

Willmot Public School Newsletter

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2025 - Term 3 - Weeks 6 - 10

A message from Principal Mrs Bugeja

This newsletter arrives during **School Support Recognition Week**, which is our annual opportunity to celebrate the contributions of school administrative and support staff (SASS) and other support staff who keep our schools running smoothly.

At Willmot Public School we are blessed with a committed team of talented professionals who help make every school day possible. Whether it's greeting school visitors, managing school finances, maintaining school grounds or providing learning support, our school support staff are the heartbeat of our school community.

When you visit us next, either for breakfast on Wednesdays, or at our next school assembly, please take a moment to thank our SASS staff in person for the difference they make. Let's make sure they know we all value their contributions.

Term 3 is always an eventful term, with a number of events that bring the community together to celebrate learning. During **Public Education Week**, our children took to the stage at Westfield Mt Druitt to showcase our Hip Hop, Choir and Circus performances. It was wonderful to see them all beaming with confidence and pride. We then celebrated **Book Week** with a fantastic parade, some spectacular costumes and open classrooms. Thank you to the families who joined us on the day in spite of the rainy weather!

Term 3 is also a time for schools to reflect on student progress. I was excited to invite 17 Year 5 students to a special morning tea, acknowledging their significant growth in NAPLAN. These students achieved above average improvement, and were commended for their efforts to Listen, Learn and Lead.

We also took part in the **National Week of Action Against Bullying**. Our student leaders worked with Ms Taylor to create a whole school program called "A Dash of Kindness", which encourages everyone to notice the positive things that happen each day, and teaches us how kindness can improve the wellbeing of the whole school community. When you notice a student, staff member of community member being kind or making helpful contributions, make sure you write it down and post it to **Dash** in his letterbox in the front office!

Finally, I would like to let you know that I will be taking some long service leave for the remainder of Term 3. During this time, Mr John Cowan will be in the Relieving Principal position. Mr Cowan has worked closely with Mrs Patmore to ensure continuity of learning for students in Kookaburras while he fulfills this role.

When I return, there will be so much to catch up on! I am sure our senior students will have an amazing time away at camp, with lots of stories to share about being brave and trying new things. In the meantime, I know the focus in every classroom will be on students working towards their learning goals. Maintain those high expectations and have a wonderful holiday break when the time comes!

Important Dates

WEEK 6

Tuesday, 26 August Zone Athletics Carnival

Thursday, 28 August Sporting Schools – Hockey Wizards Transition Program

WEEK 7

Thursday, 4 September
Father's Day Stall
Sporting Schools – Hockey
Wizards Transition Program

Friday, 5 September Netball Clinic Flags on Friday

WEEK 8

Thursday, 11 September Sporting Schools – Hockey Wizards Transition Program

Friday, 12 September Willmot's Got Talent Netball Clinic

WEEK 9

Thursday, 18 September Sporting Schools – Hockey Wizards Transition Program

Friday, 19 September School Assembly – Host: Dingoes

WEEK 10

Dental Check-Ups all week

Tuesday, 23 September Sydney West Athletics Carnival

Wednesday, 24 September Broken Bay Camp – Years 5 & 6

Thursday, 25 September Wizards Transition Program Broken Bay Camp – Years 5 & 6

Friday, 26 September
Broken Bay Camp – Years 5 & 6
Water Play Day Fundraiser
Last day of Term 3

IMPORTANT TERM 4 DATES

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Monday, 13 October Staff Development Day

Tuesday, 14 October Students Return Backflips Against Bulling

Regular School Attendance

For every student to achieve their very best and stay on track with their learning, regular school attendance must be a top priority. When children are at school every day, they have the best chance to learn new skills, take part in engaging lessons, and enjoy fun activities with their friends.

As a learning community, we are committed to working together to lift our school's attendance rate, with the expectation that all students attend school at least 90% of the time. We hold high expectations for attendance because being present each day helps children build confidence, form friendships, and develop the skills they need for the future.

Every day counts, and being on time each morning is just as important. If you need support to help your child attend regularly and punctually, please speak with your child's teacher.

