

Williamstown Primary School Parents' Association presents ...

# *Winter Solstice Lantern Walk*

Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 5.30pm – 8.00pm

## Lantern Making Homework

Just as we do with our fabulous Easter Hat Parade, we are encouraging everyone to make their own unique and creative lantern at home.

There are lots of ideas on the internet you can use for inspiration, try searching: 'DIY lanterns for kids' ... Pinterest is a great place to start.

Or ... you could try one of the methods on the back of this sheet, adding your own special details to make it as special and unique as you are!!

Things you might like to think about:

- Try being environmentally friendly and use recycled products to make your lantern.
- How about decorating your lantern with leaves or flowers?
- You might like to get together with friends and create your lanterns in a matching theme or style.

Willy Kids are creative kids and we can't wait to see what you come up with!!

**IMPORTANT: Battery operated lights only in your lanterns, no flames permitted!!**



### Papier Mâché Lantern

This classic technique, papier mâché over a balloon, makes a beautiful glowing lantern when made with tissue paper or other thin paper.

You will need:

- Wallpaper paste (1 cup flour+ 1 cup water)
- Balloon
- Tissue paper, greaseproof paper, or similar
- Decorations of your choice, eg. leaves, paper shapes etc.

Instructions:

1. Blow up a balloon and rest it, knot facing down, in a large mug.
2. Tear the paper into 4-5cm sized pieces. Dip them in the paste until soggy then smooth onto the balloon.
3. Continue covering the balloon, overlapping paper pieces, but leave a gap of about 5cm above the mug so it doesn't stick to the mug.
4. Apply 3 layers of paper before leaving to dry for a day or two.
5. Add another 2-3 layers of paper using the same technique. This time include your decorations, different coloured paper or cut out shapes securing them with your last layer of plain paper.
6. Leave to dry again until completely dry.
7. Pop the balloon and remove it from your lantern.
8. Punch holes in the edge of your lantern and attach string or wool to hang it to a carrying stick.



### Tin Can Lantern

A simple and sturdy lantern with lots of scope for you to make your own design.

You will need;

- Empty can, washed and dried, label removed.
- Hammer and a large nail.
- Bag of rice and a tea towel.
- Freezer space.

Instructions:

1. Use a marker to draw a design onto your can (stars, love hearts, swirls etc.)
2. Fill your can with water and place in freezer for a day or 2 until frozen solid. This will help the can retain its shape.
3. Place a tea towel on a bag of rice as a support for your frozen can.
4. Using the hammer and nail carefully punch holes in your can following the design you drew.
5. Punch a couple of extra holes to attach string, wool or wire to hang your lantern.



### Milk Carton/Bottle Lantern

Easy container to paint, decorate and cut to whatever shape you choose.

You will need:

- Empty carton or bottle, washed and dried and painted if desired.
- Scissors, tissue paper, glue, permanent markers etc.

Instructions:

1. Cut windows into your carton or cut the top off your bottle making holes to create handles.
2. Stick tissue paper inside the windows.
3. Decorate the outside with coloured paper or just draw on pictures or patterns with permanent marker.
4. Punch holes in the top of carton to tie shut and attach handle.

