Principal’s Report

2016 Prep Enrolments

Since opening our 2016 Prep enrolments just over four weeks ago, we have already received in excess of 80 confirmed enrolments for 2016. As we begin to plan further for 2016, we are eager to try and determine the overall scale of next year’s prep cohort. In support of these planning processes, we ask all existing school families who have siblings that will be eligible for prep in 2016, to lodge their enrolments forms over the next fortnight so that we may have a close approximation of our 2016 prep numbers before the end of this term.

School Photos

A final reminder that next Tuesday 2nd June is our school photo day. We ask that all order forms are brought to school on this day so that students can hand them directly to the photographers as they have their photo taken. Please note that an additional order form can be obtained from the main office for any families who would like to have sibling photos taken.

Education Week - Open Afternoon

In juggling our busy schedules & timetables this term, we have nominated week 9 of this term (from Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th June) to celebrate the many wonderful things that happen at our school on a daily basis.

We hope that all parents may be able to be part of an Open Afternoon on Tuesday 9th June. All classrooms will be open from 2:00pm – 3:00pm so that parents can come along and join in some fun activities that focus on the theme of ‘Cracking the Code’. At 3:00pm, we will all head to the gym for our regular whole school assembly.

On Wednesday 10th June, all students will be immersed in a rich cultural program as part of our annual ‘Japanese Day’ celebrations. Stay tuned for more details here.

Wendy and I will present the 2014 Annual Report & the new Facilities Master Plan to parents on Thursday 11th June at 3:00pm in the Butterfly Room. An opportunity for parents to learn more about the school’s successes over the last 12 months, as well as a chance to share some of our future opportunities and challenges ahead.

We hope that you may be able to join us at some stage during Education week, to help join in the fun of learning at WNPS and to celebrate state education in Victorian schools.

Financial Assistance for Camps

The Victorian government has recently established a fund to assist parents with
the cost of school camps. This is a very timely announcement given that we have distributed our camp forms for Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 over the last week. If you are a holder of a valid means-tested concession card, or a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for a $125 allowance towards the cost of camps. Please don’t hesitate to contact the main office if you would like any further details on how to apply for this allowance. Please note that any applications must be lodged by 26th June.

**G.A.T.E Ways (Gifted And Talented Education)**

On a regular basis, classroom teachers distribute notes to a handful of carefully selected students to participate in GATEWAYS programs. These programs are held at various venues (typically schools) across the region and aim to provide our most able students with engaging and challenging opportunities beyond the classroom. The selection of students to participate will depend on the nature of the programs on offer (e.g. literacy, numeracy, technology, the arts … etc.) and the abilities and interests of students.

We recognise that the offer of placements into this program is very restricted; however the GATEWAYS program is just one of several strategies that we pursue for engaging our Gifted and Talented students at Willy North. As a school with very high achievement results, the selection of students is always a challenge for teachers. Please be assured that this is a very considered process. You may wish to read our newly updated Gifted and Talented Policy by following the following link on our website


If you have any queries regarding the GATEWAYS program, please don’t hesitate to chat with your child’s teacher, or make contact with Wendy or I at the office.

**Term 3 Dates to Note**

As a follow up to student Mid-year Reports that will be distributed on Thursday 25th June, all parents will be able to book a P/T/S Conference on either **Monday 20th** or **Wednesday 22nd July** from 3:00pm – 7:00pm. Details for booking your P/T/S conference will be provided to all families before the end of this term.

Please also note that our final staff training day for 2015 will be held on **Friday 14th August**. No students are to attend school on this day so that teachers may participate in professional learning programs.

**Coughs and Colds**

As the days are getting colder, we’ve already noticed an increase in the number of students coming to school who are unwell with sniffles and colds. With 700 students attending WNPS, it can be ‘standing room’ only some days in the first aid room when students who are unwell don’t wish to continue playing outside during recess or lunchtime.

It can be a very difficult decision, as to whether to send a child to school if they are feeling a little under the weather; particularly given that many parents in our school community have busy work schedules.

