Principal’s Report

A FAMILY IN NEED

One of our school families was involved in a serious car accident earlier this month, with both parents sustaining very serious injuries and the three children similarly receiving severe bruising, broken bones etc. At this stage we anticipate that the parents will be in hospital for several more weeks and we are hopeful that the two boys might be in a position to return to school later this week or early next week. Over the coming weeks, the three children will be cared for by aunties/uncles and carers until their parents are well enough to leave hospital.

As you can imagine, this has been a deeply traumatic event for the family and the school has remained in close contact with the hospital over the last fortnight to ensure that we are doing all we can to support the family. In speaking with the extended family last week, it became apparent that the upcoming Xmas period is going to be an extremely difficult time for the children. To this end, we are seeking the generosity of the Willy North community to put together a Xmas stocking for each of the three children. The youngest girl is four years old, the middle boy is 7 and the eldest boy is 9 years old. If you could provide an age appropriate gift for one of these children and drop it in at the office, then we could help to provide a little Xmas cheer for one of our school families. Thank you in anticipation of your support on this matter.

SMS – WNPS

Our new SMS structure is now in place and our admin team participated in a training session last Monday so that we now have the facility to send out a text message to all members of our school community. We anticipate distributing text messages to parents to highlight upcoming school events, early dismissals, important meeting times etc. Messages will only be sent out on a needs basis and we will not be using this new structure as a promotional tool for the school – you will still need to rely on the Newsletter for most of the important school communication!

As there is significant cost associated with a bulk text, messages will be kept short and to the point. To identify the school, we will use the abbreviation ‘WNPS’ and the message will finish with www.mgmwireless.com. Please DO NOT REPLY to any text messages that you receive from the school, as this would create an unnecessary administrative burden. If you have any queries about a text you receive, please just contact the office for further information. We look forward to further enhancing our communication with the school community through this new function.

COMPOSITION OF 2013 CLASSES

Over the next fortnight, all teachers will be involved in an intensive process to develop the new classes for 2013. We would like to reiterate that the main focus of this process is to generate class groupings that are similarly balanced at each level. Each child’s academic capabilities will be considered as well as their behavioural characteristics and peer preferences. Teachers work collaboratively at each level to build these new classes and then the specialist teachers have further input into this process given their broad knowledge of all children across the school. The last stage will involve the leadership team, including Wendy and I, vetting each grouping to ensure a sensitive balance of factors has been achieved.
When the class lists are finalised, teachers are then allocated to each class grouping. As the demographic of each class is very similar, teachers are aware that they may be allocated any grouping based on this premise.

Please be assured that we undertake this process very conscientiously so that we may establish the best learning conditions for all students each year.

**BOOK PACK DAY**

Last week we distributed the ‘School Payments & Voluntary Contributions for 2013’ to each child. We hope that this provides a clear picture of the costs associated with each child’s requisites for next year as well as the costs associated with running programs across the school. As explained on the form, our **Book Pack day has been scheduled for Thursday 24th January** so please ensure that you have this important day marked in the diary.

**SPARE FURNITURE**

As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we will be using Rooms 21 and 22 next year (which are currently spare) to accommodate one of our Year 3 classes. We still have a number of computer tables that we would like to clear out of these rooms and donate to WNPS families. These tables are in good condition and would be ideal for a corner study nook at home. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in acquiring a table, otherwise they will be sent off to furniture recyclers.

The dimensions of the tables are 110cm x 110cm. We have 12 tables in total.

**LAST CALL FOR PAVER ORDERS**

We’ve had over one hundred engraved pavers ordered by families as part of a fundraising drive this term. One parent came in last week and ordered four pavers for grandparents as Xmas presents – what a great idea!! This is absolutely the last week for accepting any orders, as we would like to finalise this by the end of the month so that these pavers can be ready for the start of next year. Order forms are available online or at the office if you would still like to place an order.

Enjoy your week.

