Principal’s Report

CANBERRA CAMP

What an amazing week our Year 5 and 6 students had in Canberra last week. With the impending announcement of a Federal Election, Canberra was abuzz with activity. Fortuitously, a couple of our camp groups crossed paths for about 20 minutes with the Governor General, Peter Cosgrove, as you can see from the photo below. He must have heard that important Willy North students were visiting!

There were so many other opportunities throughout the week that enabled our students to develop a deep understanding of the democratic principles that underpin how our country operates. As the emerging youth in our community, these wonderful opportunities will no doubt have a significant impact on shaping their values, decisions and contributions into the future.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the 18 teachers and parents who made this camp such a rich experience for our students. We are deeply appreciative of the around the clock support and encouragement they vigilantly provided to all students throughout the duration of the camp. We sincerely thank: Tim Boylan, Melissa Ziebowski, Giorgia Moss, Crissy Samaras, Annemarie Honeybone, Patrick Kelly, Dale Evans, Tess Holland, Stephanie Taylor, Bethany Johnstone, Belinda Gill, Tracy Carroll, Darren Minns, Matt McCarroll, Ruairi O’Dui, Leanne Sutton, Michelle Lopes and Matthew Rasmussen.

A special mention to Tim Boylan, who spent many months behind the scenes planning and organising all aspects of the camp to ensure everything ran smoothly.
**Bernie Finn MP Visit**

We were delighted to host a visit from Bernie Finn MP last week. One of Bernie’s key roles is Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Autism Spectrum Disorder. Over the course of our meeting we were able to share the many practices that our school has developed over the years to further support students with additional needs, particularly those with ASD. Bernie is keen to hear from parents about how schools can improve their provision in this important area. If you would like to email Bernie his address is: bernie.finn@parliament.vic.gov.au.

A huge thank you to Zoran Kolevski (parent), who made the time to join us for this meeting in order to add a parent’s perspective to this discussion. We were very grateful for Zoran’s insightful input.

**ANZAC Day Service**

I was so proud of our School Captains last Sunday afternoon as we marched down Ferguson St as part of the RSL ANZAC Commemoration Service. They did a great job carrying our banner and participating so respectfully through the march and the service that followed. The photo below captures our School Captains just prior to the march.

A big thank you to


for their participation in this important event over the long weekend and also to their parents for supporting this involvement.

**Get Well Cathy Graham**

What started out as an unlucky fall has unfortunately led to some major surgery for one of our much loved teachers, Cathy Graham (Year 5). Our thoughts are with Cathy as she begins the long road ahead. We have our fingers crossed for a speedy recovery. In the interim, we have been fortunate to engage Jennifer Crane to cover this class for the next several weeks. Jennifer has worked at all levels across the school and is well versed in our processes and will work closely with the other Year 5 teachers to ensure strong continuity in the learning programs for this class.

**Fete Meeting**

A quick reminder that the first meeting of the 2017 Fete Committee is planned for tonight at 7pm in the staffroom. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the school; particularly for parents who work through the day. Please feel very welcome to join us, even if you just want to come along to the meeting to find out more about this event.

**School Tours**

We were delighted to have approximately 80 prospective parents attend our 2017 Prep Information evening last Wednesday evening. The enrolment process for next year’s prep cohort has now opened and the school has begun to accept enrolments from families within our school zone. We are conducting tours over the next several months for any families who would like to see our classes in operation and find out a little more about the school. These tours are conducted by our School Ambassadors (Year 6 leaders). If you know of any prospective families in our zone who would like to find out more about the school, please encourage them to call the main office to book a school tour.
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

A group of our Year 4 students had their first visit to Williamstown Hospital last week as part of our Community Partnerships Program for 2016. They will visit the hospital regularly throughout the year to learn more about how this important facility supports the local community. In a few weeks I will begin regular visits to Wintringham Aged Care facility with another group of Year 4 students, to help forge some connectedness with the Wintringham residents. We will also have Year 4 students involved in programs with Williamstown Police, The Bulldogs as well as organisations such as the RSL & Hobsons Bay Council.

