Staff Training Day Monday 18th May—No Students at School

Principal’s Report

**STAFF TRAINING DAY REMINDER**

*Our third staff training day for 2015 will be held next Monday 18th May. Please note that no students are to attend on this day.*

The program for next Monday will see all teachers working collaboratively on further developing our Power Standards in Reading. There will be a particular focus on the comprehension strategies we use across all levels of the school to support children’s reading development as well as a deeper investigation into successful spelling strategies that can be used to support all students. I’ll provide a summary of this training day in next week’s newsletter.

**DISABILITY SUMMIT**

Last Thursday and Friday, Wendy and I were very fortunate to attend a Disability Summit in Sydney which focused on disability reform and how schools can lead and sustain exceptional practice for all students. Our attendance at this summit was funded by the Education Department and was somewhat reflective of the school’s ongoing commitment to Inclusion and our efforts to personalise learning for every student at our wonderful school.

A recurring theme of the summit was ‘Disability is Everybody’s Business’. It is important that schools, families and community groups come together and collaborate to support the needs of students with a disability. Underlying this theme, was the central premise that we respect the differences that each child has and that we hold high expectations for what each child can achieve.

The summit explored a new version of the 3 R’s:

*Recognise – Respect – Respond*

In short, recognise what each child brings to the school environment, be respectful of these differences and respond in a very planned and professional manner. Our school has a very proud track record in regards to supporting all students with disabilities and it is a journey that will continue to help shape our directions as a school. It is important that all members of our school community are able to see things from different perspectives and to consider the ‘humanity’ of each person’s journey.

Through our participation in this summit, I’m excited to report that the school has been offered the opportunity to align with Melbourne University and other
agencies, to help develop a state-wide approach to Inclusion in all Victorian schools. As Principal, it is indeed an honour that our students, staff and identity as a school are held in such high regard in this important area. I will keep you posted as this innovative initiative unfolds.

**Uniform Supply**

Over the course of the last week we have been made aware of a shortage of several uniform items. We apologise for any frustrations you are experiencing on this matter. We are working with PSW to resolve this matter as quickly as possible.

**Community Partnerships Program**

Year four students have been undertaking regular visits to three of our local organisations as part of our ongoing Community Partnerships program. This program is a wonderful avenue for our students to participate and contribute to our local community in a manner that makes a positive difference to the lives of others.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of accompanying twelve Year 4 students to Wintringham Aged Care Facility. The focus of our visit on this occasion was for our students to teach the residents a board game such as Connect Four, Mastermind, Guess Who etc.

The collage of photos below demonstrates the lovely dynamic that was forged between our students and the residents whilst on their visit:

![Collage of photos](image)

Over the next couple of weeks we will have different groups of Year 4 students off to Westgate Aged Care and Williamstown Hospital as part of this program.

**Parking Around the School**

In support of our residents in the streets around the school, we ask that parents do not park across driveways. As you can appreciate this is extremely frustrating when neighbours to the school cannot leave/enter their own properties.

Enjoy the rest of the week
Jim Cahill—Principal

**School Photos Will be Taken On: Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} June**

Students will receive an envelope on Thursday 14\textsuperscript{th} May. The information on the envelope needs to be completed and returned to school on School Photo Day – Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} June

Family Photo envelopes are available from the school office.

Change will not be available from the school office on school photo day. Please send correct money sealed in the envelope or complete the credit card payment section.
**PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2016**

Provisional Prep enrolments for 2016 has commenced. ‘Enrolment Form’ and the ‘Preliminary Information Sheet’ are available from the General Office. A copy can also be downloaded from the school website located under the Enrolment slider tab.

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

**Additional School Tours will be conducted on**
- Wednesday 20th May – 11.30am
- Wednesday 3rd June – 9.30am
- Wednesday 17th June – 10.00am
- Tuesday 21st July – 11.30am

Please contact the school office to register for a tour.

**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 BY THE END OF TERM 3, 2015**

The ‘2016 Prep Parent Information Night’ is only for Parents of confirmed Prep enrolments.
- Tuesday 24th November 2015, 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

Kay Margetts from Melbourne University will speak on “School Readiness” and “School Expectations”.

**Transition Program**

Our Kinder to School Transition program for our 2016 Prep children will commence week beginning Monday 12th 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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**The NEW 2015-2016 Entertainment Book is here**

Last years books expire June 1st so get your new book soon.

Willy High Parents & Friends are pleased again to be able to offer Willy North families the chance to purchase the Entertainment Books. The NEW 2015-2016 Entertainment Book has arrived at our school offices at Bayview and Pasco Street! Both Book and the New Digital version for smart phone users is available.

Our Entertainment Book fundraising assists school purchase items that are not covered in capital expenditure. We hope this year to have enough funds to assist with the plans to establish shade areas at Bayview. Remember primary school kids today are secondary school kids tomorrow.

You can collect books from either school office or order online. Order forms are available at WNPS school office or you can order directly via the link [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1884e76](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1884e76). For any queries or to arrange a book pickup contact our Entertainment Books coordinator Karen Needs on Phone: 0408547539 Email: karenneeds@hotmail.com We can also get Books from other regions if you are travelling, or perhaps buying for a gift.

Rosters… Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)
This is a very social and interactive group who volunteer an hour of their time each Friday morning. Thank you to the many dedicated parents that assist with Fresh Fruit Friday. Fresh Fruit Friday continue to need parent volunteers. If you are available on Friday, please email Linda Taylor directly to be added to the roster—taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Parents on the roster for Friday 15th May are: - Julia Hacket, Arlene Lawrence, Mel Maskey, Camilla Thompson, Zohreh Basiri, Kim Pamnone, Larissa Deeth, Kristina Bader, Helen Gibbs and Rachelle Burbridge.

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 most welcome. So, if you can spare any of your valuable time, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thursday 14th May—Anne Tobin
Friday 15th May—Maha Sidaoui
Wednesday 20th May—Melanie Kern
Thursday 21st May—Arlene Lawrence
Friday 22nd May—Di Diblasi

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 will also be available for purchase online. Email portmelbourne@psw.com.au. Trading hours for Term One and Term Four are Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm, Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm and closed on Sunday and Monday.

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 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, 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.

Working With Children Checks From early April 2014, cardholders who are required to renew their WWC Check will no longer need to go to Australia Post to lodge a paper form and present their current card. From this time, cardholders will go to the WWC Check website to complete their renewal application online and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the fee using a credit card. The online renewal process Cardholders will be notified by SMS, letter or email 28 days before their WWC Check 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 WWC Check 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 WWC Check website. Or contact the Customer Support Line on 1300 652 879 8.30am – 5.00pm weekdays except public holidays.
Dear Parents,

Please remember there is a Staff Training Day on Monday 18th May. OSHClub will only operate for the day, if we have 15 children or more. Please log onto oshclub.com.au to book your child’s place, please use the ASC tab to book the Staff Training Day (Student Free Day).

Time: 7.00am to 6.15pm. Cost: $9.00—$50.00 (not including the 50% tax rebate).

Children will be involved in a range of activities such as cooking, soap making, chocolate ball making. We will also start in the Before Care room (Japanese Room) to provide children breakfast and pick up will be in the Gym. As there are such a large number of children at Aftercare, we are going to try to make the sign in process for the children faster. To do this we need all parents to check their child/children's enrolment and correct what class their child is in. We need classes to be accurate to trial this process. We will be making a Prep to Year 2 roll as well as a Year 3 to 6 roll.

After care would also love any donations of old clothes for the dress-up area, also any small tissue size boxes (no larger)

Thank you—OSHclub Staff

Williamstown Magic under 10 Div1 boys team are seeking one or two extra players for next season.

All existing players are Willi Nth students and have made the grand final this Friday night in current season.

Child must be 9 years of age and not turning 10 until 2016.

Matches are Friday nights starting 22nd May and training is Monday nights 5.00pm till 6.00pm at Bayside School Williamstown Kororoit Creek Road.

The current coach has many years of basketball experience.

If interested please contact Kristian Daley on 0403059146.
STAY IN TOWN THIS SUNDAY & ENJOY A LOCAL FAMILY DAY OUT

Ever been down to Seaworks in Nelson Place Williamstown?
Then Sunday 17th May is your chance.
Gates open to the Maritime Bazaar at Seaworks 82 Nelson Place at 10.00am
Gold coin entry.
Maritime Bazaar is a market with a difference including:

◊ Stalls with a huge range of fishing and marine gear and crafts,
◊ Boat and Jet Ski License with a four hour training provided on the day
◊ Free tours of the Sea Shepherd vessels moored at the Seaworks site
◊ Live music "The White Goat Band" at the Pirates Tavern.
◊ Roving sea shanties provided by ‘Folkus'
◊ Free entry to the maritime heritage museum
◊ Sustainable fishing info provided by “Fishcare”
◊ Food vans, coffee stalls
◊ Bizarre decor and family fun.

Night for Nepal

To help raise much-needed funds to help the Nepalese citizens,

LFK is hosting a giant, double movie night!

6.30pm (arrive)-8.45pm Friday the 29th of May! Tickets are $20 per child and includes fresh hot popcorn! The cinema is at LFK!

Choose between:

Movie 1: Night at the Museum; Secret of the Tomb (PG) OR

Movie 2: Penguins of Madagascar (PG)

*There will also be canteen lollies and drinks for sale *Staff members will be there to supervise children *Please do not bring any nuts! *BYO blankets/bean bags/ Pillows *Ticket is only valid for movie of choice! *Strict 5+ years age limit *Movie starts at 7pm sharp!

See LFK to make a booking. All proceeds will go to The Australian Himalayan Foundation
Kinder Gym Program

Participating in a kinder gym program is one of those priceless gifts you can give your child. It will help them build strength and co-ordination, giving them the best stepping stones for any sporting pursuits. It will reduce the likelihood of injury with core strength, stability and flexibility; and the exercises/skills they learn will also help the brain and body to work together, improving concentration and the ability to focus.

Creative, fun and educational exercise for kids that builds on:

1. Core body strength
2. Co-ordination
3. Spatial awareness
4. Body control
5. Concentration
6. Confidence
7. FUN!

Watch your child build strength, coordination, confidence and friendships through our program.

Week days from 9.30am
For 2-5 years

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Willy French Club for Kids

French Club is in its 5\textsuperscript{th} year. We are a small group of kids from different schools who meet to role-play, sing and play games to develop our French language skills.

Francoise is our real French teacher and she is highly experienced and cares about our kids.

Wednesdays 3.50-4.50pm  Williamstown Community Centre

Enquiries welcome

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