



WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Upcoming



- **Debating Workshop - Nemingha PS**
8th April
- **Easter Hat Parade**
9th April
- **State Swimming**
10th & 11th April
- **Last Day Term 1**
11th April
- **ANZAC Day**
25th April

Principal's Corner

Another busy week at WTPS with students receiving the opportunity to partake in activities they may not usually get the chance to experience. It was fantastic to see students engage and make the most of the 'wheelchair sports experience' and the 'circus & workshops'. We also have 6 students taking up the opportunity to take part in a debating workshop next week. We love that our students are always willing and eager to experience many opportunities throughout their educational journey, As term 1 is starting to come to an end, we continue to remind students to keep showing up and having a go with the same positive and eager attitudes.

Halogen - Young Leader's Conference

Halogen - Young Leaders Conference exists to inspire and influence a generation of young people to lead themselves and others well. The day, held at the ICC in Sydney, is an opportunity for students to engage with thousands of other primary aged students who all inspire to lead themselves and others. How we lead ourselves and others in any kind of situation reveals a large part of who we are as people. This year, Digby, Harrison, Emily and Kelsey took the opportunity to attend and participate in the conference. A highlight of their day was listening to Emma McKeon, renowned Olympian and one of Australia's greatest swimmers of all time as well as Anthony "Harries" Carroll, one of the most recognisable lifeguards in the world. With messages such as 'never give up', 'try your best', 'even if you think you aren't good enough, keep trying' other speakers included Catherine Laga'aia (staring as Moana in a live-action version of the Disney movie) and Thomas Dunca-Watt who is a multi award winning screenwriter and author, starring behind the scenes on various TV Shows including Home and Away. Students came back to school with a positive mindset and full of inspiration, including a cool dance they passed on to other students. Thank you to parents who support their children but transporting them to and from the conference.

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

Young Leader's Conference



Wheel Chair Sports Experience

We tend to take our health and ability to play sports for granted. Last Friday, students were treated to a very different sporting experience. Our students love playing basketball, most breaks there are students shooting hoops, however last week students experienced this from a wheelchair. Bouncing when on a roll and shooting from a seated position is far from easy, yet athletes like Brendon make it look extremely easy. It certainly gave us all a new found appreciation for all athletes who have a disability. A huge thank you to Brendon from Wheelchair Sports NSW/ACT for visiting us and allowing our students this opportunity.



WTPS - NEWS & NOTES

Circus Challenge

We apologise if your child came home on Monday and wants to run away to the circus! But! It was SO much fun! Juggling, hoola hooping, diablo rolling, clown bike riding, and plate spinning, who wouldn't want to join the circus! Students had a great time on Monday watching Andy show off his circus skills before participating in some workshops. So many smiles and so much fun working together. Please check out our school facebook page for all photos.

Harmony Day

Everyone Belongs at Willow Tree PS. A day to celebrate all the diverse cultures that are part of Australia. This year Harmony Day coincided with the visit from NSW Rugby. Students participated in activities throughout the day in class.



Debating Workshop

Next Tuesday, 8th April. Six students will travel to Nemingha PS to participate in a debating workshop. Imagine a whole workshop dedicated to arguing! Debating is not just arguing a point, it is a structured exercise in argument between teams on a certain topic. Students will gain valuable knowledge in how to construct a debate including how to best persuade an audience or judge of their viewpoint as well as developing critical thinking, public speaking and research skills. Thank you to parents who are transporting their child to this event.

Zone Sporting Trials

A reminder to keep an eye out for messages regarding zone sporting trials. This relates mainly to students in Years 5 & 6.

We will be starting to look at our small school soccer and netball teams in preparation for the small school knockout competition which commence in Term 2.

“The Beautiful thing about learning, is nobody can take it away from you”.

B.B King

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.

jackets are In

A limited number of school jackets have arrived - please contact the office if you would like a jacket put aside for your child/ren.

ANZAC Day - 2025

Willow Tree Community ANZAC Day service will be held at Willow Tree Hall on Friday 25th April. All students are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the service.