Through this program we aim to ensure our students ‘give back’ to the community in some way to help enrich their lives or the lives of others. On behalf of the Year 4 students, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Malinda Vaughan (Year 4 leader) for all of her work in maintaining our broad connections across the Williamstown community.

Enjoy the rest of your week
Jim Cahill—Principal
PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
Williamstown North Primary School
“Finding Out About Williamstown North Primary School”
The Information Session for prospective 2017 Prep Parents was held on Wednesday 20th April at the school.

Provisional Prep enrolments for 2017 have now commenced. A copy of the ‘Enrolment form’ and ‘Preliminary Information sheet’ can be collected from the General Office or downloaded from the school website.

If you have any questions regarding enrolments, please contact the school office on 9397 5722.

Additional School Tours will be conducted on
- Monday 9th May – 11.30am
- Tuesday 24th May – 9.30am
- Friday 10th June – 10.00am
- Tuesday 19th July – 11.30am
- Wednesday 3rd August – 10.00am

Please Provide the following information when lodging your enrolment
1. Enrolment Form and Preliminary Information Sheet
2. Proof of Age - (Child’s Birth Certificate)
3. Certificate of Immunization (School Entry Form)
4. Three documents for “Proof of Residential Address”. (Drivers Licence, a Rates notice and a third document with your full name & residential address).

Enrolment Policy
Please note that in line with the “School Ceiling” endorsed by the South Western Regional Director, only families who reside within the defined school neighbourhood are eligible to seek enrolment. A map defining the school neighbourhood is available on the school website.

CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT WILL BE MADE IN WRITING BEFORE THE END OF TERM 3, 2016

The ‘2017 Prep Parent Information Night’
is only for parents of confirmed Prep enrolments.
On Monday 21st November 2016, 6.45pm to 8.00pm,
Kay Margetts from Melbourne University will speak on “School Readiness” and “School Expectations”.

Transition Program
Our ‘Kinder to School’ Transition program for our 2017 Prep children will commence week beginning Monday 10th October, Week 2 of Term 4.

All transition details will be included with the ‘Letter of Enrolment’ sent to families.

For our School Zone go to www.willynth.vic.edu.au / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map
Rosters… Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)
This is a very social and interactive group who volunteer an hour of their time each Friday morning from 9.00am to 10.00am. Fresh Fruit Friday continues to need parent volunteers. If you are available on a Friday, please email Linda Taylor directly, so she can add you to the roster—taylor.linda.11@edumail.vic.gov.au. Parents on the roster for Friday 29th April are; Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Ray Price, Shadi Momeni, Mel Maskey, Helen Gibbs, Kathryn Samyue, Kim Goddard and Julie Noonan.

Canteen
Julianne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of the time parents or family members can volunteer to help in the Canteen. Julianne can be contacted via the General Office. New parents or family members are always needed and are most welcome. If you can spare any of your valuable time, it would be greatly appreciated and we would love to hear from you.

Thursday 28th April—Samantha Cross  
Wednesday 4th May—TO BE ADVISED  
Thursday 5th May—TO BE ADVISED  
Friday 29th April—Julie Noonan  
Friday 6th May—TO BE ADVISED

Uniform Shop News Primary School Wear (PSW) is our official Uniform supplier. Uniforms can be purchased at the new store located at Unit 1, 128 Bertie Street Port Melbourne. Items can also be purchased online. Email portmelbourne@psw.com.au. Summer Trading hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm, Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm and closed on Sunday.

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 Principal or office staff.
- Always get permission from mum or dad before going to play with a friend after school and always let mum and dad know where you will be and what time you will be home.

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

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

Bikes & Scooters Many children ride bikes and scooters to school each day. All bikes and scooters must be locked up in either the Bike or Scooter Enclosure to prevent theft. Please ensure your child has a chain and a lock. All children who ride a bike or scooter must wear a helmet which is a requirement by the Government. The school regularly reminds all children about wearing helmets for their safety. All bikes, scooters, skateboards, ribstic 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.