Jim Cahill—Principal

**DRESS UP DAY—GOLD COIN DONATION**

To help send the Year six students off to high school with smiles on their faces and memories trailing behind, we are going to have a free dress day, where you dress up as what you want to be when you grow up. On Tuesday 4th December dress up and bring in your gold coin donation. All money raised will go towards the 2012 Year six graduation. If you do dress up, the Year sixes will thank you for making their special night possible.

Kathryn Tidmas & Stephanie Black

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**PARTICIPANTS NEEDED:**

**FREE STUDY FOR OVERWEIGHT TEENS LOOKING FOR HELP!**

Murdoch Children’s Research Institute at The Royal Children’s Hospital is doing a study to find a better way to support overweight young people aged 12 to 17 years to make healthier choices about weight management.

Participation involves completing online questionnaires and having height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measured at the beginning and then at 3, 6 and 12 month follow-ups.

Parents are also invited to take part. Every 3 months there will be a draw for a $100 gift voucher for those who have kept their appointments.

The results will help us to find out a helpful way to teach young people about weight-related behaviours during adolescence.

We need overweight young people aged 12-17 living in metropolitan Melbourne to join in!

Enquiries: Karly Cini 03 9345 6954 or stayingfit@mcri.edu.au

For more info: [www.rch.org.au/cah/research/The_Staying_Fit_Project/](http://www.rch.org.au/cah/research/The_Staying_Fit_Project/)
Making a smooth start to secondary school

Getting used to new subjects and new teachers, as well as forming new friendships are just some of their challenges during this period.

Starting secondary school is a time of change and uncertainty, which places new demands on kids. Being at the bottom of the pecking order where they are unsure of the playground hierarchies is just one adjustment that they need to make. Getting used to new subjects and new teachers, as well as forming new friendships are just some of their challenges during this period.

Some kids take these new experiences in their stride but it is natural to experience some difficulty, particularly as it’s accompanied by the potentially unsettling transition from childhood to adolescence. It’s no coincidence that children’s learning levels out in the transition year presumably because the social tasks of adjustment take precedence over academic performance.

It helps to remember the 3 P’s to assist your young person to settle in:

1. **Patience**
   
   Be patient and understanding in the early weeks. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your young person adjust. Talk to your young person about change and reassure them that it is normal to feel nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many of the difficulties they face will be temporary.

2. **Positive attitude**
   
   Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about the new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Discuss settling in problems with the appropriate person such as a year level coordinator, but give your young person time to handle them on their own before seeking help.

3. **Process their day**
   
   Some young people may come home with fairly exaggerated accounts of secondary school and may not always paint a fair picture. They can be sensitive to many things, which they would have shrugged off in primary school. It helps if you can listen without judgement and show a real interest in their new school, while providing them with the space they need to get away for a while. Expect some behaviour blowouts as many kids let off some steam in the safe and stable environment of a loving family.

   If your eldest is starting, then secondary school will be a relatively new experience for you too. It will take some time for you to adjust to the school’s culture and communication methods.

   Although secondary schools may seem a little foreign for those used to the relative intimacy of primary schools one aspect is the same – **outcomes for students is maximised when schools and parents work together in the best interests of the student**.

   One way to support your young person’s school is by actively promoting the schools’ values. For instance, if respect is a prominent school value then you can discuss this in relation to the way your young person behaves around friends, relatives and family.

   Most importantly, talk your young person’s new school up, rather than talking it down as kids of all ages take their cues from the most significant adults in their lives- their parents!

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Rosters…

Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)

Roster for Fresh Fruit Friday for Friday 30th November are: Martin Ray, Julie Noonan, Julie Manera, Renae Cadman, Sophie Clayton, Kim Goddard, Emily Mohan & Helen Gibb.

If you would like to be part of this lovely group on a Friday morning in Term 4, contact the school coordinator, Linda Taylor at, taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au. This is a very friendly and social group.

Canteen—Volunteers Needed!

Julieanne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of the time parents/family member 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 next two weeks are:

- **Thursday 29th November**—Alison Verghese
- **Friday 30th November**—Helen Gibbs
- **Wednesday 5th December**—Meredith Metin
- **Thursday 6th December**—Fran Mitchell
- **Friday 7th December**—Majella Snelling & Lisa Robertson

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.

