Principal’s Report

EDUCATION WEEK PROGRAM

All schools across Victoria will be celebrating Education Week from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd May.

Education Week is a terrific opportunity for government schools to further promote the wonderful things that take place in schools every day of the year. This year’s Education Week program will have a particular focus on exploring Science in the classroom.

We would like to warmly invite all parents to join in the Education Week celebrations through participating in:

Open Classrooms: Thursday 22nd May from 11:30am – 12:45pm

followed by a

Family Picnic: Thursday 22nd May from 12:45pm – 1:30pm

Our open classrooms next Thursday will provide students and parents with many opportunities to participate in a number of ‘hands on’ science activities. We have our fingers crossed that this week’s beautiful autumnal weather will afford us with perfect conditions for the family picnic directly after all the science fun in the classrooms.

In addition to our Open Classrooms and Family Picnic next Thursday, all students will participate in a fantastic day of activities on Wednesday 21st May for Japanese Day. Helen Atkins (Japanese Teacher) has planned a full day of cultural activities to further immerse our students in the language and culture of Japan.

Just prior to our open classrooms next Thursday, I will be presenting the school’s Annual Report to the school community in the Butterfly Room. If you would like to find out more about the school’s overall performance in 2013, as well as some of the future directions of the school, please feel welcome to join me in the Butterfly Room at 11:00am.
**MOTHER’S DAY THANKS**

I hope all mums had a lovely day last Sunday and were treated with some special moments with the family. On behalf of the school community I would like to express our sincere thanks to Davena Toplis and Rebecca Sciberras for coordinating last week’s Mother’s Day Stall. Our students really enjoyed choosing a special gift for mum at the stall. A special thanks also to all of the mums who assisted with the sales at the stall.

**MORE SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (MSSD)**

In recent years our school has received additional national partnerships funding to further support students with disabilities. This funding has enabled the school to be quite innovative in its practices/approaches and hence the development of our Butterfly Room and our Inclusion Program.

Last Friday our school made a presentation to the Commonwealth Department of Education to showcase our school’s Inclusion journey over recent years. Sue Ongarato (Inclusion Support Coordinator) and I presented on behalf of the school and we were very fortunate to be joined by two of our wonderful parents, Rebecca Borg & Nadine Beckx, who shared their perspectives through the eyes of a parent. The presentation was an outstanding success and I would like to thank Sue, Rebecca and Nadine for giving up their time to present at Treasury Place and for being such wonderful advocates for the school.

It was timely last week that the school was advised of a successful grant application (in excess of $10 000) to undertake an accreditation process through the AMAZE Foundation in recognition of our practices that support students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. I will provide further details through the newsletter as this process unfolds.

**140TH ANNIVERSARY**

Planning continues to unfold for our 140th Anniversary celebrations later this term. Over the last week we have been very fortunate to have a number of past students drop in photos, school books and other memorabilia. I also took an exciting call last week in regards to a past student who will turn 99 in the coming weeks and we are hoping that she will be able to participate in some way in our official ceremony on Sunday 22nd June.

There are many local families who have had generations of students attend WNPS. If you know of any of these families, please encourage them to make contact with the school in the coming weeks as we prepare for this important event. Our next planning meeting for this event is on Thursday 15th May at 3:45pm in the staffroom for any parents who are interested in assisting.

**FOOD ALLERGY WEEK**

Did you know that this week is Food Allergy Week?

We have in excess of forty students attending WNPS who are either anaphylactic or have allergies to certain foods. In some cases these allergies can be life threatening and so this is an area that we monitor very closely to ensure that these students are not inadvertently exposed to specific foods. We are grateful to many families (in classrooms that were notified earlier in the year) for limiting the presence of nuts, dairy, eggs, fish etc in lunchboxes. We also strongly discourage students sharing food during the school day. As part of Food Allergy Week, could you please take a few minutes to discuss the importance of this area to your child/ren so that we can all continue to work together as part of our inclusive and supportive school culture?

