalianis

Acting Principal

Special events and Fundraising news

Thank you to the following **families** and **staff** for their donations:

Sahill Family (23C) Harrison Family (12B) Katinka Drake (staff)

Gibilisco Family(45E) Mamone Family (12B & 34D) Christina Haritopoulos (staff)

Alderman Family Prep & 6F)

Giusti Family (45E)

Armenio Family (23C)

Koukoumas Family (6F)

Izhyk Family (12B)

Jannings Family (12B)

Al Issa Family (24E)

Tulachan family (23C)

Penny Fratto (staff)

Donald Eddington (staff)

Gemma Albress (staff)

WRPS Colour Run

Bronwyn Sealey (staff)

Penny Fratto (staff)

Donald Eddington (staff)

Rachel Rowe (staff)

Cathy Tascone (staff) Cleo Ndalianis (staff)

Thank you to the following **businesses** for their donations:

Verve PortraitsIce HQ, ReservoirMetro CanteensRapid Office SuppliesHey CaddyGravity Works

CostcoReservoir Leisure CentreColesSocial Fair, CoburgMOPATRAC

Brush and Co. Reservoir Luna Park (Thomastown Recreation & Aquatic

Centre)

The total value of this year's raffle is **in excess of \$5000.00**. Please support this year's raffle by purchasing tickets, as well as selling them to your extended family, friends and co-workers. Raffle tickets go home with the eldest child in each family on Wednesday 12 November. All sold tickets and money needs to be returned by 8:50 am on Wednesday, 10 December. Additional raffle books can be collected from the office.

Celebration and Awards Night tickets on sale

Our Celebration and Awards night is a time for our school community to come together to celebrate another terrific year at William Ruthven Primary School. The night is **in the gym** on **Wednesday, 10December (6:30 pm - 7:30 pm).** Gym doors open at 6:00 pm.

Each grade will perform a dance/song (similar to a mini concert), academic and citizenship awards will be presented, and the 2026 Captains and winners of our end-of-year raffle will be announced.

Tickets for the event are \$5.00 (plus processing fees). WRPS students and children sitting on a parent/carer's lap are free.

Tickets are purchased exclusively online via https://www.trybooking.com/DHJNA from 8:30 am, Wednesday November 12.