Principal’s Report

EDUCATION WEEK

What a terrific week of activities we had from Monday 19th – Friday 23rd May to celebrate Education Week. It was wonderful to see our classrooms come to life during our open day to explore the fascinating world of science. We were very fortunate that the weather held out afterwards and many parents took up the opportunity to enjoy a picnic lunch in the grounds. On Wednesday 21st May, the whole school had a lot of fun participating in Japanese Day. Our students were involved in so many engaging activities throughout the morning and who would have thought that a traditional Japanese tea ceremony would have children spellbound for 45 minutes!

Over the course of the week, many students also participated in the science challenge quiz and as usual it was great to see many classes working closely with their buddies.

A small but very interested band of parents attended the presentation of the 2013 Annual Report last Thursday. Copies of the Annual Report can be obtained through the office or on the school’s website at www.willynthps.vic.edu.au shortly.

A big thank you to all of the staff and parents who supported this year’s Education Week program.

STAFF TRAINING DAY – MONDAY 26TH MAY

Our third staff training day for 2014 on Monday 26th May provided teachers with the opportunity to finalise the school’s ‘Power Standards’ in the important area of writing. In fully documenting these power standards, teachers were also able to elaborate on the skills and knowledge linked to each individual standard thereby building further consistency in our curriculum planning across all levels of the school.

The middle session of the day saw teachers collaborating closely to determine the assessment samples and resources which will be used to complement the Writing power standards. This is an extremely important component of this work as it helps to ensure that all teachers are assessing writing within a very clear and concise framework.

The remainder of the program saw teachers delving a little deeper in this area and analysing the spelling expectations at every level of the school. As well as revising the school’s current resources in spelling, teachers also had a chance to investigate some new resources and programs. The developments made with the school’s spelling program were then all linked back to the writing power standards developed earlier in the day.

Overall it was an extremely fruitful day and I continue to be so impressed with how collaboratively our teachers work together. As a result of our school’s
endeavours over the last 18 months, we now have our curriculum completely revamped in the areas of both number and writing.

**James Hogan Presentation**

On Thursday 22nd May, around 50 teachers, parents and Education Support staff were privileged to hear Mark Hogan and his wife Leanne speak on the topic of Asperger’s Syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorders. Mark’s personal journey from childhood to adulthood was a powerful insight into the challenges and hurdles that this disability manifests. Mark referenced his book, ‘The Key That Unlocked a Mystery’, which shared many of his personal and poignant anecdotes. The presentation was inspirational and provided many points of reflection for the opportunities and support we provide at WNPS for our students with an ASD. A huge thank you to Sue Ongarato (Inclusion Support Coordinator), for organising this presentation.

**Wintringham Visit**

Last Tuesday I had the pleasure of visiting Wintringham Aged Care Facility again with fourteen of our Year Four students as part of our Community Partnerships Program. The focus of this visit was for our students to formally interview one of the residents to capture their reflections of their school days. It was so wonderful observing our students engaging so enthusiastically with the residents and eagerly capturing their interview responses on their netbooks. ‘A picture paints a thousand words’ and the smiles on the faces clearly demonstrate the value of this wonderful program!

**140th Anniversary**

Planning continues to unfold for our upcoming 140th celebrations on Sunday 22nd and Monday 23rd June. Many past students have very kindly made contact with the school and provided some great memorabilia for the historical displays that will be set up for this event. We would love to hear from any parents with an artistic or creative bent who could assist with mounting the displays during week 8 of this term (from Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th June). If you could spare a few hours to assist with these displays, please forward an email to Belinda at gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Enjoy your week
Jim Cahill—Principal

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**Mobil Grant**

In Term One we were given the opportunity to apply for a grant through Mobil to support projects within the area of Numeracy and were successful in receiving an amount of $3000.

In the western suburbs of Melbourne, Mobil operates the Altona and Yarraville Terminals and has a long history of supporting local schools in the area with the aim of building good relationships with their neighbours through its Community Contributions Program.

Through this grant we are hoping to contribute to the learning that occurs within our maths curriculum, supporting and challenging students across the expected standards identified, by resourcing all year levels, including our Intervention & Extension program with a selection of literature, which will assist in introducing, employing and further extending students understanding of mathematical concepts through the avenue of storytelling and real life scenarios.

Our aim is to allocate a collection of book titles across each year level, for our students to have access to and use when undertaking investigations of the concepts within the Numeracy curriculum E.g. Number (counting & place value), Computations (4 operations), Open Problems (recognising and applying strategies), Measurement, Chance & Probability, Data, Geometry and Estimation.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Mobil and the Management Team for offering this opportunity and for their financial support.
**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 will need parent volunteers throughout the school year. If you are available on Friday, please email Linda Taylor directly to be added to the roster—taylor.linda.1@edumail.vic.gov.au**

This Friday 30th May the parents on the roster are—Martin Ray, Pamela Fernando, Helen Parker, Larissa Deeth, Mette Nielsen, Helen Gibb, Simeone Logan.

