

Newsletter

Willsden Primary School



Respect Honesty Responsibility

Term 2, Week 2

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Diary Dates

**NAPLAN Testing Grades
3, 5 & 7**

Weeks 3 & 4

**Walk Safely to School
Day**

Friday 14th May

Parent Voice Meeting

Monday 17th May

Whole School

Assembly

Wednesday 19th May

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you had a wonderful break with family and friends over the school holidays. We are all looking forward to working with you to provide the best possible education we can. This term has started smoothly and we have lots to look forward to. We are currently conducting assessments in our new Read Write Inc program and are looking forward to seeing progress for students. Our staff continue to engage in Professional development to continuously improve and I believe this will have a positive impact on student's ability to read over time. You can help your children at home by reading to them, and listening to them read as often as you can. It is a small investment in time, but will make a big difference and help them to grow as learners.

Over the last three years our whole school attendance at Willsden Primary school has not improved above 76%. As a school we aim for 95% attendance. You can help us achieve this by ensuring your children attend school every day. When children are absent they miss a great deal of learning and this leaves gaps in their progress.

While attendance is vital to student learning, I am aware that the cooler weather is now here and we are all more likely to become unwell with colds, the flu and other sickness. In cases of sickness, please keep your children home until they are feeling better. It is important that they are home where they are comfortable and, it also helps to prevent the spreading of sickness in the school. Please remember to contact the school if your children are absent. If they are absent for 3 days or more, a medical certificate is required.

Please feel free to give me a call or come in for a chat if I can support you in anyway.

Kindest Regards,

Miss Linda



Room 6



"I want to open my letter and read it now, I can't wait until the end of the day".

George



"The 'i' button is tricky because it looks like an 'l'".

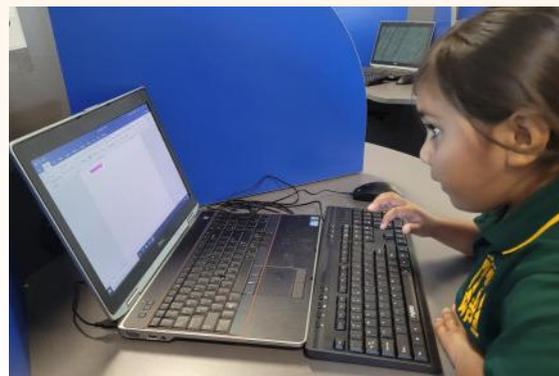
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"I want to write letters to my family who don't live with me".

Ava

During Term 2, Room 6 students will be learning how to communicate to others by writing letters and sending them through the post. Students were very excited to receive their first letter sent to our class through Australia Post. This inspired them to set up a classroom letterbox and start writing letters to each other. During Computing, students practiced writing a letter in Word. At the end of each day, everyone is very eager to read the letters they have received from other students.



Mail



"I love writing letters to my friends".

Amira



"I can't wait to stick a real stamp on my envelope and send it in the mail".

Jobe



"I know how to fold my letter so that it fits in the envelope".

Roderick



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 14 MAY 2021

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 14 May 2021!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au