Principal’s Report

COMMUNITY FORUM

Hopefully by now an invitation has found its way home for next Tuesday’s Community Forum, ‘An Evening of Celebration & Anticipation’. This is an important component of our whole school review process as we want to genuinely engage our community and seek your views on the future directions of the school.

The format for the evening will focus on extensive discussion within table groups to ensure everyone has a say on a number of key points. The discussion will be focused on three key areas:

- *What is the school doing well?*
- *What successes has the school had over the last three years?*
- *What are we here for?*
- *What is the school's core purpose?*
- *What do you believe are some important opportunities that the school could consider for ensuring its ongoing improvement over the next four years?*

The information obtained from this evening will be used to inform the school’s Self Evaluation Report as well as being the first phase of developing the school’s new Strategic Plan 2013 – 2016. Teachers will be present so that parents and teachers can work side by side to share and discuss their opinions throughout the forum. I know that the start to the term has been very busy, but I do hope that you might be able to come along to help shape the future directions for the school.

We would be grateful if Reply Slips could be returned by Thursday 26th July to help assist with the catering arrangements.

2012 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The use of opinion data as a measure of school performance is a very important step towards making our school the best it can possibly be.

In recent years, we have conducted annual and anonymous opinion surveys for staff, student and parents. We use this information to inform and direct our plans for school improvement. Many parents over the years will have completed these surveys.

This year, 95 families have been randomly selected to participate in the 2012 Parent Opinion Survey. These surveys will be distributed to selected families this Friday and we ask that completed surveys be returned no later than Friday 3rd August. We would be delighted to have a 100% return rate with these surveys as we really do value everyone’s opinion and please be assured that your responses are completely confidential.

All completed surveys are sent to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) for analysis and comparison with all other schools in Victoria. When the school receives the results from this survey later in the year I will publish an overview of the results in the newsletter.

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES

A big thank you to all parents and students who participated in this week’s Parent/
Teacher/Student conferences. We hope you found these conferences to be informative and were helpful in elaborating on the written student reports that were distributed last Friday.

I would like to recognise the many hours committed by our hard working teachers to facilitate such a comprehensive reporting process.

**OLYMPIC-A-THON**

What a perfect way to celebrate all the excitement of the London Olympics by hosting our own Williamstown North Primary School Olympic-a-thon next Wednesday 1st August! We have our fingers crossed for a lovely winter’s day for this event; however we will soldier on under most conditions and may have to juggle times a little bit if we experience any downpours on the day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for supporting their child/ren to collect sponsors. This is a major fundraising event for the school and all money raised will be used to improve the opportunities we provide for our students at WNPS. All details and instructions were provided with the sponsorship form, but if you have any queries don’t hesitate to contact the office. We look forward to sharing this event with many parent helpers next Wednesday 1st August.

**OLYMPIC-A-THON PARENT HELPERS NEEDED**

We are in need of parent helpers to assist us on the day. If you are available and can assist please return the Reply Slip in today’s Newsletter. Prep to Year 2—9.20am to 10.00am, Year 3/4—10.10am to 11.00am and Year 5/6—11.40am to 1.40pm.

**PARENT MATHEMATICS FORUM WITH ROB VINGERHOETS**

In today’s Newsletter there is a Reply Slip for parents to attend an evening forum on Mathematics on Thursday 9th August. Please return the Reply Slip on or before Monday 6th August.

Enjoy your week.

Jim Cahill
Principal

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must be:

Either a parent or guardian of a Primary or Secondary School student up to the age of sixteen, and be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension allowance, or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, or a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner, or a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as of the first day of Term 2 (16th July 2012). EMA applications must be submitted to the school by 3rd August 2012 to be eligible to receive the first instalment payment. EMA payments provide an annual amount of $235 for Primary School students, and $470 for Secondary School students and is paid in two instalments.

Application forms are available from the General Office.

**NEW WEBSITE IN THREE WEEKS TIME**

Training on the new site will take place in two weeks time, so in three weeks time you will see the new Website. There are only 72 families that have not gone green, please complete and return the green sheet that was sent home at the end of last term or send me an email with your details to gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au. What you receive is an email advising the Newsletter is ready to be read and a link to take you straight to the sight.

**OSHCLUB—CURRICULUM DAY PROGRAM**

Please see the flyer in today’s Newsletter regarding the Day Program provided by OSHClub for Monday 13th August Curriculum Day.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Size 12 and 14 Long Sleeve Green Polo and Rugby Tops are now back in stock. Prices are $25 each.

Many thanks, Kara Kreis Ph: 0413 008 185
Helping kids unwind

Nothing wrong with kids being busy as long as they have plenty of chances to relax and unwind.