Working With Children Cards Cardholders who are required to renew their WWCC will no longer need to go to Australia Post to lodge a paper form and present their current card. Cardholders will go to the WWCC website to complete their renewal application online and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the fee using a credit card when using the online renewal process, cardholders will be notified by SMS, letter or email 28 days before their WWCC is due to expire. It is important for cardholders to keep their contact details up to date so that they receive this important reminder.

After receiving a notification, individuals continuing to do child-related work should go to MyCheck on the WWCC website and apply to renew their check. Cardholders will be asked to register with MyCheck if they have not already done so. Once logged in to MyCheck, cardholders will be prompted to confirm or update their personal contact and work details, complete the online form and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the non-refundable $102.70 fee. More information: an FAQ guide to online renewals will be available in ‘Publications’ under ‘Resources’ on the WWCC website, or contact the Customer Support Line on 1300 652 879 8.30am – 5.00pm weekdays except public holidays. http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/

**Williamstown North Primary Special Offers**

Intro Offer* - Buy 1 session ($12) & receive a free session for yourself or a friend.

10 Class Pass Offer - $85 (normally $90). Valid for 3 months.

*New clients to HIIT You Fit. Mention this ad for both offers.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:15am & 9:45am
Monday & Wednesday nights, Saturday morning – Metafit Kettlebell AMPD Cnr John St & Douglas Pde, Williamstown

[www.facebook.com/HIITYouFit](http://www.facebook.com/HIITYouFit)  [www.hiityoufit.com](http://www.hiityoufit.com)

Call/text Karen on 0419 379 416  [karen@hiityoufit.com](mailto:karen@hiityoufit.com)

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**Little Kickers** is soccer fun for pre-school children 18 months to 7 years. For a free trial call or 0419 675 760.


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**Williamstown High School**

**Bayview Campus Open Night**

TUESDAY 3 MAY 6:30pm
Our evening will begin in the gymnasium, with student led tours and workshops occurring throughout the night.

**GROUP TOURS**

Group tours operate every Thursday at 9:15am until the end of May. Please refer to our website to register a place.

Bayview Street Williamstown 3016
T: 9339 9220  F: 3357 6099
Email: williamstown.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au
[facebook.com/WilliamstownHighSchool](http://facebook.com/WilliamstownHighSchool)

**SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM (SEALP)**

Williamstown High School provides a Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program for students who have exceptional academic ability.

**SEALP TESTING**

Registration closes: Friday 29 April (midnight)
Exam Saturday 7 May (9:30am Bayview St Gymnasium)
Please refer to our website for the application process.

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Mother’s Day Stall

The Mother’s Day Stall is a school activity that gives the children a chance to shop for their mum, without her being there to see what they have bought! The stall gives the children a chance to shop, learn about money and feel independent.

The Mother’s Day Stall this year will be held on Thursday 5th May in room 9. We have a great range of gifts for mum and grandma from $1.00 to $5.00.

Don’t forget to send along some money and a bag for your child to carry their gift in, That way it will remain a surprise.

Thank you
Helen Parker & Rachelle Burbidge

LEO’s Club of Hobson's Bay.

WHY should you join the First LEO’s Club of Hobson’s Bay?"

1. To have fun
2. To be adventurous
3. To meet young people from all walks of life
4. To improve your personal skills
5. To develop plans to improve our community
6. To be part of a world-wide organisation.

If you know of any young community-minded person aged between sixteen and twenty eight, the good news is THEY qualify to become a member”.

**What Do LEO’s do?**

Typical Projects include:

- Youth Exchange
- Environment Projects
- Citizenship
- Assisting People in Need.
- Backed by local Lions Clubs

**TO LEARN MORE OR COME TO A MEETING**

Phone 0409 413 230 or

EMAIL: altonalions@gmail.com

PRESIDENTS: Maurie Tanian (Altona Lions) or Lee_Ann Anselmo.
(President Williamstown Lions)
(0429 685 359)

**WHO WE WORK WITH.**

- Local Citizens and Council.
- Schools.
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- Local youth.
- Local Lions Clubs.

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Williamstown North Primary School’s 2016 Social Event of the Year
REWIND 80’s

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, August 5th
WILLIAMSTOWN TOWN HALL
Details to follow in the New Year

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