Principal’s Report

A WEEK IN REVIEW

Reflecting on the last seven days at WNPS, it’s hard to believe that so many wonderful events could have taken place in such a short period of time!

Last Wednesday and Thursday evenings we were treated by our very capable students as they showcased their talents in the Performing Arts. Our annual Concerts were an outstanding success with our school community warmly embracing and applauding every child’s efforts as they sang and danced their way across the stage. Bouquets to Fran McCormick (Performing Arts teacher) and a wonderful cast of parents who ensured both evenings ran like clockwork.

On Monday 17th December, our community came together once again for our Year 6 Graduation – and again we were treated to a wonderful evening. For all who were present, you could not help but feel enormous pride for the graduating students who all looked so mature and who came together so enthusiastically to celebrate their many fine accomplishments over their primary school years. I commend the wonderful efforts of our senior school staff who committed countless hours to the planning of the event; particularly Melissa Bull who coordinated the overall graduation program. I would like to also say a special thank you to the many parents who spent most of Monday at school transforming the Gym for the event – the decorations certainly gave a special feel to the evening.

In addition to these major events, our students have participated in a range of excursions and end of year celebrations over the last week. Thank you to all parents who have volunteered some time in support of these events during this very busy time of the year.

2013 CLASSES

On Thursday 20th December, all students will visit their new classes for 2013 for about half an hour. I know many students (and parents) are very eager to find out who their teacher will be next year - I’m sure there will be many happy students as they race to share their news with you at the end of the school day tomorrow. How lucky we are to have so many talented, caring and dedicated teachers at WNPS!

Please be assured that many hours have been contributed to this process. It’s a mammoth task to carefully place around 625 students across 26 classes!

STUDENT REPORTS

Student end of year Reports will be sent home with each child on Thursday 20th December. Please check the school bags at the end of the school day. As explained in several previous Newsletters, the end of year Reports will only provide grading’s against the relevant subject areas and, because of the industrial bans that are still in place, there will be no written comments to accompany these grading’s.
**Farewell Simon Corcoran**

As our school year draws to an end, we prepare to say good bye to one of our highly regarded staff members, Simon Corcoran (Year 4 teacher). Simon has been with us for the last three years and during this period he has established himself as a very caring and highly capable teacher. His students have thrived under his guidance as Simon has carefully catered for & nurtured their individual needs. Simon will certainly be missed at WNPS but we wish him well with the next stage of his career and his transition to Westbourne Grammar.

**Best Wishes to Jess Kennedy**

As you all know by now, Jess Kennedy (Prep teacher) will be leaving us at the end of the year to begin her maternity leave. We are all excitedly anticipating the birth and can’t wait for the news in early January! On behalf of the school community, we wish Jess and Jason the best of luck for the birth of their first child and we hope everything goes smoothly.

So this is not a good bye – but rather a ‘see you later’ and we look forward to Jess returning to WNPS in the coming years.

**Xmas Raffle**

Sincere thanks to all parents who contributed items to our Xmas Raffle. We have been able to put together 27 wonderful Xmas hampers as a result of the donations. I would like to thank one of our parents, Kate Smith, who did an amazing job sorting through the donations and wrapping up each hamper. Congratulations to the winners of our Xmas raffle. There is a list of the winners in this newsletter. Hampers can be collected from the main office.

**Welcome Tess Holland**

Our staffing profile for 2013 is almost complete and I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome Tess Holland to the WNPS team. Tess will be sharing a Year 3 class with Wendy Drayton next year (Thursday & Friday of each week). Tess was a former ABC journalist for ten years and has just completed her Masters of Teaching through Melbourne University. Tess has worked at WNPS over the last twelve months as she has completed her studies and we’re very excited to have someone of her calibre joining us next year.

**Reminder – Book Pack Day**

I know that you already have this date marked in your diary, but just in case you have missed all of the communications to date, please note that Thursday 24th January is our Book Pack day. Please note that payment is initially made at the office and then the packs can be collected from the Gym.

**Fish Tanks – Free to a Good Home!**

We’ve had a very busy week moving twelve classrooms of furniture and cleaning up for the upcoming holiday period. With the recarpeting of the corridors in the main building over the holidays, we are de cluttering many areas and discarding many unused items. We have two large fish tanks that are no longer being used, that we would like to donate to any interested members of the school community. I’m not completely sure that they are water tight, but they could make a great home for a small reptile or perhaps even a terrarium. If you are interested, please drop me a line at cahill.jim.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or give the school a call.