Modern kids are busy kids. Regardless of age, their days are filled with activities.
Under five’s do a range of adult-initiated learning activities designed to give them the best start to their learning lives.
School-aged kids have a huge range of leisure and after-school activities to choose from. It is not uncommon for kids to have four and five extra-curricular activities a week.
Nothing wrong with kids being busy as long as they have plenty of chances to relax and unwind.
Relaxation is a key to good mental health and well-being. It is an important life skill for kids to learn.

Balance busyness with boredom
One way to ensure busy kids unwind is to make sure kids get bored every so often.
There is a temptation to fill kids’ days with activities so that no time is wasted.
“I’m bored” is the last thing most parents want to hear their kids say.
Many parents feel compelled to do something to alleviate a child’s boredom.

There is nothing wrong with a little boredom now and then. Boredom can be good for kids’ mental health and well-being, giving them the chance to muck around and take it easy for a time.

Here are 5 ideas to help you unwind your kids:

1. Let your kids regularly stare into the ‘fire.
   Ever sat around a camp-fire and stared at the flames? If so, you will know how calming it is. No exertion! No need to think! No need to talk to anyone! Just a chance to chill-out and relax. The TV is the modern version of the camp-fire. Yup, TV used in this way is good for kids’ mental health.

2. Let kids exercise without rules.
   Kids are the kings and queens of play. Always have been. Until lately that is, when their lives have become highly organised and scheduled. Free, child-initiated play is the ultimate in relaxation. Fun games, games with few rules and games that kids control help them to unwind.

3. Let kids experience flow.
   Flow is a state we get into when we are so engrossed in an activity that time disappears. It is the ultimate unwind. We get flow when we pursue our passions so encourage teens to find activities that they truly love and get lost in. Free play generally takes young children to flow very quickly so opportunities for unstructured play are essential.

4. Help kids calm down around bedtime.
   Have a bedtime routine that calms kids down rather than winds them up. You can become part of this routine by reading books, telling nursery rhymes, providing soothing back rubs and other ways.

5. Unwind with your kids.
   When I was young the best times I had with my dad were spent in the backyard playing cricket. Sounds like a cliché I know. It was fun because it was never a chore for him. He loved it as it was a chance for him to unwind after work. Find ways you can unwind and rejuvenate with your kids.

We want our kids to be busy and involved rather than inactive and apathetic. However, activity needs to be balanced with unscheduled time so that perspective as well as everyone’s sanity is maintained.
**Reminder…**

**Newsletter Online**

Have you gone ‘Green’. In three weeks time, all Newsletter will be sent electronically, please provide your email address to the school by contacting Belinda Gill via email at gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**Rosters…**

**Fresh Fruit Friday**

This week Friday 27th July the following parents are on duty: - Martin Ray, Kim Goddard, Helen Gibb, Emily Mohan, Sophie Clayton, Lara Wood, Michelle Lopes, Kellie Walker & Narelle Young.

If you would like to be part of this lovely social group on a Friday morning, contact the school coordinator, Linda Taylor at, taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au. This is a very friendly and social group.

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**Canteen**

Julieanne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of the time parents/family member 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 that would be greatly appreciated.

The Roster for the next two weeks are: -

- **Thursday 26th July** – Fran Mitchell
- **Friday 27th July** – Kelly Walker
- **Thursday 2nd August** – Helen Gibbs
- **Friday 3rd August** – Sarah Eltham

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

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**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.
Invitation to all Parents.

‘An Evening of Celebration & Anticipation’

All parents are warmly invited to attend this community forum to Celebrate the past successes of Williamstown North Primary School and to Anticipate the future directions of the school. We want to find out more about the hopes and aspirations you have for your children and your expectations of their primary schooling. Teachers will be present to work side by side with parents at this important forum.

When: Tuesday 31st July 2012

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Where: Junior Learning Centre

Beer, wine and light refreshments will be provided.

Please complete the RSVP slip below to help support the catering arrangements for the evening.

Community Forum Return Slip

I/We confirm that I/we will be attending the Community Forum on Tuesday 31st July at 7:00pm.

Parent/s Name: ____________________________

Parent Signature: ____________________________

Parent Mobile Number: ____________________________

Please Note that this forum is only for parents and staff.

RSVP by Thursday 26th July.
WNPS SOCIAL SKILLS

Each week at Willy North, we are focusing on a particular ‘Social Skill’ and associated behaviours linked to our School Values and the You Can Do It! Keys. These are reinforced at Monday Assembly, in classrooms and Specialist classes. Exemplary students consistently demonstrating these skills will be nominated for the weekly ‘Thumbs Up Award’ which is presented at Monday Assembly.

