



WILLIAM RUTHVEN  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Important Dates - Term 1 2026

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| Wednesday February 4                 | Prep Interviews (only preps participating are to come at the assigned time)                        |
| Wednesday February 11                | Prep Interviews (only preps participating are to come at the assigned time)                        |
| Friday February 13                   | Welcome BBQ! (6:00pm to 8.00pm)  |
| Monday February 16                   | School Council at 6pm  |
| Wednesday February 18                | Prep Interviews (only preps participating are to come at the assigned time)                        |
| Wednesday February 25                | Prep Interviews (only preps participating are to come at the assigned time)                        |
| Monday March 2                       | Preps begin fulltime   |
| <b>Monday March 9</b>                | <b>Labour Day Holiday - no school</b>  |
| Wednesday March 11 - Monday March 23 | NAPLAN (Year 3 - 5) Schedule will be provided closer to the date                                   |
| Friday March 21                      | Harmony Day (Multi-age event): Everyone is encouraged to wear something <b>orange</b> for the day. |
| Tuesday March 24                     | Parent Teacher Interviews  |
| Wednesday March 25                   | Parent Teacher Interviews  |
| <b>Thursday April 2</b>              | <b>Last day of Term 1 - early finish</b>   |

**IT'S NOT OK  
TO BE AWAY**



Contact Leapkids for Before and After School care information at William Ruthven Primary School.

1300 366 235

### 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](http://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 Ndaliansis.



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

Dear families,

Welcome back to a new school year at **William Ruthven Primary School**. It has been wonderful to see students reconnect with friends, meet new teachers and settle back into school routines. We hope families had a safe and restful break.

A warm welcome also, to the new students and families joining our school community — we're so pleased to have you with us.

### A STRONG START TO THE YEAR

The first few weeks of Term 1 are all about helping students feel settled, confident and ready to learn. Teachers are spending time building strong relationships, establishing clear routines and creating calm, supportive classroom environments so learning can begin well.

### TEACHING AND LEARNING IN 2026

This year we are strengthening our teaching and learning through **VTLM 2.0 (Victorian Teaching and Learning Model)**. In simple terms, this means classrooms where:

- students understand what they are learning and why
- routines and expectations are clear and consistent
- learning is adjusted to meet student needs
- students receive feedback that helps them improve

By focusing on strong routines, clear expectations and positive relationships, we are putting the foundations in place so students feel safe, supported and ready to engage in their learning every day.

### LEARNING GOALS AND CLASS NEWS

Individual learning goals and **class newsletters for Term 1** will be shared **next week**. These will outline what your child is learning this term and how families can support learning at home.

### OUR FOCUS FOR 2026

Our key priorities this year are to:

- support student **wellbeing, resilience and engagement**
- strengthen **student voice and independence**
- improve **attendance and learning growth** for every student
- continue to build **consistent, high-quality teaching practices**

These priorities are informed by student, staff and family feedback and reflect what matters most in our school community.

### WELCOME AND RETURNING STAFF

We are pleased to welcome and acknowledge the following staff members in 2026:

- Kate Gould** – *Assistant Principal*, overseeing **Teaching and Learning** and **Student Wellbeing**
- Esta Yuanita-Swann** – *Prep Teacher*
- Matthew Nichols** – *STEM and Performing Arts Teacher*
- Sarah Tsaboukas** – returning from family leave

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day at school makes a difference. Regular attendance supports learning, friendships and wellbeing. If attendance becomes challenging at any time, please reach out — we are here to support families.

### WORKING TOGETHER

Strong partnerships between home and school are important. Please check Compass regularly for updates and feel free to contact the school if you have questions or concerns.

We're looking forward to a positive, connected and successful year ahead.

Warm regards,

**Cleo Ndaliansis**  
Acting Principal

## **School Council News**

### **Welcome BBQ – Friday 13 February, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

#### **Volunteers Needed:**

A request to families to ask if anyone is available to help on the night; primarily we will need help with the **cooking of the BBQ** and someone **to sell the drinks and zooper doopers** as well as **cakes at the cake stall**.

#### **Donations for the Bake Sale:**

These can be brought to the event on the night.

If you would like to donate items to be sold at our bake sale, we would prefer slices, biscuits or muffins. These will be sold individually and any whole cakes or loaves donated will be sold whole.

Please ensure items are securely wrapped or in a covered container and that any ingredients that may cause reactions are clearly labelled.

We are unable to **accept** baked goods with cream or custard fillings.

#### **Lucky Door Prize**

By attending on the night, everyone will be able to go in to the drawer for 2 x Crew Race passes for Powerplay Campbellfield

#### **BYO Picnic rug or chairs**

**Please bring cash! We will update families if we are able to use EFT.**

**Halal options for sausage sizzle available.**

**We look forward to seeing you all there!**

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## **Assembly day change & zooper doopers are back!**

### **ASSEMBLIES**

In 2026, school assemblies will be conducted on a **Monday morning at 9.00am**.

All families are welcome to stay.

### **ZOOPER DOOPERS**

Every Tuesday and Thursday (during Terms 1 & 4 only) the students have the opportunity to purchase a sugar-free zooper dooper for \$1.

DONATIONS of sugar free zooper doopers are welcome!

If you would like your child to receive a zooper dooper please provide them with a coin that morning.



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# Welcome BBQ

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Bring the whole  
family.  
Encourage  
friends to come  
along!

**FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY**

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Event Highlights**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**CAKE STALL**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**FACE PAINTING**

Join Us for a  
Family Fun  
Evening!



**TO RSVP: [CLICK HERE – GOOGLE FORM](#)**

**OR CALL: 03 94601668**