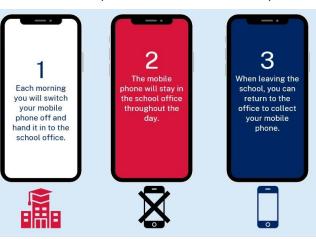
Our school day begins at 8:55am and ends at 2:55pm. While there may be times when an absence is unavoidable, these should be limited to genuine and justifiable reasons such as illness, unavoidable medical appointments, recognised



religious holidays, or exceptional family circumstances (e.g. a funeral). When your child is absent for any part of the day, you must provide the school with a verbal or written explanation within 7 days.

DOE Mobile Phone Policy

In primary schools, the Department of Education has banned students from using mobile phones during school hours. Whilst we understand that some students may need to have a mobile phone on them on the way to and from school, any mobile phone brought to school by a student MUST be handed to the office on their arrival and collected again when they leave. Failure of students to comply with this is a clear breach of Department of Education Policy.



New Website

Willmot PS was part of the first group of 200 schools to upgrade their website, which went live at the end of last week. With 14 million visits to NSW public school websites last year, the Department of Education understands the importance of school websites as a communication tool. This upgrade responds to school feedback about needing a simpler, easier-to-use platform, and parent research on what families want to see when using school websites to find information.

We invite you to check out our new website at https://willmot-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/.



New Uniform Update

We are excited to announce that we are now taking pre-orders for school uniform items. The pre-order form will be sent home to all families during Week 6.

Due to the volume of uniforms ordered, we are hoping that pre-orders will start to be filled by the end of term. Please note that pre-orders may be filled in parts, as it is anticipated that we will receive certain uniform items before others.



We still have a small supply of old logo zip hoodie jumpers with a new logo patch already sown on, which are still being sold at the old prices.

Additionally, we still have some old logo polo shirts in stock and being sold at the old price. When purchasing an old logo polo shirt, you will get a free iron on/sew on logo patch with your order.

Please remember that uniforms with the old logo can still be worn while we phase in the new logo. We look forward to seeing all students wearing our new logo by the start of 2027.

E-bikes: Use and storage on school grounds



As e-bike use is growing in our community, it's important for our school to set clear directions for their use and storage on school grounds. These directions help keep everyone safe and maintain an organised environment.

Below are the specific guidelines for e-bike use and storage at our school:

Are students permitted to ride an e-bike to school?

Yes, students can ride a privately owned e-bike to school if it meets <u>Transport for NSW's</u> requirements.

There are two types of permitted e-bikes:

- Power-assisted pedal cycles
- Electrically power-assisted cycles

The rider must propel these bikes- a motor can't be the only source propelling it and they cannot exceed 25km/h.

Can e-bikes be charged on school grounds?

Charging of e-bike lithium-ion batteries is not permitted on school grounds.



Can e-bikes be stored on school grounds?

Work, Health and Safety advice requires e-bikes to be stored in a location away from structures. This is aimed to minimise fire risks.

At our school, students are to store their e-bike in the bike cage.

E-bikes that don't comply with the TfNSW requirements will not be allowed to be stored on school grounds.

Do the same rules apply for e-scooters?

In NSW, it is illegal to ride a privately owned **e-scooter** on public roads or road-related areas including footpaths and cycle ways. **E-scooters are therefore not permitted on school grounds.**





Flags on Fridays

Flags on Fridays will happen throughout the year which involves students meeting on certain weeks in their sports houses to do activities together. The aim of the initiative is to foster peer relationships outside of class groups, support staff in getting to know all our students and elevate the role of our House Captains. Over time, it is expected that these house groups will grow into wellbeing groups, aligning with Strategic Direction 2 in our Strategic Improvement Plan: Connect, Succeed, Thrive (a planned approach to wellbeing).

Flags on Friday dates for Term 3

Week 7 - Friday 5 September

Students can wear their house-coloured shirts to school on Flags on Friday days.





Wednesday Morning Breakfast at Willmot Public School

The Salvation Army are here every Wednesday morning providing breakfast to our students from 8:30am. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.



