Principal’s Report

BOOK FAIR

As part of our Book Week celebrations this year, students and parents will be able to purchase some great books at our annual Book Fair which will be held next Thursday 8th and Friday 9th August in the Library. Watch out for the order forms next week when they are sent home. Any proceeds raised from the Book Fair are channelled directly back into the purchase of books for the school which helps to ensure that our students always have access to high quality literature.

Book Fair times are listed in this week’s Newsletter from Vivien.

READING & WRITING TOGETHER IS MAGIC (RWTIS)

In addition to the Book Fair, we have a huge night planned for next Thursday 8th August with our annual RWTIS program. Our students have been busy over recent weeks writing some fantastic poems & stories in preparation for RWTIS. What a fabulous opportunity to showcase their many talents to a ‘live’ audience comprising other students, parents and staff. We hope you have locked this one into the diary already!

To assist our planning for this evening, we are asking parents to register their attendance on line at www.schoolinterviews.com.au using the Event Code Q2P5R. Bookings will close on Monday 5th August at noon. We hope you will be able to attend this evening to help celebrate the reading and writing skills of our very enthusiastic and highly capable students!

UPCOMING WALKATHON

Is there ever a quiet week at WNPS – the answer is quite simply ‘NO’! As part of our fundraising efforts for our new playground equipment which will be installed at the end of this term, we will be holding our annual Walkathon on Thursday 22nd August. Watch out for more details in the Newsletter over the coming weeks.

ARTSHOW

You may have noticed the promotional board that was erected on the front of the school over the last week for this year’s Art Show. The Art Show will have a different flavour this year with the opening night, Thursday 29th August, being just for parents to view the art work in a very convivial atmosphere. The $15 entry fee for the opening night will cover the cost of the finger food to be provided as well as a complimentary glass of beer, wine or champagne. Parents will then be able to view the artwork again with their children on the Friday after school. The art show will not be set up in the gym this year but rather we are going to use all available corridor and covered areas in the main building. Watch out for more details over the coming weeks!

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Last Friday we distributed in excess of 100 parent opinion surveys to randomly
selected families across the school. This is a very important part of the school’s accountability framework and we do really value the feedback we get through this survey to help further inform our school’s ongoing commitment to continuous improvement. It would be great if we could get a 100% return rate this year. We would be grateful if parents could ensure that these surveys are returned to the office by the end of this week.

**Wendy Drayton on Leave**

We wish Wendy Drayton (Year 3D teacher) well for her upcoming long service leave which will begin next week. Wendy shares her class with Tess Holland each week and we’re delighted that Tess will be able to step into teach Year 3D full time during this period. We will look forward to Wendy’s return on Monday 2nd September.

**Family Life Session**

We had a fantastic roll up at last week’s Family Life session last Thursday evening. In excess of 100 students and parents engaged in the session facilitated by Family Life Victoria. On behalf of everyone who enjoyed this highly informative presentation, I would like to sincerely thank Hazel Finnie (parent) for organising this session. Hazel’s association with the school will end this year and we would love to hear from one or two parents who would be interested in organising future Family Life presentations at the school.

**Year 3 & 4 Camp Information Session**

Around forty students and parents attended a highly informative information session last Monday evening for this year’s Anglesea Camp for Years 3 and 4. The session was facilitated by two past students, Ally Zahra and Ruby Eppleston, who did a great job presenting the PowerPoint slideshow. For those parents who were unable to attend the information session, please note that this slideshow will be available to view on our website at [http://www.willynthps.vic.edu.au/app/webroot/uploaded_files/media/Camp%20Presentation%202013%20Final.pdf](http://www.willynthps.vic.edu.au/app/webroot/uploaded_files/media/Camp%20Presentation%202013%20Final.pdf). A huge thank you to Jamie Peters (Year 3/4 Camp Coordinator) for organising all aspects of this information session.

**Reminder for Camp**, that the Dietary, Medical and Asthma Forms should have been returned to your classroom teacher last week. If you have not sent the form/s back to school, please ensure that they are returned tomorrow. Also, the final camp payment is due on the 9th August.

**Football at School**

We will continue to remind children who play football regularly at recess and lunch time, about some very important rules and guidelines related to football ‘play’ at school;

Football ‘play’ at school recess and lunch times is not the same as playing football in an actual match that has the luxury of wide open spaces, coaches and umpires to monitor the game.

The space available at school is not big enough for ‘match like’ play.

