Queens Birthday
Monday 8th June Public Holiday

Principal’s Report

OPEN AFTERNOON INVITATION

We would like to warmly invite all parents to spend some time joining in the fun of learning at Willy North by attending our Open Afternoon next Tuesday 9th June from 2:00pm – 3:00pm. All of our classes will be working on the theme of ‘Cracking the Code’, so there will be lots of enjoyable and engaging activities to have a go at! At the conclusion of these classroom activities, we will be holding our usual weekly assembly in the Gym (which is normally conducted on a Monday), so that parents who don’t normally make it to assemblies, can come along and find out about our Students of the Week, Thumbs Up winners and lots more.

The fun will continue on Wednesday 10th June, with our annual Japanese Day program whereby students from all levels will participate in a fabulous day of cultural activities. As we continue to broaden our Japanese program, it is interesting to note that will have students from our sister school in Japan, Shin Ishikawa, visiting us next term! How exciting it will be for some of our students to visit Shin Ishikawa in the future!

On Thursday 11th June, Wendy and I will present the 2014 Annual Report and the new school Master Plan at 3:00pm in the Butterfly Room for any interested parents. If you are picking up your child/ren on Thursday, you are very welcome to join us for this presentation which will conclude at 3:30pm.

CANTENE THANKS

How fortunate we are to have such wonderfully supportive parents at Willy North. An urgent plea went out last week as we discovered that our hard working canteen manager, Julieanne Weir, was ill and therefore unable to oversee the canteen. After an announcement on Wednesday afternoon, we were delighted to be approached by about a dozen parents who were eager to assist in order to ensure that the canteen continued to operate. These parents banded together wonderfully and despite some stock shortages, ensured that all students received their lunch orders last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to sincerely thank the following parents for their tireless help in the canteen last week: Tracey Somerville, Imogen O’Neill, Anne Tobin, June Kolevski, Julia Hackett, Pernille Tind-Simmons, Mel Fisher, Kaylynn Rasmussen, Melanie Kerr and Caroline Wilkinson.
**FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT**

Within this week’s Newsletter, you will see a flyer for our upcoming ‘Family Science Night’ in the first week of Term 3 on Thursday 16th July from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. This invitation is open to all students and families and aims to engage participants in a fantastic collection of hands-on science activities.

As the program requires considerable organisation to ensure sufficient materials/resources, we ask that families book their attendance online at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and use the Event Code 4UBAD to assist our planning of the night. Online bookings will open on Wednesday 3rd June and close on Friday 19th June at 4.00pm. Please see the flyer in this week’s Newsletter for further information.

We hope that you might be able to consider attending this fun and engaging evening to help get Term 3 off to an exciting and scientific start!

**ATTENDANCE DATA – COMPASS**

Next week we will be sending home unexplained attendance letters to parents for absences during the April and May period. Please don’t be alarmed if you receive a letter that is incorrect. If this does occur, we ask that you return the letter to school advising the school of the correct information.

During term 2, we have transitioned across to a new attendance system through our COMPASS platform and we’re still in the process of ‘fine tuning’ all information and relevant systems. We thank you in advance for your patience on this matter. For all absences, we would prefer you to either telephone the school and report the absences, or send an email to [gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au) and the absence will be processed on the system.

**SCHOOLMATE APP**

The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day.

The App, called *SchoolMate*, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

*SchoolMate* gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your child/children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your child/children in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.

Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

*SchoolMate* is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Prep to Year 10.

I encourage you to download *SchoolMate* and to please talk with your teacher or myself if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum.

**DOGS IN THE GROUNDS**

Please note that we request that dogs are not brought into the school grounds; particularly during busy drop off and pick up times. Even the most placid of dogs can become excited and unpredictable with the traffic of hundreds of students and parents. In addition to these safety concerns, we also need to ensure appropriate hygiene standards within our classrooms. Over recent weeks, when students have walked through dog faeces in the grounds and then gone into their classrooms, it has rendered some classrooms untenable and in need of extensive cleaning.

If bringing a puppy/dog into the school for ‘show and share’, we ask that you make contact with the classroom teacher prior to this visit so that the appropriate arrangements can be made.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Jim Cahill—Principal
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 all 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 5th June are: - Julia Hacket, Arlene Lawrence, Mel Maskey, Camilla Thompson, Zohreh Basiri, Kim Pamnone, Larissa Deeth, Andrea Crabtree & 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 4th June—HELP NEEDED  Friday 5th June—Maha Sidaoui
Wednesday 10th June—Melanie Kern
Thursday 11th June—Anne Tobin  Friday 12th June—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 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 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.

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 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 / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map

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. 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.

Want to know more about Entertainment books? – Go to www.entertainmentbook.com.au
AN INVITATION TO STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

All students and their families are invited to attend a Family Science evening on Thursday the 16th July at Williamstown North Primary School, commencing at 6.30pm through to 8.00pm.

The purpose of the evening will be for parents/guardians and families, together with their child/ren, to share in fun and challenging, hands on Science activities.

To confirm your attendance at this evening, you will need to book online via www.schoolinterviews.com.au using the Event Code 4UBAD by Friday 19th June.

It is very important that you book online by the due date.

Once the online booking has closed - No late bookings can be accepted.

Bookings will assist us with planning, purchasing equipment and the overall organisation of the evening.

We look forward to your attendance on the night.

Jamie Peters & the Science Team
On the 14th of May we were delighted to welcome Hobson’s Bay Councillor, Angela Altair, to speak at our Junior School Council Information Night. Councillor Altair, now in her fifth term as Councillor, also served as Mayor in 2012-13 and 2002-03, and Deputy Mayor in 2007-08 and 2008-09. As you can imagine, she had a wealth of knowledge about these roles to share with our Junior Councillors, along with some fascinating local history! The children were enthralled by Councillor Altair’s stories, and eager to ask questions about the workings of the council and what being a councillor is really all about. It was wonderful to see them brimming with ideas of their own on how they can make a difference in their community, including a passion for saving the white rhino! We’d like to thank Councillor Altair and all the children who came out on such a chilly night for making it a wonderful evening.

Helen Atkins & Fran McCormick, JSC Coordinators

“I enjoyed hearing Cr Altair’s inspiring stories about leadership.”
- Junior Councillor Leila Nevzat

“It was awesome. I loved talking about the white rhino.”
- Junior Councillor Sirena Maniatopoulos

“I loved listening to Cr Altair’s stories about the council.”
- Junior Councillor Max Nikolovski
SWAP SHOP SALE—Term Two

Swap shop will open on Monday 15th June from 3.15pm - 4.00pm in the old Uniform Shop. 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, Yogada Rafferty – Swap Shop Coordinator

Term 3—20th July & 7th September
Term 4—12th October & 7th December
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