School Assemblies

School assemblies are held several times per term and are hosted by the school leaders or our classes. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and celebrate the achievements of students. Please note that parents and carer are only notified if their child is receiving a Bronze, Silver or Gold award but not for the Listen, Learn and Lead merit awards.

Assemblies start at 9:15am and are held on a Friday. The current school assembly schedule for the rest of the year is as follows. Please note that this is subject to change.

| Term 3 | | | | | | | |
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| Week 6 | 29 Aug | Frogs | | | | | |
| Week 9 | 19 Sept | Dingoes | | | | | |

| Term 4 | | | | | | |
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| Week 2 | 24 Oct | Wallabies | | | | |
| Week 5 | 14 Nov | Kangaroos | | | | |

P&C Update

We will be running the Father's Day stall on Thursday, 4 September. Gifts are priced from to \$2 to \$15. Cash only please.



We are also selling tickets for the Father's Day Raffle prizes.

1 ticket for \$2 3 tickets for \$5

We are using this opportunity to fundraise for a new breakfast club area to better support students. There are some amazing prizes to be won, so please see a member of the P&C to purchase tickets and support our school at the same time!

Kind regards Petesa Sharp

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2026

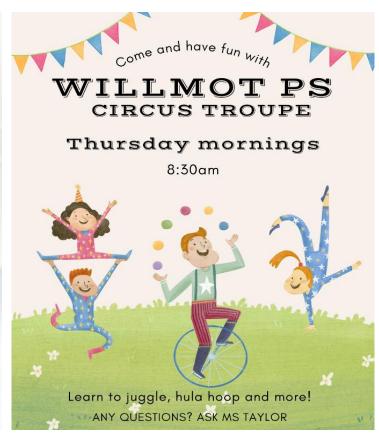


Willmot Public School is a dynamic, responsive and student focused school. Visible teaching and learning is our central core. Our quality educational programs nurture and enhance student and teacher talents, interests, and abilities. Students and teachers are committed learners with the capacity and confidence to succeed in the twenty-first century. Come and join our school! ENROL NOW!

For general enquiries, please contact us on (02) 9628 0222.

Before School Activities





Upcoming Events

Sporting Schools - Hockey

Our students will be taking part in Hockey this term, starting in Week 6. In this program students will develop fundamental skills like passing, receiving, improve balance, agility, and co-ordination along with understanding game rules, strategies, and teamwork. All lessons will involve a warmup, skill development and games sense activity which are modified to encourage maximum involvement and enjoyment for all participants. We know our students will have a ball learning this sport!

Netball Clinic

Netball NSW are offering a free netball program in term 3 for schools within the Mt Druitt region. These programs align with the fundamental movement skills taught in the PDHPE syllabus for our students from Years 3 to 6.

The free clinic will be held on Fridays commencing Friday, 22 August, from 1:55pm to 2:50pm, for 4 weeks at Willmot Public School.

All students must register using the QR code or the link below.

Registration link:

https://www.playhq.com/netball -australia/register/fd1bc7



Father's Day Stall

Our Father's Day stall will be held on Thursday 4 September run by the P&C. Students will go through the stall with their class. Gifts from \$2 to \$15.



Willmot's Got Talent

Students have been auditioning for the WPS Talent Quest that will be held on Friday, 12 September. Parents and carers are invited to come along and be amazed because Willmot's got talent!



Dental Visit

We look forward to welcoming the NSW Health Primary School Mobile Dental Program back to our school during Week 10 of this term. From Monday, 22 September to Friday, 26 September students can take part in the dental treatment and preventative oral health program for free.

Early detection of decay and other dental disease is vital in preventing bigger, more painful and expensive problems in the future. Left untreated, dental disease is progressive and will result in greater discomfort and is likely lead to permanent problems, such as tooth loss or lasting pain.

If you would like your child to undertake this great service at our school, please sign and return the consent form last week to the school office by Friday 12 September 2025 (end of Week 8 in Term 3).