**Canteen—NEW HELPERS MOST WELCOME**
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 29th May—No Help Required
- Friday 30th May—No Help Required
- Wednesday 4th June—Rachelle Burbridge
- Thursday 5th June—Amy Skalka
- Friday 6th June—Majella Snelling & Tracey Somerville

**NO SUSHI IN TERM 2 & 3**

**Uniform Shop News**
Primary School Wear (PSW) is now our official Uniform supplier. For all uniform enquiries please contact Kara on her mobile: 0413 008 185, between 9.00am and 5.00pm weekdays (excluding weekends and school holidays).

**Opening times are:** Mondays and Thursdays 8.30am to 9.30am

**Internet orders** can be placed on the website: [www.psw.com.au](http://www.psw.com.au)

**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, 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**
As from the 1st July 2013 the process for applying for a Working With Children Check has changed. Due to the continual changes to the forms they are no longer available at School or the Post Office. The only way to apply for a Working With Children Check is online. These forms are available at [http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

Reminding Parents, if you wish to assist in the Canteen, Fresh Fruit Friday, Sport, Swimming, Excursions or Camps, you must have a current Working With Children Check. If you have a current WWCC and have not provided a copy to the office, please bring your WWCC to the school office, where a copy will be placed on file. Working With Children Checks remain valid for 5 years.
Williamstown North Primary School

140th Birthday Celebrations
Sunday 22nd June
1.00pm to 3.30pm
133 Melbourne Road, Williamstown

1.30pm Opening Ceremony in the Gym
Visitors invited to wander through the corridors to take a trip through the decades

Visiters welcome to enjoy a Devonshire Tea
Japanese Day Highlights

What a wonderful day we had last Wednesday. The whole school came together in a brilliant celebration of Japanese culture. Special guests, including professional musicians and experts in Tea Ceremony, Kendo, Kirigami and Sumie ink painting, visited us to share their knowledge and skills with the children.

Our wonderful classroom teachers and parents also turned their hands to all sorts of Japanese themed activities, from Sushi and rice balls, to Sumo wrestling, chopstick tournaments, carp fish painting, fan making and more. It would not have been such a successful day without the high level of engagement and superb behavior shown by our children. Thanks also to all the children who dressed up to add so much colour and atmosphere to a special day.
On Thursday the 22nd of May it was science day at Williamstown North primary school. We were able to do a science experiment in front of the whole class and parents. I did my experiment on making quicksand. Two days before science day we had a practise. Mine didn’t work so the next day my mum and I fixed it up and it was ready to go for the science day. On the science day my experiment worked and everyone felt the quicksand. For our experiments we were wearing white coats. To do my experiment you need 1¼ cups of cornflour, ½ a cup of water and 2 drops of food colour (just to make it a different colour.) When I finished making my quicksand everyone had a feel of my quicksand. I thought science day was really cool because we were able to do science experiments in class. By Mark Peter Kyriakidis 3L

On Thursday I was so excited when I remembered it was science day. I collected my experiment and went to school. I was really nervous about mine. We got to wear a real white scientist jacket. When I finished mine I didn’t feel so bad. My experiment was static balloon. How mine worked is you have to rub a balloon on your hair a few times to create static. Next you have a can and then the can will move away from the balloon. I also watched the other experiments they were fantastic. By Riley Watson 3L

This morning I was so excited because it was the science fair in my classroom and lots of parents came. I went with Alessio and we looked on a website to see what we could do for an experiment Alessio and I did a taste test without smell. We put on lab coats and they were a little big but I didn’t care. We did ours after Jack and Phillip. Our teacher Dianna Lane called Alessio and I scientist James and scientist Alessio. Dianna said call someone from the audience and we called Phillip to come and have a try and he did. It was a great day. By James S 3L

On Thursday this week it was science day! I rushed downstairs to grab my supplies. My partner was Rafferty and we were making an easy lava lamp. It was fun, quick and easy. Really? I brought the practise lava lamp home and Raff took the actual thing home. Other people made quicksand crazy putty and other stuff. It was so exciting and even better we had a picnic. It was one of the best days of my life. By Kavan J 3L
PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
Williamstown North Primary School
Enrolment Begins

Provisional Prep enrolments for 2015 has commenced. ‘Enrolment Form’ and the ‘Preliminary Information Sheet’ is available from the General Office or a copy can be downloaded from the school website.

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

Additional School Tours will be conducted on
Monday 2nd June at 10.00am,
Thursday 19th June at 11.30am,
Friday 18th July at 11.30am.
Please contact the school office on 9397 5722 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, 2014

The ‘2015 Prep Parent Information Night’
is only for Parents of confirmed Prep enrolments.
Tuesday 25th November 2014, 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 2015 Prep children will commence week beginning Monday 13th October, Week 2 of Term 4.