Enjoy your week

Jim Cahill—Principal

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**Nude Food LUNCHBOX!**

This term we will be continuing the challenge for a ‘Nude Food’ lunchbox. This requires students to pack a fruit snack and recess and lunch snacks without any form of packaging. All students are encourage to have a plastic free lunchbox everyday, however Wednesday will be the day we count the number of Nude Food lunchboxes at Williamstown North. The class with the highest number of litter free lunchboxes will be announced at the following Monday assembly.
Rosters…

Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)

This is a very social and interactive group who volunteer an hour of their time each Friday morning. Thank you to the many dedicated parents that assist with Fresh Fruit Friday. Fresh Fruit Friday will need parent volunteers throughout the school year. If you are available on Friday, please email Linda Taylor directly to be added to the roster—taylor.linda.1@edumail.vic.gov.au

This Friday 16th May the parents on the roster are—Martin Ray, Pamela Fernando, Larissa Deeth, Mette Nielsen, Kate Shaw, Jodie Moore and Michell Boyall.

Canteen—NEW HELPERS MOST WELCOME

Julieanne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of the time parents or family members can volunteer to help in the Canteen. Julieanne can be contacted via the General Office. New parents or family members are always needed and most welcome. So, if you can spare any of your valuable time, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thursday 15th May—Anne Tobin
   Friday 16th May—Leanne Sutton
   Wednesday 21st May—Helen Knoppa and Michelle Lopes
   Thursday 22nd May—Amy Skalka
   Friday 23rd May—Kellie Walker

NO SUSHI IN TERM 2 & 3

Uniform Shop News

Primary School Wear (PSW) is now our official Uniform supplier. For all uniform enquiries please contact Kara on her mobile: 0413 008 185, between 9.00am and 5.00pm weekdays (excluding weekends and school holidays).

Opening times are: Mondays and Thursdays 8.30am to 9.30am
Internet orders can be placed on the website: www.psw.com.au

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 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 Principal 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 children 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.

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.

Working With Children Checks

As from the 1st July 2013 the process for applying for a Working With Children Check has changed. Due to the continual changes to the forms they are no longer available at School or the Post Office. The only way to apply for a Working With Children Check is online. These forms are available at http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Reminding Parents, if you wish to assist in the Canteen, Fresh Fruit Friday, Sport, Swimming, Excursions or Camps, you must have a current Working With Children Check. If you have a current WWCC and have not provided a copy to the office, please bring your WWCC to the school office, where a copy will be placed on file. Working With Children Checks remain valid for 5 years.
Japanese Day is almost here! Next week on Wednesday 21st May, all children from Prep to Year 6 will get a taste of some of the amazing things that the Japanese culture can offer us.

The day will start at 9.30 through until lunch eating time. Every child will get a chance to try three different cultural workshops throughout the morning. They will then be treated to a music or drama performance as a grand finale.

Children are also encouraged to dress in Japanese style. If last year is anything to go by, I can’t wait to see all the colourful and imaginative costumes. What will you come as? Some of the activities that will be offered are as follows:

- Calligraphy
- Koinobori
- Kendo
- Fan making
- Ayatori (cat’s cradle)
- Taiko drumming
- Shamisen
- Calligraphy
- Tea Ceremony
- Kimono fitting
Williamstown North Primary School

140th Birthday Celebrations
Sunday 22nd June
1.00pm to 3.30pm
133 Melbourne Road, Williamstown

1.30pm Opening Ceremony in the Gym
Visitors invited to wander through the corridors to take a trip through the decades

Happy Birthday!

Visitors welcome to enjoy a Devonshire Tea
PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
Williamstown North Primary School
Enrolment Begins

Provisional Prep enrolments for 2015 has commenced. ‘Enrolment Form’ and the ‘Preliminary Information Sheet’ is available from the General Office or a copy can be downloaded from the school website.