Please note that students in Years 5 and 6 who are attending camp will be prioritised to attend the clinic on the Monday and Tuesday before camp.



Sydney West Primary Athletics Carnival

Eligible students who progress from the Zone Athletics Carnival will have the opportunity to participate in the Sydney West Primary Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 23 September.

Year 5 & 6 Broken Bay Camp

Year 5 & 6 students will be heading to Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre from Wednesday 24 to Friday 26 September 2025. Less than 30 days away!

We would like to remind families who have given permission for their child to attend camp, to please:

- make regular payments to ensure the fees are paid by the due date
- complete the online medical and consent form
- hand any prescribed medication that your child requires during camp, directly to Mrs Reasbeck no later than the day before camp. Medication must be in the correct packaging with the chemist label that has doctor's instructions on it. An additional form needs to be completed to assist with medication schedules.
- review what your child needs to pack for camp



Water Play Day Fundraiser

We will be having a water play day fundraiser on Friday, 26 September to raise funds towards bus hire costs for our upcoming excursions. More information will be provided to families closer to the event.



Last Day of Term 3

The last day of Term 3 for student and staff is Friday, 26 September.

Spring School Holiday Break

Monday 29 September to Friday 10 October



Important Future Events

Term 4 Staff Development Day

Staff return for Term 4 on Monday 13 October for a staff development day.

Students Return & Backflips Against Bullying

Students will return for Term 4 on Tuesday 14 October to the popular Backflips Against Bullying program. Students will see a special performance where performers engage students through parkour and acrobatics to learn about bullying and strategies for responding to and managing bullying and social exclusion. This performance will support class programs and our whole school anti-bullying approach. This performance is FREE for Willmot PS students.

Calmsley Hill City Farm Excursion

Students in Kangaroos will be heading out to Calmsley Hill City Farm on Monday, 20 October. This fun, interactive and hands-on excursion, supports their science unit. Students will explore the garden using their senses, pat farmyard animals and have a go at milking a cow. Permission notes for this excursion have been sent home and are available on School Bytes.

World Teachers' Day

We will be celebrating World Teachers' Day on Thursday 30 October. We will again be taking our 'Hats off to teachers' in recognition of their skilled work in educating, inspiring and supporting our students.

Halloween

It's the most fang-tastic day of the year! We will be dressing up in spook-tacular costumes for Halloween on Friday, 31 October.

Seashore Habitats Excursion

We're off to the beach on Tuesday, 4 November! With direct links to geography and science, students in Dingoes and Frogs will explore the sand, seaweed, shells and rock pools while discovering the amazing plants and animals that call the seashore home. From building giant sand sculptures to searching for seaside treasures, this hands-on day will spark curiosity, teamwork and a love for caring for our coast. Permission notes for this excursion have been sent home and are available on School Bytes.

Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Excursion

Students in Stage 2 will be heading out to Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre on Wednesday, 12 November. Through fun activities and hands-on discovery, students will learn about natural environments and explore the Penrith Lakes area, supporting their Geography learning

WisH Day

Our annual WisH (Willmot is Home) Day will be held in Term 4 on Friday, 7 November. WisH Day celebrates that "Willmot is Home". The idea of WisH Day is for the children to make wishes for their families, their school and their community. Our job is to teach and

learn so wishes come true! More information will be provided to families closer to the event.





Kindergarten Orientation

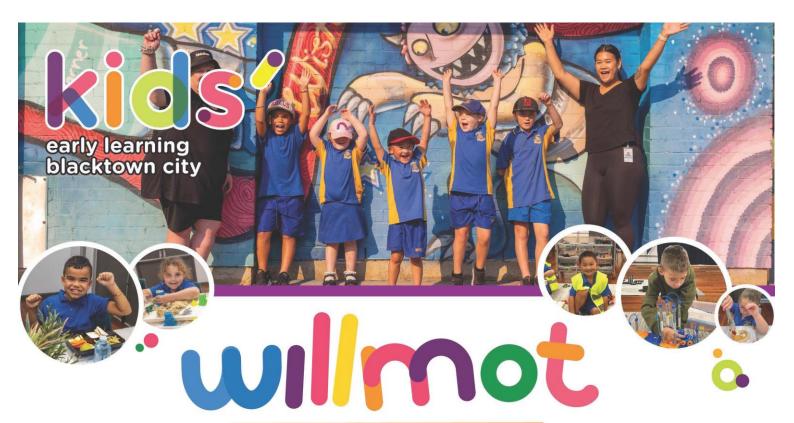
Do you have a child who will be starting kindy at Willmot Public School next year? We are now enrolling kindergarten 2026 students, so please contact our office for an enrolment pack.