The system of football ‘play’ at school needs to be very different to how an actual match is played within a ‘club’ or ‘team’ environment and the rules need to be adjusted accordingly.

**Physical contact, rough play or tackling is therefore not allowed at school.**

‘Kick to kick’ is a good form of football ‘play’ at our school, given the high numbers of participants assigned to a limited space and, although we do have teachers on yard duty, they are not there to act as umpires, coaches or trainers.

It is important to note that these principles also apply to other team sports, such as rugby, soccer and basketball; however, at this time of the year it is Aussie Rules football that seems to be causing the most issues. It is often necessary to clarify and reinforce these rules as a result of injuries that have been sustained in recent times by children playing Aussie Rules football. Some of these injuries were caused by simple, unintentional clashes, slips or falls, making it even more important to reinforce the ‘no-contact’ or ‘rough play’ rule. Please discuss this issue with your child to help reinforce the need for us all to do our best to make WNPS a safe and enjoyable environment for children to learn and have fun with their friends.

**State Swimming Championships**

Last weekend, several WNPS students participated in the Victorian Junior Pool Lifesaving Championships representing Williamstown Swimming & Lifesaving Club. From all accounts these students did an amazing job winning a total of 26 medals altogether. We congratulate the following students on this terrific outcome: Harry Robbins, Holly Danaher, Summer Cadman, Edan Ibbetson, Ayden McCarroll, Mia McCarroll, Olivia Cadman, Brydie Logan, Charlotte Drake, Ella Robbins, Alessandra Donnelly, Isaac Moore, Bella Danaher and Chelsea Coulson.

Enjoy your Week! Jim Cahill—Principal

**Underwear Needed for the First Aid Room**

Size small boy and girls underwear (Size 4 to 10) and girls tights. If you have any that are no longer required in your house hold, please send these along to the first aid room.
Two homes, one heart

With the number of Australian children of separated parents exceeding one million, there’s much at stake when coordinating their back-and-forth movement between two homes, writes Karen Fontaine.

A divorced Canadian couple made international headlines last month with the construction of a duplex-style home – at the centre of which are the bedrooms of their children, aged eight and ten.

Doors at either end of the duplex’s central hallway lead to each parent’s self-contained ‘wing’. Each week, one parent has custody of the children; during that week the door to the other parent’s wing is locked, maintaining a relative privacy for that parent. This arrangement provides stability for the kids, who don’t have two homes but rather two parents who alternate their care from week to week.

It’s certainly a novel approach at a time when parental divorce affects the lives of nearly one in five young Australians under the age of 20 – “a disruption related to long-term social and economic disadvantages”, according to the Australian Institute of Family Studies.

This is a position supported by Sydney family law professor Patrick Parkinson. In a recent research paper entitled For Kids’ Sake, Parkinson brought together extensive evidence showing that parental separation is a significant risk factor for children’s long-term emotional wellbeing and educational performance.

Another expert, Dr Nicky McWilliam, a lawyer/mediator with Sydney Mediation Partnership, spends a third of her working week dealing with separating parents. She notes, “there are always issues with contact arrangements for the children”.

Unlike in times gone by, when children automatically lived with their mother and might have spent every second weekend with their dad, shared-care situations are becoming much more common, says McWilliam.

“Most of the time the children are split evenly from week to week and sometimes even from day to day,” she says.

In a shared-care situation, academic challenges can arise, says Jacqui Marquis-Conder, Principal Psychologist at Youth Psychology. This is particularly the case if there is a lengthy commute to one parent’s home on some weekdays, allowing less time for homework.

“Routines are also usually different in each home and some parents are better than others at supervising homework,” says Marquis-Conder. “Academic challenges and even learning difficulties will most certainly arise if there are behaviour issues associated with unresolved and ongoing emotional distress.”

A recent study on the effect of divorce or separation on young children and older children found that, contrary to what many public policy makers believe, children are most affected by changes to their family structure in the first five years of life.

Leading a study of 3,492 children into how remarriage and integration into a blended family affected behaviour throughout their early and mid-adolescent years, Rebecca M. Ryan of the...
two homes for the kids in a very loving and stable way,” she says. “A lot of that, I think, is due to giving the kids lots of information – making them aware of what’s happening for the next hour, the next day, the next week, the next year – and doing a lot of talking and communicating.”

“It’s about explaining to the kids that although they are no longer in a relationship with the other parent, they respect that every parent has a different style. And no matter how young a child is, what’s bearing out from my practice is that that really makes a difference.”

