Principal’s Report

Thank You Councillors

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to all members of the 2012 School Council. Whilst I only had the opportunity to work with the Council during the second half of the academic year, it was quickly evident that as a Council this was a highly cohesive and empowered team. I have been so impressed by the tireless commitment of our Councillors, and on behalf of the school community I would like to thank all of you for the many hours you have contributed towards improving the opportunities we provide for our students.


Particular thanks to Sam Cross, as President, who has done a great job leading this dynamic team.

Strategic Plan 2013 – 2016

At last week’s final School Council meeting for 2012, I am delighted to report that our new four year Strategic Plan was ratified. This plan provides very clear strategic intent for the school’s improvement journey with a very strong focus on more children achieving at A and B level in the important components of literacy and numeracy, with fewer children achieving below expected standards. There will be an increasing focus on intervention and extension programs being offered to ensure that all students participate in programs that carefully support their individual learning needs. I will be constantly referring to our Strategic Plan as it begins to unfold next year, but in the meantime you may view the plan on our website by following this link: http://www.willynthps.vic.edu.au/app/webroot/uploaded_files/media/wnps_strategic_plan_2013_2016.pdf

Transition Day

We had a terrific morning yesterday with all students from Prep to Year 5 participating in a whole school Transition Program. Students were placed into new groupings and they rotated through four activities during the morning in order to build some familiarity with the type of activities and programs they will be participating in at their new year level for 2013. From all accounts, this was a very successful morning and we hope this program helped to ease any tensions children may be feeling about moving to their new level. I would like to take this opportunity to recognise our two sub school leaders, Crissy Samaras and Giorgia Moss, for all of the organisation behind this program, as well as the amazing work they undertake behind the scenes every day to ensure all operational aspects of the school run smoothly.

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST 2012

Term 4

Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th December
School Concert
Friday 14th December
Parent Reminder

We wish to advise parents that Payments for upcoming excursions and 2013 Essential Items will only be accepted at the office until FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2012.

NO MONIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE OFFICE IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM 4 2012.

After Friday 14th December 2012 the next available day for Essential Items Payments will be Book Sale Day – THURSDAY 24TH JANUARY 2013.

Monday 17th December
Prep—IMAX Theatre
Year 1/2 Sun Theatre Excursion

Monday 21st December
Year 6 Graduation—6.00pm
Last Day of School
Early Finish 1.20pm

Thursday 24th January
Book Sale Day and Uniform Shop Open Hours
9.30am to Noon
1.30pm to 3.30pm
5.00pm to 7.00pm

Wednesday 30th January
Children start the new school year.

Curriculum Days for 2013

Friday 8th March
Monday 6th May
Friday 16th August
UNIFORM SHOP
During this term we have been undertaking an extensive review of our current uniform shop provision in order to ascertain how we may improve this service for the majority of our families. We have surveyed our school community and a small subcommittee has undertaken extensive consultations with suppliers to investigate all parameters and opportunities. To this end, at last week’s School Council meeting it was unanimously decided to endorse Primary School Wear (PSW) as our school’s sole supplier of school uniform. PSW will establish an on line ordering service whereby parents will be able to purchase all of their uniform requirements online and be delivered to home if desired. Our current uniform shop will continue to operate into the second half of 2013 until it transitions to a retail outlet in Port Melbourne. We will consult extensively with the school community during this transitional period to ensure heightened transparency and clarity around all new arrangements. As we transition to our new online and retail structures, we will undertake further consultation with the school community about the nature of the second hand uniform shop which will remain on the school site and be overseen by volunteers.

I would like to emphasise that this matter was given the upmost consideration with the pros and cons of all options given careful consideration. We are extremely confident that PSW will improve our provision in this important area offering high quality uniforms and optimal purchasing options into the future.

We have been very fortunate to have Kara Kreis’ (current Uniform Shop Coordinator) valuable insights into this process. Kara will continue to coordinate the uniform shop until it moves to our retail outlet. Kara has done an amazing job in this voluntary role over the last three years and we are extremely grateful that Kara will support our school’s transition to these new arrangements in 2013.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
Last term we were extremely disappointed to learn that government funding for the Fresh Fruit Friday initiative was to cease. At School Council last week we evaluated this program and considered its ongoing viability at Willy North. I am delighted to report that we will continue this program into 2013 using our school resources to fund the costs associated with this program. It was felt that the long term benefits of establishing healthy eating habits was a high priority for our students and therefore this program was identified as a priority in our 2013 budgets.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the many parents who have volunteered time every Friday morning throughout 2012 to prepare wonderful fruit platters for our students.