If you have any enrolment questions or concerns regarding enrolments please contact the general office on 9397 5722.

Additional School Tours will be conducted on
- Tuesday 20th May at Noon
- Monday 2nd June at 10.00am,
- Thursday 19th June at 11.30am,
- Friday 18th July at 11.30am.

Please contact the school office on 9397 5722 to register for a tour.

Please Provide the following information when lodging your enrolment
1. Enrolment Form and Preliminary Information Sheet
2. Proof of Age - (Child’s Birth Certificate)
3. Certificate of Immunization (School Entry Form)
4. Three documents for “Proof of Residential Address”. (Drivers Licence, a Rates notice and a third document with your full name & residential address).

Enrolment Policy

Please note that in line with the “School Ceiling” endorsed by the South Western Regional Director, only families who reside within the defined school neighbourhood are eligible to seek enrolment. A map defining the school neighbourhood is available on the school website.

CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT WILL BE MADE IN WRITING BY THE END OF TERM 3, 2014

The ‘2015 Prep Parent Information Night’ is only for Parents of confirmed Prep enrolments.
Tuesday 25th November 2014, 7.00pm to 8.30pm.
Kay Margetts from Melbourne University will speak on “School Readiness” and “School Expectations”.

Transition Program
Our Kinder to School Transition program for our 2015 Prep children will commence week beginning Monday 13th October, Week 2 of Term 4.

All details outlining transition will be included with the ‘Letter of Enrolment’ sent to families.

For our School Zone go to www.willynth.vic.edu.au / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map
Williamstown North Primary School is proud to present an evening with key note speaker Mark Hogan and his wife Leanne.

Together they share Mark’s personal journey of growing up with ASD and his adult life. Mark provides us with invaluable insight into what is going on inside the mind of a child with ASD and how he looks at the world.

Mark explains reasons for many feelings and emotions and odd behaviours your child goes through, and talks about strategies that have worked for him. He also reveals personal experiences about parallel play, stimming, bullying, depression, school life, visual learning, parenting and strategies to overcome struggles associated with ASD.

Leanne also talks about living with her ASD husband and some of the strategies they use to make their life easier and maintain a happy relationship. Leanne and Mark have two beautiful children, Ben and Claire. Ben was diagnosed with Autism at the age of two and currently attends Western Autistic School.

Mark Hogan is a published author of his book “The Key That Unlocked a Mystery” This will be available for purchase on the night.

When: Thursday 22nd May, 2014 Time: 7.00pm—9.00pm Where: WNPS Cost: Free

Bookings: either contact the school on 9397 5722 or email gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au to advise of your attendance.

There are limited numbers—Please book early to avoid disappointment!
**After School Care**

**Student Free Day—book your place**

There will be a student free day on

**Date:** Monday 26th May, 2014.

**Time:** 7.00am to 6.15pm

**Cost:** $9.00 to $48.00 (not including 50% rebate)

- Log onto oshclub.com.au and log in through the Aftercare site.
- Children are required to bring morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and snack for throughout the day.
- We do require a minimum of 15 children for the day to run.
- Parents will be notified a week prior to the day via email to inform parent if the day will be running.
- Please remember to check the lost property at Aftercare for your child’s belongings. The basket is getting quiet full.

Thank you—OSHCLUB Staff

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**Christian Religious Education (CRE) WNPS 2014**

The Christian Religious Education (CRE) program at Williamstown North Primary School will commence in Term 2.

Each class is 30 minutes and will be taught in the afternoon. Each of the CRE teachers is looking forward to meeting with the students.

**The CRE teachers are:**

- Mrs Sue Russell  **1G & 1T** Tuesday
- Mrs Ann Hodges  **3D & 3H** Wednesday
- Miss Elise Jasper*  **4K & 3L** Friday
- Mrs Linda Sutton  **1H, 1M & 1C** Thursday
- Mr Rodger Duff  **4R & 4V** Thursday
- Mrs Ann Hodges  **3D & 3H** Wednesday
- Mrs Astrid Jasper and Mrs Sophie Clayton are Team Support and Mrs Patti Gerkens is a Replacement teacher

*We welcome new CRE teachers to our team at WNPS. The new teachers will begin later this term. We plan to provide CRE for more classes as accredited teachers become available.

