SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
As we now begin the transition to our new school uniform arrangements, Kara Kreis (Uniform Shop Manager) has organised a sale of all second hand clothing for next Monday 16th September at 2:30pm. There will be plenty of bargains available; please contact Kara on 0413 008 185 if you have any enquiries. If all goes according to plan, uniform sales will be online by the end of this term. A new price list will also be in place as part of this transition. Whilst we have retained all of our uniform lines, we have elected to update the polo shirt design with a smarter design that has contrasting trim on the collar and panels on the side. We'll put some up on display near the office as the first batch becomes available. We understand that it will take some time until all children are wearing the new polo design and have therefore not placed any time frame around this expectation.

LAST WEEK OF TERM THREE
It’s hard to believe that Term Three is drawing to a close. What an amazingly busy term we have had! Next week all year levels will be participating in planning days to collaboratively organise all of the curriculum planning for last term. As a result, our normal Specialist timetable will be altered so that children at each year have all of their Specialist classes on one selected day. There will be two assemblies next week. Our regular weekly assembly will be held in the gym on Monday 16th September at approximately 3:00pm. The final assembly for the term will be held on Friday 20th September at around 2:15pm in the Gym. Please note that all children will be dismissed from the Gym at 2:30pm to begin their Term Three holidays.

Early Dismissal – Friday 20th September 2:30pm

Term 4 will resume on Monday 7th October.

ACTING PRINCIPAL
Please note that Wendy Emin will be Acting Principal for the final week of the term as I am undertaking study leave to travel in China. I will be visiting schools in Beijing, Xi’an, Nanjing, Suzhou and Shanghai. This trip has been organised by...
the Victorian Principal’s Association (VPA) and I will be travelling with 15 other Principals from across Victoria. I will have so many things to share in my first Newsletter back next term!

**STAFF TAKING LEAVE**
We have several teachers who will be taking long service leave over the coming weeks. Fran McCormick (Performing Arts) will be on leave for the final week of this term. Early next term, the following members of staff will be on leave; Stella Stamatakis (Prep) & Virginia Irvine (Year 2) will be on leave for the first two weeks of Term 4. We are delighted that Julie Papazisis will be covering Prep S and Denise Santamaria will be teaching in 2I during these leave periods. Dianna Lane (Year 3) will be on leave for the first week of Term 4 and Michelle Waterman who currently teaches 3L every Wednesday, will cover this period of leave. Felicity Minton (eLearning Leader) – will be on leave for the first week and a half of Term 4. We extend our best wishes to all of these teachers for a restful and enjoyable time on leave.

**2014 PREP CONFIRMATIONS**
Letters will be mailed to all families by the end of this week confirming their child’s prep placement for 2014 at Williamstown North PS. We have maintained close communication with Williamstown PS over the last few months to cross check all prep enrolments in line with our corresponding neighbourhood boundaries. Williamstown PS will also confirm their prep enrolments at the end of this week. On current figures of around 105 students for our prep cohort next year we are looking at accommodating these students across 5 classes.

Enjoy your Week!
Jim Cahill—Principal

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**Christian Religious Education (CRE) WNPS 2013**

The OAC Ministry and Drama Team are returning to WNPS this term to present:

“Respect”

**CRE Incursion Wednesday 18th September 2013**

This incursion will be presented to Year 4 and 5 classes Wednesday 18th September 2013. To cover the costs a donation of $2 is requested to be handed to your child’s classroom teacher.

All children enrolled for CRE in years 4 and 5 will attend this presentation. If your child(ren) are not enrolled for CRE and you would like them to attend, please send a note and donation to the class teacher.

Please contact one of the CRE team or Crissy Samaras if you would like more information.