Department of Psychology at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. found that children of married parents demonstrated the most dramatic behavioural changes later in life if their parents divorced prior to their first year of school.

When handled sensitively, there are many benefits to shared care as it allows children to build meaningful and ongoing relationships with both of their parents, says Jacqui Marquis-Conder.

“Logistics aside, if parents are able to form an amicable shared-care arrangement, and work out a communication style that does not involve the children in their conflict, then shared care can be ideal for children as well as parents. It breaks from what is often single parenting after separation,” she says.

Interestingly, Ryan’s study also showed that children who are integrated into a new blended family have fewer behaviour problems than those who are not. “In fact, children of blended families actually receive protective benefits that seem to help them avoid some of the negative behaviors exhibited by children who remain in single-parent households,” Ryan says.

For Marquis-Conder, what this study highlights is that “step-parents and step- and/or half-siblings can play a very crucial role in a child’s life if they are able to form a relationship built on warmth and trust.”

“I have certainly seen many cases where a child has a warm, loving and close relationship with their step-parents and siblings and this certainly provides protective benefits and potentially increases the child’s resilience,” she says.

Dr McWilliam agrees. “I have dealt with parents whose separation caused a lot of hurt and anxiety but they have managed to sort out

Jacqui Marquis-Conder, Principal Psychologist of Youth Psychology, a private practice in Sydney (http://www.youthpsychology.com.au/), offers tips on how parents can ease the pressure on children for whom they share care:

1. Establish a shared-care arrangement that is child focused not parent focused. “A shared-care arrangement should always reflect the needs of the child first, not the parent. Parents need to ask themselves: Is this about me wanting to get my way or have control of the situation, or is this about what is best for my child?” For example, if the child must be at both before- and after-school care or do a very long commute in order to spend a particular day with a parent, is this actually in the best interests of the child? This is for the parents to decide, depending on their child’s age and particular needs.”

2. Establish a routine, particularly during the week. “This can be a huge challenge but if it can be achieved for both parents to enforce regular homework, meal, and bedtimes for their children, this will help the school week go smoothly.”

3. No matter how tempting, never speak badly about the other parent to the children (this goes for new partners as well). “This doesn’t mean that you have to say nice things about the other parent but in this case it is wise to follow the good old-fashioned advice ‘if you don’t have something nice to say, don’t say anything at all’. This includes subtle jokes, hints or sarcastic comments – even very young children understand the meaning behind these! And do not under any circumstances share communication from the other parent with your child such as showing them email or text message correspondence.”

4. Make pick-ups and drop-offs as stress free as possible for the children. “If the conflict is so high that parents cannot even be in the same room, then try to establish a neutral pick-up and drop-off spot such as a public park or café. All heated discussions should be held well away from the hearing or sight of the children (whether in person, on the phone, or through text message).”
Next week, on **Thursday 8th** and **Friday 9th August**, the school Library will be the venue for our annual Book Fair. A great variety of books and posters will be on sale. This will be an excellent opportunity to celebrate reading, as well as a terrific opportunity for our school to earn free books for our library through commissions in sales. This annual event is a significant fundraiser for our library; last year we earned **$3,000** worth of quality books for our school!

**PREVIEW SESSIONS**
Throughout next week, all classes will have an opportunity to view the books and posters that will be for sale. Your child will fill out a ‘Cool Books’ form, indicating which books they liked the best, along with their prices. **Please note, you are under no obligation to purchase from the fair.**

**BOOK FAIR SELLING TIMES**

*Thursday 8th August (RWTIM evening)*
- 3:30pm - 4:15pm
- 5:30pm - 6.15pm (prior to RWTIM, which commences at 6:30pm)

*Friday 9th August*
- 8.30am - 9.00am
- 3.30pm - 4.00pm

**ORDERING**
If you can’t attend the book fair, but would still like to purchase books, you can use the special order form that will be sent home next week. Orders must be returned to school in a **clearly labeled envelope**, along with payment, by the following **Tuesday, 13th August**. This is the deadline, as we need to finalise our total sales and commission on this day. Books should be delivered to school within two weeks of this final date.

We hope you enjoy this year’s Book Fair!

Vivien D’Aquino
Book Fair Coordinator

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**Gardening Club**

Our gardening club has been very busy over recent weeks transforming the front corner of the school to begin the first stages of our habitat garden. Meryn Kershaw (our school gardener) and several students have undertaken a mass planting of indigenous plants through this area as well as creating some small water features and submerged logs/pipes for a variety of animals. Keep an eye on this corner over the coming months as these plants begin to grow and this habitat garden comes to life.