**The cost of CRE student workbooks and materials is $10.00.** Please send payment to your child’s teacher by 30th May 2014, in a clearly named envelope.

The CRE program relies on the contribution of accredited CRE teachers, who volunteer their time to teach the curriculum developed by ACCESS ministries, approved by the Education Department. The CRE program appreciates the support provided by the WNPS staff and school community.

If you are interested in finding out more about the program; there is information on the Access Ministries website, visit www.accessministries.org.au.

Anyone who is interested in joining our teaching team, or would like further information, is welcome to contact one of the team leaders below, via the school office.

Thank you.

Astrid Jasper & Sophie Clayton
CRE Team Leaders
Sensory-friendly Movies are on again this weekend

The sensory-friendly movies have been great for many who have sensory sensitivities – and they are open to individuals with ASD as well as anyone else who has sensory issues – so do tell your friends!

Village Cinemas have now extended them to include the Village Cinema at Werribee and Bendigo Cinemas!

The next movie to be shown is Mr Peabody and Sherman which will be on at the locations and dates shown below:

- Airport West  Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May, 11.00am
- Bendigo  Sunday 18th May only, 11.00am
- Fountain Gate  Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May, 11.00am
- Geelong  Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May, 11.00am
- Knox  Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May, 11.00am
- Southland  Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May, 11.00am
- Werribee  Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May, 11.00am

Note: Mr Peabody and Sherman is rated PG. Please check the trailer to ensure the movie is suitable for your family: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hy6oD7BZw50](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hy6oD7BZw50)

Sensory-friendly movies adjusted to suit individuals with sensory sensitivities, including those with ASD:

- House lights are not completely off
- Individuals may leave their seat if necessary
- Staff are aware of the needs of individuals with ASD
- Sound is reduced
- Times are set to avoid busy times
- Signage is provided explaining the session

And they are just $6 per person – so a fantastic deal.

Book tickets online

1. Click here
2. Click on the “By movie” tab and choose your venue (from those listed above)
3. Click on ‘Date’ and choose ‘Show all sessions’ then scroll to find ‘Walking with Dinosaurs: the movie’
4. Select sessions with the blue logo beside them.

We hope you are able to go along.

Kind regards

Cath, Maria, Emily & Fran The Amaze Membership Team

T 03 9657 1611  |  F 03 9639 4955  |  E fran.ludgate@amaze.org.au
The NEW 2014-2015 Entertainment Book has arrived! Now **also in Digital form** for smart phone users. So...if you have had a book before, left it in a drawer and forgotten all year to use it – now it can be with you always on your phone or iPad. The DIGITAL book is sharable across up to 4 devices so you can still share vouchers with whoever you chose, your partner, your Mum, sister, friend, teenager. You chose. Books are still only $65.

Hundreds of vouchers, great savings across a huge range. Use only 2-3 vouchers and the book pays for itself all the rest is savings. Demo book to peruse at the WNPS office.

Willy High Parents & Friends are most grateful for the opportunity to again offer Willy North families the chance to assist us in our fundraising through purchase of the Entertainment Books. Our fundraising assists school purchase items that are not covered in capital expenditure. Last year we assisted in equipment for the science labs, music department, cadets sailing and food tech, to name a few. Remember primary school kids today are high school kids tomorrow.

Order forms are available at the school office or you can order directly via the link [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1884e76](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1884e76). Contact Karen Needs on 0408547539 or email karenneeds@hotmail.com to arrange to drop your book into Willy North for pick up or you can collect a book from either the Bayview Street or Pasco Street Campus, or order your Digital copy online, via the link.
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KIDS by the BAY
Children’s Centre
Williamstown

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

You’re invited to come along and see what kindergarten at Kids by the Bay is all about. We will be accepting expressions of interest for 4yr old kindergarten for 2015.