XMAS RAFFLE
A huge thank you to all families who were able to make a donation to our Xmas raffle. We have twenty seven wonderful hampers to give away as prizes. Come past the office to see them on display. We will draw the raffle next Tuesday and announce the winners over the PA at the end of the school day. We will also publish the winners in next week’s Newsletter to ensure all winners can make arrangements to collect these prizes prior to the holidays. Raffle tickets due back by this Friday 14th December.

FINAL ASSEMBLY & EARLY DISMISSAL
It’s hard to believe that the 2012 academic year is drawing to a close. There will be no assembly on Monday 17th December as several classes will not be present due to end of year activities. Our final Assembly for the year will on the last day of Term, Friday 21st December, at approx. 1:00pm. Students will be dismissed from this assembly at 1:20pm to begin their summer holidays. Students will only need to bring their normal play lunch on the last day, with lunch being eaten at home after our final assembly.

CONCERT ANTICIPATION
Wendy and I are really looking forward to seeing lots of parents and family members at our annual Willy North Concert over the next two nights. It has been great watching all of our students excitedly rehearse over the last week and I can confidently say that our school community is in for a real treat!

CANTEEN SALES
The last day for Lunch Orders is Friday 14th December. There will be counter sales from Monday 17th to Thursday 20th December. There will be no counter sales on the last day of school, Friday 21st December.

LATE START—NO LUNCH ORDERS
If your child is having a late start next Thursday 13th or Friday 14th December to due the Concert, they are unable to have a lunch order on that day.

Enjoy your week—Jim Cahill—Principal
Attention is the currency of relationships

Being in the moment when parents are with their children boosts their confidence and resilience

Article contributed by Justin Coulson

There is one thing that shows our children we love them more than anything else in the world. It is taking the time to be emotionally available for them. In my book I refer to it as ‘being where your feet are’.

This idea seems so simple that it might be easy to nod your head in agreement, shrug your shoulders, and move on. But to do so may mean you miss the valuable insight that practicing emotional availability provides for your family. Parents who are emotionally available will find that their children are among those most likely to grow up secure, confident and resilient.

Being emotionally available requires us to pay attention – close attention – to the emotional world of our children, and to respond compassionately. In fact,

Just as dollars are the currency of our economy, attention is the currency of our relationships.

Being emotionally available

My eight year old daughter drove this point home to my wife and I during a recent conversation. We were conducting a parenting performance appraisal (which you can read more about on my blog). My wife asked Ella, “Do Mummy and Daddy make you feel important?”

Her response:

“When you are busy you don’t listen to me properly. Like when Dad on the computer or you [Mum] are doing craft you’re not available to me. It feels like those things are more important than me.”

Ouch. Those were her words, not mine. Our kids notice when we are not available.

A father told me he was having daily battles with his teenage daughter. He suggested he go for regular walks with her each morning or evening and be emotionally available. The first few walks were awkward. She felt like he had an agenda and she refused to talk. But within a week they were looking forward to their time together and talking more freely and pleasantly than they had for months. He complained to me (in jest) that he was thinking of making the walks less regular just so she would stop chewing his ear off!

Inviting Your Children Into Your Space

Whether your child is two or twenty two, being emotionally available will improve your relationships with your children. Here’s how to do it:

Go out, turn off your phone, and simply be together – and listen.

It may be in a park, at the beach or on a mountain trail. It might simply be wandering around your neighbourhood. Just make sure there are no distractions (so that means no movies – you can’t talk). Then ask questions, listen carefully and suspend judgement.

Your children will love being in your space and will feel special. Invite them to allow you into their space. It may take more than one date. But if you put your attention into your relationships, they’ll become enriching sources of happiness and meaning for you.

Mums and dads who make themselves available for their children have happier families and better functioning children. Kids do best with both parents being there emotionally, regardless of your family structure. Having happy kids and strong family relationships … it’s about time.