Great job Meryn and team!

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**Sustainability tip:**
**Buy recycled.**

As important as it is to ensure that you recycle your products at the end of their life, it is equally important that you buy products that are made from those recycled materials. Buying recycled products saves energy and resources and reduces waste.
**Rosters…**

**Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)**

The parents on the roster for Fresh Fruit Friday this week **Friday 2nd August** are: - Martin Ray, Helen Parker, Larissa Deeth, Mette Nielsen, Anne Tobin, Davena Toplis, Leisha Campbell. If you are able to help out weekly, fortnightly or monthly, please contact Linda Taylor at, taylor.linda.11@edumail.vic.gov.au. This is a very happy and social group.

**Canteen—NEW HELPERS MOST WELCOME**

Julianne 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, so, if you can spare any of your valuable time, it would be greatly appreciated.

**Thursday 1st August—HELP NEEDED**

**Friday 2nd August—Georgian Evanson**

**Wednesday 7th August—Michelle Lopes**

**Thursday 8th August—HELP NEEDED**

**Friday 8th August—Kellie Walker**

Please remember that Lunch Orders are only available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

**No Lunch Orders are available on the Last Day of Each Term.**

**Uniform Shop News**

The Uniform Shop hours are Mondays and Thursdays from 8.30am to 9.15am. Any enquiries please contact Kara on 0413 008 185. **Size 6 and 8 tunics** are back in stock. Also, if you have recently placed an order, please check at the office, as there are a number of orders awaiting for collection. Don't forget, if you can't make it to school when the shop is open, you can always fill out an order form at the office.

**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.**

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**LUNCHBOX OF THE WEEK!**

Congratulations to Bonnie from Year 3B for her Nude Food Lunchbox!

Every Wednesday will be a nude-food day and that we look forward to seeing everyone’s wrapper-free lunches!
**Prep Enrolments for 2014**

*Telephone* — 9397 5722  
*Website* — www.willynthps.vic.edu.au  
*Email* — williamstown.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au


If you have any enrolment questions or concerns please contact the Assistant Principal Wendy Emin on 9397 5722.


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**For Sale—Year 6 T-Shirts**

The school has the following Year 6 T-shirts available for purchase.

Two, Size 14 Short Sleeve Polo’s—$33.00 each

Contact Judy in the office on 9397 5722 if you are interested in purchasing any of the two items.

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**For Eligible Families The Schoolkids Bonus—Second Payment**

The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is coming in July. If you are eligible you could receive up to $205 for each primary student and up to $410 for each secondary student.

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

If you think you are eligible and you haven’t already updated your child’s education details with Centrelink, then visit Online Services by 29th June 2013 to ensure you receive the correct amount and are paid on time.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund in January 2013 so eligible families cannot claim education expenses in their 2012-13 income tax return.


Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions or require any further information please feel free to contact us on schoolkidsbonus@fahcsia.gov.au.

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**School Website—Did You Know!**

Each week we will provide you with information about our school website that will give you some knowledge and where you can locate what you are looking for.

This week it’s all about Curriculum Updates.

Each term, the Year levels and Specialist areas update their Curriculum. Have a read of what’s happening in your child’s year level.

If there is something that you would like to find, but have difficulty in locating it, email Belinda and let her know what you are looking for gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Community Notice Board

Call for Volunteers: Western Health is seeking community minded people who would like to offer some of their time to assist the Williamstown Hospital Opportunity Shop to raise funds for the Williamstown Hospital. We are calling for volunteers who like to be in a team environment, support their local health service and enjoy displaying goods for resale. If you are interested please contact Jo Spence on 8345 1201.

Tutor—Struggling at school? Want to be ahead of class? John Nguyen provides tutoring for small groups of 10 students in English and Maths. If you would like more information contact John on 0422 120 070 or take a look at the flyer on the school notice board.

Curriculum Day Program

Friday 16th August  7.00am to 6.15pm

How to book   An OSHClub online enrolment form must be completed (if not already done).

Information can be found on the school’s website or contact Michelle on 0466 726 496.

Enrol online at www.oshclub.com.au Once enrolled with OSHClub, log into your account and choose the Pupil Free Day option.

What happens  Loads of fun for all ages including art/craft, games, sports, drama, board games and fun with friends.

What to bring  Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Also wear appropriate clothing, including a hat.

Please remember  Once you have enrolled for this day, there are no refunds for cancellations, unless we decide not to run the program due to lack of numbers.