Uniform Shop News

Uniform Shop orders can be placed at the office and the order form can be printed out from the school website. The Uniform Shop is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 8.30am to 9.15am.

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 ribtic to and from the school gates. No bikes are to be brought through the school buildings and we request, where possible, that Scooters are also not walked through the building.**
CONCERT 2012: step right up to a summer’s night of sound

2012 CONCERT HQ, update:

Rehearsals have stepped up in tempo, and the Concert promises to be an eclectic mix of show stopping music, drama and dance. The 2012 CONCERT is jam packed with entertainment and thank you to all the parent helpers, students and staff for their wonderful efforts to get the students ready.

Tickets will be distributed to families on Monday 3rd December.

Should you have any questions regarding ticket allocation please do not hesitate in contacting Wendy Pelns on 0437 047 884, Veronica Hillhouse on 0422 162 177 and Melissa Eastwood on 0402 029 793.

Due to Occupational and Health Guidelines prams are not permitted in the aisles of the Williamstown Town Hall or blocking any of the entry and exit points. Prams must be left in the main entrance of the Town Hall. Toddlers are permitted to sit on their parents laps. On the nights of the Concert our team of Ushers will be there to assist you.

2012 Concert: Concert DVD pre sale has begun

A 2012 CONCERT DVD pre purchase order envelope was sent home with the children last week. The cost to purchase a DVD is $25.00. It is an excellent memento to keep as the children love watching it time and time again. As the concert is so close to the end of the year it is vitally important that we pre-sell the DVD’s. This allows the DVD company time to complete and distribute DVD before the last day of school.

2012 CONCERT: start time

Starting time for each Concert is: 6:30pm sharp. Due to all patrons entering the hall via the main entrance, please allow more time to be seated. All patrons will enter the Town Hall from the front entrance only. Our Ushers will be closing the doors at 6.30pm, therefore, late patrons will be shown to their seats during a break in the Concert. It is anticipated the 2012 CONCERT will finish at 8.40pm.
2012 CONCERT: information briefing for all ushers and backstage crew

Parent Helpers are a centrally important to the smooth running of the 2012 CONCERT. Wendy, Veronica and Melissa are calling for parent helpers to assist with ushering and setting up the hall. Please give them a call by Friday 30th November to register your help.

The 2012 CONCERT team invite

all our helpers to an

INFORMATION BRIEFING

Venue: The Staffroom

Time: Monday 10th December @ 9.00am till 9.20am

2012 CONCERT Rehearsals: this Friday for choir and comperes

This Friday 30th November, there are rehearsals before school for the following students:

- 8:00am—8:30am comperes
- 8:30am—9:00am choir.

The venue is the Music Room. See you all Friday.

2012 CONCERT: thank you

In summary, I would like to sincerely thank Wendy Pels, Veronica Hillhouse, Melissa Eastwood and Rachel Roads. I am cognisant of the time that our parent helpers put into sorting out ticket allocation, ticket inquires and securing sponsorship. For these reasons, I value their efforts. The number of sponsors has increased from 2011, and this reflects the deep sense of community support for the Willy North Concert. Thank you to all our sponsors, those who regularly sponsor the Concert, and those who are new this year. Your sponsorship of this major school event is appreciated.

I am Fran McCormick, ! Catch you next week!
Special Thank you to our 2012 CONCERT

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ART NEWS
A big thank you to those families who have donated materials to the Art room over the course of the year. It has been much appreciated!

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.

This week’s Artist of the Week Award has been awarded to Daniel Lopes in 2K for thinking creatively when planning and constructing his Christmas chain. Daniel has consistently tried his very best during Visual Art lessons and is an excellent Art room role model. I would also like to congratulate Sofia Frabotta-DeLosSant who recently won first prize in the People's Awards, Hobson's Bay Art Library Competition. What a great achievement, well done!

Thanks,
Julie Kelly, Visual Arts Teacher.