Hints for being emotionally available to your children:

- Minimise distractions by turning off TV, radio, the internet and iPods.
- Ensure every child gets some one-on-one time with just you.
- Ask questions, listen, suspend judgement.
- When one of your children says something to you, stop what you’re doing and really take in their words.
- Try to look past the things they say to see their heart and the intent behind their words.
- Recognise that challenging behaviour may be your child using her limited communication skills to send a signal that she needs you.

Dr Justin Coulson is a parenting expert and the author of What Your Child Needs From You: Creating a Connected Family. He blogs at happyfamilies.com.au and offers parenting coaching and workshops.
Thank you to all the parents that have assisted with Fresh Fruit Friday during 2012.

**Canteen—Volunteers Needed!**
Julieanne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of the time parents/family members can volunteer to help in the Canteen. Julieanne can be contacted via the General office. New parent/family member volunteers are always needed, so, if you can spare any of your valuable time it would be greatly appreciated.

The Roster for the this week is:

- Thursday 13th December—Kaylynn
- Friday 14th December—Kellie Walker & Tania Harvey

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

**Uniform Shop News**
Uniform Shop is now closed for this year. The Uniform Shop will be re-open on Thursday 24th January, 2013 on Book Sale Day, from 9.30am to Noon, 1.30pm to 3.30pm and 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

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

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

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

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

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

**Working With Children Card (WWCC)**
If you wish to assist in the Canteen, or with Fresh Fruit Friday, Sport, Swimming, Excursions, or on Camps you must have a Working With Children Card. WWCC application forms are available from our office. If you have a WWCC provide it to the office staff. It will be photocopied and a copy place on file. A WWCC remains valid for five years.

Please note, this year, the first group of our parents who received their WWCC in 2007, will need to renew their WWCC in 2012. If you are in this situation, you will receive a ‘Renewal Letter’ from the Department of Justice. As soon as you receive this letter, please complete the process to renew your WWCC. If you don’t, you may be ‘caught out’ when it comes to volunteering to assist with school activities. Please don’t put it aside, act upon it immediately.

**Bikes & Scooters**
Many children ride bikes and scooters to school each day. All bikes and scooters must be locked up in either the Bike or Scooter Enclosure to prevent theft. Please ensure your child has a chain and a lock. All children who ride a bike or scooter must wear a helmet which is a requirement by the Government. The school regularly reminds all children about wearing helmets for their safety. All bikes, scooters, skateboards, ribtics and helmets must be labelled, with your child’s name and class. **Children are reminded they must walk their bike, scooter, skateboard or ribstic 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.**
2012 CONCERT — Full House both nights

2012 CONCERT HQ:

As the Newsletter goes to print, CONCERT HQ is full of activity: the students and teachers are putting the finishing touches to their items: the audio crew are set up and testing a range of equipment; costumes are being organised; the visual systems during the Concert are checked; and final staging, plus front of house procedures are checked. The excitement is mounting as the 2012 CONCERT is about to begin.

Important reminders:

- **Starting time for the Concert is 6:30pm sharp.** All patrons must enter the Town Hall via the main front entrance, please allow sufficient time to be seated.
- Our Ushers will be closing the doors at 6.30pm, therefore, late patrons will only be shown to their seats during a break in the Concert. It is anticipated that the 2012 CONCERT will finish at 8:40pm.
- If patrons do not have a ticket, they are not permitted entry into the ballroom.

2012 CONCERT Parent Feedback Survey

The Concert is embedded in the culture of Willy North, and the 2012 CONCERT team seeks to receive your feedback. It is a major production, and, therefore, it is important that parents have an opportunity to shape the future direction of this wonderful whole school community event.

So please, take some time to complete the survey in this week’s Newsletter and return it to the **office by next Wednesday 19th December**.

Please refer to the 2012 CONCERT drop off and collection points on the next page and also the names of our wonderful sponsors.
2011 CONCERT Drop off and collection points of students

Drop Off

All children are to be dropped off in their respective year groups in the Town Hall car park (see plan below). Parents then enter via the main/front entry doors to the Town Hall.

