Principal’s Report

Thank You Williamstown North Primary School

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all members of the Williamstown North Primary School community for welcoming me so warmly during my first term at the school. Overwhelmingly, I have come to understand and appreciate what wonderful students we have! I have enjoyed spending time in classrooms and sharing the rigorous learning that unfolds each day. It’s a joy to watch our students being engaged in their learning and warmly supporting each other in class and out in the yard.

Not to mention the amazing commitment of our teaching staff, who demonstrate such energy and passion on a day to day level to ensure all students are sensitively catered for in each classroom. And finally, I have been so impressed by the involvement of our parent community in the school. There is such a strong sense of everyone working together to forge strong partnerships with the school, thus further enriching the opportunities we provide for our students.

What a wonderful start I have had to my Principalship at Willy North! Thank you to students, staff and parents for making our school such a great place to be during Term 3.

End of Term Arrangements

The final assembly for Term 3 will be in the gym on Friday 21st September at approximately 1:50pm.

Students will be dismissed early after this assembly at 2:30pm to begin their Term 3 holidays. Please note this earlier dismissal time.

School will resume for the start of Term 4 on Monday 8th October.

Review Day Feedback

On Monday 17th September, our School Improvement Team worked all day with our reviewer, Jenny Brown, as part of the next stage of our whole school review. We were fortunate to also be joined by Sam Cross (School Council President) and Sue Conquest (Regional Representative). We spent the day analysing all of the school’s achievements over the last three years as well beginning to identify the new priority areas for our next Strategic Plan 2013 – 2016. It was a really productive day with lots of rigorous discussion and reflection. Whilst we were able to celebrate the school’s journey as a predominantly successful one over recent years, we also identified opportunities in several key areas for further strengthening our learning programs.

Jenny Brown will now write her report on the school and present this to the staff and School Council early next term. I look forward to sharing the key findings of this report with you next term.

Reminder

Some Canteen items have increased in prices. Please refer to the Term 3, August 2012 Canteen Price List for correct prices.
INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS
I am excited to report that this week I signed the paperwork for the installation of ten new interactive whiteboards to be installed into our classrooms. This will complete the final stage of this initiative as every learning space in the school will now be equipped with this technology. How exciting for our students and staff!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Felicity Minton (eLearning Leader) for all of her hard work in pursuing this opportunity for our school. We hope these interactive whiteboards will be up and running within the first few weeks of Term 4.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT UPDATE
At our next Facilities and Finance meeting, we have organised for another playground equipment company to make a formal presentation to the school. We aim to have a different company present at each meeting for the remainder of the year to ensure we have really investigated the available design options for our new playground equipment. By the end of the year, we would like to be able to nominate our preferred contractor so that we may begin the next planning and design stage.

This is a very exciting proposal for our school and it will provide a very clear focus for our fundraising over the next couple of years. I will keep you informed as we progress with this venture and when we start to enter into the design phase, I will be inviting input from students, staff and parents.

CONGRATULATIONS ZANE & THOMAS
Congratulations to both Zane Banjanin and Thomas Roads who have been selected from students all over Australia to attend the 2012 Cybersafety Summit for School Aged Children on Thursday 25th October at the Rydges Hotel & Convention Centre in Melbourne. At the summit, these boys and their nominated parent will attend a presentation by Senator Stephen Conroy as well as participate in a series of workshops to discuss and raise awareness of cybersafety issues. What a valuable opportunity for these boys and we look forward to hearing all about this summit in late October.

WALK TO SCHOOL – OCTOBER 2012
This year, the Walk to School initiative will be a month-long activity throughout the 18 school days in October. As the weather begins to improve, we would like to encourage children and their parents to walk to and from school each day. This is a terrific way to help children adopt healthy habits. It encourages fitness and helps children to get the 60 minutes of moderate physical activity they need each day to be healthy and strong. It also helps reduce traffic and the hazards that cars can cause at the busy pick up and drop off times. I hope you can support this initiative to kick start next term!

2013 PLANNING
To assist with our 2013 planning, we would like to be able to confirm our anticipated enrolments as closely as possible so that class structures, staffing and budgets can be determined for next year. If you already know that your child/ren won’t be attending Williamstown North Primary School in 2013 due to a change in your circumstances, could you please contact the office ASAP to let us know. (Year 6 students exiting the school at the end of this year have already been accounted for in our planning.) Thank you for helping us with our planning.

Enjoy your break.
Jim Cahill—Principal

EMA CHEQUES
The EMA Cheques have arrived. Please collect them from the general office.

ROCKAPEDIA TRIVIA NIGHT DONATIONS
The school is still looking for donations for the Trivia Night. If you have a business and can donate an item, please contact the school and attention all detail to Belinda Gill. Only one table left—if you haven’t reserved your table, please contact Renae on 0419 960 446.

FAMILY SCIENCE EVENING
All students and their families are invited to attend a Family Science evening on Thursday 8th November at Williamstown North Primary School. To inform us of your attendance at this evening, you will need to book online via our online booking system. The booking system will open on the first day back at school, Monday 8th October, and close on Friday 19th October. An email will be sent out to parents with all log in details. This will allow two weeks for you to book your attendance. Once the bookings close on Friday 19th October, no late bookings can be accepted.
Do less, not more, for your kids

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them.

The basic task of parenting, whether you have a two year old or a twenty-two year old, is to work yourself out of a job at the first possible chance.

