Principal’s Report

QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

Please note that the school will be closed next Monday 9th June for the annual Queen’s Birthday holiday. I hope everyone has an enjoyable long weekend.

NATIONAL COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disabilities. This data collection is taking place in all government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about support required for a broad range of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools.

The data collection is not limited to students diagnosed with a disability. It uses a very broad definition of disability, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’, to support students to participate on the same basis as other students. To this end, please do not be alarmed if your child is identified to be part of this data collection.

The data collection will take place during late Term 2 and early Term 3. Please be assured that no personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, you may elect to opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form. If you have any further queries or concerns on this matter, don’t hesitate to drop me a line at cahill.jim.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.

UNIFORM SHOP TRANSITION

As we transition to our new Uniform Shop arrangements with Primary School Wear (PSW), extensive discussions have been undertaken by the school to ensure that we have a more accessible service for all parents into the future. To this end, we have been negotiating on a suitable venue for a retail outlet and an upgraded online ordering service. The challenge with the retail outlet has been finding a central location for the local schools that are serviced by PSW – Albert Park College, Albert Park PS, Port Melbourne PS, South Yarra PS, Newport Gardens PS, Footscray PS, Middle Park PS, Galilee PS, Essendon North PS and Williamstown North PS.

In selecting a retail venue, it has been important to obviously find a central location for all of these schools, but also to find a venue that has easy parking and main road accessibility. PSW have identified a venue in Doepel Drive Docklands which they believe will work well for all of the schools involved. Whilst this venue represents a fifteen minute drive for members of our school community, we are hopeful that the opportunity to purchase school uniform at your leisure (retail hours) with changing rooms and easy parking will provide
increased flexibility for parents purchasing uniform throughout the year. Hand in hand with this retail venue, will be an enhanced online ordering system. Many parents have provided feedback on the disappointing service offered to date when ordering online, and we have relayed this feedback to PSW quite strongly on your behalf. We have been assured that the transition to Docklands will provide a streamlined online service for all families.

These negotiations and discussions with PSW have been very protracted and difficult, as we have been eager to achieve the best outcome for our school community. I am very grateful for everyone’s patience on this matter and we will keep you informed through the newsletter as this unfolds.

**ANAPHYLAXIS POLICY**

Every six months, all teachers undertake a refresher course to ensure they stay abreast of the procedures and regulations relating to Anaphylaxis in schools. This year we have nineteen students across the school for which we have current Action Plans for Anaphylaxis and Epi Pens on site. This is an area that the school has very strong procedures around, as we understand that an anaphylactic reaction can be a life threatening condition for these students.

At School Council last week, we endorsed our updated Anaphylaxis Policy and Procedures. Parents can access this document on the school website or by following the link provided here: -


**140TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE**

Our next meeting for our 140th Anniversary celebrations will be on Thursday 5th June at 3:45pm in the staffroom. We’re now up to the final stages of planning for the community afternoon on Sunday 22nd June and the activities program for our students on Monday 23rd June. We’ve organised some small customised gifts for all students and visitors to mark this special event, so it should be a memorable event for all involved. Hope you have these dates in the diary!

**NEW STORAGE FACILITY**

Work continues in the back corner of the school (Station Road & Burgoyne Lane) with the construction of our new storage facility. Last week was very productive with the main slab for the new building being poured. Further concrete works will be undertaken over the next fortnight to ensure that the new facility is seamlessly connected to the staff car park and the existing pathways behind rooms 20 and 22.

This new building will house separate workshops for our school’s gardener and handyman, as well as a large storage area for excess furniture, fete items, general equipment etc. When this new facility is completed, we hope to remove the old shelter shed near the soccer field and we will then consider the options for the final stage of our school’s master planning with the construction of an external amphitheatre being the front runner at this stage. We are so fortunate to be in a position whereby we can continue to improve the facilities for our students thanks to the generous support and fundraising of our school community.

**STUDENT ONLINE SAFETY PRESENTATION**

In today’s Newsletter there is a flyer regarding the Student Online Safety presentation that will take place on Wednesday 11th June at 6.30pm. Have a read of the flyer and put this date in your diary.

**SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES**

Any parent yet to return their child’s photo envelope, please send it directly to MSP Photography, PO Box 1611, Geelong 3220.

Enjoy your week

Jim Cahill—Principal

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**Junior School Council—Gold Coin Donation**

On Thursday 12th June we will be holding a JSC fundraiser. The money raised will be sent to the ‘Save the Children’ organisation. ‘Save the Children’ is a campaign raising money for the children who lost homes and belongings in the Typhoon.