Please Note  If the number of enrolments is under 15, the program will not be able to run. A decision will be made 3 working days prior to bookings closing if the program will be running or not. You will be contacted either way.

Cost (per child, per day) from $11.00. Full price $46.00. Full fees for OSHC will apply to families who do not apply for, and are not eligible for, CCB and the CCTR (50% Tax Rebate). All fees are approximate only.
Starting July 2013

STEP 1
From July 2013 submit your details online
• Go to the WWC Check website
• Fill out the form online
• Print out the application summary with all the details you entered

STEP 2
Go to a participating Australia Post outlet to lodge your application, taking with you:
• The application summary
• Relevant proof of identity documents
• A passport size photo
• The application fee, if you are applying for an Employee card

For more details:
Go to the WWC Check website closer to July for details of when applicants can start filling out the form online
Metaphor Poems from Year 3L—Take 2

Year 3L have been busy studying Metaphors and have written Metaphor poems for Reading & Writing Together Is Magic.

The Tear

The tear is a drop falling from the moon.
It is a drop of love drifting away.
It is a drop of blue water dancing on the waves.
It is a drop of diamond sitting in a ring.
It is a drop of magic into the sea.
It is a drop of sadness drifting slowly away.
By Bella 3L

A Rainbow

A rainbow is a colourful bridge stretching from cloud to cloud.
It is a colourful box of crayons.
It is lots of colours spreading across the sky.
It is a line of colours that makes me excited.
It is your lucky day.
By Anthony 3L

Orange

Orange is the sunset going to sleep.
Orange is the sun rising to say hello.
Orange is the autumn leaves falling from the tree.
Orange is a sign of a broken heart.
Orange is a juicy drink to have when you are thirsty.
Orange is amber traffic lights ready to stop.
Orange is a book filled with sleepiness.
By Charlie 3L

Spring

Spring is flowers blossoming.
It is snow melting away.
It is when everything is reborn.
It is brightness and happiness.
It is magical and wonderful season.
By Matilda 3L

BLACK

Black is the colour of angry an Hero Brine.
Black is a mad Ender man chasing Steve.
Black is the mighty Ender dragon flying around gaining health.
Black is a destructive wither blowing up houses.
Black is the nether portal beaming its bright light.
Black is the NO GOING BACK ender portal.
Black is the feathers of an agent chicken flapping it’s wings.
Black is the sadness of Steve dying.
Black is the wool of a dark sheep moaning in the night.
Black is the colour of a pitch black midnight sky.
Black is the crust at the bottom of the earth holding iron.
By Charlie 3L

Nightmares by Emeline 3L

Nightmares are your worst fears taking over your mind.
It is your mind watching a horror movie & your eyes taking a glimpse inside.
It is a virus jumping from mind to mind.
It is your mind being attacked with fear.

Dream

It is a fantasy book flipping its pages in your head.
It is you closing your eyes and living the dream.
It is a bunch of stars twinkling and making fun in your head.
It is a happy scene in your mind.
It is throwing a party and you’re the birthday girl.
It is a tree spreading its branches to you and me.
By Amy 3L
Happiness

Happiness is a child’s 3ds unlocking lots of stuff.
Happiness is tobogganing on the beautiful Dinner Plain with a brand new toboggan.
Happiness is lovely lamb chops cooked by my dad.
Happiness is a bouncy kangaroo jumping really high.
Happiness is unwrapping the wrapping paper off a really good Wii game that I have been wanting for ages.
Happiness is me walking to and from school with my mum and sister.
Happiness is when the interactive white board glitches.
Happiness is when I safely cross the road when the lollypop people are here.
Happiness is when my mum makes lovely cakes for recess at school.
Happiness is when my dad takes me to the footy to support the Bulldogs.
Happiness is the nice warm bed that I sleep in every night.
Happiness is when I say thank you for a beautiful present my mum bought.
Happiness is the love of my family doing something fun and enjoyable.
Happiness is unlocking a new character on Mario kart Wii.
Happiness is Joshua helping me on Mario kart Wii.
Happiness stands at my front door wrapped in beautiful orange and blue wrapping paper.
By Daniel 3L