REDUNDANCY should be the aim of the game! We never become redundant in a relationship sense – the emotional connection between our children and us is never severed.

In a practical, physical way we need to make children less, rather than more, reliant on us.

Developing independence is really about stepping back to allow children in. Doing less rather than more!

We develop greater independence in our kids one job at a time.

Recently I gave my 22 year old son a job that I had been doing for a while. He lives in North America and I had taken on the job of being the connector between him and one of his sisters, who lives in the UK. It had been my job to pass messages on between the two via telephone and email. I would update each of them about how the other sibling was going.

Frustrated being the go-between I made sure he had contact details and let him know that it was his job, not my job, to connect with his sister.

We easily take on children’s responsibilities

It is easy as parents to take on the jobs and responsibilities that really should belong to our children. With toddlers it is so easy to dress, feed and clean up after them rather than give these jobs over to them.

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them.

And as I discovered, it is easy to still do the basics of life for adult-aged children.

TIP NO. 1 for developing independence:

Be clear about who owns jobs or tasks in your family and never take on a child’s job, or part of a task, unless there is extenuating circumstances such as illness.

A mother I met recently is very clear on who does what in her home. It is her job to wash the clothes of her early teenage children but it is their job to place them in the washing basket. She doesn’t check bedrooms as it is not her job to place kids’ clothes in the washing basket.

Okay, I can hear your thought processes. Sounds good but what happens if kids don’t give a toss and they don’t mind being dirty.

Good point. In this case, this mum has a son who is, to say the least, fairly slack in the area of hygiene. But she didn’t become overly lussed about that.

She certainly didn’t get fussed when he played a game of football in the wet, muddy jumper that lay in his spots beg for a week. And she happily showed him how to work the washing machine when he wanted his favourite shirt (that he forgot to put in the washing basket) to be washed for a special night cut.

TIP NO. 2 for developing independence:

Never be more worried about a child’s job than they are, otherwise it becomes your job, not theirs.

This mum remained very clear that it was her job to wash the clothes but not to place them in the washing basket. She would remind kids about washing night, but never nag them to put clothes in the basket. She knows that as soon as she keeps reminding them, it becomes HER job rather than her children’s job to put the washing in the clothes basket.

The school holidays provide a good opportunity to reflect on the whole notion of job-sharing. It’s also a good time for kids to increase their job load when they are not burdened with schoolwork and extra-curricular activities.

Here’s my challenge for you: Think of a job that you regularly do for your child that he or she can do for him or herself. Then step back and enable your child to do that for themselves on a full-time basis. Do less not more for your kids.

If you do that, then you can congratulate yourself as you have moved one step more toward REDUNDANCY.

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**Rosters…**

**Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)**

*No Fresh Fruit Friday this week.* If you would like to be part of this lovely group on a Friday morning in Term 4, contact the school coordinator, Linda Taylor at, taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au. This is a very friendly and social group.

**Canteen—Volunteers Needed!**

Julieanne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of the time parents/family member can volunteer to help in the Canteen. Julieanne can be contacted via the General office. **New parent/family member volunteers are always needed**, so if you can spare any of your valuable time it would be greatly appreciated. The Roster for the next two weeks are:

- Thursday 20th September—Fran Mitchell
- Friday 21st September—NO LUNCH ORDERS

Please remember that Lunch Orders are only available on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays and No Lunch Orders are available on the Last Day of Each Term.

**Uniform Shop News**

The Uniform Shop will be closed on Thursday 20th September due to stocktake and the changeover from winter to summer uniforms. Also, boys Stussy Shorts in sizes 8 and 10 are on order and should be back in stock for the start of Term 4. Remember that Uniform Shop orders can be placed at the office and the order form can be printed out from the school website. The Uniform Shop is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 8.30am to 9.15am.

**Reminders…**

**School Banking**  School Banking day is Wednesday. Don’t forget to send in your child’s bank book.

**Student Safety**

Please take the time to regularly remind your child/ren about safety, especially when going to and from school. Here are the important points to mention:

- Do not to talk to strangers and never accept a ride from a stranger, or accept lollies or gifts from a stranger.
- Immediately report any issue or problem you may have when going to or from school, to your mum and dad, or to your teacher, the Principal, Assistant Principals or office staff.
- Always get permission from mum or dad before going to play with a friend after school and always let mum and dad know where you will be and what time you will be home.

We advise that, wherever possible, children should travel to or from school with an adult or with their friends, rather than travel alone.

**Early Release**

All child/ren collected from school before 3.30pm must be signed out at the Office. Parents will be handed an ‘Early Release Pass’ to hand to the supervising teacher. If a child is signed out at Recess or Lunch time, the Office staff will call the child to the Office and then ensure the Early Release Pass is given to the supervising teacher.

**Working With Children Card (WWCC)**

If you wish to assist in the Canteen, or with Fresh Fruit Friday, Sport, Swimming, Excursions, or on Camps you must have a Working With Children Card. WWCC application forms are available from our office. If you have a WWCC provide it to the office staff. It will be photocopied and a copy place on file. A WWCC remains valid for five years. Please note, this year, the first group of our parents who received their WWCC in 2007, will need to renew their WWCC in 2012. If you are in this situation, you will receive a ‘Renewal Letter’ from the Department of Justice. As soon as you receive this letter, please complete the process to renew your WWCC. If you don’t, you may be ‘caught out’ when it comes to volunteering to assist with school activities. Please don’t put it aside, act upon it immediately.

