Principal’s Report

**PARENT HUB LAUNCH**

We had a terrific roll up of parents for the launch of our ‘Parent Hub’ last Friday morning. As you can see from the photos, these parents grabbed a cuppa and little treat to eat after dropping off their children and were able to enjoy a chat in the comfort of the Parent Hub (Room 9) as opposed to chatting in the grounds on these chilly mornings.

The Parent Hub will be open every Friday morning for the remainder of this term as a trial, from 8:45am – 10.00am. Please feel very welcome to drop into the Parent Hub after you drop the children off on Friday.

A huge thank you to Julie Noonan (parent) and the Community Engagement subcommittee of School Council for getting this concept off the ground so that we may further build the connectedness of parents at Willy North!

**JAPANESE DAY**

We are looking forward to a wonderful day of activities next Wednesday 8th June for our annual Japanese Day program. All students will participate in a rich program of cultural and craft activities throughout the day. We encourage children to come dressed in some traditional Japanese clothing, or if the wardrobe doesn’t stretch that far then maybe a ‘hint’ of something Japanese. Thank you to the many parents who have already kindly volunteered their time to help out with the activities – we are extremely grateful for the support.

As in past years, it should be an engaging and highly enjoyable program for all involved!
REPORT WRITING

Over the next fortnight, all teachers will be very busy analysing the student achievement data that they have collected during first semester in order to compile their Mid-year reports for each student.

In determining the grading's that are represented on the reports, teachers use multiple sets of data, anecdotal notes and ongoing observations etc. to make their judgements. On the odd occasion, where a definitive assessment is difficult to ascertain, teachers will collaborate with each other to determine an individual assessment. Please be assured that this is an extensive undertaking, so that an accurate, fair and rigorous judgment can be made for each child.

In awarding a grading to a student, judgements are made against the expected curriculum outcomes for each year level as detailed in the new Victorian Curriculum. To provide further clarity and consistency with these expected outcomes, Willy North has documented ‘Power Standards’ at each year level to ensure all teachers have a deep understanding of the relevant curriculum documentation. It is important to understand that each student’s results are determined against the expected outcomes at each year level and NOT comparison rankings against other students.

You will notice some changes with our upcoming reports in regards to our Specialists programs. With approximately 740 students enrolled in the school, it is no longer tenable for each Specialist teacher to write a personalised comment for each child. In order to provide a clear picture of achievement in these areas, each Specialist will however report against the main tasks/skills undertaken throughout the semester and a qualitative judgement will be made against each of these areas. As always, if you have any concerns, further information can be obtained early next term through our Parent/Teacher/Student (P/T/S) conferences.

Your feedback in past years has been to ensure that our reports are easy to read & interpret, as well as being personalised for each child. To this end, I can assure you that each child’s achievement comments are completely tailored and personalised to each child. Teachers will cite individual texts, pieces of writing, maths activities & Shared Inquiry projects etc. undertaken by each child, with reference to the skills displayed through each of these pieces. Explicit statements will also be made to indicate whether your child is working at, above or below the expected level in key areas of Literacy and Numeracy. Every effort will be made to provide a comprehensive picture of each child’s individual achievements.

If all goes according to plan, Mid-year student reports will be uploaded onto Compass by Thursday 23rd June. P/T/S conferences will be scheduled early next term to enable you to gain further insights into your child’s achievements.

Most importantly, we hope the Mid-year reports provide a wonderful opportunity for all families to celebrate the achievements of first semester!

ON-SITE SUPERVISION POLICY & PROCEDURES

At last week’s School Council meeting, a new ‘On-Site Supervision Policy’ was endorsed by the council. Please take a few minutes to familiarise yourself with this policy which can be accessed through this link


It is important that parents understand that if students are sent to school prior to 8:45am that students are unsupervised in the grounds. If you would like to discuss any aspects of this policy further, don’t hesitate to forward an email to cahill.jim.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Enjoy the rest of your Week!

Jim Cahill
Principal
After School Care

Dear Parents,

The end of the term is fast approaching. It is that time again to book for the holiday program. Log onto the oshclub website, oshclub.com.au and select the holiday program tab and the days that you wish to book your child/ren into the program.

The program does fill quite quickly, so be sure to book your days early. Children at oshclub will be having a “biggest afternoon” at aftercare.

Children will also be cooking some choc-coconut balls and honey joys to sell to parents, to raise money for the Cancer Council. So parents, please have your Gold Coin donation ready on Thursday 9th June.

