Principal’s Report

**Mother’s Day Stall**

Our annual Mother’s Day Stall will be held **tomorrow** (Thursday 5th May) for all students across the school. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to purchase a special gift for mum or someone special for the upcoming Mother’s Day this weekend. We recommend that students bring along $5.00 to spend at the stall. For junior classes (Prep—Year 2), it would be advisable for students to have their money for the stall in a named envelope with their class also noted.

Our 2016 stall coordinators, Helen Parker and Rachelle Burbidge, have done a terrific job sourcing lots of appealing gifts for students to select and purchase. Thank you in advance to the many mums who have volunteered to help with the stall tomorrow (I’m sure you will also be surprised with your gift on Sunday!). So Dads, here’s an important job for you to do tonight; don’t forget to organise the money for the Mother’s Day Stall!

**Michael Carr-Gregg Presentation**

We are really looking forward to our parent forum next Monday 9th May being hosted by the highly respected psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg. This presentation will get underway in the Gymnasium at 7.00pm. We anticipate that the session will run for about ninety minutes as Michael discusses the important topics of anxiety and resilience in today’s children. More importantly, we hope that parents attending this forum will come away with some further strategies to use for supporting their own children at home.

We have had a terrific response to this forum and only have a few dozen tickets left. If you would like to attend this presentation, we have extended the deadline for the purchase of tickets to 4.00pm tomorrow (Thursday 5th May).

Tickets will be sent home to families on Friday 6th May – so please check for these in the school bags on Friday afternoon.
**NAPLAN Dates**

Next week, all Year 3 & 5 students will sit four tests as part of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Please note the following dates and times for this testing schedule.

- **Tuesday 10th May** – Language Conventions – before recess (Years 3 & 5)
- **Tuesday 10th May** – Writing – before lunch (Years 3 & 5)
- **Wednesday 11th May** – Reading – before recess (Years 3 & 5)
- **Thursday 12th May** – Numeracy – before recess (Years 3 & 5)

We hope that all students will be able to sit this important testing, so that we can capture this point in time ‘snapshot’ of their capabilities and then use this data down the track to align with our school’s own comprehensive data sets.

Where students are absent for one or more tests, arrangements will be made for those students to sit the tests on either the afternoon of the test days, or on Friday 13th May. Students who are absent for the three test days will not be expected to complete these tests on Friday 13th May.

An information sheet for parents with more details about NAPLAN has been distributed to all students in Years 3 & 5. If you have any further questions about NAPLAN, don’t hesitate to make contact with the school.

**Swimming Glitch**

Apart from a power outage last Wednesday, our swimming program has been ticking along smoothly for our participating students in Prep to Year 4. It has been great to hear about the skill development of our students as they progress through this intensive program. Fortunately the weather has been relatively mild over the course of the program, helping to ensure a comfortable experience for all involved. We are noting some very tired students as the program progresses, so please keep ensuring those early nights and limited after school activities.

In regards to the missed lesson, we are not in a position to organise individual refunds to each family. Any savings resulting from this cancellation will be added to the existing balance of the Incursion/Excursion levy for each family, thereby enhancing the scope of some of these future events. If you have any concerns about this matter, don’t hesitate to contact the main office on 9397 5722.

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

PSW Retail Port Melbourne Store will be closed on Monday 20th June for stocktake. We do apologise for any inconvenience.

You can find our regular trading hours online, please visit www.psw.com.au.
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 6th May are; Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Ray Price, Shadi Momeni, Leah Foley, Sandra Ensabella, Nova, Julie Du Plessis and Lana Hutton

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 5th May—Lakshmi Chaturvedula
Wednesday 11th May—Michelle Crompton & Sheena Hickman
Thursday 12th May—Dawn Bridgeman
Friday 6th May—Kate Bennett
Friday 13th May—Jenny Newitt

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/
After School Care

Dear Parents,

Please remember to cancel your child’s booking if they are not at school on the day. Either call or text your child’s name to notify us that they will not require care for the day to, 0411 236 845 (this is only on the day, and not for 24 hour cancellations). Staff are spending a great deal of time looking for children at 3.30pm that are not at school or who are sick on the day.

Prep parents, please remind your child of the day or days they are attending care. Prep children are now walking to the Gym independently.

There is a Student Free Day on Friday 20th May. After Care will be open from 7.00am to 6.15pm for children that require care. Please log onto oshclub.com.au to book a place for your child for the day, using the After School Care tab.

Thank you to Nikki Eyes (Connor Eyes mum) for the donation of Loom Bands and Stickers to the oshclub children. Both staff and children are very appreciative.

Thank you

— OSHCLUB Staff (0411 236 845)

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