**Bikes & Scooters**

Many children ride bikes and scooters to school each day. All bikes and scooters must be locked up in either the Bike or Scooter Enclosure to prevent theft. Please ensure your child has a chain and a lock. All children who ride a bike or scooter must wear a helmet which is a requirement by the Government. The school regularly reminds all children about wearing helmets for their safety. All bikes, scooters, skateboards, ribtics and helmets must be labelled, with your child’s name and class. **Children are reminded they must walk their bike, scooter, skateboard or ribtic to and from the school gates. No bikes are to be brought through the school buildings and we request, where possible, that Scooters are also not walked through the building.**
Artist in Residence Program returns culminating in a Concert, 1.45pm Friday 12th October

Bernard is back, and what a great way to leap into Term 4! As part of the regular Performing Arts and Japanese sessions, Bernard will weave his magic through dance and music experiences immersed in the Polynesian culture. The Artist in Residence initiative is embedded in the Performing Arts program. In the words of Maxine Green:

*The Arts, in particular, can release our imaginations to open up new perspectives, identify alternatives. The vista that might open, the connections that might be made, are experimental phenomena; our encounters with the world become newly informed.*

The Arts can improve an individual's sense of purpose, identity and enjoyment and these words resonate within the program. Furthermore, the program is anchored in worthy educational experiences, such as learning from each other, helping each other, working together and respecting different cultures through music and dance.

At last year’s Concert, a wonderful video was created on the program. It featured the students interacting with Bernard, students’ reflections and Bernard’s insights. If parents would like to see this 4 minute video, I will show it on Thursday morning at 9:00am, just rock up! It is well worth a look.

Don’t forget to place these dates in your diary:

- **Friday 12th October @ 1.45pm in the gym for ARTIST IN RESIDENCE CONCERT** - it is a great opportunity to see students perform with Bernard,
- **2012 End of Year CONCERT** Order your tickets Week 2, Term 4.

I will leave you with these words of wisdom to inspire students who lack the confidence to perform:

- Skills improve with experience
- Experience breeds confidence
- Lack of experience is not equal to a lack of ability

*By Graham Leak*

I am Fran McCormick, catch you next term.
**School Concert**

Dear Williamstown North School Community,

We are inviting you to assist us, once again, in celebrating the Williamstown North Primary School end of year Concert 2012, by becoming a Community Patron Sponsor. The school is looking at a donation of $50, $100, $150, $200 or more, to become a Community Patron of our event. The School Concert is a non-profit event.

Our school Concert is a major celebration for the Williamstown North Community and tickets are much sort after. This year, due to the high demand for tickets, we have again extended our Concert over two nights. Students, parents and the local community join in the celebrations at the Williamstown Town Hall on Wednesday 12th December and Thursday 13th December. We anticipate that all tickets will be sold, with over 1,300 people attending the two Concert nights.

We will acknowledge all Sponsors in the following ways:

- In our School Newsletter;
- Logo/Advertisement of your company put up on a Multimedia 12’ X 9’ Screen by the stage;
- Verbal acknowledgement at the night from our Principal/Assistant Principal;
- Acknowledgement/advertising on the Concert program book;
- Logo/Advertisement of your company on our promotional t-shirts worn by all staff in the lead up to the Concert and ton the two nights;
- Continuous advertising on the Schools website from 1st December through to 1st February 2013.

If you could support this wonderful event in becoming a Community Patron Sponsor, please send a cheque made payable to Williamstown North Primary School, or alternatively contact Veronica Hillhouse, Sponsorship coordinator on 0422 162 177, or email: veronical1@live.com.au.

Please include a digital or hard copy of your logo for advertising purposes. The Williamstown North Primary School, school community greatly values your commitment and sponsorship.

Yours sincerely,
Fran McCormick
Mccormick.fran.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**DISTRICT ATHLETICS**

Last week, the school sent 58 Year 3 – 6 students to the Newport Athletics track to compete at the District Athletics Carnival. The day provided a few challenges for all with the weather, but we persevered and were able to complete all events. Each and every athlete did a fantastic job, with a number of students being selected to attend the Western Region Athletics Day early in Term 4. I would like to say thank you to Simon Corcoran for his support during the day as he braved the weather to be the starter. I would also like to thank the parents for giving up their time to assist on the day. It was very much appreciated.

Cheers—Sarah Nobbs—Sports Coordinator

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**WNPS SOCIAL SKILLS**

At Willy North, we are focusing on an identified ‘Social Skill’ and associated behaviours linked to our School Values and the You Can Do It! Keys. These are reinforced at Monday Assembly, in classrooms and Specialist classes. Exemplary students consistently demonstrating these skills will be nominated for the weekly ‘Thumbs Up Award’ which is presented at Monday’s Assembly.

We encourage all parents to discuss the weekly Social Skill and associated behaviours with your child/ren.

This week we are continuing our focus on: **Being Positive**

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“Our Education Minister, The Honorable Martin Dixon, quoted in his speech: Victoria as a Learning Community, ‘Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is crucial as we build a culture of innovation that enhances learning outcomes for students, used to build the 21st century capabilities that our students require.’ Our 1:1 Learning program is the next step for our students to build their skills, improve engagement and the interaction between school and home, to transform the learning experience.” Mrs. Wendy Emin – Assistant Principal

1:1 LEARNING @ WNPS
CREATING 21ST CENTURY LEARNERS
TERM THREE, 2012

In April, I attended a Professional Learning seminar titled, The Power of Blogging, presented by Georgina Pazzi, an infectious, passionate and engaging leader of ICT. Since then, our 1:1 students have successfully set up their personal online Learning Blogs and the students of 4R have been enthusiastically collaborating through their classroom Learning Blog with Mr. Ritchie! Students have had fun experimenting with page themes, creating posts, uploading images, adding pages and most recently, learning how to link and upload a document to their blog. This means that our student work can now be celebrated from anywhere in the world via an Internet connection!