**Final Assembly & Return to School for 2013**

Our final assembly for the year will get underway in the Gym at around 12:50pm on Friday 21st December. Please note that all students will be dismissed from the assembly at 1:20pm to begin their holiday break.

School will resume for all students on Wednesday 30th January, 2013.

**Thank You WNPS**

I can’t believe how quickly the last six months has flown since my appointment at WNPS. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn all about the things that make WNPS such a successful school. I feel extremely fortunate to come to such a positive work environment every day and to work with such dedicated & capable teachers and such engaged and caring students. Not to mention the fabulous support of our parents and the strong sense of community that prevails. What a fortunate context we have at WNPS.

I am very excited to being leading the school into our new Strategic Plan 2013 – 2016 and we have many initiatives in the pipe works that aim to strengthen the provision for all of our students in the coming years. I look forward to working closely with all members of the school community to make our school an even greater learning community.

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who have made 2012 such a successful year for the school. I would like to wish every family a very blessed Xmas and a restful holiday period. The tragic events of the last week, help us all to reflect and take stock of the important things in our lives and may add some poignancy to your festivities over the next week.

Merry Xmas WNPS

See you all in 2013!

Enjoy your break

Jim Cahill
Principal
Making the most of these holidays

Often family differences are contained during the year but spill over when normal routines cease over the holiday period.

You don’t need an instruction manual to make the most of the school holidays. After all, holidays are about kicking your feet up, relaxing and getting away from the usual routines. Right?

But the festive season can be stressful for many. For parents the prospect of keeping children occupied for up to six weeks can be daunting.

Christmas can also be a difficult and lonely time for some. Sole parents and step-parents usually experience particular challenges at this time of the year as family catch-ups cause conflict, and dispute can arise over who children spend their time with.

Often family differences are contained during the year but spill over when normal routines cease over the holiday period.

Here are some ways to help reduce tension over the festive season and make the holiday season enjoyable and fruitful for all:

1. **Be creative with how festivities are organised.**
   If you are flexible with your arrangements as well as your thinking then the potentially tricky times will flow more easily. For instance, two or more Christmas dinners may be needed so everyone is included.

2. **Mix up the routines.**
   The best part about holidays is the change from the routines of school-life. Some kids feel comfortable with the routines of school-life and can feel a little lost until the new holiday routine kicks in. Be patient with these routine-junkies! Also make sure you begin adjusting the routine as returning to school comes closer so kids are prepared for going to bed and getting up at earlier times.

3. **Mix 'me' time with 'them' time.**
   Plan a mixture of outdoor activities or trips with quiet at-home activities where you can relax and recharge your own batteries. The holidays give you a chance to spend time as a family but you also need to take some time for yourself each day. It helps to let your kids know that you are having some timeout too.

4. **Resist being your child’s home entertainment machine.**
   Give children opportunities to keep themselves occupied or think of inexpensive, fun ways to keep themselves amused. “I’m bored” is an invitation for kids to keep themselves occupied rather than for you to keep them amused.

5. **Team up with other families.**
   Whether it is sharing celebrations with other families or just holidaying with friends, holidays offer the chance to broaden your child’s social circle.

Make sure you provide the three types of activities that children want with their parents – i.e. **rituals and celebrations**, including family mealtimes; **one-on-one activities** where you spend some time alone with each child; and **unstructured, impromptu activities** such as playing simple games, storytelling and walks around the neighbourhood. These are important relationship-building activities that bind families together and enable you to build up emotional collateral with kids as they move into adolescence.

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Rosters…

Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)

Thank you to all the parents that have assisted with Fresh Fruit Friday during 2012.

Canteen

Thank you to all volunteers for 2012. Your time has been greatly appreciated and we welcome anytime you can provide in 2013.

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.

School Banking

Thank you to the School Banking Coordinators for their time this year. Thank you also to all the students who have used the school banking this year.

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 creates a deep sense of community

2012 CONCERT HQ:
As the curtain closes, what better way to celebrate the end of the year than everyone coming together at the annual Willy North 2012 CONCERT. It represents a deep sense of community where the terrific efforts of students, ex-students, staff and parents are coalesced into creating two extraordinary shows. This clearly demonstrates the firm commitment and status that the Willy North community places on the Concert. Importantly, the Concert defines the culture of Willy North Primary School: a vibrant and positive learning community. It is this culture that endeavours to instil confidence in Performing Arts students.

