 Principal’s Report

WELCOME TO EDUCATION WEEK

This week, all government schools across Victoria will be opening their doors to celebrate and share the wonderful things that happen in our government school system every day. We hope you might be able to join us on Thursday 22nd May as we warmly invite all Willy North parents to come up to school and spend some time in your child/ren’s grade. Classrooms will be open to all parents from 11:30am – 12:45pm and you will have a chance to join in some fun, hands on science activities. As part of the program for the morning, we encourage all families to bring along a picnic basket & rug to enjoy a family picnic from 12:45pm – 1:30pm (we have our fingers crossed that our run of lovely mild weather will hold out for the picnic!). Just prior to our open classrooms, parents are also invited to attend the presentation of the school’s 2013 Annual Report in the Butterfly room. At this presentation I will briefly outline the school’s achievements in 2013 and share some snapshots of the plans for the school in the coming years.

On behalf of our wonderful staff at WNPS, we hope you might be able to spend some time with us this Thursday to share in your child/ren’s learning.

11:00am Annual Report Presentation

11:30am – 12:45pm Open Classrooms - Discovering the Fun of Science

12:45pm – 1:30pm Family Picnic

NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

On Friday 23rd May, all schools across Australia will be participating in National Walk to School Day. We hope that you might be able to consider leaving the car at home and walking to and from school. If you live towards the outer areas of our school zone, maybe you could drive half way and then walk the remaining distance to school? In addition to the health benefits, you will also be doing your bit towards the environment. We encourage all parents and students to make note of National Walk to School Day this Friday as a step towards a healthier start to the school day.

STAFF TRAINING DAY REMINDER

Please note that the school will be closed to all students on Monday 26th May to enable teachers to participate in their third whole staff training day for 2014. Teachers will continue working on the development of our ‘Power Standards’ in Writing and will also spend some time to further strengthen the school’s spelling program.
**RISK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES**

As part of the school’s ongoing vigilance in the area of risk management, we ran all students through a lockdown procedure during class time last week. In just over four minutes, we were able to account for every student/teacher/visitor in the school and have every doorway and all main entry and exit points locked. Over the next few weeks we are going to practise a lockdown during a recess or lunchtime break to ensure we have our lockdown procedures well-rehearsed.

Throughout each school year, we will regularly practise our evacuation and lockdown procedures to ensure student safety is heightened at all times. We understand the potential anxiety for some students during these drills and please be assured that we aim to sensitively support our students through these procedures so that they feel safe and secure at all times. If you ever have any queries about this important area, please don’t hesitate to give me a buzz or drop in for a chat.

**140TH ANNIVERSARY**

Planning continues to unfold for our 140th Anniversary celebrations. Old photos and memorabilia continue to trickle in at the office and we will be able to put together some wonderful historical displays for this event. This week I saw the first outline of our 140th mosaic that we hope to have completed by the end of the term in time for the 140th celebrations. We have engaged an artist in residence, Libby McKinnon, to work with all of our students in the compilation of this mosaic over the coming weeks. I commend the initiative of Vicki Symons (Art Teacher) in getting this exciting project up and running. We’ll keep you posted as this unfolds.

**MELISSA BULL – LONG SERVICE LEAVE**

We wish Melissa Bull (Year 6 teacher) safe travels for her upcoming long service leave which will begin from Wednesday 28th May. Melissa will be away for just over three weeks and she will be back on deck for the last week of this term. We have been delighted to engage Patrick Kelly to teacher in Year 6B during this period of leave. Patrick has been working with us this year in various classes and levels across the school and I am confident that he will ensure that things will continue to tick along smoothly during Melissa’s absence.

**CONDOLENCES**

On behalf of the school community, we would like to express our deepest sympathy to Wendy Emin (Assistant Principal) and her family on the passing of her father. Wendy’s absences over recent weeks have afforded her some precious moments with her father & family. Wendy was very close to her father and we would all like to let her know that our thoughts are with her during this sad time.

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 encouraged 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.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au

This Friday 18th May the parents on the roster are—Martin Ray, Pamela Fernando, Helen Parker, Larissa Deeth, Mette Nielsen, Kate Shaw, Jodie Moore and Michelle 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 22nd May—Amy Skalka
Friday 23rd May—Kellie Walker
Wednesday 28th May—to be advised

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 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 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.
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
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

MSJ 2015
Limited places are available for 2015. Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.