While our students are busily building their weblogs, they will remain private and password protected. However, very soon, parents will receive password access, and even grandparents in England could be invited to share in the learning!

I had the pleasure of working with some of the Year Four classes whilst the Olympic Games in London were unfolding. It was fantastic to watch our students excitedly track either their favourite athletes or country. They would eagerly log in the morning and then navigate through all of the updates to locate the information they were tracking. I was very impressed with the skill levels displayed but more importantly the students were carefully analysing and filtering information in a very balanced and critical manner. Having the whole class sharing their Olympic discoveries along the way made their learning engaging and very relevant. What clever students we have at WNPS! – Mr. Jim Cahill, Principal

I have been very impressed to see the level of engagement and the active use of the netbooks by all Year Four students. It has reaffirmed the effective way that the netbooks have supported personalised learning and enabled the students to use the netbooks as a learning tool to complement learning in all curriculum areas. The students are always very excited and confident to share the research, projects and work that they are undertaking. The students' ICT skills and understandings are increasing daily and this is evident from the work they are competently using ICT in their day-to-day work, through research and publishing. The excited tone evident in the classrooms is testament to the effectiveness of the 1:1 Learning program. The students are very competent, they share and support each other and have a very good balance of bookwork and access to technology. This has been a very effective and exciting initiative for the school and can only build on the teachers' already highly effective teaching strategies – Mrs. Wendy Emin, Assistant Principal

During Term Four, the direction of these blogs will see our students learning how to post videos and sounds. They will also add special features by using html code (the language for displaying webpages) and experiment with widgets (visual and interactivity options and features).

Read on to see snapshots of the amazing things that the 1:1 students have been doing with their Learning Blogs.

Felicity Minton
ICT Coordinator
STUDENT REFLECTIONS

I love the 1:1 Learning program because I can use my computer for educational programs like Mathletics, Edublogs, Google and lots of maths games!!! (Olivia Jack)

I love the 1:1 Learning program because we can use our computers in Specialist classes like Music and Japanese. In Music, we are making news reports and we can use our laptops to edit them. We can also use our computers at home to finish unfinished work that we didn’t have time to finish at school. (Isabel Cross)

What I like about the 1:1 Learning Program is if you are bored at home and you have a project to search up, you can go straight onto your computer and the next day you can tell your teacher what you have done! (Ashleigh Lisignoli)

Community Forum

Earlier this term, it was fantastic to meet with a number of parents as part of our Community Forum. Part of the discussion underlined the increasing number of existing and emerging technologies, including the introduction of 1:1 Learning. This in turn highlighted the importance of ICT skills such as touch typing and proficient researching skills:

- The Edustar package (currently installed on 1:1 Learning netbooks and all school computers)

includes the program, Rapid Typing Tutor. Rapid Typing Tutor is designed for learning and practising keyboarding skills more efficiently. It includes extensive training statistics and customised lessons. To support the classroom program, WNPS recommends that students practise their keyboarding skills for 5 minutes a day over the 5-day week. Rapid Typing Tutor can also be downloaded for free at the following web address: http://www.rapidtyping.com/

- As a secondary program, the Edustar package also includes the program, Tux Typing. Tux Typing is an educational typing tutor for children, starring Tux the Linux penguin. This educational game comes with two different games for practising word processing skills.

RESEARCHING SKILLS

However, it is important for our students to know that some of the information may not be suitable or may be incorrect. At WNPS, students are taught how to select a ‘Just Right’ text with use of the BOOKMATCH strategy. The same strategy can be applied when selecting a digital text.

At home, there are several steps you can take to determine whether a website is suitable:

- Website Content: Is it easy to understand what the website is about? Does it provide easy to understand information about the topic I am researching? Does the website include facts (things that can be proven) or opinions (what people think about something)? Can you identify when the information was created? Is there a date?

- Website Purpose: Why was the site created? To provide information, to provide facts, to give an opinion? Can you separate the facts from opinions? Is the website a government or organizational site? Does this website provide good information about your topic?

- Website Design: Is the website well laid out? Can I find things easily? Are the links work? Does the site have lots of advertisements?

- Website Authority: Who created the website? Is there a date on the page?

Is the information current? Is there contact information? (Address, email, phone number?) Is it a government or educational website providing information?

As a general rule, sites that end in .gov.org and .edu tend to be reliable sources of information for schools and can be trusted.

Website Clues .com is often a business, .edu education or university, .net a blog or a business, .gov a government site and .org organization or non-profit. It is also important to note that Wikipedia is a free encyclopedia, built collaboratively by a number of sources. It is a secondary source that is not always reliable.
Technical Problems

It is pleasing to mention that there have been minimal technical issues reported since the commencement of 1:1 Learning. Should your child experience a problem with their netbook, please complete the following process:

1. Follow the Basic Trouble Shooting Guide (see below).
2. Should this not rectify the problem, please contact your teacher or Felicity Minton as soon as possible. If the problem takes place during school holidays, contact Learning With Technologies on 1300 556 788.