WNPS SOCIAL SKILLS
At Willy North, we are focusing on an identified ‘Social Skill’ and associated behaviours linked to our School Values and the You Can Do It! Keys. These are reinforced at each 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’s Assembly.

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

This week we are continuing our focus on: 'The Next Step'

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| Week 5 to Week 8 | ‘The Next Step’- dealing with change and moving to a new year level  
- Understanding there are a range of emotions we experience when change happens – excitement, nervousness, happiness, being afraid, loneliness, surprise.  
- Talking with others about change that is happening – friends, parents and teachers.  
- Having a positive attitude towards change and focusing on the good things.  
- Understanding it is important to mix with lots of different people and get to know people outside of your close friendship group. | Resilience     | Confidence    |
|               |                                      |              | Persistence   |

After School Care
Dear Parents, bookings are now open for 2013. Please book online at oshclub.com.au and be quick as some days do fill quickly.

Please encourage your child/ren to participate in the active after care sports program as there are only a few days remaining until the end of the term.

- Athletics/Mixed Sports—Tuesday 3.45pm to 4.45pm
- Basketball—Wednesday 3.45pm to 4.45pm

Please be sure to check the lost property basket at after care, as the basket is quite full.

Thank you from Leanne.
Community Notice Board

Williamstown Croquet Club—Open Day. Come and Try Croquet on Sunday 2nd December from 10.00am till 4.00pm. Free sausage sizzle, soft drink for the kids, devonshire teas for the adults!! We will give a demonstration of the skills of the game, and everyone will get a go. The game caters for all ages….the current Australian Champion is 18!! The finalist in a recent National Championship is 80! The club is at 104 Victoria St Williamstown. Contact John Grieve on 0424 362934.
Wednesday 5th December - CRE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SESSION 1  
DEPART SCHOOL 9:05am - SESSION BEGINS 9:20am  
BIBLE READING – Mrs Emin

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Wednesday 5th December – CRE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SESSION 2  
DEPART SCHOOL 10:25am - SERVICE BEGINS 10:40am

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Wednesday 5th December - CRE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - SESSION 3  
DEPART SCHOOL 11:45am - SERVICE BEGINS 12:00pm  
BIBLE READING – Ms Stella

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Parent and Community Helpers’ Morning Tea

Are you one of those special people who’ve helped us out in some way this year?

You may have –
- listened to the children read
- made resources for the classroom
- assisted on an excursion or camp
- been a guest speaker
- helped in the garden
- cleaned up the lost property bin
- covered books
- cut up fruit for Fresh Fruit Friday
- assisted in the Uniform Shop
- worked in the canteen
- worked with Parents and Friends
- been on School Council
- taught CRE
- helped on Sports Days/Athletics/Tabled Sports/Swimming
- assisted in the classroom or with a special event
- been on the Sick Bay washing roster
- helped in grounds maintenance
- School Banking

However you helped us, and we are happy that you did. To show our appreciation, we’d like to invite you to come along to our special ‘Thank You Morning Tea’.

It will be held in the Gym, on **FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER, at 11.00 am.**

If you are able to attend, please complete and return the Reply Slip below, to the Office, by Friday 30th November.

Name/s: ........................................................................................................

**YES, I/we will be attending the PARENT & COMMUNITY HELPERS’ MORNING TEA.**

Number of adults attending: [ ]
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.
**Movember**

It is that time of year again when something strange happens to the men of Melbourne. You may not notice it straight away, but it will definitely grow on you. It is Movember and the men of the town are growing moustaches to help raise money and awareness for men's health throughout the month of November.

Men are notorious at skipping trips to the doctors, to the detriment of their health. As the problem of Prostate Cancer and Depression grows in society, we must take a stand to help out in any way we can.

This year, Williamstown North Primary School, Simon Corcoran a Year 4 teacher, will be asking children and families to save up their 10 cent pieces and bring them into school as donations. Each class will have a running tally of their donations with the winning class set to celebrate in style with prizes galore!

So gather up those pesky silver nuisances in the bottom of your purse, or behind the couch, ask your Grandma or Uncle to collect them as well, get the whole family on board, and bring your 10 cent pieces to school. Remember, the more you bring, the more chance you have to win!