Online enrolment is also an option by going to https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/?schoolCode=4470

Please complete and return enrolment packs asap so that we can plan our Kindy Orientation Day.

Kindy Orientation will be held on: Thursday 20 November





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| Before school care | MON TO FRI 6:30am - 8:30am | \$24.00 | \$12.60 | \$9.18 | \$5.76 | \$3.48 |
| After school care | MON TO FRI 3pm - 6pm | \$33.30 | \$17.48 | \$12.74 | \$7.99 | \$4.83 |



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Willmot Wizards Transition to School Program

Do you have a child starting school in 2026?

All Welcome!

Every Thursday in Term 3 and 4, starting 31 July from 9am to 11am at the Willmot Community Hub!











Past Events

Swim School Program

During week 4, over 40 students participated in a swim school program, an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.







Deadly Science Incursion

In recognition of Science Week, students participated in the Deadly Science incursion – Decoding the Universe. Students delved into the mysteries of the Universe by exploring the fundamental languages of nature, including mathematics and the groundbreaking field of quantum science.







Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who represented Willmot PS at the recent Zone Athletics Carnival. You all did an amazing job, and we are so proud of you.



Student Showcase

Starrs of Rugby League!

- Congratulations to Paulie and Jai for being
- the champions in their respective rugby
 - league divisions for 2025! Incredible effort!



First Foot Forward

Year 6 students attended the First Foot Forward program at Western Sydney University. The day provided an insight into the world of higher education and how tertiary education may be an option for their future. Students enjoyed the interactive workshops exploring various programs throughout the day. They also enjoyed the onsite structures!















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THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Where: Emerton Youth Recreation Centre 56 Copeland Rd, Emerton NSW 2770 Time: 10am-2pm

Join us for a one-stop-shop event designed for families with children starting school in 2026. Get access to essential information from local schools, services, and support to help your little one have a confident and successful start to their school journey.

Fun Activities:
Face Painting
Play Equipment
Food & Drinks
Lucky Door Prizes

Health:

4 Year Old
Screening Check
Eye Check
Hearing Check
Dental Check

Schooling Packs:

Drink Bottles
Back Packs
Lunch Boxes
Stationary

For more info please contact Ash on 0456 580 153 or follow us on Facebook NGROO Education Aboriginal Corporation



COME ALONG TO OUR FOOD PANTRY!

Food Pantry was set up to help reduce food waste. Perfectly good fruit, vegetables and other produce and groceries are collected and are then distributed to our families and community for free via our Food Pantry. It has been great to see so many families and members of the Willmot community coming along. Reminders about Food Pantry are placed on our Facebook page weekly, however if you need more information about Food Pantry please contact Jess Martin, Community Liaison Officer, on 0461 425 193. Additionally, Jess is looking for parent volunteers to assist with the distribution of food at Food Pantry.



FOOD & SUPPORT SERVICES



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If you need assistance in accessing food, other support services, or just want to chat, please call our Community Liaison Officer, Jessica Martin, on O461 425 193.

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School Bytes

Over 75% of our families have now registered with School Bytes! With more features being added, there's no better time to register for School Bytes, than now!

Benefits of the School Bytes Parent Portal



FINANCE

Make payments online (including part payments / payment plans) at a time that suits you.



PAYMENT HISTORY

All past payments can be viewed, and receipts can be downloaded.



School Bytes



ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR

ahead with ease.