**Staff Contact Details:**
- Felicity Minton: minton.felicity @edumail.vic.gov.au
- Simon Corcoran 4C: corcoran.simon.s @edumail.vic.gov.au
- Virginia Irvine 4T: irvine.virginia.l @edumail.vic.gov.au
- James Ritchie 4R: ritchie.james.p @edumail.vic.gov.au

If your netbook starts to 'act up', you may be able to fix the problem yourself, by implementing one or more of the following troubleshooting strategies.

**BASIC TROUBLE SHOOTING STEPS**

1. **Restart Your Netbook**
   Restart your netbook, in addition to printers, scanners and cameras etc. Restarting clears the netbook memory of stray electrical currents and bad data that may be causing your netbook to falter. In most cases, doing this will return your netbook back to normal.

2. **Shutdown Your Netbook**
   If restarting your netbook does not work, shutdown your computer for at least 30 seconds and restart. Doing this is similar to Step One, however is a more thorough process.

3. **Repeat the Error**
   Once you have restarted or shutdown your netbook, try to re-open the program/website, or try to repeat the action that you were doing when the problem occurred. If the error occurs again, write down the names of the program/s or website/s and/or the names of any documents that are open when the problem occurs. This information can then be forwarded to one of the above contacts.

4. **Record the Error Messages**
   When an error occurs, often you will see an error message appear on your screen. It is helpful to write this down so your teachers or our computer technician has an idea of what the problem is, and what needs to be done to fix it.

If you are still experiencing problems, contact your classroom teacher, or ICT Coordinator as soon as possible.

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**Holiday Fun**

**Get Blogging!**
Practise your writing and typing skills by adding a daily post to your Learning Blog. Get creative by adding images, changing the themes, and if you’re confident, adding widgets!

**Microsoft Auto Collage**
Take photos of the fun you are having on your holidays. Create a folder in your H Drive and add 7-20 images. Use this program to create a magnificent collage!

**Windows Live Movie Maker**
Capture video footage of your holidays to import into Movie Maker. Add titles, music, transitions and credits to perfect your video!

**Debut Video Capture**
Take a picture of your family with your netbook webcam. Insert the image into a post on your Learning Blog and use the text option to introduce your family.

**Voki**
Create a "Who am I?" about a well-known person and use voki.com to create an avatar. Use the html code to embed your avatar into your blog.

**Kahootz3**
You are a young scientist interested in the Williamstown wetlands! Using Kahootz, create a wetlands environment. Go to the "tools" tab, export your environment as picture and upload it to your Learning Blog.

**Encarta Kids**
Get a head start on your Inquiry topic, "Survival and Systems," by exploring Encarta Kids. Create a list of facts and questions you may have in your Learning Blog.

**Audacity**
Create a radio advertisement giving the Williamstown Community tips on looking after our environment. Export the audio as an mp3 file and upload it to your Learning Blog.
Blog Awards

ISAAC ZABHIS 4C
ANAIIS O'TOOLE 4R
OLIVIA JACK 4!
VIOLET BESLER 4C
MR. RITCHIE & the wonderful students of 4R
ASHLEIGH LISBONLI 4!
SOFIA FRABONTA- DE LOS SANTOS 4R
BIANCA TOMAS 4!
ERIN RAFFERTY 4C
“Maths just makes sense!”

At last week’s school assembly we thanked and farewelled Rob Vingerhoets, our Numeracy consultant for his guidance, direction and his knowledge on teaching and learning about maths during this year. Rob has once again worked very closely with both our teachers and students on understanding, engaging with, and above all enjoying learning about and working like mathematicians.

The students in Year 4R presented Rob with a card that contained a wonderful selection of personal messages that captured from their perspective, what it has meant for them to have worked with Rob this year. Below are a few examples of these messages:

“I like all the different ways you do Maths, thank you for teaching us about Maths.” 4R

“Thank you Rob for teaching 4R Maths and me new games, now Maths is easier to do”. Loxy

“I like the way you turned the subject into fun.” Shae

“Dear Rob, thank you for teaching us Maths, I really enjoyed learning new things, you made me a great mathematician.” Zoe

“This year, because of you I am not scared to participate in Maths because I am more confident about my answers.” Sofia

“Thank you for teaching our class about Maths. I really liked it when you taught us about problem solving.” Olivia

Rob was also presented with an amazing portrait of himself, drawn by Sofia Frabotta-De Los Santos in 4R, to which Rob responded by saying that he was “blown away” and he had thoroughly enjoyed working with us all, in helping to teach us so much about Maths. We have decided to use this illustration along with one of Rob’s catch phrases in the title of this article, and in future to identify the WNPS numeracy news items within our Newsletter and link on the website.

I would like to thank Sofia for her illustration and the students of 4R for expressing, on our behalf, the impact that Rob’s classroom visits have had on building our collective numeracy knowledge and confidence. We look very forward to working with Rob once again next year.

“In many aspects of our lives and in many occupations, Maths is an essential tool”

FETE News

CALLING ALL GARDENERS AND GREEN THUMBS!

We are hoping for a glorious display at the garden stall at next year’s Fete. If you are a bit handy in the garden you will know that Spring provides loads of opportunity for propagating plants. Why not look around the garden for some possible plant donations for our Fete next year. Well established potted plants sell very well at the Fete. You can start them off now, and by March next year they will be ready to donate to the garden stall. We would also like to provide more garden grown produce this year - which was very successful last year - so think about planting an extra tomato/cucumber/sunflower for the Fete!