Astrid Jasper and Sophie Clayton
CRE team leaders

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**CRE Incursion 18th September 2013**

Name:                      Class:

Please find $2 enclosed to cover the costs of presentation
UNIFORM SHOP SALE

SECOND HAND CLOTHING

MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM (BEFORE ASSEMBLY)

CASH ONLY SALES (NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE)

Please bring small change and byo bag

All second hand clothing has been reduced. Prices are as follows:

- Rugby tops: $5.00
- Baseball jackets: $5.00
- Long Sleeve Polos: $5.00
- Girls long pants: $5.00
- Trackpants: $5.00
- Stussy pants: $6.00
- Skorts: $4.00
- Winter Tunics: $15.00
- Summer Dresses: $10.00
- Short sleeve polos: $4.00
- Stussy shorts: $5.00
- Bike Shorts: $2.00
- Bottle Green Socks: $1.00 (Size 5-8 only)

**LIMITED STOCK AVAILABLE OF NEW ITEMS IN LARGER SIZES
EG. 12, 14 AND 16**

If you have any school clothing you no longer need or want, the Uniform Shop would greatly appreciate your donation for the Swap Shop. Clothing should be in reasonably good condition and be clean. Any donations of clothing can be dropped into the Uniform Shop.

Thank you, Kara Kreis – Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
Making children’s birthdays special

Children’s birthday parties seem to be getting bigger every year. But bigger is not always better when it comes to celebrating children’s birthdays.

There’s no doubt a child’s birthday is a special day. It’s one day of the year when they legitimately become the centre of attention for their family and friends.

It’s not just children for whom birthdays have significance. A child’s birthday is also a milestone for mums and dads. Another year older means another year along the parenting journey and plenty of fond memories too.

Traditionally a child’s birthday has been recognised with gifts, a family gathering, and perhaps a special treat with a few friends. Essentially it’s been a relatively low-key family affair with parties to celebrate milestones such as fifth, tenth and thirteenth birthdays.

Over the last decade children’s birthday parties have become an annual celebration; and they’ve become increasingly bigger events. Where once a few good friends would gather; we are now seeing the emergence of the BIG party where everyone, or close to everyone, in a child’s class gets an invitation whether they are close friends or not. This Big Birthday Party Phenomenon is interesting to say the least.

It’s obviously beneficial for the ‘birthday child’ as the number of presents they receive increases astronomically. Somehow there is something not quite right about a child receiving twenty or more presents, not to mention the gifts from his or her family.

Having the whole gang along removes the special opportunity for celebrating a birthday with their closest friends.

I know many parents organise whole class parties to encourage friendships. However in wanting to promote friendships they may inadvertently be making it more difficult for kids to form...
friendships as little differentiation is given between a good friend and a child in their wider social circle when invitations are issued en masse. Good friends need to be recognised as such.

Some parents invite the whole class so that no child is left out or feels disappointed. That’s a great intention, but it removes the chance for parents to teach the ‘birthday child’ to be discreet when issuing invitations and to be mindful of the feelings of those that aren’t invited. It also removes the difficult decision-making process of choosing whom to invite from a child, which can be a great learning experience in itself.

The Big Birthday Party Phenomenon places enormous pressure on parents to come up with something bigger and better every year. Backing up a BIG PARTY year after year is hard work.

**If you are over the Big Birthday Party Phenomenon here are a few ideas to make celebrating your child’s birthday special, keep the budget and your sanity intact and incorporate your child’s friends as well:**

1. **Alternate** birthday parties with gatherings or sleepovers of a few friends (without presents) every two or three years.

2. If you have a party each year then consider matching the number invited with their age. That is, six year olds can have six friends and so on.

3. **Identify** the different groups your child is in and allow him or her to invite a small number from each group. So school friends mix with friends from outside school.

4. **Involve** children in choosing and preparing the activities, food and treats for their party.

5. If organising a BIG BIRTHDAY BASH is for you, then keep it for your child’s milestones such as their tenth birthday.

Birthdays like a lot of things can get out of hand. It’s probably better to aim for SPECIAL rather than BIG and that means surrounding your child by his family and close friends to celebrate his or her special day of the year.

**NOTE:** Get your Kids’ Chores & Responsibilities Kit when you subscribe to Happy Kids, Michael’s FREE weekly parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au
**Rosters…**

**Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)**

The parents on the roster for Fresh Fruit Friday this week **Friday 13th September** are: - Martin Ray, Pamela Fernando, Helen Parker, Larissa Deeth, Mette Nielsen, Moyra McCann, Melinda Maskey, Andrew Savoia and Anne Tobin.

If you are able to help out weekly, fortnightly or even once a month, please contact Linda Taylor at, taylor.linda.l1@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. Juliane 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 12th September—Anne Tobin  
Friday 13th September—Leanne Sutton & 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. If you can't make it to school when the shop is open, you can always fill out an order form at the office. Very soon you will be able to order online. Don't forget the Second Hand Clothing Sale on Monday 16 September at 2.30pm - be quick to grab a bargain! Any enquiries, please contact Kara on 0413 008 185.