Thank you—OSHCLUB Staff (0411 236 845)
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.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au. Parents on the roster for Friday 3rd June are; Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Ray Price, Shadi Momeni, Mel Maskey, Helen Gibbs, Kathryn Samyue, Hulie 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.

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/
Transport yourself...

JAPANESE DAY 2016
Wednesday June 8th

Don't forget to dress up!

Taiko Drums

Costume Parade

Sumo

Ayatori

...and much MORE!!

Onigiri

Judo

Kendo

Manga Drawing
Tickets on sale this Friday 3rd June—go to www.trybooking.com.au and search for WNPS. Tickets are $30.00 each. Tables of 10.

Williamstown North Primary School’s 2016 Social Event of the Year

Rewind 80’s

With their retro hits, cherry lips and high kicks, REWIND 80’s take the stage performing tunes from one of musics most iconic eras the sensational eighties!

BYO food to share with friends and drinking glass.
This is a licenced event and all drinks will be sold at the bar by the bottle.
(Plastic glassware will be available for purchase on the night)

friday, August 5th

doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start (midnight close)

WILLIAMSTOWN TOWN HALL

Tickets On Sale Friday June 3
$30 per ticket. Tables of 10

For further details ring Williamstown North Primary School on 9577 3722
or go to www.wnps.tic.edu.au/events

TICKETS WILL SELL FAST DON’T MISS OUT!!!
Enchanted Years will be hosting a very special FREE event on Saturday 4th June at 2.00pm. Lulu Bell author Belinda Murrell & illustrator Serena Geddes will be in store to talk about the Lulu Bell books (reading age 7 years +) and Belinda will also be talking about her NEW book "The Lost Sapphire" (suitable for ages 9 years +).

This is a FREE event but bookings are recommended. For bookings please call Enchanted Years on 9397 1154.
**THE GOOD GUYS**

**PAY LESS**

We beat any price online or advertised

You'll always get a FAB DEAL from me!

30 DAY PRICE GUARANTEE

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**KINDERGARTEN OPEN DAY**

Saturday 18th June
10am - 11:30am

**KIDS by the BAY BEACH KINDER**

You're invited to come along and see what kindergarten at Kids by the Bay is all about. We will be accepting expressions of interest for 4yr & 4yr old kindergarten for 2017. Enjoy a FREE sausage sizzle.

Meet our kindergarten teachers and hear a short presentation about the program (including Beach Kinder) from 10.30am-11am. Let your children explore our great indoor and outdoor play spaces.

Unique Long Day Kindergarten Program
RSVP: kinder@kidsbythebay.com.au

Kids by the Bay Children's Centre and Kindergarten
85 Cecil St, Williamstown
(enter via carpark at the rear of Church)

P: 9397 5467

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**melbourne down under**

Jawbone Marine Sanctuary invites you to join us for a free community screening of the Melbourne Down Under documentary

This unique natural history documentary will take viewers on an incredible journey of discovery, revealing the city's best kept secret, Port Phillip Bay, a vibrant and dynamic marine environment. See the nature and spectacular diversity of the bay come to life.

You'll meet charismatic marine mammals, deadly jet-propelled predators and witness remarkable feeding behaviour that have never been filmed before. Footage includes the marine life of Jawbone Marine Sanctuary.

So grab your mask and snorkel and join us for this epic event and meet the Producer and Aquatic Scientist Shawn Mars who will host a post screening Q&A.

William Hobsons Bay Yacht Club, 250 Nelson Place, Williamstown

Wednesday 12th June, 2014

Time: 7.30pm

RSVP: This is a free community event. No tickets are required, so do let us know if you register your interest by emailing jawbonemarine@sanctuary.com.au so we can ensure we have enough seating.
SWAP SHOP SALE—Term Two

Swap shop will open on Monday 20th June from 3.15pm - 4.00pm in the old Uniform Shop by the Canteen. All second hand clothing has been reduced. Limited numbers of brand new, unworn and old stock is available at reduced prices.

**Prices are as follows:** $5.00 items:

- Rugby tops, Baseball jackets, Long sleeve polos, Girls long pants,
- Track pants, Stussy pants, Short sleeve polos, Stussy shorts & Skorts

Winter tunics: $15.00, Summer dresses: $10.00, Bike Shorts: $2.00,
Bottle green socks: $1.00 (Size 5-8 only)

CASH ONLY SALES (NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE) Please bring small change and BYO bag

If you have any school clothing you no longer need or want, the Swap Shop would greatly appreciate your donation. Clothing should be in reasonably good condition and clean. Please only donate Polo and Rugby tops with the school logo. Any donations of clothing can be dropped off at the office.

Thank you, Leisha Campbell – Swap Shop Coordinator