Collection

The following arrangements will be in place to collect your child after the Concert:

- Year 5 and 6 students sitting at the back of the Ballroom exit first.
- All patrons, except for Prep parents, must exit the Ballroom, via the main entry doors/front doors of the Town Hall, proceed directly to the car park area and collect their child/ren.
- All students, other than Preps, will exit the ballroom, walk to their designated collection points in the car park, and meet their parents.
- Parents to collect students from locations below. Preps must be collected from inside the Hall, from the front of the stage area.
- Remember, access for patrons to and from the ballroom is via the main/front doors of the Town Hall. There is a possibility it may take a little longer to enter and exit, so allow sufficient time at the start of the Concert to be seated by our ushers, and at the end of the Concert move directly from the Ballroom to the car park and collect your child/ren.
- When exiting the Ballroom, please do not obstruct the foyer area or entry/exit doors.
Parent Evaluation Survey 2012 CONCERT
Williamstown North Primary School

Name: __________________________________________

Please tick to rate from 1 - 5, with 1 being ‘poor’ to 5 being ‘excellent’.

1. How do you rate the ticket process and organisation?
   ○ 1  ○ 2  ○ 3  ○ 4  ○ 5

2. How do you rate the seating organisation?
   ○ 1  ○ 2  ○ 3  ○ 4  ○ 5

3. How do you rate the overall organisation of 2012 CONCERT?
   ○ 1  ○ 2  ○ 3  ○ 4  ○ 5

4. How do you rate the audio, videos and lighting in the 2012 CONCERT?
   ○ 1  ○ 2  ○ 3  ○ 4  ○ 5

5. How do you rate the length of the 2012 CONCERT?
   ○ 1  ○ 2  ○ 3  ○ 4  ○ 5

6. How do you rate effectiveness of student drop off and collection points for the 2012 CONCERT?
   ○ 1  ○ 2  ○ 3  ○ 4  ○ 5

7. How do you rate the overall communication of information on the 2012 CONCERT via the school Newsletter and website?
   ○ 1  ○ 2  ○ 3  ○ 4  ○ 5

8. Any comments to improve the effectiveness of the 2012 CONCERT or do you have you any constructive anecdotes about your experience?

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Thank you for taking the time to participating in the survey and if you could please return the survey to the office by Wednesday 19 December.
Special Thank you to our **2012** CONCERT

**Sponsors:**

Brandon and Noah Lewis  
Stephanie and Patrick Stewart  
PelIns Ross Family  
Pana Chocolates  
Helen’s Kitchen Favourites
ART NEWS

As the year draws to a close again I would like to express my thanks to those families who have donated materials to the Art room over the course of the year. It has been much appreciated and meant that the students have been able to take part in, and complete some fantastic projects, like the Christmas bottle characters you may have seen in the foyer and corridor. Yesterday a photographer from ZART ART visited our school to take photos of these displays and other students art work. The photos will be going up on the ZART ART website shortly. Please encourage you child/ren to have a look at them over the holidays and celebrate their great achievements.

Next year we will be holding our bi-annual Art Show and will require volunteers from the beginning of the 2013 year to assist on a regular basis. If you are interested, please come and see me in the art room before the end of the year if possible. There will jobs that can be completed at home instead of at school, if this suits individuals better.

This week’s Artist of the Week Award has been awarded to Violet Geisler in Year 4C for producing a wonderful Christmas bottle character. Her elf is very cute! Violet has consistently tried her very best during Visual Art lessons and is an excellent Art room role model. Well done Violet.

As next week is the last week of term, from Monday the 17th of December students need to start taking home their 3D artwork which can be found in the corridor, or the art room, (clay sculptures, Christmas bottle characters, clay pinch pots and clay sunflowers). All 3D work will need to be collected between Monday the 17th and Wednesday the 19th of December. I would also suggest that students bring a box or bag to transport their 3D artwork home, so it does not get damaged in their school bag.

A reminder that students will be bringing home their Visual Art Portfolios tomorrow. I hope that you enjoy celebrating your children’s Visual Art achievements. I would also like to wish all Williamstown North Primary School families a safe and happy holiday.

Thanks,
Julie Kelly, Visual Arts Teacher.

Lost Sylvanian Families Meerkats

Alicia Scott and Charlotte Hall of Year 4C are looking for two adult Meerkats and two small baby Meerkats that had been part of a diorama display. If you have seen them, please drop them off at Room 11 or take them to the office.

Thank you

CHANGES TO EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) FOR 2013

The state government provides some financial assistance to eligible families to support the costs associated with schooling via an educational maintenance allowance. If you are a current health card recipient you may be eligible for this support. In 2013, for prep students, a total of $200.00 can be accessed to cover school costs whilst students in Years 1 – 6 can access $150.00.

