



WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Upcoming



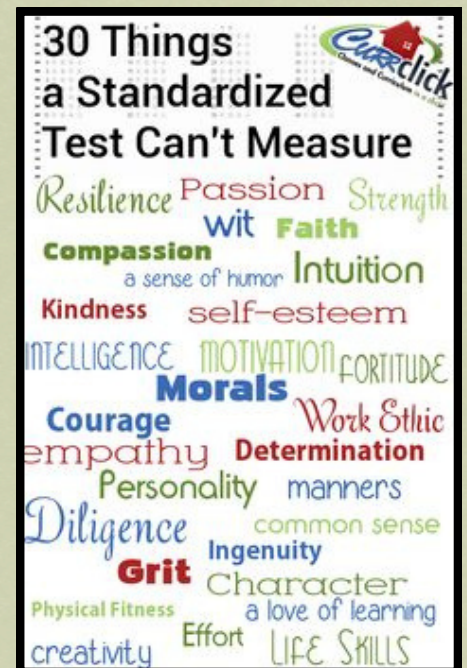
- **Gymnastics @ School**
12th March
- **Gymnastics @ Tamworth**
19th March
- **Year 6 Taster Day - QHS**
19th March
- **NO CANTEEN**
19th March
- **Science & Engineering Challenge**
20th March
- **Rugby Union Visit**
21st March

Principal's Corner

Week 7 - can you believe we are already over half way through Term 1? This week will see our Year 3 & 5 students participate in NAPLAN - NAPLAN assess the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allow parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards. There are several works happening within and around our school playgrounds with painting, new bus shelter, new flag pole and new football/soccer posts/goals. We are constantly looking at ways to improve our school in the classroom and playground.

2025 NAPLAN

This week students in Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 all across the state will commence NAPLAN. NAPLAN is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 sit each year. Students in Years 3 & 5 will commence NAPLAN tomorrow, Wednesday 12th March with writing. To give students the best opportunity, we recommend students get a good nights rest and a good breakfast the morning of. You can further support your child by letting them know that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. An information sheet has been sent out to parents of students in Years 3 & 5.



Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education journey. Together, we can inspire greatness and empower our students to 'Aim High'

WTPS - ACHIEVEMENTS

Swimming

Huge shout out to Callie, Max, Emily, Harry, Charlie and Digby who were set to compete at the North West Swimming Carnival yesterday in Armidale. Unfortunately the carnival was cancelled. Congratulations on your achievements.



Rugby League Blitz

Last Friday, Claudia and Kenzie from NRL regional development visited our school to conduct a rugby league blitz program. Students had a fantastic time participating in skills and drills of the game. Thank you for visiting Claudia and Kenzie!



WTPS - NEWS & NOTES

Gymnastics

Our gymnastics program continues tomorrow at school. Students have been participating in Gymnastics each Wednesday at school. They will travel to Tamworth on 19th March to consolidate all the skills they have been learning at the Tamworth Gymnastic Centre. Students will travel to and from Tamworth by Howards' Buses, accompanied by staff. Please ensure students are at school ready for a 9.10am departure. Please make sure students have snacks, lunch and plenty of water packed for the day.

Rugby Union Visit

Students will be fortunate to receive a visit from some Wallaby Classics on Friday 21st March at school. The classics will engage students in some skills and drills as well as merch signing. We are unsure who the classics will be at this stage.

Wheel Chair Sports

on Friday 28th March, students will participate in wheel chair sports experience at school. Students will take part in either wheelchair basketball or AFL. We can't wait for this amazing opportunity for our students.

Science & Engineering Challenge

Year 5 & 6 students will be travelling to TRECC in Tamworth on Thursday 20th March to take part in a Science & Engineering Challenge. The day includes a competition and is designed to provide students with a positive experience of science & engineering. Students compete as a team of up to 30 students against other schools. The event is run by the University of Newcastle with the tasks being either hands on or critical thinking and problem solving. What a great experience for students. A huge thank you to Mrs Dunn and Mrs Ward who will be helping to transport students to and from the event. Please confirm via Sentral

The Circus is Coming!

On Monday 24th March students will participate in a Circus challenge at school. Circus Challenge is a fun, engaging, and hands-on experience for schools. Their aim is to get students up and actively involved in physical and creative activities through performance and workshop classes. The Circus Challenge is not a traditional circus in the sense they do not use clowns, animals or a big tip. It focuses on physical education, performing arts and team building.

**“Education is the key to unlocking the world. it is the passport to freedom” -
Oprah Winfrey**

WTPS - NEWS & NOTES

WTPS - Contact Info

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Keep up to date with news and information through our school Facebook page



Sentral

Sentral is the platform our school uses for communication, notes, attendance, reporting and finance. We encourage all families to make themselves familiar with Sentral to keep up to date with news and notes. Please note, once a due date has expired families will not be able to give permission or pay online. Parents will be required to come to the office to pay once expired.

