



WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Upcoming



- **Halogen Leadership Conference**
25th March
- **Wheel Chair Sports Experience**
28th March
- **Circus & Workshops**
31st March
- **Easter Hat Parade**
9th April
- **State Swimming**
10th & 11th April

Principal's Corner

Term 1 has certainly been a busy one at WTPS with no signs of it slowing down for the last few weeks. Staff are extremely impressed with how students are engaged in their learning, resulting in some outstanding work and results. Our students have been involved in some fantastic opportunities over the past few weeks from sports to taster days and science and engineering challenges. Once again a huge thank you to staff who facilitate these activities and to those parents who are always willing to assist. We are extremely lucky and grateful at WTPS for the support given.

Swimming Success

There was a moment when we weren't sure if students would get the opportunity to participate in the North West Swimming carnival when it was called off due to cyclone activity a couple of weeks ago. However, thanks to the hard working North West staff, they managed to ensure the carnival went ahead for students to experience and didn't our students make the most of this opportunity! A huge shout out to Callie, Harry, Charlie, Emily, Max and Digby who had a fantastic day in the pool, smashing pb's and giving it their all. There were some nervous moments as results came in. A huge well done to Max who smashed his 50m Freestyle PB, Harry who finally reached his goal in his 50m free and Callie who swam beautifully in her 50m Free who will be off to state for these events. Harry went on to swim a courageous breaststroke and place 2nd, another swim at state. Callie was not to be outdone and went on to secure herself a spot in the 50m backstroke. Emily and Digby joined Harry and Callie for the school relay, with a couple of nervous moments and some amazing swimming the team came from behind to place 3rd overall, making sure they secured their spot on the North West team to swim at the state championships at the end of term. Well done team Willow Tree. We are extremely proud of your determination and sportsmanship.

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

North West Swimming



Science & Engineering Challenge

Last week, 9 students from years 5/6 travelled to Tamworth for the Science and Engineering Challenge held at TRECC. All students had a great day, reporting it was “better than we expected” and “it was great!”. Students performed exceptionally well and were able to master each challenge. It was definitely a fun and engaging day with challenges including - “Gust Busters”, “Get Over It!”, “Eco-Shelter Showdown”, “Electropolis” and “It’s a trap!”. A huge thank you to parents who assisted in transporting students to and from the event.



WTPS - NEWS & NOTES

Gymnastics

Our gymnastics program concluded last week with a visit to the Gymnasium in Tamworth. Students balance and bounced their way around the gymnasium, putting the skills they had been learning to use. Thank you to sporting for schools for the grant received to allow students to participate in the opportunity. What a great program. All photos can be found on our school Facebook page.

Gold Blooded Tour

Who wants to be a Wallaby??!!!! Wallaby fever was at an all time high last Friday at school when students received a visit from ex Wallaby, Radike Samo and Wallaroo, Hilisha Samoan. Discipline, resilience and hard work were the main messages the players conveyed to students in their inspirational talks about how they made their way from playing rugby in their back yards with coke bottles as they didn't have rugby balls to playing for Australia. A huge thank you to NSW Rugby and Rugby Australia for facilitating this visit for students. Photos can be found on the schools Facebook page.

Wheel Chair Sports

This Friday, 28th March, students will be given the opportunity to participate in wheel chair sports experience. Students will experience the game of basketball from a wheelchair, it is a chance to experience something new as well as giving them an idea of what is like to be in a wheelchair. Students will also take part in a presentation on road safety. We look forward to welcoming Brendon back into our school.

The Circus is Coming!

The circus that was scheduled for today as been postponed until next Monday, 31st March where 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

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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.

WELCOME

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge welcome to Royce and his family. Royce has joined us in Year 5 and a further big welcome to Edward and his family. Edward has joined the Kindergarten class. We know you both will love your time at Willow Tree Public School. We look forward to working with you and your families.