Where possible, we request that students who are unwell are kept at home to help expedite their recovery and minimise the spread of common coughs and colds. Hopefully a sick day at home early in the piece, will help ward off a protracted illness that might linger for several days/weeks. We appreciate your considered support on this matter.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Jim Cahill—Principal

**SCHOOL PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN NEXT TUESDAY 2ND JUNE**

STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED THEIR ENVELOPE. The information on the envelope needs to be completed and returned to school on School Photo Day – Tuesday 2nd 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.

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**Science Evening**

Don’t forget to place the 16th July in your diary.

This is the first Thursday in Term 3. This evening is designed for parents and students.

The online booking for the Science Evening will be in next week’s Newsletter.
## 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.11@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Parents on the roster for Friday 29th May are: - Julie Hacket, Arlene Lawrence, Mel Maskey, Camilla Thompson, Zohreh Basiri, Kim Pamnone, Larissa Deeth, Andrea Crabtree and Julie Du Plessis.

## 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. Juliane 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 28th May**—Anne Tobin
- **Friday 29th May**—Caroline Wilkinson
- **Wednesday 3rd June**—Julia
- **Thursday 4th June**—Emeline
- **Friday 5th June**—Maha

## 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 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.**

## 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 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.

PROVISIONAL 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 3rd June – 9.30am
- Wednesday 17th June – 10.00am
- Tuesday 21st July – 11.30am

Please contact the school office to register for a tour.

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**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).

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**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**

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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”.

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**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.

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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.

Japanese Day is Coming!
Wednesday 10th June

It’s nearly time to dust off your Kimonos, take out the Ninja outfits, and prepare the yellow Pikachu face paint!

On Wednesday 10th June, all children from Prep to Year 6 will participate in Japanese Day. It will be a great celebration of all things Japanese, and some of the exciting activities on offer are listed below.

The day will run from 9.00am until lunch eating time, and every child will try three different cultural workshops throughout the morning.

We will then come together as a whole school for the grand finale - a live musical performance in the gym.

Children are also encouraged to dress up Japanese style. If last year is anything to go by, I can’t wait to see all the colourful and imaginative costumes.

What will YOU come as?

- Ninja craft
- Ayatori (cat’s cradle)
- Taiko drumming
- Shamisen
- Kimono fitting
- Live sushi chef
- Ink painting
- Tea Ceremony
- Kendo
After School Care

Dear Parents,

Please make sure you are signing your child/children in and out of Before Care and After Care. It is a legal requirement that children are signed in/out for every session by a parent or legal guardian.

Please, also remember to cancel your booking online, this does take time away from other children when we have to look for children when the booking has not been cancelled online.

We do have a Reflections book at the program. This is located on the front table. Please feel free to add comments and/or feedback in this book.

Children will also be holding ‘the Biggest Afternoon Tea’ at After Care on Thursday 28th May. Children will be selling cupcakes for a gold coin donation to raise money for the Cancer Council.

We ask parents to check the details of your child’s class when enrolling in Before and After Care. By having all details up to date, it makes the signing in, for afternoon sessions a speedier process.

Also please remember to check the blue lost property basket in the gym.

Thank you—OSHclub Staff
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200 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East

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Thu 9 & Fri 10 July 2015
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Parade: Friday 10 July
Time: 7pm
Parade: Beryl Hevey Centre
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Our Fashion Parade of items from our Exhibition has become a popular event on our annual calendar. Our models have come from various groups over the years and this year we are delighted to have models who are celebrating their best years - their retirement years.

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Phone: (03) 9398 2511
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Further information and to see photos from previous exhibitions, visit our website: www.louisjoelcc.com.au and find us on Facebook.

Tickets: $15

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To help raise much needed funds to help the Nepal earthquake victims.

Choose between:

Movie 1: Night at the Museum, Secret of the Tomb (PG) OR
Movie 2: Penguins of Madagascar (PG)

*There will also be raffle tickets and drinks for sale. All members will be there to supervise children. Please do not bring any pets. 10% discount for groups of 5 or more. Children only valid for movie choice*

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

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