As HQ and the Performing Arts department basks in the warm glow of what was a wonderful culmination of this year's work, I would like to thank the Tidmas Family for arranging our special guest—Ryan Chelva to appear at the Wednesday’s Concert. This was a terrific accomplishment for Performing Arts @ Willy North; Ryan was a co-writer of ‘Different People’, the song that brilliantly opened each Concert. Ryan highlighted our deep commitment to Music: Count Us In, a national initiative, funded in part, by the Australian Government to promote music education.

Final Call: if you have captured great photos at the Concert please email - mccormick.fran.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

As the holidays loom, the Performing Arts staff and 2012 CONCERT HQ, hope that this Christmas message rings out, have a very safe and happy Christmas.

I am Fran McCormick, catch you next year!
Special Thank you to our 2012 CONCERT Sponsors:

Brandon and Noah Lewis  Stephenie and Patrick Stewart  PelIns Ross Family

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Japanese Update

Year 5 & 6 Wrap Up...

For the Year 5 and 6 children’s final Japanese lesson, the books were swept aside and the sushi mats were rolled out! The children had great fun making their own sushi, experimenting with all the delicious gourmet fillings they brought from home. I was very impressed with the culinary skills of our students. I would like to give a big thank you to Yaeko Takei for her invaluable assistance with the sushi making. This term the children have worked in small groups to create their own skits based around a shopping situation, and have made short videos of their performances. This enabled them to build on skills gained throughout this year, including counting to one hundred and beyond, understanding the Japanese money system, and learning the vocabulary required to have a dialogue about shopping. Well done everyone!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a wonderful Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. セリウマス Meri Kurisumasu!
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. As a host family, you will offer a young Japanese student the opportunity to discover Australia through your eyes. Your family will not only gain a new family member, you and your children will also learn about a different culture, its values and traditions, language, food, and more. The Tamblyn family enjoyed hosting their student, Yumi, last year and here are some of their experiences.

"We were lucky enough to a Japanese student, Yumi, stay with us for 4 weeks last year and our whole family really enjoyed her stay. She was a very easy houseguest and quickly became part of the family. We enjoyed showing her the sights of Melbourne and she taught us a lot about Japan. It was an especially lovely experience for Lily and Annabelle to have a big Japanese sister for a while!"

- Nicki Tamblyn, mother of Lily, 1H and Annabelle, PH

If you think that sounds like you and your family, we are looking for a host family to provide a Home Stay for the duration of the program.

Timing: 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 and any local and host family activities. Please contact Helen Atkins, Japanese Teacher, via the office, or by email: atkins.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you.
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.
Xmas Hamper Winner

28. Lily Tamblyn

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.

Community Notice Board

Williamstown Magic Basketball Club—Under 8 Rookie Fun Clinic. Looking for a fun way for your child to keep fit and make new friends? Give basketball a go and be apart of a fun and growing club. Come along to our clinic during the holidays and give basketball a try. Learn some basic skills and join in on all the Fun & Games.
When: Thursday 17th January  Time: 11.00am to Noon  Where: Williamstown High School Gym (Bayside Campus)
For more information call 0448 933 769 or coaching@williamstownmagic.asn.au

Babysitting: Available for school holidays, evenings and weekends. 15 year old. Lives locally in Williamstown. Contact Ursula Fithal on 0458700267 or 93973240.
Lifestyle for Kids Holiday Program January 2013

SUPERHERO DAY

Tuesday 15th January  Ages: 5 - 12 years  10.00am – 3.30pm  Cost: $45.00
Register 9.50am – Please BYO snack/lunch and drink bottle plus your favourite superhero outfit!
POW! ZAP! BAM! Make a superhero cape and mask, do an obstacle course to swing from building to building, climb the spider webs and crawl through tunnels jumping off the mini tramp. Kryptonite treasure hunts, face paint, make superhero lollipops with your cape and mask. Themed music from all our favourite heroes to groove to, have your photo taken up against a photo board and pretend to fly. Balloon games, decoupaging with superhero comic books and make superman glasses. Make an ice-cream spider drink and chocolate spiders to take home. **Calling all Caped Crusaders SEE YOU AT LFK TODAY!!**

High Tea Party Day

Wednesday 16th January  Ages: 5 - 12 years  10.00am – 3.30pm  Cost: $45.00
Register 9.50am  Bring a fancy dress for the party
White linen and pink sequinned tablecloths, helium balloons, fresh flowers and relaxing soft music will set the scene for our high tea party. Make party cakes with pink icing and silver pearls, ribbon sandwiches with chicken, strawberry mousse milkshakes with strawberry straws, fresh fruit and marshmallows to dip into hot chocolate sauce and mini tea cups to take home. Make place cards for high tea and jewellery, play the chocolate game, make a basket to carry your entire goodies home. As well as games, dance, jumping castle and all your favourite gymnastics equipment!!

Gross Science Experiments Day

Thursday 17th January  Ages: 5 - 12 years  10.00am – 3.30pm  Cost: $45.00
Register 9.50am
Junior scientists beware – believe it or not!! Experiments like 1-Lava Light  2-Raising raisins  3-Water mix-up  4-Egg float and many more cool experiments. GROSS games like 1-Pep up in a minute  2-Pig  3-Fast taker  4-Beat the bunny  5-Knoss and 6-Face to Face. Make BLUE SLIME – Yuk!! Make Alien balloon creatures with googly eyes and scary accessories – Make a gumdrop masterpiece with toothpicks and tell GROSS and funny jokes in our competition. Play 1-bobbling for donuts  2-The toothpaste and germs game  3-Marbles in spaghetti. Don’t forget our trampolines jumping castles and all the cool gymnastics equipment – See you there get ready to experiment!!

Chocoholics Day

Friday 18th January  Ages: 5 - 12 years  10.00am – 3.30pm  Cost: $45.00
Register 9.50 am
Do you love Chocolate? Well come along to Chocoholics day and you will enjoy the 3 tiered chocolate fountain to dip in strawberies, bananas and marshmallows. Have a hot or cold MILO for morning tea and Count the M and M’s in the jar. Make Chocolate spiders, Chocolate truffles and Chocolate muffins to take home. Play the chocolate dice game and go on a treasure to find gold Chocolate coins. Decorate a noodle box to put all of your goodies in. Bubble machines – Disco lights – Smoke Machines – Games and Gymnastics – So much to do. .............

GYMNASTICS – ACRO- CIRCUS - BREAKDANCING DAY

Monday 21st January  Ages: 5 - 12 years  10.00am – 3.30pm  Cost: $45.00
Register 9.50am
****** Demonstrations – Watch our staff and special guests do amazing tricks on floor and tramp
Gymnastics  - Learn new tricks on the beam, bars, rings, trampoline, vault and double mini tramp.
Acro  - Learn drills and skills to do an aerial cartwheels, flips and backward walkovers.
Circus  - Learn how to juggle, clown around, hula-hoop x 10 and somersault through hoops.
Break dancing  - Hip Hop moves, the worm, the pommel and backspins and cool poses to finish.
Play lots of great games, human pyramids, treasure hunts, jumping castle and make cool stuff to take home.

Enchanted Garden Day

Tuesday 22nd January  Ages: 5 - 12 years  10.00am – 3.30pm  Cost: $45.00
Register 9.50 am
Plant your very own herb garden and decorate your pot with leaves and flowers. Make a paper tissue flower wreath with pink, yellow and white flowers to hang at home. Make pink jelly with red frogs and red and white toadstools with edible glitter for your secret garden. Catch fairies in a jar that glow in the dark and make a wish! Unicorn Face painting and fairy bags with lace doilies to take home. Lots of Fairy games, Gymnastics Jumping Castles and a scavenger hunt for fairies and unicorns. Take home a star lollipop and have an enchanted day at LFK. See you under the Toadstool!!!!

Hair House Day at LFK

Wednesday 23rd January  Ages: 5 - 12 years  10.00am – 3.30pm  Cost: $45.00
Register 9.50am  BYO BRUSH
Ever wanted to learn how to do a French braid, A Fishtail braid, a simple plait or do a French roll???
LFK will have a professional HAIRDRESSER in to teach you all the newest trends in how to do your hair for school or going out. Try curling your hair with rollers or using a hair straightener. Make flower headbands and accessories for you hair as well as combs and hair clips decorated with jewels, ribbons and sequins. Make glitter lip-gloss, have your nails painted and have a GROUP PHOTO taken with a copy for you to take home. We will also have a ballet class and use of the Gymnastics Stadium and jumping castle.

Dora the Explorer Day (Ages 3 - 5)

PARENT SUPERVISION REQUIRED

Thursday 24th January  Ages: 3 - 5 years  10.00am – 12.15pm  Cost: $20.00
BYO Morning Tea – Complimentary Latte for parents
Kinder Gym morning full of Gymnastics, Rings, Swings, Trampolines, Jumping Castles, singing and dancing. Go on a Dora the Explorer treasure hunt for flowers, make and decorate Dora tags. Play Dora pass the parcel & Balloon games. Dora stickers, stamps and bubbles and lots of Kinder Gym fun.

Movie Night (Evening Session)  ICE AGE 4

Thursday 24th January  Ages: 5 - 12 years  5.30pm – 8.30pm  Cost: $25.00
MUM AND DAD GO OUT FOR DINNER OR A MOVIE AND WE WILL LOOK AFTER THE KIDS
Movie on the big screen.....Pizza and drinks for dinner .....Lolly Bag for the movie
Lots of active Games, Disco and Dance Games, Trampolines, Jumping Castle and a great kids night out.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL AND PLACES ARE LIMITED
Please leave a $20.00 deposit to secure your spot.
Payment can be made by cash, credit, cheque or Internet banking
Please call 9307 7766 if you would like to book in or need more information

Lifestyle for Kids
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.

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@intermode.on.net
Cricket Victoria Holiday Programs 2013

What?
Fun holiday cricket activities for 5 – 10 year old girls and boys run by trained Cricket Victoria staff. There will be 4 sessions of 1 ½ hours.

Where and when?
Cricket Victoria Holiday Program – Maribyrnong.
Mary Hughes Oval, Farnsworth Avenue, Footscray. January 29, 30, 31 & February 1.
1st session 9.30am – 11.30am, all remaining sessions 10am to 11.30am.

How much?
For just $55, each participant will receive a MILO in2CRICKET Bat, Ball, Hat and 4 fun, action packed sessions.
Alternatively, parents may pay $35 for the program only.

Registrations:
Register online at www.in2cricket.com.au, type the word ‘holiday’ in the ‘register now’ section and press ‘GO’ or contact Rohan Obst from Cricket Victoria on 0416 166 053.

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Christmas – kids at best.
One was born... To love the rest!!
Westgate Vineyard Church Presents
Free Live Nativity with Animal farm and activities.

Sat. December 22nd
10am-12noon
57 Stevedore St, Williamstown
Bring the Family!!!
CALLING ALL HOME COOKS

Williamstown North Primary School Fete preparations are now underway. We have 400 jars to fill with jams, preserves and chutneys. If you have a couple of hours to spare over January and February this is a great way to contribute! Please call Kathryn on 0408 537 814 or email Kathryn.Boll@bigpond.com. Jars and sugar will be delivered to you.

Your help is needed

Hoosans Bay City Council presents

summer sounds 2013

Sunday, 20th January
Mark Seymour and band
with special guest Laura Lethlean
Logan Reserve, Altona
Mark Seymour and his band will be donating the proceeds of the event to the Rukuna Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown. For more info on the Rukuna Commonwealth Reserve, please visit www.rukunaweb.com.

Sunday, 27th January
Mia Dyson
with special guest Hayden Calnin
The Rukuna Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown
Mia is one of Melbourne’s most talented musicians. With his 20th anniversary coming up in September 2013, parking lot, she has been to Australia for the first time in 3 years and the USA. She will be featured on his new CD, “Cinderella”, produced by Garth Pogson.

Sunday, 3rd February
The Kutcha Edwards Band
with special guests Sherry Rich and the New Folk Heroes
The Rukuna Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown
Kutcha is a proud member of the Kriol nation and is one of Australia’s most prominent songwriters. He has just released his third album, “Black River Band”. Kutcha has just released his

FREE EVENT
FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER 12.30pm
FED SQUARE

A coming together of Melbourne’s 15 train lines
A celebration for people who live at the end of the line

FOREST OF 250 TREES • PICNIC RUGS & SUN UMBRELLAS
GAMES OF HIDE & SEEK • LIVE MUSIC & FILMS

REPRESENT YOUR TRAIN LINE
Pack a picnic and get on the first carriage of the
11.52am TRAIN DEPARTING FROM WILLIAMSTOWN

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