All details outlining transition 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

MSJ 2015
Limited places are available for 2015. Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.
MSJ Open Mornings - 9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday)
29th May, 19th June, 31st July, 28th August, 11th September, 13th November 2014
MSJ Open Day 2014
Sunday 12th October, 11.00am – 2.00pm
Dear Parents,
Thank you to all the parents and teachers who bought mini muffins from the after care children last Thursday afternoon to help them raise money for the Cancer Council. The children raised a total of $135.00.

The student free day was busy last Monday with children being involved in a variety of activities such as play dough making, mini pizza making and plaster mould decorating. There was only a small number of children, but they all enjoy a fun packed day.

If any parents have any boxes, glad wrap rolls etc that children could use for a junk/box craft, we would be grateful.

Also, if any parents have any old clothes to donate for a children’s dress up area, they would be appreciated.

Thank you—OSHCLUB Staff

SCHOOL PHOTOS
WILLIAMSTOWN NTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
MSP PHOTOGRAPHY ARE ON THEIR WAY!!!

School Photo Day is: **Tuesday 3rd June 2014**

Have your child’s school memories captured forever.

Please take time to read the relevant information on the envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other.
- Every student must present their own envelope to Photographer on photo day, even if money is included in brother or sister’s envelope.
- Please include correct money, as **no change** is available on Photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request; please collect prior to Photo Day.

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**After School Care**

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**SPORTS CAMPS**

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Willy High Parents & Friends are most grateful for the opportunity to again offer Willy North families the chance to assist us in our fundraising through purchase of the Entertainment Books. Our fundraising assists school purchase items that are not covered in capitol expenditure. Last year we assisted in equipment for the science labs, music department, cadets sailing and food tech, to name a few. Remember primary school kids today are high school kids tomorrow.

Order forms are available at the school office or you can order directly via the link [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1884e76](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1884e76). Contact Karen Needs on 0408547539 or email karenneeds@hotmail.com to arrange to drop your book into Willy North for pick up or you can collect a book from either the Bayview Street or Pasco Street Campus, or order your Digital copy online, via the link.
Williamstown Cannons Basketball Club are looking for boys born either 2005 or 2006 to play at Friday evening games from 6pm at Altona Basketball Stadium & train Thursdays 3.45pm at Pasco St Gym (Willy High). Please contact Penny Milhe on 0409 014 121 or email: pennymilhe@iprimus.com.au Thank you!

Are You Interested In Different Cultures? World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2014. Our students from Belgium, France and Italy are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon. For more information contact www.wep.org.au, 03 9598 4733 rickycraw@wep.org.au
Sian Prior
(The Age journalist, columnist, broadcaster, essayist, author of Shy—a memoir)

in conversation with Hannie Rayson

Suzanne McCourt
(poet, novelist, author of The Lost Child, The Lost Men, Old Dogs: Lessons in Loving & Aging)

in conversation with Hannie Rayson

Books available for sale on the night!

6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start
Thursday 5 June
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Ballarat Rd, Footscray
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RSP essential - limited places!

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(before Rotunda)
Thursday 5 June
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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**
From early April 2014, 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 8.30 am – 5 pm weekdays except public holidays.

**http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/**

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**Willy Lit Fest – 31st May and 1st June**
The Willy Lit Fest is for children too. We are keen on encouraging young people to love books and supporting budding writers and artists. Here’s a summary of what’s on offer for children and young adults.

**Children**
- **Sam the Tram** – with Lowen Clarke and Adrian Masterman – Smith, Sunday 1 June 9.30am-11.00am. Suitable for children aged 3-7 years old. Free entry. Booking required.
- **Illustration Workshop** with Leigh Hobbs, Sunday 1 June, 10.00am – 10.50am,. Suitable for children aged 6-11 years old, $5 per child.
- **Behind the Billie B Brown and Hey Jack Stories** with Sally Rippin, Sunday 1 June, 11.30am – 12.30pm, $5 per child. Free to adults and under threes.

**Young adults**
- **StickyStories workshops** - with Matt Blackwood, Saturday 31 May 11.30am-1.00pm and 2.30pm – 4.00pm. Suitable for adults and 13 years old and up. Adults$15, concession/children $12
- **Chapter Five Book Club** with Jackie Kerin, Sunday 1 June, 12.30pm – 1.00pm. Suitable for 10-14 year olds. Free entry. No booking required.
- **Wonder Tales from Around the World** with Jackie Kerin, Sunday 1 June, 1.30pm – 2.15pm. Suitable for older children and adults. Free entry. No booking required.

Got a budding chef, food stylist, food blogger or photographer in your family? Send them along to hear from Sabriina Costa, Year 10 student talk about the practical steps it takes to create a book of your own. Graphic design, art students and anyone curious about the creative process around book design can spend a fascinating hour with three top designers getting the inside story on how book covers are created.

Our designers (including local Sandy Cull) take one book, George Orwell’s ‘Animal Farm’ and design a front cover. They will share three very different responses and designs. **Three Designers – One Book.** Sunday 1 June, 11.30pm - 12.30pm. $15 Adults, $12 concession/children

See **www.willylitfest.org.au** for further details.