We encourage all parents to discuss the weekly social skill and associated behaviours with your child/ren.

This week’s focus is: **Helping Others**

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Scholastic Book Fair 2012 & the One for Books Program

On Thursday 16th and Friday 17th August, we will be having our annual book fair in the Junior Learning Centre. A wide selection of books and posters will be available for sale. This will be a wonderful reading celebration, giving your family the opportunity to select books together, as well as an excellent opportunity for our school to earn free books for our library through commissions in sales.

In fact, this is a significant fundraiser for our library- last year our sales total reached $7,473 earning our school around $2,700 worth of new books for our library! We hope you can join us at our Book Fair Luau 2012!

**The One For Books Program**

The One For Books Program is about collecting loose change and pooling the money together to purchase books from our Book Fair for our kids. Collection tins will be placed at the office from this week onwards, and then they will be at the checkout tables at the fair. Can you spare some change? It will all add up!

**Book Fair Selling Times:**

**Thursday 16th August (RWTIM evening)**
3:30pm - 4:15pm
5:30pm - 6.15pm (prior to RWTIM, which commences at 6:30pm)

**Friday 17th August**
8.30am - 9.00am and then again at 3.30pm - 4.00pm

**IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO ATTEND**

For those who are unable to attend any of these times, there will be an order form that your child will bring home from school on Wednesday 15th August. More information about this order form will be forthcoming.

Vivien D’Aquino
Book Fair Coordinator
Olympic-a-thon

Wednesday 1st August
Parent Helpers Needed!

The Olympic-a-thon is shaping up as a fun event, and lots of helpers will be needed to make it a really successful activity. We need Marshals along the route and Checkpoint Checkers. Every child will receive an icy-pole on completing the Olympic-a-thon. If you can help please, join in the fun and put your name down on the “Reply Slip”. Return this to the office by Wednesday 25th July.

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Olympic-a-thon Reply Slip

Olympic-a-thon Helpers Form — Return to the office via your child’s teacher by Wednesday 25th July.

Teachers will send the slip to office.

I am able to help at the Olympic-a-thon on Wednesday 1st August, at the following times:

☐ 9:20 - 10:00 (Prep - Year 2)
☐ 10:10 - 11:00 (Year 3 - 4)
☐ 11:40 - 12:40 (Year 5 - 6)
☐ All morning

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Year/Teacher: ____________________________

Parent/s Name: ____________________________

Contact Number: ____________________________
## WILLIAMSTOWN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – TERM 3, 2012

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For information on activities by Private Providers, please contact the relevant person, Group or Organisation.
Next week (Week 3) is “Japanese Week” at Willy North. Children of all year levels will participate in a cultural activity, and there will be lots of other Japanese themed activities throughout the week. Highlights include:

- Taiko drumming Workshops (Years 3-6)
- Yukata Dress Ups (Prep to Year 2)
- Japanese Assembly
- Japanese Quiz
- Willy High Year 7 students visit
- Origami and craft activities

So join in and get involved...and most importantly, HAVE FUN!!!

Host an International Exchange Student—By offering to act as a host family in a volunteer capacity, you will provide an international student with the opportunity to study and experience life here in Australia. With new students arriving in January 2013 from over 20 countries, why not give the students in your local area the opportunity to learn about other cultures and make international friends! If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today. Note: opportunities exist for families to host on a long term basis (5 or 10 months) basis as well on a temporary and short term basis (2 or 3 months). To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia call 1300 135 331 or visit our website: www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

Williamstown Soccer Club Family Fun Day—Featuring Jumping Castle, Adrenalin Course, Tombola Raffle, Beat the Goalie, Cake Stall, Face painting, Popcorn, Prizes for the kids and lots more. Canteen and bar will be open. Saturday 18th August, 1.00pm to 4.00pm, Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown. If your child in interested in playing Soccer next season come along and find out more, free try-outs are available for most ages. Email us jason_drozdek@hotmail.com

NEW BOOK: Practical Maths Programmes
By Sue Larkey and Jo Adkins
It is a myth that all children with an ASD are good at maths. Maths is a skill that needs to be taught just like reading, spelling and any other skill. Although some children with an ASD are great at maths and often have a special interest in numbers, this is not enough. Many have rote learnt maths skills and have gaps in understanding mathematical concepts. Teaching maths skills to all children with an ASD needs to be incorporated into their learning plan, but it can be difficult to find appropriate resources and strategies for success.

