Principal’s Report

Last Day of School Friday 24th June Early Finish—2.30pm

No Canteen Lunch Orders or Counter Sales on Friday 24th June

NO FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Student Reports

If all goes according to plan, Student June Reports will be uploaded onto the Compass platform at 4.00pm on Thursday 23rd June. We hope these reports will provide you with a clear picture of your child’s progress over the last Two Terms. Teachers have collected many data sets and compiled ongoing anecdotal observations over time to form their professional judgements and determine the grading levels in each area. In writing the associated commentary for each child, every effort has been made by our hard working teachers to personalise the statements in the ‘What Your Child Has Achieved’ section. There will be references to specific texts that your child has read, individual pieces of writing they have composed as well as specific learning tasks they have completed such as projects etc. There will also be explicit statements citing whether your child is working below, at or above the expected level. Please note that in determining the overall achievement levels of each student, comparison are made against the expected levels of achievement as described in the Victorian Curriculum as opposed to any comparison BETWEEN students.

In the ‘next steps’ section of the report, teachers have worked closely in their teams to identify the collective future directions of students working below, at or above the expected levels. Whilst these comments are differentiated against your child’s general achievement levels, they are not directly personalised to each student. This comment aims to provide some general future direction for each student’s learning during the second half of 2016.

For the first time this year, specialist teachers will be reporting against specific learning tasks in their programs as opposed to providing general commentary as in the past. Please note, that whilst a qualitative scale of descriptors is listed on the report from ‘NA’ through to being outstanding, this is a predetermined...
Compass format and our Specialist teachers will only be making judgement against the following descriptors:

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Needs Improvement
- Ungraded

When accessing your child’s report on Thursday night, there will be many opportunities to celebrate their achievements AND effort, as well as maybe some points to reflect upon. Wendy and I have immensely enjoyed reading every student’s report over the last fortnight and we continue to reflect on how fortunate we all are to be part of such a positive and dynamic learning community.

**Access to Compass**

As explained above, parents will only be able to access student reports through the Compass Platform. If you have not logged onto this platform yet with your personalised password, or may have lost your password, please don’t hesitate to make contact with the main office so that we can assist you with this access.

**Parent/Teacher/Student (P/T/S) Conferences**

Following on from our Mid-Year Student Reports, the next stage of our comprehensive reporting process will unfold on Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th July with our P/T/S Conferences. These will provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate the achievements during the first semester, explore any queries stemming from the Mid-Year Report and map out future goals for the remainder of 2016. We hope all families will participate in this upcoming round of P/T/S Conferences.

P/T/S Conferences will be open for booking online from 9.00am on Monday 11th July (the first day of Term 3). Booking a Conference will take place via the Compass platform. Please see the separate flyer in today’s newsletter on how to make a Parent/Teacher/Student booking for your child/ren.

**Lost Property**

We have a growing mountain of clothing in our Lost Property boxes as the Term comes to an end. Any named items of clothing will be returned to classrooms, however unnamed clothing will be ‘recycled’ for our Swap Shop or donated to charities. Please take a moment to check the Lost Property boxes located in the main foyer if your child has recently lost an item of clothing.

**End of Term Arrangements**

Term 2 will conclude on Friday 24th June at 2:30pm; please note this early dismissal time.

Term 3 will resume on Monday 11th July.

I hope all students enjoy the sleep ins on these cold wintery mornings over the next few weeks and we will look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and back on deck on the 11th July for another exciting Term at Willy North!

Enjoy the Holiday!

Jim Cahill—Principal
Williamstown North Primary School
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parent/Teacher/Student (P/T/S) conferences will be held for all Prep to Year 6 classes on Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th July.

The focus of the Mid-Year Conference is for your child/ren to share their work and discuss how they are going with achieving their ‘Learning Goals’. Teachers will discuss the learning and progress of your child and strategies, to either extend their learning, or provide additional support. You may also wish to seek clarification on any aspects of the Mid-Year written Report at this conference.

Using Compass you can book your Parent/Teacher/Student conference online from 9.00am on Monday 11th July through to Friday 22nd July.

1. Click the ‘Action for’ button beside the student you wish to make bookings for and click ‘Book Parent Teacher Interviews’.
2. A list of Parent-Teacher interview times will be displayed along with their booking status. Click on the relevant time.
3. Your booking sheet will be displayed and will show all available booking times. Click on a time in the grid to display teachers available for booking the selected time.

Please remember, that once a time has been booked, the options for parents are reduced, so, be prompt to select your time. If all Conference times are booked, please contact your child’s teacher to make an alternative time.

If your appointment is between 3.00pm and 3.30pm please collect your child from the gym.

The P/T/S Conference times are as follows:

**Monday 25th July**
- 3.00pm to 7.00pm – All classes (5.00pm to 5.30pm staff break)
- 4.00pm to 7.00pm – Specialist Teachers (5.00pm to 5.30 staff break)

**Wednesday 27th July**
- 3.00pm to 7.00pm – All classes (5.00pm to 5.30pm staff break)
- 4.00pm to 7.00pm – Specialist Teachers (5.00pm to 5.30 staff break)

If you would like to make an appointment with a Specialist teacher, (Sarah Nobbs - PE, Helen Atkins – Japanese, Dean Pearce – Performing Arts or Vicki Symons - Visual Arts for Year 2 to 6, Emily Millman – