Principal’s Report

STAFF TRAINING DAY REMINDER

All teachers will be engaged in a full day of training on Friday 20th May. No students are to attend on this day. This will be our third staff training day for 2016, with the final staff training day scheduled for Monday 31st October.

The program for this upcoming training day will see our teachers working for half the day on our school’s Measurement & Geometry curriculum, whilst the second half of the day will engage all staff in the first stage of our whole school review process.

MICHAEL CARR–GREGG PRESENTATION

We had a terrific response to the Michael Carr–Gregg presentation last Monday night with approximately 220 parents and teachers in attendance. Michael’s presentation was certainly highly engaging and entertaining, as he shared both personal and professional perspectives on how we can forge greater resilience and wellbeing for today’s children. Whilst there were many important components to Michael’s presentation (which we will make available on our website shortly), I thought I would share his closing top ten tips for how parents can further support their children:

1. When we’re together, everything is better.
2. If you can’t change a situation, change the way you think about it.
3. See life as it is, but focus on the good bits.
4. Be active – but also take time to rest and relax.
5. If you want to feel good – do good.
6. There’s more to life when you stop and notice.
7. Find time to lose yourself in what you love.
8. The meaning of life is a life of meaning.
9. Plan ahead and always have something to look forward to.
10. Don’t compare your insides with other people’s outsides.
Michael’s presentation certainly prompted a great deal of reflection for everyone in the audience as we all grapple with the challenges of parenthood. Whilst I was able to reflect on my own journey as a parent, it did also raise many questions for the school’s role in working with parents to foster positive student wellbeing and to build resilience & student connectedness. This raises many questions for the capabilities we want our students to have by the end of their primary school years. As we embark on our review process throughout this year and the development of a new Strategic Plan (2017 – 2020) for Willy North, we look forward to exploring this important area in greater depth with our school community.

**Mother’s Day Thanks**
There were many excited students last Thursday as they ventured off to the Mother’s Day stall to carefully select a precious gift for mum or someone special. We certainly hope that these gifts helped to make last Sunday a lovely day for all of our Willy North mums!

We had a terrific group of mums who assisted with the stall by stocktaking goods beforehand and selling on the day. Our wonderful stall coordinators, Rachelle Burbidge and Helen Parker, were extremely grateful for the extended help on the day. On behalf of the school community we would like to extend a big thank you to the following stall helpers: Sandra Ensebella, Susan Ruzeu, Abbey Short, Helen Dixon, Yvette Morgan, Jane Lee, Leah Foley, Sheena Hickman, Teena Marimaliotis, Nadia Dodson, Julie Noonan, Fiona Symmons, Georgie Evanson, Jelina O’Connell, Dawn Bridgeman, Kara Giocomettii, Jenny Newitt, Renae Cadman and Emma Peek. Special thanks again to Rachelle and Helen the many hours of work behind the scenes to facilitate such a successful Mother’s Day stall.

**Applications for Year 7**
A final reminder to all parents of Year 6 students that the applications for Year 7 placement at Secondary School must be returned to your child’s teacher by this Friday. The school has tight timelines for forwarding this documentation onto Secondary Schools and the Department of Education & Training (DET). Your timely support with this documentation is greatly appreciated.

**On-Site Supervision Policy**
School Council is charged with the development of many important policies for the school. An important policy that is currently being framed is our On-Site Supervision Policy. When this has been finalised and endorsed, we will provide a link through the newsletter.

In the interim, we would like to take this opportunity to outline the school’s practices in regards to the supervision of students in the playground before and after school. It is paramount that parents are aware of the duty of care and supervision that the school provides. To this end, parent/carers must be aware that they are responsible for the supervision and collection of their child/ren outside the designated supervision times.

At the beginning of the school day, teachers are rostered to supervise the playgrounds from 8:45am. If parents elect to send their children to school prior to 8:45am, this is based on the understanding that their child/ren are unsupervised and the school therefore accepts no responsibility for any mishaps/injuries that might occur during this period. At the end of the school day, teachers are rostered to supervise the grounds from 3:30pm – 3:45pm. Any students remaining in the grounds after this time, who have not be collected, will be directed to the main office and parents will be contacted to confirm the pick up arrangements. We understand from time to time that parents may be delayed at the end of the school day through delays in traffic etc. If parents find themselves in this predicament, a simple call to the office is all that is needed to ensure that the child/ren are then collected from the yard and monitored in the office until pick up. Where children are registered in the OSHClub program, they may be directed to this program in consultation with the parent.

The supervision of all students is one of our highest priorities as a school. We embrace our duty of care within the guidelines of our On-site Supervision Policy and we look forward to working hand in hand with all parents on this important matter.

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**
- **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](http://www.willynth.vic.edu.au) / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map

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**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](http://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 13th May are; Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Ray Price, Shadi Momeni, May Maskey, Helen Gibbs, Kathryn Samyue, Angelique P, Zohreh Basiri and Carolyn Watt.

Canteen
Julieanne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of the time parents or family members can volunteer to help in the Canteen. Julieanne 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 12th May—Dawn Bridgeman  Wednesday 18th May—Rachelle Burbridge
Friday 13th May—Jenny Newitt  Thursday 19th May—Dawn Bridgeman
Friday 20th May—STUDENT FREE DAY

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](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/), 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.
On Wednesday 18th May, we will have an ‘Open Morning’ for parents, grandparents and visitors.

We invite you to visit your child’s classroom from 12.30pm - 1.30pm.

After the classroom activities we invite you to have lunch with your child.

We hope you can attend.
After School Care
Dear Parents,
We have a new Coordinator at Before and After Care, her name is Belinda. Please introduce yourself and say hello when you see her around the program.

A reminder for parents of the Student Free day on Friday 20th May. We need 15 or more children to be able to open. Parents will be notified by the end of business day on Friday 13th May if the day will proceed.

Please log into your account online at www.oshclub.com.au and book in under the After School Care bookings tab. Loads of fun for all ages including art/craft, games, sports, drama, board games and fun with friends.

Once you have booked, there are no refunds for cancellations. A $10 late booking fee applies for any casual attendances on the day. All regular Before and After Care bookings have been removed. Care will operate from 7.00am to 6.15pm.

Thank you—OSHCLUB Staff (0411 236 845)

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