Student - Change of Routines

A reminder staff are on duty at school from 8.40am - 3.30pm each day. We remind families that students who do not catch a regular bus should not be dropped off prior to 8.30am and picked up prior to 3.30pm each day. Students should remain seated in the eating area until directed by a staff member. We understand things may change from time to time but ask that you let the office know if there is a change to your child's regular bus/pick up routine to avoid confusion. As you can appreciate, it is quite busy at the end of day. We appreciate your support with this matter

Healthy Lunch Boxes

Children benefit greatly from having healthy lunchboxes, as they provide essential nutrients, energy for learning and playing, and contribute to better concentration and overall well-being. Parents are reminded students have the opportunity to participate in 'fruit break' each morning in class. Students are encouraged to bring a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable for fruit break each morning.



NEW everyday lunchbox ideas

Kids love variety and there are always new things to try.
Have you tried any new everyday lunchbox items recently?

Here's some ideas:

- Mini rice wheels
- Roasted fava beans
- Zucchini slice
- Scones – plain, fruit or with a thin spread of topping



Mini rice wheels

Fruit scone

Roasted fava beans

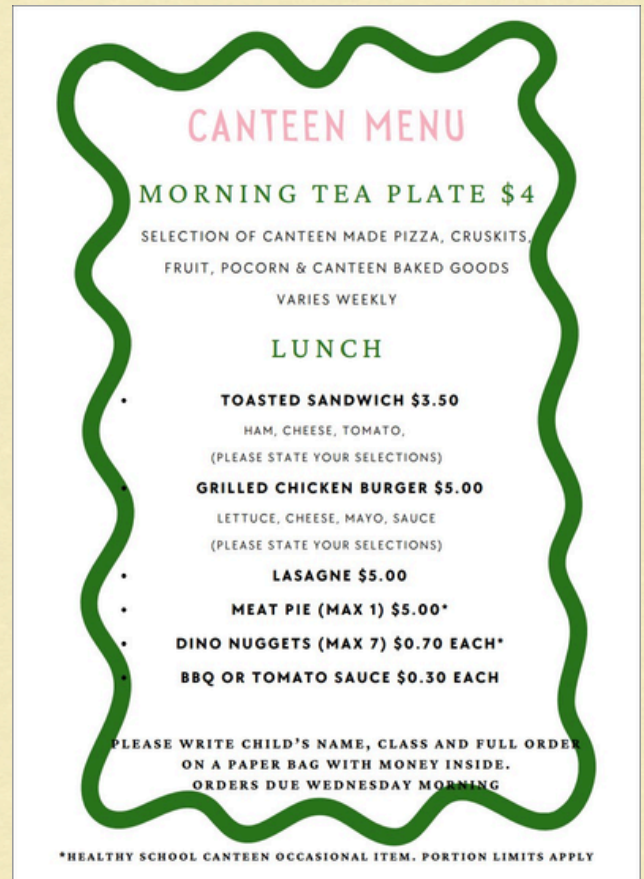
WTPS - P&C NEWS

Our P&C are one of the most valuable assets to our school. The committee work tirelessly to ensure ALL students have equal opportunities at Willow Tree Public School. We know that volunteering is a thankless task but, we are extremely grateful for everyone who contributes to our P&C.

Uniforms

Our P&C run our uniform shop - there is a selection of second hand uniforms or new available at the school. A reminder, sports uniform is worn on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays with formal school uniforms worn on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please call into the office at any time for uniform requirements.



Canteen

Our canteen is open each Wednesday for students to enjoy. Please ensure students orders are written clearly on a lunch bag and placed at the canteen prior to the start of school.

NO CANTEEN - 19th March 2025

Due to students travelling to Tamworth for Gymnastics, there will be NO canteen on Wednesday 19th March

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR 2025

5 – 16yrs

Register now at
Mysideline

Active Kids Vouchers
accepted

\$150 per player

Boys & Girls

Includes player
shorts and socks

Enroll Now



QUIRINDI JUNIOR RUGBY LIONS

BE PART OF THE TEAM!

COME TRY RUGBY!
Thursday Nights at
Quirindi Rugby Club,
Werris Creek Road.

3rd April 6–7pm
10th April 6–7pm

Contact us:
quirindijnrugby@outlook.com



STEWART HOUSE

CHARITY DRIVE

Stewart House provides essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children in need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.



Envelopes must be returned to enter the draw!

Draw: Friday, 23 May 2025

Important:

Online payments ARE NOT an automatic entry into the draw.

Please return your envelope(s) to your school with a receipt number (if paying online) for entry in the draw.



SCAN TO PAY ONLINE