My new book Practical Maths Programmes is a great starting point for introducing a maths programme. It provides the foundations for maths, and is aimed at children from 2-8 years - although many older children could still be re-introduced to maths concepts using the strategies in this book as some of these may help the child understand maths concepts where previous strategies have been unsuccessful. This book is unique because it is designed to teach maths using the strengths of a child with an ASD. It uses visuals, task breakdown, logical sequencing to build maths skills. The activities engage children by making maths fun and motivating. It accommodates both verbal and non-verbal children in the activities.

Practical Maths Programmes includes time saving resources, recording and assessment sheets, as well as step by step instructions for implementing successful maths programmes.

INCLUDES:
120 pages with colour visuals.
Over 50 pages of reproducible resources and worksheets.
Over 100 ideas and activities to try!

To Order Book Click Here
Best Wishes
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Parent Mathematics Forum with Rob Vingerhoets

As parents interested in your child’s learning you are keen to assist them with their work and endeavour to provide guidance and support whenever possible.

How many times have you made an attempt to provide such support and the response has been “that’s not the way we do it at school”, or “Mr Peters doesn’t do it like that”, just as you were about to impart your wisdom and what you know ‘always worked for you when you were at school’. You are quickly shut down and your opportunity is lost.

The teaching and learning of Mathematics is often received in this way between parents and their child. Here, at Williamstown North, we recognise the importance of building that relationship and connection of learning between home and school.

Over the last three years our teachers have worked in a mentoring and coaching role with Rob Vingerhoets, Numeracy Education Consultant. Rob is inspiring, passionate and enthusiastic about the teaching of mathematics. This has certainly translated to how our teachers feel about Mathematics and how they teach Mathematics within their classroom.

Williamstown North will be offering a ‘Parent Mathematics Forum’ facilitated by Rob Vingerhoets on Thursday 9th August. The session will involve the presentation of strategies that your child is being introduced to, and using within the classroom numeracy program. This is an exciting opportunity to acquire a range of tools that can be added to your own Mathematicians Tool Box, ready for the next time you sit with your child to lend them a helping hand. This is an information forum is for parents and teachers.

Please return the Reply Slip to your child’s classroom teacher on or before Monday 6th August.

Reply Slip
‘Parent Mathematics Forum’ with Rob Vingerhoets

Thursday 9th August – 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Parent Name/s: _______________________________ _______________________________

Contact Number/s: _______________________________ _______________________________

Year Level of your child/ren

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Prep Enrolments for 2013

Enrolment Policy
Please note that in line with the “School Ceiling” endorsed by the Western Metropolitan Regional Director, only families who reside within our defined school neighbourhood are able to seek enrolment.

For our School Neighbourhood boundary go to

www.willynth.vic.edu.au / Our School Top Tab / Side Tab—Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map

Please Provide
1. Proof of Age (Birth Certificate)
2. Certificate of Immunization
3. Proof of Residential Address (3 Documents)
   (Drivers Licence, a Rates notice and a third document with your full name & residential address).

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

Confirmation of an offer for enrolment will be made in writing before the end of Term 3.

Spacer Use in Schools/Preschools: Advice for Parents & Carers

As of the 1st July 2012, schools and preschools in Victoria will be implementing a new policy in regards to single person spacer use.

This means that schools and preschools will no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers and face masks from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students and children with asthma symptoms.

Spacers should always be used when administering reliever ‘puffer’ medication because:
   Using a spacer with a ‘puffer’ ensures that more medication reaches the airways.
   Spacers are much easier for children to use than a ‘puffer’ alone, and allows school and preschool staff to help students/children during an asthma attack, often in an emergency situation.
   Spacers are an essential part of the Asthma First Aid procedure that Victorian schools/preschools are instructed to follow.

Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a child with asthma does not have their own spacer available, or if it is a first asthma attack or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. Your child’s school/preschool may implement a policy where parents/carers are responsible for the cost of the spacer if one must be used from the asthma emergency kit.

Even if your child has mild asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer (and a compatible face mask if under 5 years old) is always available to school/preschool staff. To ensure that a spacer is not left at home, we would recommend that parents/carers purchase a second spacer for their child to have with them at school/preschool at all times if possible.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au
Curriculum Day Program

School: Williamstown North
Date: Monday 13th August
Times: 7:00am – 6.15pm

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.

How to book:
An OSHClub online enrolment form must be completed (if not already done). Enrol online at www.oshclub.com.au. Once enrolled with OSHClub, log in to your account and choose the Aftercare option to register for the pupil free day.

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 or bring appropriate clothing including a hat.

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

Please note: If the number of enrolments is under 15, the program will not be able to be 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.

www.oshclub.com.au Ph: 03 8564 9000