All queries and questions welcome Virginia vmfk@internode.on.net

ART NEWS

This week’s Artist of the Week Award has been awarded to Erin Rafferty for the wonderful art pieces she has completed inspired by artist Paul Klee. Through her artwork, she has shown an understanding and ability to replicate many unique features that are common to Paul Klee’s artwork. Her effort, attention to detail, and motivation to achieve the best she can, has helped her to have such great success with our artist study.

Well Done Erin!

Also, thanks to families who have been dropping in 1.25 litre plastic bottles and egg cartons. Please continue to drop these items into the Art room if you have them.

Wishing everyone a restful holiday, and what better way to relax than to undertake some creative art projects!

Thanks,

Julie Kelly—Visual Arts Teacher
Engraved Pavers

Willy North Primary School
Fund raising project – proceeds to our new playground equipment.

YOUR NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY

INDIVIDUAL PAYER
Your donation of $50 entitles you to have your child’s name (and/or yours) engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed in the area in front of the school canteen.

Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (34 max)

A unique and lasting record of your support.
A great reminder of your child’s attendance at Willy North and something you and they can re-visit and view for many years to come.

DOUBLE PAYER
Your donation of $75 entitles you to have your name engraved into a double paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The double paver will be permanently installed in the area in front of the canteen for all to see for generations to come.

Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (64 max)

Simply fill out this form and return with full payment
Williamstown North Primary School
133 Melbourne Road, Williamstown, Victoria, 3016.

Contact Name: ........................................................................................................................................

Address: ................................................................................................................................................

Phone: .......................................................................................................................................................

Individual paver ☐ Double paver ☐

Offer closes on Friday 21 September 2012

Please photocopy and pass on to business associates and friends.

Willy North Primary School appreciates your support. Thank you.
Kid's Holiday Program

Hurry!
Strictly limited to 25 kids per age group!
PRIZES, GIVEAWAYS and much more!

REGISTER ONLINE:
www.geckokidsfitness.com

Kids will work with our awesome coaches through circuits, obstacle courses, bootcamp, boxing skills, drill games galore and so much more!

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Dani P/T
Outdoor Personal & Group Training

SUNDAY BOOT CAMP

Get your school holidays off to a great start; join your local trainer – Dani, for her 1st SUNDAY Boot Camp
Sunday 23 September - 8.30am - $15pp – Williamstown Beach (Lifesaving Club end)

SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, SO START TRAINING NOW!
DON'T WAIT, DO IT NOW, ACTION IS THE ONLY WAY THAT LIFE IS GOING TO GET BETTER!

Places still available for next term although limited
Join a group or organise your own group of friends, maybe you would prefer one on one

PRICES STARTING FROM AS LITTLE AS $15 per person per group session, depending on group size

What to Expect – A workout combining both Cardio & Strength Training, with minimum downtime to maximise results
You can expect to achieve – Improved cardiovascular fitness, body tone and weight loss.

Phone or Email Dani for further information on - 0421 273 112 / d.provest@optusnet.com.au
TRIVIA NIGHT SPONSORS SO FAR

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Dane Nebel’s Tennis Academy Pty Ltd
Phone 9399-8197
Mobile 0416 180 989
ACN 007 180 378
School Holiday Tennis Clinic
(2nd Week of the Holidays)
Monday 1st to Friday 5th October
10.00am to Noon daily
$37.00 per Day/$185.00 for the Week
Note: - missed lessons throughout the Term can be made up at the clinic.
School Holiday Competition

The Commonwealth Bank is running an exciting competition during the forthcoming school holidays!
Any student from our school who opens a YOUTH SAVER/DOLLARMITE School Banking account in the holidays will go into a PRIZE DRAW.
The fantastic prize is $150.00 book voucher for the school library, plus $50.00 for the child (deposited into their new account).  Good Luck Everyone – How fantastic would it be if our School/your child won!!
To open an account during the school holidays, please visit the WILLIAMSTOWN Branch with your driver’s licence and birth certificate.
Every time your child makes a deposit at school, regardless of amount, they will receive a token.  10 tokens = a fantastic reward.
BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY!

Our local Commonwealth Bank School Banking Specialist is SUSAN BRAILSFORD.  She can be contacted on 0422 116 040 or susan.brailsford@cba.com.au with any questions or queries.
**WILLIAMSTOWN AU SKICK SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**Where:**  Bayside Ovals 1 & 2 Williamstown (Bayview St, Williamstown)

**When:**  Wednesday 3rd October & Thursday 4th October

**Time:**  10.30am to 1.00pm.

**Cost:**  $55.00 for 2 day clinic or $30.00 for 1 day.

The cost includes unlimited drinks, the morning fruit snack and lunch; which will be a hot dog (BBQ or skinless) and a goodies bag.

**Dress:**  Just like an Auskick morning.

Numbers are strictly limited so please book as soon as you can. If you are available on either of the days and would like to assist in the Canteen or on the ground, please contact Tyrone Lewis by Friday 28th September on 0411 510 176.

Email—Williamstown_auskick@yahoo.com.au

Website—http://williamstown-auskick.sportingpulse.net

See the flyer on the school notice board.

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**WIN 3 X FREE PT SESSIONS. VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO ENTER.**

**MAKE FITNESS A HABIT. NOT A CHORE.**

Contact Michael Murphy to discuss your fitness goals.