Children can come dressed in their pyjamas and make their hair crazy!

JSC will also sell raffle tickets on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th June. Prizes will be drawn on Thursday 12th June.

Thank you—Aysha & Alyx
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.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au
This Friday 6th June the parents on the roster are—Martin Ray, Pamela Fernando, Helen Parker, Larissa Deeth, Mette Nielsen, Rachel Burbridge & Ivana Musura.

Canteen—NEW HELPERS MOST WELCOME
Juulanne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of the time parents or family members can volunteer to help in the Canteen. Juulanne 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 5th June—Amy Skalka
Friday 6th June—Majella Snelling & Tracey Somerville
Wednesday 11th June—Michelle Lopes & Ali Campbell
Thursday 12th June—Anne Tobin
Friday 13th June—Kellie Walker

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

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 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
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
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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Visitors welcome to enjoy a Devonshire Tea
In Term 2, the Prep children have been learning to count to ten in Japanese. Once you can count to ten you can make all the Japanese numbers to one hundred and beyond. It is a skill that underpins many other language topics, including telling the time, dates, birthdays, age, shopping and more. It is also a skill that can boost the children’s confidence if they can master it early on.

The children can recognise the Kanji symbols for the numbers and have enjoyed creating “Counting Caterpillars” by re-assembling the caterpillar body parts in correct order.

In class we have been singing a Japanese numbers song. If you’d like to sing with your children at home, cut and paste this URL into your browser:

youtube.com/watch?v=zqNotzty3kE
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR KIDS ARE DOING ONLINE?

Protect your kids NOW with Student Online Safety - an invaluable and relevant Cyber Safety Presentation for Primary and Secondary schools, Parents and teachers - created by Tracey Porter

PRESENTATIONS FOCUS ON:

- Bullying/Sexting and the law.
- Dangers and relevant information regarding Apps/Chat rooms/Social Media.
- How to keep yourself safe against cyber-crimes (bullying/stalking/sexting/grooming).
- Sexual Assault – self respect and empowerment.

INFORMATION ABOUT TRACEY OUR PRESENTER:

- 23 years involvement with law enforcement.
- Extensive investigative experience into cyber-crime and sexual assault.
- Current experience within the ever changing online world.

"Tracey's parent information night was one of the most successful and well attended nights we had for the year. Parents were still talking about the night for days after. With online media, the way of the future and the interest students have with the Internet and social media, this night is a must for any school!"

Anthony Olmstead
Assistant Principal Laurimar Primary School
Following on from Education Week “Scientists Do Amazing Things,” children from Year 3L were given a very challenging task, to come up with an idea for a new product or game. They were to think about something that annoyed or frustrated them and come up with an idea to solve the problem. The ideas were amazing and are listed below.

'Toothpaste Squirter' which squeezes out the exact amount of toothpaste you need to clean your teeth. I thought of this idea because when you squeeze the toothpaste it goes everywhere! Alyna

'Happy Apple' holds your apple and will cut it into halves, quarters, sixths or tenths whatever you prefer to eat. I thought of this because my apple fell off the table and bruises which does not taste nice. It also prevents your apples going brown. Rafferty

'The Shoe Tying Ant' is an ant that ties your shoelaces. I thought of this because I hate tying my shoes. James V

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'Swing With A Button' is an automatic swing which stops after a certain time. I thought of this idea because when I go the park always have to wait a long time for the swing. Hamish

'The Electric Mouth Cleaner' which is a mouth guard that cleans your teeth and mouth very quickly thought of this because I don't like brushing my teeth because it takes a long time! Charlotte K

'The Magic Keyboard' can detect where something is like a book or house key. You click the find button and it will locate it your lost item. It measures about 10 cm so it is not too big. I thought of this because I lose things. Jack

'Snack Light For Kids' is a container which holds your weekly snacks that you are allowed to eat. I thought of this idea because I ask mum and dad what can I eat all the time. This would allow me to get the food! Lily

'The Light Up Book' is a book that lights up is like a normal book. But all the words light up!!! The reason I choose it is because at night, I like to read with my lamp on. But I can’t see the words. There would be a switch on the spine of the book. You flick the switch and all the words on the page light up! Alessio

'The Butter Stick' looks like a glue stick but holds butter so as children do not have the danger of using knives. I thought of this because I find it difficult to use a knife with my younger brothers around. Phillip