- Meet our kindergarten teacher and hear a short presentation about the program from 10.30am-11.00am
- Let your children explore our great indoor and outdoor play spaces
- Enjoy a FREE sausage sizzle

SATURDAY 24TH MAY
10.00AM – 11.30AM
Enter via Driveway at 85 Cecil St, Williamstown 3016
RSVP:
admin@kidsbythebay.com.au

Kids By The Bay Children’s Centre acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government

Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday.

Plus make friends with the dolphins at Sea World.
The Dollfamiles have found sunken treasures in the Lost City of Savings. For your chance to win a share of amazing prizes, going more than a month without spending at school during Term 3 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

Major prize.
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- A $500 spending gift from Healsville Sanctuary;
- A Dolphin Family Adventure at Sea World;
- A $1000 travel gift card to get you there.

Runner up prizes.
- For PUPs, gift card of the value of $200 each to spend on your favourite toys.
- Plus, there will be a separate draw of $4000 cash for one school in each state/territory.

To find out more, visit
commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

Sausage Sizzle

OPEN DAY
All Welcome

Cake Stall
Celebrating 80 years

SUNDAY 18TH MAY
10:00am – 12:00pm
105 Ferguson Street
Williamstown

For more details please call 9397 6902, or visit
www.robinascottkindergarten.vic.edu.au
or find us on Facebook
From early April 2014, cardholders who are required to renew their WWC Check will no longer need to go to Australia Post to lodge a paper form and present their current card.

From this time, cardholders will go to the WWC Check website to complete their renewal application online and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the fee using a credit card.

The online renewal process
Cardholders will be notified by SMS, letter or email 28 days before their WWC Check is due to expire. It is important for cardholders to keep their contact details up to date so that they receive this important reminder.

After receiving a notification, individuals continuing to do child-related work should go to MyCheck on the WWC Check website and apply to renew their Check. Cardholders will be asked to register with MyCheck if they have not already done so. Once logged in to MyCheck, cardholders will be prompted to confirm or update their personal contact and work details, complete the online form and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the non-refundable $102.70 fee.

More information
From early April 2014, an FAQ guide to online renewals will be available in 'Publications' under 'Resources' on the WWC Check website. Or contact the Customer Support Line on 1300 652 879 8.30 am – 5 pm weekdays except public holidays.

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Community Notice Board

Family fun at Melbourne Museum. Have a blast on day one of Education Week at Melbourne Museum’s Science on Show! Visitors to the museum on Sunday 18th May can meet leading Australian scientists in palaeontology, marine biology, birds, mammals, mineralogy and more.

- Learn about some of the most interesting specimens from the Museum’s state collection.
- Identify some of Australia’s most beautiful wildlife with the Museum Victoria Field Guide App.
- Meet some of the Museum’s live collection items, including stick insects and scorpions.

Learn about wildlife photography and videography from the Museum’s highly skilled multimedia specialists.

Children up to 16 years and concession card holders are free, adults are $10. The Melbourne Museum is located at 11 Nicholson Street, Carlton, with paid onsite parking available, and easy access via public transport.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE STUDENT Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills. Hosting - An Experience for Life. Student Exchange is looking for host families across New Zealand to welcome overseas students into their home.
Visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student or call 1300 135 331 for more information.

Altona Magic Soccer Club is seeking soccer players for our "Miniroos teams" this coming season 2014. We have positions available for the following age groups, Under 7’s (5 to 7 years), Under 8’s, 9’s,10’s,11’s. Training is on Tuesday and Thursday nights 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Venue: Paisley Park Soccer Complex, Cnr Mills street and Ross road, Altona North.
For further enquiries please contact us at altonamagic@hotmail.com or 0411 023 661 Zoran Milenkovski 0411 023 661 Club Secretary.