**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](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) This is a simple 2 step process with instructions on how to apply in today's newsletter.

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.
Call for assembly performances!

Thankyou to all the wonderful students who have been showing their great talent at assembly We have seen some terrific dancers, singers and keyboard players! If you have a performance that you would like to showcase, than please see Miss Milnes about it and determine when and how that can happen! Some things you will need to consider are:

- If the item is suitable for school. Check with your parents or teachers first.
- What type of equipment your performance will need e.g. piano, microphone...
- How much practise you will need to have for the performance.

Williamstown North Primary has many talented students and we would like to showcase their wonderful work.

If you want to perform at assembly in Term 4, please see Miss Milnes soon, as allocations are filling up fast! I would also like to thank the Year 6 Assembly Leaders for the great leadership and initiative they have shown. Thankyou for all your work!

From Miss Milnes

Footy Week is coming!

Monday 16th to Friday 20th September.

In two week’s time we have loads of jam packed fun planned. Woofa, the mascot from the Western Bulldogs will be here! Willy Seagulls football players and famous ex-players like Giselle’s dad from Year 4R.

There are games to play and prizes to win! If you know anyone who can help out, or someone from AFL/VFL, please see me, Mr Ritchie. Keep kicking and handballing in your sleep because Footy Week is coming up!

By Sabrina Year 4R

ART NEWS

Artist of the Week

Art Show News

Next week we will be taking down the remaining displays on the blue boards and various tables throughout the corridor. Only the 3D items will be going home. The remainder of the art work will be placed in the student’s portfolios which will be sent home prior to the end of the school year. They make an excellent record of the fantastic Visual Art work that the students have achieved over the course of the year.

As students will be collecting their 3D work during the final week of this term. It is recommended that they bring along a separate plastic or material bag to carry their art work home in to keep it safe.

As Art lessons will be happening at different (to the usual) times due to planning week, please encourage your child/ren to bring a bag this week and leave it in their school bag or locker tub in readiness for next week. Thanks for your attention and cooperation to this request.

Visual Art Awards

Congratulations to Prep S who have been awarded the Art Class Award this week. They consistently show great listening skills and cooperation when working together in partners and groups, awesome work Prep S.

Leo Rafferty received the Artist of the Week Award at Assembly on Monday. He always arrives at Visual Arts classes full of enthusiasm and creativity. He produces work to a high standard and is eager to assist others. What a great Art room role model.

Thank you—Julie Kelly, Visual Arts Teacher.
Community Notice Board

**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.

**Holiday Art for Kids!** - Your child can create their own masterpiece with Acrylics, 3D decals and more.  
**When:** 24th September in Melton and 1st October in Yarraville.  
**Cost:** $50.00 per child per session and we supply all art materials.  
**Bookings:** contact Gaye Bolton on 0415 469 225 or gayeboltong@gmail.com, Leianne Ivankovic on 0419 508 380 or leianne_ivankovic@hotmail.com

**Term 4 Swimming Lessons**—Yarraville Swim Centre is offering lessons for babies through to adults. We use the nationally recognised Royal Life Saving Society Swim and Survive course of swimming. Lessons can lead to competitive swimming, marine biology and surfing, which are all offered at the centre. Call on 9315 3400 or check us on yarravilleswimcentre.com.au Now also at VIC UNI for Level 4 and above.
Dear Parents,

School holidays are fast approaching. Please remember to book your child/children into the holiday program as soon as possible as places do fill quickly.

The closest holiday program is Spotswood Primary School.

To book, please log onto oshclub.com.au and complete a holiday program enrolment.

Please also remember Term 4 is a sunsmart term. Make sure your child brings a sunsmart hat to the Before and After Care program. Oshclub does have a “not hat—no play’ policy, but does provide sunscreen. If your child is allergic to a particular type of sunscreen, please inform the coordinator at the program.

Please check the blue basket for your child’s belongings as this is filling quickly. This is situated next to the sign in/sign out table in the Gym.

Thank you

After School Care Team

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School Banking Update: Redeem your tokens for a moneybox this year!

