

RESPECT

INCLUSION

CURIOSITY

EXCELLENCE

Key Dates

Monday 10 August	NEDs Resilience Ride - performance
Wednesday 12 August – Friday 14 August	Year 5 & Year 6 Camp
Monday 17 August	School Council – 5.45pm
Wednesday 19 August	Wurundjeri cultural educator workshop – year 4/5 students
Tuesday August 25 – Tuesday 1 September	Book Fair
Thursday 27 August	Book Week Parade
Wednesday 2 September	Performing Arts Showcase – SPECTACULAR SPECTACULAR!
Friday, 4 September 2026	Fathers' Day Stall
Thursday, 17 September	Footy Colours Day (free Footy flask for students)
Thursday, 17 September 2026	End of term special lunch
Friday, 18 September 2026	Colour Run
Friday 18 September	Last Day Term 3 – Early Finish
Monday 5 October	First Day Term 4
Tuesday 13 October	RACV Visit – Prep to 6
Monday 19 October	School Council
Monday 2 November	Pupil Free Day – NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
Tuesday 3 November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – SCHOOL IS CLOSED
Wednesday 4 November	2027 Prep Information Night
Monday 30 November	School Council

At William Ruthven Primary School we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the (people) of the (nation) and pay my respects to Elders past and present.



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.

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.

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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Term 3 is well and truly underway, and there is plenty happening at WRPS over the next few weeks.

NED's Resiliency Ride

On Monday, we are looking forward to welcoming **NED's Resiliency Ride** to the school. The show is a character education program built around three important messages: **Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best.** Through storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks, students will explore the importance of resilience, persistence and supporting others - messages that connect strongly with the work we do with our students every day. More information can be found at: www.theNEDshow.com/ned_program.html



NED's Resilience Ride operates as a **"pay it forward"** program. There is no cost to our school for the presentation, and families then have the opportunity to purchase NED yo-yos, which helps make it possible for another school to experience the program for free. Information about the yo-yos and how to purchase them is coming home with students today and is also attached to the newsletter.

Attendance

A continuing focus for us this term is **attendance**. Being at school every day, and arriving on time, really does make a difference. Missing the occasional day can quickly add up, particularly when it happens regularly across a term or a year. We understand that children do get sick and that there are sometimes unavoidable circumstances, but we ask families to make regular school attendance a priority wherever possible. If attendance is becoming difficult for your child, please speak with us so we can work together to support them. In this last week, 60% of our students attended school each day (85 out of 100 students).

Events over the coming weeks

There is also lots to look forward to on the calendar, including our **Book Fair, Book Week and Dress-Up Day, Spectacular Spectacular, National PE Day** and plenty more. Rather than overload everyone with information all at once, we will share further details through upcoming newsletters and Compass posts as each event gets closer. As always, please keep an eye on Compass and the school calendar — the next few weeks are going to be busy ones!

Bunnings Father's Family Event

FREE

Build with dad, grab a snag

Father's Day Family Event

Thursday 3rd September

Food offering may differ store to store, check your local store booking page for more details.

Activities and fun for the whole family

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Come along for a great family night out to celebrate DAD!
Ride on Animals, Animals of Oz interactive show, Glitter Tattoos, Games, Craft, Door Prizes, Fairy Floss, Sausage Sizzle

Don't miss out, register now!

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NED's Resiliency Ride

Hi, I'm NED!

Hey KIDS and families!

NED's Resiliency Ride is visiting our school! The assembly is filled with storytelling, humor, illusions and amazing yo-yo tricks where our kids learn the hidden message in NED's name:

**Never give up
Encourage others
Do your best**

Do you want to learn to yo? A yo-yo is both a learning tool and a tangible reminder of NED's message. While learning to yo, children will make mistakes, try again and improve.

Our school yo-yo sale

Our school received this assembly at no-cost because another school paid-it-forward to us. We want to help pay-it-forward too, and you can help by purchasing a NED-messaged yo-yo.

SALE DATES: Mon 10 - Fri 22 August **TIME:** 8.45 - 3.30

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: Please include cash in envelope

STUDENT ORDER FORM:

REPLACEMENT STRING PACK
Ten assorted strings to change color or replace a worn out yo-yo string. **AUS\$6**

CLASSIC YOS
Learn the basics of yo-ying with assorted hand-aided yo-yos. **AUS\$12**

YO HOLSTER
Keep track of your yo and have it ready to go. Attach it to your backpack or backpack (yo-yo not included). **AUS\$12**

SUPER SPINNERS
Great for basic and creative yo-yo tricks. With a strong frame, these auto-return yo-yos sleep at the end of the string & then come back automatically. **AUS\$20**

SPECIALTY SURPRISE SELECTION
Assorted professional yo-yos for most level of skill. For younger players, add 2 extra strings around the axle for easy play. **AUS\$25**

SPARK GLASS RFD XDOT STARBURST STORM GUNNY EXCALIBUR

ITEM	PRICE	QTY.	SUBTOTAL
String Pack	A\$6		
Holster	A\$12		
Classic Yo	A\$15		
Super Spinner	A\$20		
Specialty Yo	A\$25		
Donate's Classic Yos	A\$75		
for our school playground equipment			
TOTAL DUE			

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Yo-yo designs, colors and availability may vary.
Make orders payable to our school.
Please include tax (where applicable).

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AUTHOR WORKSHOP – Suzan Chapple

On July 21, Grade 3-6 students attended an author workshop this week.

Former Melbourne teacher, Suzan Chapple, shared her book, 'Kath's Place'. The story reminded students about the power of human connection and specifically how integral our relationships with older generations can be.

The book was illustrated by local artist and student, Mia Sikos.

Throughout the workshop, students were inspired to discover their spark. Suzan uses her love of writing and Mia uses her talent of drawing as personal emotional tools, to support their health and wellbeing, particularly through challenging times.

This message inspired students to consider their passions and follow their dreams.