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**School Fete – Garden Stall**

Anyone interested in catching up to brainstorm ideas for the garden stall for 2013 fete, please contact Virginia vmfk@intemode.on.net by Monday 12th November. I will then get back to you with a date and venue.

Many thanks,

Virginia Millard and Fiona Douglas

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**Friday 30th November Mo-Day**

It is time to Mo-up! Five of our teachers are growing a Mo to help raise money for men's health and it is time we joined in.

During the last week of Movember (26th to 30th November), the Junior School Council will be selling Mo’s at lunchtime for $1.00.

On Friday the 30th Movember we will be asking all the kids in the school to wear a Mo!

Bring your own or buy one from the JSC. Get on board the Mo-train, and help support this wonderful cause.

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**LIMELIGHT DRAMA IS RUNNING AN EXCITING HOLIDAY WORKSHOP FROM MONDAY 7TH-FRIDAY 11TH OF JANUARY IN THE WILLIAMSTOWN AREA. COME 5 DAYS OR 1 OR 2 DAYS. CALL OLIVIA ON 0407537305.**

“Limelight Drama School is fun, inspirational and challenging. It has opened doors for me!”

Pepeo Emmarichs - Where the Wild Things Are

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- Confidence Building
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Reena Wray - Jindabyne

Olivia Connolly is a professional actor and founding member of award winning theatre company Red Stitch. She is also a qualified drama teacher with over 10 years drama teaching experience. Olivia is the artist in residence at Brighton Grammar, director of LIMELIGHT DRAMA SCHOOL and drama teacher at The Australian Ballet School.

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"MY MAGIC FELL LAST TERM AND A HUGE POSITIVE AS A MUM IS MY INTEREST IN READING HAS INCREASED" PARENT AT KINGS
SCHOOL BANKING

Rewards Program

Please be advised that the last day School Banking rewards will be ordered is **WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER** to ensure they are received by the end of the year. Any rewards ordered after this date will not be received until next year. Rewards currently available are:

- USB
- Pen Pod
- Booklight
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**Bank Some Money and you could bank yourself an iPad Mini**

Simply making a deposit through School Banking before Friday 14th December will put you in the draw to win one of twelve (12) iPad Mini’s valued at $369 each for Christmas.

For more information talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator, Leanne Sutton (Volunteer)

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**ST MARY’S PARISH WILLIAMSTOWN ~ SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES 2013**

**Confirmation:** Classes will be offered for students in Years 5 & 6 2013 who attend schools other than St Mary’s

**Seminars:** 22nd and 24th January, 9.30am – 1.00pm **OR**

**Evenings:** Mondays 4th February – 18th March, 6.30pm – 7.15pm

**Reconciliation:** Classes for Year 3 students commence 22nd April

**First Eucharist:** Classes for Year 4 students commence 22nd July

Please contact St Mary’s Office (9397 6066) as soon as possible to enroll.
Financial Assistance - Information for New Parents

Financial assistance available to parents with children commencing school in 2013

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to low-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. This allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013, the annual EMA amount is:

- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.
- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to complete an application form for the EMA.
Closing Date: Parents/guardians need to lodge an EMA application form by 28 February 2013.
For more information about the EMA, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/about/school/financial/ema.htm

Schoolkids Bonus:
From January 2013, a new payment called the 'Schoolkids Bonus' will be introduced by the Commonwealth Government. The Schoolkids Bonus will be paid by Centrelink in January and July each year to help families with school costs.

Families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A will receive:

- up to $410 for each child in primary school
- up to $820 for each child in secondary school.

For more information about the Schoolkids Bonus, visit www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/Information/schoolkids-bonus
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INDIVIDUAL PAVER
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Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (34 max)

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Your donation of $75 entitles you to have your name engraved into a double paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The double paver will be permanently installed in the area in front of the canteen for all to see for generations to come.

Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (64 max)

Simply fill out this form and return with full payment:
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133 Melbourne Road, Williamstown, Victoria, 3016.

Contact Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________

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