View the school calendar.

flyers allowing you to plan

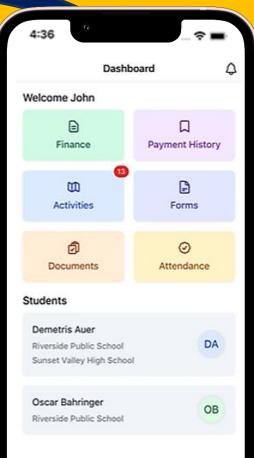
access event details and

Provide consent for activities online and never needing to worry about notes not being received!



ATTENDANCE

Respond to attendance alerts, review your child's attendance percentage, and advise of planned leave.



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INTERVIEWS

Book a session for an upcoming parent / teacher meeting night, see what is available and book your spot in real time.



FORMS

Over the next few months, many of our forms will be digitised. making them more accessible to families.



DOCUMENTS

All past Year 1 to Year 6 reports are accessible in Documents, along with our latest newsletters.



ACADEMIC REPORTS

Whilst we will continue to print Academic Reports, all reports from 2024 onwards are available and downloadable in the **School Bytes Parent Portal.**



School Bytes Parent Portal and App

Willmot Public School uses School Bytes to assist with parent communication. School Bytes provides our school, and our families, with many benefits including:

- Instant messages to the Parent Portal (including push notifications) or via SMS message to your mobile
- Permission notes can be completed online, meaning no lost notes in school bags
- Payments for excursions and uniforms can be made online. You are also able to review past payments and Statements of Account. For some events, multiple part payments can be made allowing you to make payments when it best suits you.
- Student Absences can be explained via the Portal
- Changes to student details can done via the Portal
- View the school calendar to assist with planning for upcoming events
- Multiple email addresses per family can be setup to ensure no one misses out on important communications
- From 2024, student reports will be contained in the Portal. Printed copies will still be sent home, but parents can also access their child's report in School Bytes.
- From 2024, digital forms will be added to the Parent Portal so parents can access uniform order forms, canteen menus, change of detail forms along with many other forms.

School Bytes Parent Portal Set Up

To register for the School Bytes Parent Portal, the email you use to sign up will need to match the email address that we have on the system for you. If you are using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile number that we have on record for you.

Set Up Process

1. Use the link or the QR code to register for the parent portal.

https://portal.schoolbytes.education



- 2. Click on 'Create a new account'.
- 3. Enter your details into the required fields and then select 'create account'

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address. Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal.

You can now link your account to all students in schools that use the School Bytes platform. When linking a student, the system automatically matches the data you provide with details stored on the student's school profile.

4. Select 'Link other student' and search for Willmot public School in the 'School name' field. Continue entering the students details and select 'Search'.

If all student information matches with parent information according to the student's official enrolment stored at the school, the system will add the student to the parent account automatically.

Contine adding any additional children that you have enrolled at Willmot Public School.

School Bytes Parent App

The School Bytes Parent App can be downloaded on the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

Apple App Store

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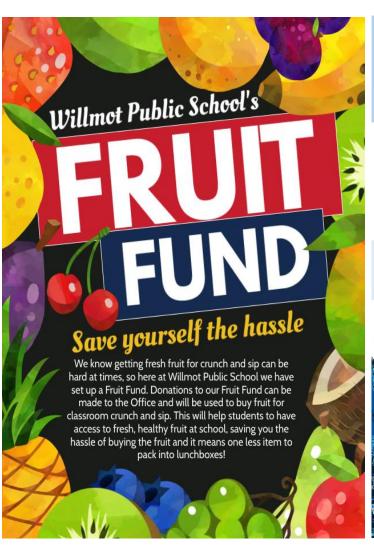
Google Play

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes

The School Bytes Parent App can also be accessed through the Department of Education Parent App which we walso recommend parents download and use.

Further assistance

If you are unable to link a student to your account or if you have any questions about the Parent Portal, please contact our school on (02) 9628 0222.









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LET'S MAKE WILLMOT PUBLIC SCHOOL A PLACE WHERE BULLYING HAS NO ROOM AND KINDNESS ZOOMS!

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