Call: 0402 627 090

Email: hobsonsbaypt@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/hobsonsbaypt

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**Sports and Manipulative Physiotherapist**

Available on Tuesday/Friday and other times by arrangement.

99b Douglas Parade, Williamstown (off Napier St)

0419 704 306
Community Notice Board

Williamstown Juniors Netball Club—We are currently looking for players to fill vacancies in our 11 and under and 13 and under teams. Games are played on Saturday afternoons at the Netball and Basketball Stadium in Altona Meadows. The teams train one afternoon during the week. If you are interested, or have any queries, please contact Liz on 9397 7653 or at liz.zahra@gmail.com.

Stage Master Production—High School Musical on stage. 24th to 28th October. Tickets on sale now. To purchase your ticket go to hsmliveonstage.com.au

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER—Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Colombia, Canada and the U.S.A. will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover—all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustr@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request a selection of international student profiles to check out and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

Swimming Lessons Term 4—Yarraville Swim Centre is offering lessons for babies through to adults. We use the Royal Lifesaving Society Swim and Survive course of swimming which is recognised nationally. Lessons can lead to competitive swimming, marine biology and surfing; which are all offered at the centre. Call 9315 3400, or check out our website yaravilleswimcentre.com.au

READING CORNER IN THE GARDENS—As part of the 2012 - Year of Reading, the Friends of Williamstown Botanic Gardens invite you to enjoy our ‘Reading Corner’ that will be set up in the gardens during weekdays of the school holidays between10am and 3pm. Each day the corner will be set up in a different location with a range of children’s books provided for quiet enjoyment. Gardening magazines are also provided for the grown-ups. Please note that this activity will not be available if rain is forecast. The Friends of Williamstown Botanic Gardens welcome new members. Please contact our Secretary via williebotgardens@gmail.com or our website http://home.vicnet.au/~wbotanic/

INDULGE YOURSELF THIS SEPTEMBER
With Our Customised 60 Minutes Essential Facial “let our therapists whisk you away to a world of relaxation whilst treating your skin concerns!” Mention this add & YOU WILL receive a FREE Eyebrow Shape & 30 minute Anti-Stress Back Massage! Valued @$83.00 Completely Free. And if that still hasn’t sold you…. a further 20% off any extra treatment and product sales on the day of your treatment WILL!!
We only have 20 spots for this month so Don’t wait—Book Now!

Call 9397 1984
Reflections Day Spa…. Relax your in confident hands
143 Railway Place Williamstown

Missing Pink Razor Scooter
Description: - Pink Razor Scooter with the name AVA B-C on the foot stand. Where it went missing: - From the Scooter Enclosure. If found please call Ava on 9398 0832.
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria

‘Tackers’ Kids Learn To Sail (7-12 yrs)
Includes 20 hours tuition from qualified YA Instructors. Fun on & off-water games, Tackers Kit & Certificate. $330 pp.
SEPT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BOOK NOW!!
Where: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria
When: Every Weekend AND September School Holiday (Sep 24-28 and Oct 1-5)
Contact us now! Ian Fox 0413 615 874

Adult Learn to Sail
Smallboat Courses
(just like the ones in the Olympics!!)
14th, 21st, 28th Oct, 4th, 11th, 18th 25th Nov and 2 Dec

Call or email Ian Fox for more details or to register.
0413 615 874 or training@rycv.asn.au $435.00 pp

Sailing or Social memberships
Memberships available with prices starting from $250. Your own exclusive views of Melbourne CBD with great bar, BBQ area and best value gourmet food available in our Royals Restaurant. Drop in or call to inquire more about our memberships. Corporate memberships available soon!!

120 Nelson Place, Williamstown VIC 3016 www.rycv.com.au 03 93971277
LIFESTYLE FOR KIDS Holiday Program September 2012

ANGELINA BALLERINA DAY
Wednesday 26th September  Ages: 5 - 12  10.00am - 3.30pm  Cost: $45.00
Register 9.50am - Please BYO snack/lunch and a drink bottle plus your favourite ballet outfit!!
Make a pink half tulle tutu and have your hair put up in a bun with silver hair glitter for a ballet class from a professional ballerina. Practice at the ballet barre and learn how to do pirouettes and split leaps across the room. Dance to classical music with ribbons and scarves and make a sequined tiara and hair clips with pink roses on them to put into a chiffon bag. Make some pink and white marshmallow skewers, play pass the ballet shoe, lots of dancing games and make ballet ribbons for your feet like a ballerina. Jumping castle, trampoline, bars and all the gymnastics equipment will still be out for you to play on. Look forward to seeing our potential ballerinas at LFK ++ A pink helium balloon to take home!

SUPER HERO DAY
Thursday 27th September  Ages: 5 - 12 years  10.00am - 3.30pm  Cost: $45.00
Register 9.50am - Please BYO snack/lunch and drink bottle plus your favourite superhero outfit
POW! ZAP! BANG! Make a superhero cape and mask, do an obstacle course to swing from building to building, climb the spider webs and crawl through tunnels jumping off the mini tramps. Kryptonite treasure hunts, face paint, make superhero lollipops with your cape and mask. Thememusic from all our favourite heroes to groove to, have your photo taken up against a photo board and pretend to fly. Balloon games, decoupage with superhero comic books and make superman glasses.
Make an ice-cream superhero drink and chocolate spiders to take home  CALLING ALL Cape Crusaders SEE YOU AT LFK TODAY!!