HAPPIENESS IS

Happiness is a child’s dog getting a big hug in a snugly wugly blanket.
Happiness is the sun shining through the glittery pool in America.
Happiness is the dad cooking the lovely soup in the warm cosy blue house.
Happiness is a child playing with his new Jack Russel.
Happiness is a lovely walk in the museum while eating french-fries.
Happiness I splaying happily with Anthony and Hal.
Happiness is the warmth of the boiling hot fire.
Happiness is Captain Underpants saving me while eating nachos.
Happiness is not getting bullied and having a bad day.
Happiness is my mum giving me a present.
Happiness is my dad coming back from Singapore and giving me presents.
Happiness is my love of video games.
Happiness is being achieved for being cool.
Happiness is being achieved for my writing skills.
Happiness is patient, persistence and pleasure.
Happiness is my friend helping me do my homework.
Happiness stand at my door wrapped in cakes that taste like pancakes smothered in nutella and sprinkled with sugar.
Ryder 3L

Happiness is

Happiness is a puppy with his first marvellous juicy bone.
Happiness is an odd damaged castle in a magical place.
Happiness is a babyish toy.
Happiness is my generous uncle giving me a computer.
Happiness is a relaxing walk in the overgrown, mysterious, muddy forest with my mum and dad.
Happiness is me eating a large old disgusting lizard.
Happiness is not having a bad day.
Happiness is being appreciated for giving complements and sharing.
Happiness is a mother giving loving hugs and kisses.
Happiness is a father giving delicious loaded meal.
Happiness is the warmth of a fabulous soft blanket.
Happiness is the love of your heroic life.
Happiness is peaceful, perfect, and precious.
Happiness is the glory of winning the finals in lacrosse.
Happiness is my friend teaching me how to play games.
Happiness stands at my door wrapped in a warm fuzzy towel.
Cormac 3L
**Hear and Share with Dr Richard Eisenmajer**

Dr Richard Eisenmajer is a well-known Victorian Clinical Psychologist specialising in Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Richard will be joining us for the next member’s evening on the 13th of August and will be discussing **adolescents moving to adulthood** followed by a Q and A session.

With over 15 years of experience working with people with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Richard is Director of The ASD Clinic in Kew East and specialises in helping parents, families, teachers and other professionals to understand and support children and adults with ASD.

Richard specialises in the assessment of Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome and the provision of counselling and practical behavioural interventions for clients, their families, as well as education services and professional organisations.

**Date**: 13 August  **Time**: 7.00pm-9.00pm

**Location**  
Southern Autistic School, 12 Margareta St BENTLEIGH EAST  VIC 3165


We understand that people get busy so if you book your spot and then can’t make it please let us know even if it is last minute.

For those of you who missed **Lisa Domican**, she will be presenting again at the North West ASD Community of Practice Program on 25 July in Yarraville. Click [here](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/event/7163096013/eorg) for further details. Free for members.

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**Walking in Autistic Shoes**  
Presentation by Donna Williams at Williamstown North Primary School  
Monday 12th August—7.00pm to 8.30pm

**Reply Slip**

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Email your attendance to [gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au) and Belinda will forward onto Sue Ongarato.
Walking in Autistic Shoes

An autism presentation and question-answer forum with renowned author, lecturer and autism consultant

Donna Williams, BA Hons, Dip Ed

Born in 1963, thought deaf and assessed as psychotic at the age of two, Donna Williams acquired functional speech in late childhood and was diagnosed with autism in her 20’s.

Donna gained post graduate qualifications as a sociologist and teacher, became the author of ten books in the field of autism, an international public speaker since 1994 and autism consultant since 1996 as well as an artist and musician. Donna will provide a fascinating insight into the world of Autism as someone who has actually been there as both a person with autism and a consultant who has worked with hundreds of children and adults on the autism spectrum.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY:

“The "feel good" feeling you get after the event is amazing. My manager found it the best lecture she had attended in her whole career!”

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For more information visit http://www.donnawilliams.net
Education Maintenance Allowance

Instalment Two

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid from mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the 'direct deposit' or 'pay direct to school' payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 2 August 2013.

Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: School Office for an application form and further information.

Key Dates:

- Eligibility day - 15 July 2013
- Parent applications close - 2 August 2013
- Direct Deposit payments - Mid August 2013 onwards
- Cheque payments - Late August / Early September 2013
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Sunday 11th of August 2013
Activities begin at 11.00am

Activities commence at 11.00am and will include:

• The battle for the “Asia Cup” - Dragons (a team comprised mainly of Asian Australians) versus the Williamstown “Asian All-Stars”
• Guest appearances by Geelong Cats and Western Bulldog players
• WFC invite all newcomers to the “Come and Try” AFL session at 3.15pm
• Lion dance

All gate receipts collected on the day will be donated to the Casey Tutungi Trust Fund

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