For the first time next year, parents will be able to select new payment methods for this allowance. Please consider these options carefully over the next few weeks as all families will soon receive their School Payments and Voluntary Contributions costs for 2013. By nominating the school to receive this EMA allowance, you will be able to cover a significant proportion of the start-up costs for 2013 (as explained on the Student Essential Items and Contributions form). If you have any queries on this matter, please don’t hesitate to contact the office. Details of the Student Essential Items and Contributions will be sent home to families on Friday 23rd November.

From 1st January 2013, the Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund. Parents receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A will be eligible to receive the Schoolkids Bonus and this will be paid directly via Centrelink. An amount of $410.00 per primary student and $820.00 per secondary student will be paid annually. The Schoolkids Bonus will be paid in two instalments, 50% in January and 50% in July. Should you require further information regarding the Schoolkids bonus you can contact Centrelink on 13 61 50 or www.humanservices.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

This payment will be paid commencing 9th January 2013. We highly recommend the Schoolkids Bonus along with the Education Maintenance Allowance be used to offset the Essential Items and Voluntary Contributions Payments for 2013.
Host Family Wanted!

In Term 1 next year, we will once again be hosting a Japanese university student through the Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language (TJFL) Program, run by the Department of Education. This program provides Japanese university students with the opportunity to undertake a 4-week placement in a Victorian school, and will provide our school with an opportunity to host a native speaker from Japan in our Japanese classes. They will assist with class activities, share their rich culture with the children and interact with our children by speaking Japanese. We are looking for a host family to provide a Home Stay for the duration of the program.

Duration: 4 weeks, Monday 18th February 2013 to Friday 15th March 2013

Expenses: The host family will receive a weekly payment to cover daily expenses

Student: Hiroi (female), 19 years old

During this time you will be required to provide three meals a day (breakfast, packed lunch and dinner), as well as daily transport to and from school. It is also expected that host families will endeavour to provide opportunities for the TJFL participant to experience Australian culture and lifestyle, including sightseeing activities. TJFL participants take part in the program during their university semester break and typically have not visited Australia before. As such, they greatly appreciate opportunities to experience Melbourne and greater Victoria, including sightseeing and participating in any local and host family activities.

If there are any families interested in hosting Hiroi, please contact Helen Atkins, Japanese Teacher, via the office, or by email: atkins.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you.
Year 3 & 4 Update...

The Year 3 and 4 children have had a great term, focusing on the Hiragana chart. Hiragana is one of the basic Japanese alphabets, or writing systems. It consists of 46 characters or symbols. We set ourselves a task to work methodically through the chart (pictured at left), practicing both recognising and writing the characters of one line of the chart per week. I was amazed at the high level of self-motivation shown by our students, with many wanting to complete more than one line per week, so they could advance more quickly through the chart. The children also learnt how to use the fun “Silly Sentence” strategy to help them navigate through the chart, even coming up with their own wonderfully creative versions of the sentence. The serious learning completed, the last two weeks of the Japanese program were reserved for some Hiragana fun! Online and traditional Hiragana jigsaw puzzles, Hiragana construction blocks and making pipe cleaner Hiragana words were some of the activities the children were highly engaged in.

Well done everyone!

Hiragana Holiday Fun!

If you are fortunate enough to have an iPhone at home, there are some great apps that can help children to learn the Hiragana alphabet in a fun way during the holidays!

One we have explored in class is Dr Moku, which encourages children to study the symbols using funny mnemonic pictures that appeal to them, and then test their memory skills with quizzes. There is a free version with limited content (perfectly fine to give it a go with), or $4.49 for the full version.

Another one I enjoy playing with on my phone is Hiragana Bubbles. It’s great for fine-tuning the children’s recognition skills as they have to race against time to pop the correct bubbles before they disappear! It will cost $1.99 to install.
New Families Morning Tea for 2013

We need your help!!

Calling all Prep and Year One mums and dads, and anyone else who is friendly and would like to get involved.

Cast your mind back to the first day your little ones started school.............

'Are they going to be alright'?
'What if they don't have anyone to play with at lunch time'?

The tears that won't stop falling. Yours, not theirs!!

What these 'new' mums and dads really need is a nice cup of tea (yes tea!) and a few words of wisdom from an old expert, you!!!