'The Toothbrush Squirter' is a toothbrush that when you press a button has the right amount of toothpaste. It also glows in the dark. Caitlin

'Magic Toothbrush' is a multi-layer toothpaste toothbrush which saves you the stress of putting the toothpaste on yourself. It is easy to take away on holidays. I thought of this because it saves time in the morning and night. Kavan

'Robotic Bed Maker' makes the bed for you. You click a button and these arms come from the legs and make the bed. I thought of this because I hate making my bed! Ella

'Magic Toothbrush' is a multi-layer toothpaste toothbrush which saves you the stress of putting the toothpaste on yourself. It is easy to take away on holidays. I thought of this because it saves time in the morning and night. Kavan

'Automatic Footy Goal Kicker' is on your boot and a green light flashes when your aim is correct for you to kick the goal. The red light flashes when your aim is in the wrong direction. I thought of this because it is really annoying when you miss a goal. Mark

'Auto Mouthguard' is a mouthguard that automatically cleans your teeth. I thought of this because it is boring brushing your teeth. So I can wear a mouthguard and watch television or do other things. Dilen
**VISUAL ARTS UPDATE**

We have been very excited this week to start working on our whole school mosaic mural.

Our resident mosaic artist has introduced the art of mosaic by showing students a quick PowerPoint presentation outlining the history of this art. This was then followed with a hands on session working on the layout and design of tiles.

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**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**

- 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.

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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.

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**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](http://www.willynth.vic.edu.au) / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map
SWAP SHOP SALE

Monday 16th June, Swap shop will be open from 3.15pm - 4.00pm in Room 23 (next to art room). All second hand clothing has been reduced. A limited number of brand new, unworn and old stock available at reduced prices. Prices are as follows:

- Rugby tops—$5.00
- Baseball jackets—$5.00
- Long Sleeve Polos—$5.00
- Skorts—$5.00
- Girls long pants—$5.00
- Track pants—$5.00
- Stussy pants—$5.00
- Winter Tunics—$15.00
- Summer Dresses—$10.00
- Short sleeve polos—$5.00
- Stussy shorts—$5.00
- 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. Polo and rugby tops with school logo only please. Any donations of clothing can be left at the office.

Thank you, Yogada Rafferty – Swap Shop Coordinator

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Friends of Altona Coastal Park & Hobson's Bay City Council are holding a community planting day. Come down and get your hands dirty, great family activity.

**Where:** Altona Coastal Park, Meet next at the gate next to the Pines Scout Camp Altona Rd, Altona. **When:** Sunday 15th June. **Time:** 1.30pm – 3.30pm. For more information on the day or other community planting days please contact ranger@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or phone 99321000. We would love to see you down there on the day.

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**Piccadilly MARKET**

Sunday 22nd June 2014
Williamstown Town Hall
10am-3pm

After 4 successful years in Geelong, Piccadilly Market is spreading its wings to Melbourne. An indoor artisans market showcasing over 60 stalls of beautiful and unique jewellery, adults and children's clothing, home wares, art, gourmet food, and more.
Sian Prior
(Writer, journalist, columnist, broadcaster, essayist, author of Shy—a memoir)
In conversation with Annie Rayson

Suzanne McCourt
(poet, novelist, author of The Last Child, The Last Men, Old Dogs: Lessons in Loving & Aging)
In conversation with Annie Rayson

Books available for sale on the night!

Rotunda in the West
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start
Thursday 5 June
VU Bar
Level 0, Building M
Victoria University
Footscray Park campus
Ballarat Rd, Footscray
$15 or $10 Concession
Grab a meal before the show!
RSVP essential
bruno.letteri@vu.edu.au
0422 298 643

Scriptwriting with
Hannie Rayson
(playwright: Hotel Sorrento, Life After George, Inheritance, The Swimming Club)
RSVP essential - limited places!

Nicola Roxon
(former Health Minister, Adjunct Professor within the College of Law and Justice, Chair of the Sir Zelman Cowen Centre Advisory Board)
In conversation with Bruno Letteri
talking politics and life beyond

6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start
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French Club!
Fun French for Kids
Wednesdays 3.45pm – 4.45pm
Williamstown Community Centre
14 Thompson St
Limited places available
Our club is starting its 4th year!
✓ French fun way through games, stories, songs and activities - a learning program designed especially for 5-12 year olds
✓ Native speaker and experienced teacher of French.
✓ Enable your child to develop an ear and a feel for foreign language early

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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.