MSJ Open Mornings - 9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday)
29th May, 19th June, 31st July, 28th August, 11th September, 13th November 2014

MSJ Open Day 2014
Sunday 12th October, 11.00am – 2.00pm
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!

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Williamstown North Primary School Presents

School Social Function—Williamstown Town Hall

**Save the date**—Friday 5th September, 2014

**Get your friends together and book a table.**

More information to follow soon!

Dancing Queen  Mamma Mia  Money, Money, Money  Gimme, Gimme, Gimme

Waterloo  I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do  Super Trouper  Hasta Manana  Knowing Me, Knowing You

The winner takes it all  Thank you for the Music  SOS  The name of the game  Fernando
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

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 Linda Sutton 1H, 1M & 1C Thursday
Mrs Ann Hodges 3D & 3H Wednesday  Mr Rodger Duff 4R & 4V Thursday
Miss Elise Jasper* 4K & 3L Friday  Miss Shaya Minns 6C & 6R Wednesday
Mrs Astrid Jasper and Mrs Sophie Clayton are Team Support and Mrs Patti Gerken 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
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 capitol 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. 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.
**Kids by the Bay**

**Children's Centre**

**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

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**Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday.**

The Doll House have found sunk treasure in the Lost City of Savings. For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three visits to your local doll house 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,
- 1 Night stays for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros Movie World and Walt Disney World Florida
- A Dolphin Family Adventure, and
- A $1000 travel gift card to get you there.

**Runner up prizes:**
- $250 Presto Gift Card, or the value of $200 to spend on your favorite toys.
- Plus, there will be a prize draw of $1000 each for one school in each electorate.

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

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**FRENCH CLUB!**

Fun French for Kids

Wednesdays 3.45pm - 4.45pm
Williamstown Community Centre
14 Thompson St

Limited places available
- Our club is starting its 4th year!
- Think of the fun way through games, stories, songs and activities - a learning program designed especially for 5-12 year olds
- Native speaker and experienced teacher of French.
- Enable your child to develop an ear and a feel for foreign language early

Ph: 0432 719 634
jim.callahan@frenchclubs.com.au
www.frenchclubs.com.au
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.

**Willy Lit Fest – 31st May and 1st June**
The Willy Lit Fest is for children too. We are keen on encouraging young people to love books and supporting budding writers and artists. Here’s a summary of what’s on offer for children and young adults.

**Children**
Sam the Tram – with Lowen Clarke and Adrian Masterman – Smith, Sunday 1 June 9.30am-11.00am. Suitable for children aged 3-7 years old. Free entry. Booking required.
Illustration Workshop with Leigh Hobbs, Sunday 1 June, 10.00am – 10.50am., Suitable for children aged 6-11 years old, $5 per child.
Behind the Billie B Brown and Hey Jack Stories with Sally Rippin, Sunday 1 June, 11.30am – 12.30pm, $5 per child. Free to adults and under threes.

**Young adults**
StickyStories workshops - with Matt Blackwood, Saturday 31 May 11.30am-1.00pm and 2.30pm – 4.00pm. Suitable for adults and 13 years old and up. Adults$15, concession/children $12
Chapter Five Book Club with Jackie Kerin, Sunday 1 June, 12.30pm – 1.00pm. Suitable for 10-14 year olds. Free entry. No booking required.
Wonder Tales from Around the World with Jackie Kerin, Sunday 1 June, 1.30pm – 2.15pm. Suitable for older children and adults. Free entry. No booking required.
Got a budding chef, food stylist, food blogger or photographer in your family? Send them along to hear from Sabriina Costa, Year 10 student talk about the practical steps it takes to create a book of your own.

Graphic design, art students and anyone curious about the creative process around book design can spend a fascinating hour with three top designers getting the inside story on how book covers are created.

Our designers (including local Sandy Cull) take one book, George Orwell’s ‘Animal Farm’ and design a front cover. They will share three very different responses and designs. Three Designers – One Book. Sunday 1 June, 11.30pm - 12.30pm. $15 Adults, $12 concession/children

See www.willylitfest.org.au for further details.