If you think that you have what it takes to help our 'new Prep parents' settle those first time nerves and reassure them that everything is going to be alright! then, we would love you to volunteer to help at our New Families Morning Tea in the Gym on the first day of the year, Wednesday 30th January.

We know that you probably don't know if you are available just yet, but what we are looking for is an 'Expressions of Interest'.

If you think you would like to be involved, could you please contact Tania Brown (Prep Team Leader), either at school on 9397 5722, or I am usually in the Junior Learning Centre before and after school, or you could email me on brown.tania.l@edumail.vic.gov.au.
School Banking Update

This year our student bankers have had a lot of fun saving their tokens for cool reward items such as book lights, USB sticks and pen pods. A silver token is received with every deposit a student makes. When 10 tokens have been saved they can be redeemed for a reward.

School Banking is a great fundraiser for our school. Once a new account has been opened, the school receives $5.00 when children make their first deposit at school, and 5.00% commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program. By the close of Term 4 our school will have received a total of $900.00 commission from the Commonwealth Bank this year.

Thank you to all our student bankers who have supported the School Banking program in 2012. If not currently participating in the program, school banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Year from the School Banking volunteers, Leisha Campbell, Kaylene Sheedy & Leanne Sutton.
CRE 2012 Thank-you

What a day of celebration! It was lovely to see the children, teachers, parents and friends enjoy the Christmas services. The CRE team would like to thank the children for their enthusiasm and participation as we celebrated Christmas together remembering that it is Jesus’ Birthday.

Special thanks to Pastor David White for leading the services (Graduate of WNPS).
Thanks to St Stephens congregation for the use of their building which was filled to capacity.
Thanks to Arthur Lambert for managing the audio system and Dr Voola How for the piano accompaniment and Christchurch Newport for providing the bibles for the Year 6 Students.
Thank-you to Mr Cahill, Mrs Emin and Mrs Stamatakis for the Bible readings.
Thanks again to the CRE team:

Sophie Clayton & Luna Den Elzen (Prep classes),
Linda Sutton and Valerie Dripps (Year 1 classes)
Sophie Clayton, Luna Den Elzen (Year 2 classes)
Ann Hodges, Patti Gerkens & Rodger Duff (Year 3 and 4 classes)
Patti Gerkens and Valerie Dripps (Year 5 and 6 classes)

We look forward to offering CRE again next year. If you are interested in assisting, teaching or finding out more, please contact the CRE team leaders below or www.accessministries.org.au.
Christmas food items have been forwarded to the Williamstown Emergency Relief for making up Christmas Hampers. Thank you to all who donated.
The CRE team wish all children, families and staff a joyful Christmas.

Sophie Clayton & Astrid Jasper
CRE Team Leaders—WNPS
**GARDEN STALL – WANTED**
The green thumbs of the garden stall are interested in any unwanted clean empty plant pots (plastic, ceramic, or terracotta). We would also be grateful for any old fish bowls/metal buckets/teapots/watering cans, that you might have lying around the house, or in the shed. We can’t wait to turn these items into useful objects to sell at the 2013 Fete. For details of where to drop off these items, or for any questions, please contact Virginia vmfk@intemode.on.net

**BWINDI PENCIL COLLECTION HAS REACHED UGANDA WITH HAPPY SMILES.**
Thank you for your contributions. When my friends visited Bwindi Orphanage it was closed for holidays. Members of The Bwindi Community Sewing Group delivered the pencils. There is a display near the office with photos, books, and some handcrafts.

Women and children were spotted in church wearing the ribbons as headbands. A little girl from the sewing group, called Mercy, loved her toy kangaroo. Her mother tied the toy to her back with some material the way her mother carried her when she was little. Mercy drew every day while her mother learnt how to sew. When she had finished with a colour, she carefully replaced her pencil back into the rubber band and carried them around everywhere she went, as they were the first pencils she had ever owned. When you view the photos, you will see how thrilled the community were to receive our gifts. Paper was purchased with the money contributions so that the children had something to draw on.

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Telephone 9397 1655
Hair & Beauty Product
Hair Salon
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Come in and say Hi to Julie and the Team.

ABC Music Group wishes all the parents, students and staff at
Williamstown North Primary School a great holiday season!
Music lessons are available at Willi North for the following instruments
Keyboards – Guitar – Band Instruments
Also we offer Private Lessons for all instruments at our music studio
10 Parker St Williamstown.
To enrol for 2013 please go to the attached link below