In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be two new reward items for students to choose from each term.

With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year.

In an effort to ensure your child doesn’t miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmite moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that they still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.
Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club (WS&LSC) runs a Nippers Program for children aged 5-14 years. Nippers start learning about surf awareness and safety through the Surf Life Saving Education Program.

The program is conducted on a Friday afternoon at Williamstown beach. The season begins in November and runs through to March, stopping for Christmas and January.

To participate in the Nipper program, families are required to join the WS&LSC (New Family membership starts from $270). Membership gives you access to the clubhouse and toilets, the boards and the swimming pool. All members 18 years and over are required to have a Working With Children Card prior to their membership being accepted.

Information sessions
Saturday 14th September 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Sunday 15th September 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Saturday 6th October 2.00pm – 5.00pm

New Member Welcome Day
Sunday 6th October 2.00pm – 5.00pm

For further information, see our website www.williamstownslsc.org.au or contact Matt McCarroll on 0438 457 246.

Little Athletics - REGISTRATION DAY

When
Saturday 14th September from 9.00am to 11.30am

Where
Bryan Martyn Oval—Newport Power Oval/club rooms (Market street, Newport—across from the Substation)

What to Bring
Child proof of age (e.g. Birth Certificate/Passport) and copy of your online registration and payment receipt.

⇒ Registration is for both new members and those who are re-registering.
⇒ Making registration easy: If you can, please register and pay online via Little Athletics Victoria website before 14th September (Please bring receipt of this with you). Previous members should have received an email regarding registration. Little Athletics is open for children aged 5 to 15 years of age, with an emphasis on participation, skills development and having fun.
⇒ Please email enquiries to Williamstown Little Athletics Club President at stuart.fechner@gmail.com or to the Williamstown Little Athletics Centre at williamstown@lavic.com.au. Two ‘Come and Try’ days start the season on 5th and 12th October.
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Come in and say Hi to Julie and the Team.

Come one Come all!
Join us in celebrating our 10th Birthday!!
Saturday 11th September, 9:00am to 5:30pm
Lots of giveaways and fun for all
Lucky dips and Lucky door prizes
Looking forward to seeing you all.
Julie, Mel and Girls

Swimming & Water Polo
The Footscray Swimming and Water Polo Clubs Inc are joining with Swimming Victoria (SV) for ‘Swimtember’. September is ‘Swimtember’, the month to swim and get active for fun and for life. FSWPC Inc and SV encourage anyone to choose a challenge and start swimming towards a target and you’ll be raising awareness around men’s health and funds to support the Alfred Hospital. Anyone can take up the challenge and register now at www.swimtember.org.au.

On Sundays, 8th and 15th September, for a gold coin donation, FSWPC Inc will give you the chance to try swimming with the club and donate to The Alfred hospital’s fundraising campaign. If you’ve already signed up for the 'Swimtember’ challenge as an individual or a team, please feel free to come along and give it a try. We’ll have some lanes open to help complete your own challenge. Or perhaps you might like to join in ‘Club Sunday’ and compete in the club races – it’s not about winning the race, it’s doing your best and enjoying yourself. Swimmers of all abilities are welcomed.

Sundays, 8th & 15th September, 2013 at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre, 9.30am to 11.00am.
Contact: Monique Whear, Phone 0412 430 734, Email: footscrayswimmingandwaterpolo@gmail.com

FREE SWIM SQUAD TRAINING AT MARIBYRNONG AQUATIC CENTRE
As part of our current promotion, all new swimmers that enrol into the fitness swim squad program at Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre will receive one month of free training sessions!
Squads are available for all ages, although swimmers must have completed their learn-to-swim levels to meet the entry requirements for our junior squad.
The squad program at Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre runs weekday afternoons & evenings, with an emphasis on fitness & fun.
To take advantage of this great offer, please contact NORTH-WEST AQUATIC on 03 8640 0989 or email SQUAD@NWASQUAD.COM. Places are limited and conditions apply.

Hobsons Bay Libraries
Williamstown Library
1st birthday party
Saturday, 21st September
10.00am to 1.00pm

Local musicians performing
Auslan story time
Face painting
Family Craft activity
Sausage sizzle
Surprise performances
Book sale

Further details at:
http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
or call 1300 HCB LIB / 1300 462 542