ANZAC DAY 25TH APRIL 2025

JOIN US IN HONOURING OUR HEROES

Willow Tree Service

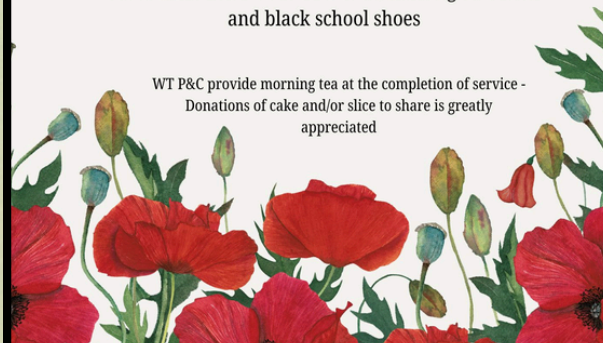
8.45am - Assemble at Park

9.00am - March to Town Hall for commemorative service

All students are invited and encouraged to attend and participate

Full winter uniform to be worn including school tie and black school shoes

WT P&C provide morning tea at the completion of service -
Donations of cake and/or slice to share is greatly appreciated



WTPS - P&C NEWS

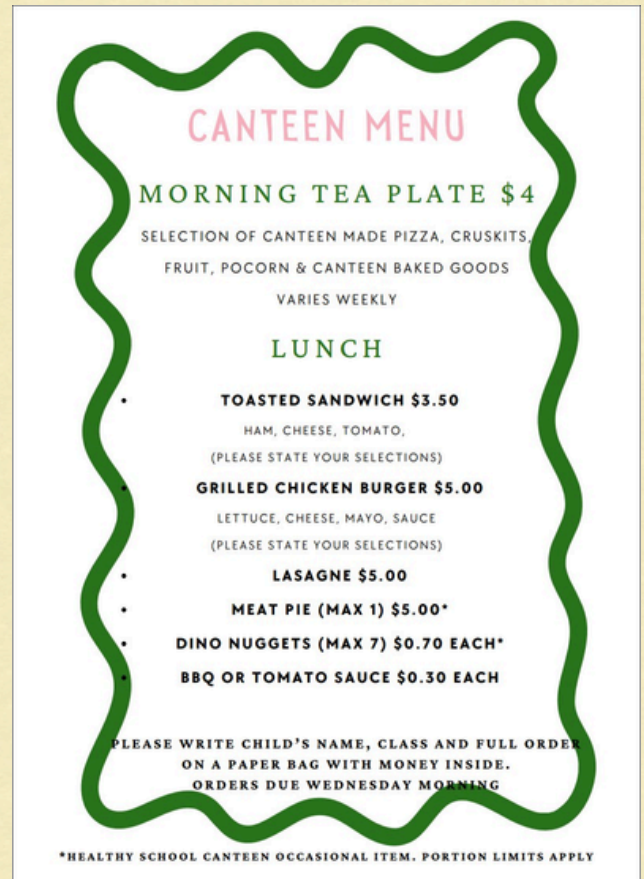
Our P&C are one of the most valuable assets to our school. The committee work tirelessly to ensure ALL students have equal opportunities at Willow Tree Public School. We know that volunteering is a thankless task but, we are extremely grateful for everyone who contributes to our P&C.

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 MENU

MORNING TEA PLATE \$4
SELECTION OF CANTEEN MADE PIZZA, CRUSKITS,
FRUIT, POCORN & CANTEEN BAKED GOODS
VARIES WEEKLY

LUNCH

- **TOASTED SANDWICH \$3.50**
HAM, CHEESE, TOMATO,
(PLEASE STATE YOUR SELECTIONS)
- **GRILLED CHICKEN BURGER \$5.00**
LETTUCE, CHEESE, MAYO, SAUCE
(PLEASE STATE YOUR SELECTIONS)
- **LASAGNE \$5.00**
- **MEAT PIE (MAX 1) \$5.00***
- **DINO NUGGETS (MAX 7) \$0.70 EACH***
- **BBQ OR TOMATO SAUCE \$0.30 EACH**

PLEASE WRITE CHILD'S NAME, CLASS AND FULL ORDER
ON A PAPER BAG WITH MONEY INSIDE.
ORDERS DUE WEDNESDAY MORNING

*HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEEN OCCASIONAL ITEM. PORTION LIMITS APPLY

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 Each Wednesday

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

The poster features a blue background with colorful triangular bunting at the top and white clouds. In the center, there are two pink bunnies flanking several large, colorful Easter eggs (purple, yellow, pink, and blue). A green banner at the bottom contains the event details.



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

The poster has a dark blue background. On the left, three colorful Easter eggs are hanging from strings. On the right, a white bunny with pink ears is peeking over a yellow basket filled with colorful Easter eggs.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to families who have donated to the Easter raffle, We are still accepting donations for the raffle in the Library. Raffle tickets will be available for \$1ea and will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade, There is also an Easter Egg Guessing Competition running for 50c a guess. All proceeds will go towards our end of year wellbeing week. for all students to enjoy.

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