ULTIMATE KIDS LFK PARTY DAY
Friday 28th September  Ages: 5 - 12 years  10.00am - 3.30pm  Cost: $45.00
Register 9.50am - Please BYO snack/lunch and drink bottle
Gymnastics, trampolines, rings and swings to get the party started. Make your own party invitations with your chosen theme. Blow up helium balloons, play balloon games and set up the party table with helium balloons, plates, napkins and party decorations. Start preparing the food for the party lunch - party mini hot dogs, chicken nuggets, fairy bread, butter popcorn, plain chips, freddo frogs, strawberries and watermelon. Play lots of party games - limbo, skipping, pass the parcel, musical statues, scorecrow tigi, poison ball and more. Start decorating lolly bags to take home and fill them with lollies and treats.
Pick a helium balloon to take home and we hope you are now partied out!!!!!

DISCO AND GYMNASTICS PARTY
Friday 28th September  Ages: 5 - 12 years  5.30pm - 8.00pm  Cost: $25.00
Register 5.20pm  Please bring a drink bottle >>>> Wear your best Disco clothes
Dinner and Drinks provided - Cool music to dance to - Gymnastics - Smoke machines - Bubble machine - Dance prizes - Jumping Castle - Trampolines - Face paint and hair spray - Balloons - Dance games - Learn a Hip hop routine - Cheerleading - A night full of fun and excitement - Parents go out for dinner and enjoy yourself while we look after the kids!!

ONE DIRECTION AND POPSTAR DAY
Tuesday 2nd October  Ages: 5 - 12 years  10.00am - 3.30pm  Cost: $45.00
Register 9.50am - Please BYO snack/lunch and drink bottle
Make backstage passes and fluoro wristbands, One Direction tickets and a One Direction poster. Learn a routine to one of their songs in your dance class and have a singing lesson to learn the words to one of their new songs. Make a pair of sequined braces and have a photo shoot in your group of 5 pop stars and your routine recorded on the ipod. Have your hair done and your nails re painted and get ready for your performance at the end of the day. Gymnastics and an acro lesson as well to learn some new cool moves for your performance. Parents welcome to watch our performance

DANCING & FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD DAY
Wednesday 3rd October  Ages: 5 - 12 years  10.00am - 3.30pm  Cost: $45.00
Register 9.50am - Please BYO snack/lunch and drink bottle +++
Learn dance routines from around the world - Mexican Hat Dance - Make Nachos - Bollywood style - Make an out fit out of chiffon and organza - American Hip Hop - Make Mini hot dogs - Polka and Line Dancing - Make a scarf bandana - Arabian Belly Dancing - Make a belt out of gold chain and coins - African Dance - Make arm bands - Break dancing - Hawaiian Hula - Make a flower lei - Irish Dancing
PERFORM your new dance routines to an audience at 3.25 the end of the day! DANCE THE DAY AWAY AT LFK

LITTLEST PET SHOP PARTY DAY
Thursday 4th October  Ages: 5 - 12 years  10.00am - 3.30pm  Cost: $45.00
Register 9.50am - Please BYO snack/lunch and drink bottle +++
Paw Prints - Animal Ears - Draw and decorate a Pet House - Dog Bone Scavenger Hunt - Obstacle Course - Lilly Pad Hopping - Dog Cat - Frog Frog Turtle - Kitty Party Bags - Best Bark or Meow Competition - Story Time - Use Animal Cutters for Sandwiches - Face Painting - Gymnastics - Trampolines - Jumping Castle and lots more fun games

KIDS GYM TEDDY BEAR PICNIC DAY
Friday 5th October  Ages: 3 - 5 years  9.30am - 12.00pm  Cost: $25.00
Please bring a teddy bear, a snack and a drink for the picnic + 1 FREE SMALL LATTE FOR PARENTS
WE ARE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT Teddy bear face painting - jumping castle, rings, swings, ball pits, trampolines and lots of gymnastics equipment - TEDDY BEAR art and craft activities - teddy bear ears - Decorate teddy bear biscuits - treasure hunts - bubbles - stumps - story time - colouring in sheets and a great morning tea picnic...ready Teddy go!!!!!!!!!!

DEPOSITS ARE ESSENTIAL TO SECURE YOUR PLACE
193 Champion Road, Williamstown 3016
9337 7766 www.lifestyleforkids.com.au

Lifestyle
for kids
## Canteen Menu & Price List – Term 3 2012

Canteen Manager: Julieanne Weir  
Telephone 9397 5722

### Counter Sales: Everyday @ Recess & Lunchtime

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### Sandwiches – Wraps & Rolls

- Sandwiches – wholemeal or white bread
- All fillings available
- Wraps – 30 cents extra

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### Extra Fillings Available Per Item

- Carrot $0.60
- Cheese (reduced fat) $0.60
- Cucumber $0.60
- Lettuce $0.60
- Mayonnaise $0.20
- Tomato $0.60

### Wednesday Special

- Toasted Cheese Sandwich $2.20
- Toasted Cheese & Tomato Sandwich $2.80
- Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich $3.80

### Salad Plates

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### Please write

Name, Room Number and amount enclosed on the paper bag. If not enough money is enclosed a deduction or alternative item will be given.

### Extras

- Paper Bag $0.10
- Tomato Sauce – per item $0.20
- Soy Sauce – per item $0.20

### Please Note:

- The Canteen does not sell peanut butter, nutella or nut products.

All items on the Canteen Menu are ‘green’ or ‘amber’ rated items endorsed by the School Canteen Guide.