Year 6 Taster Day - QHS

Since when is school meant to be fun!!!! If you ask our Year 6 students their answer is "since you get to experience high school!" Fun, exciting and great were words used when our Year 6 students described their day at Quirindi High School last week. Students were invited to attend QHS for a 'taster day', experiencing what it is like to attend high school. Students had a great day driving tractors, playing ukuleles and hunting for dinosaur bones! A big thank you to QHS for organising a great day for our Year 6 students. Check out our school facebook page for more photos.



WTPS - P&C NEWS

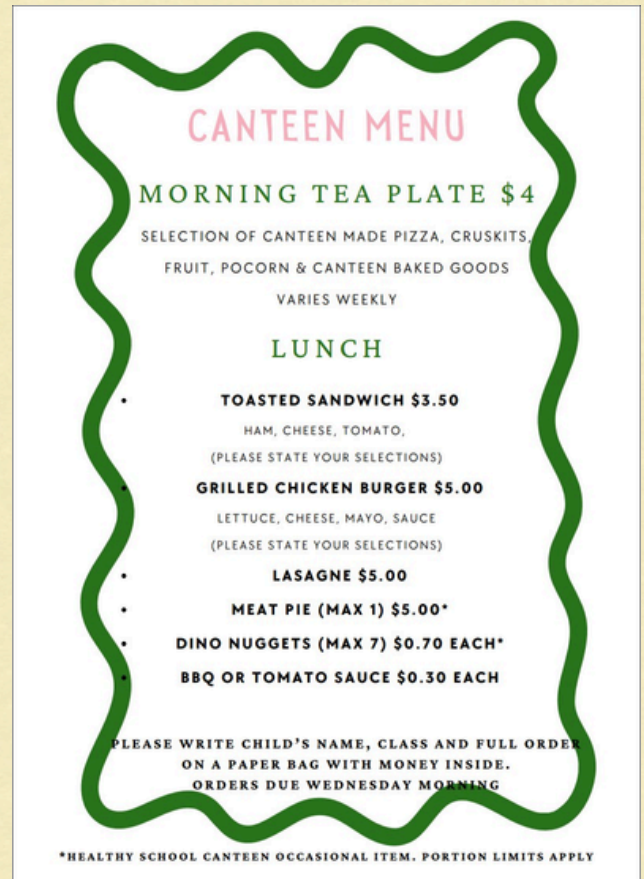
Our P&C are one of the most valuable assets to our school. The committee work tirelessly to ensure ALL students have equal opportunities at Willow Tree Public School. We know that volunteering is a thankless task but, we are extremely grateful for everyone who contributes to our P&C.

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.

Reminder - students will return to school in Term 2 with winter uniform. Sports uniform is still worn on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays with winter formal uniform worn Tuesday/Thursdays. Girls winter uniforms can be purchased from Lowes in Tamworth (same as school ties)



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.

Canteen resumes - Wednesday 26th March

WTPS MESSAGES

YOU ARE INVITED TO
WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S

EASTER PARADE

STUDENTS ARE TO PLEASE CREATE ONE OF
THE FOLLOWING AT HOME FOR THE PARADE:

Easter Raffle

**EASTER HAT
OR
EGG CHARACTER**

Egg Guessing
Competition

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 9TH 2025
START 2:30 PM**

THE EASTER PARADE WILL BE FOLLOWED
BY OUR ANNUAL EASTER HUNT

FAMILY & FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are asking for donations to go towards
our Easter Raffle - the raffle will be drawn
at the Easter Hat Parade at school on
Wednesday 9th April. All donations can be
left in the library. All proceeds will go
towards end of year activities for all
students to enjoy.

Your support is greatly appreciated



WTPS MESSAGES

School Photos

School photos will be taken at school on Tuesday 3rd June 2025 – Full winter school uniform to be worn (including school tie). Further information will be sent home closer to the date.



Save The Dates

- **School Cross Country - Willow Tree Rec Grounds**
Friday 9th May
- **Zone Cross Country - Willow Tree Rec Grounds**
Friday 30th May
- **Regional Cross Country - Coolah**
Thursday 12th June
- **Willow Tree Athletics Carnival - Golland Fields, Quirindi**
Thursday 3rd July
- **Zone Athletics - Tamworth**
Monday 4th August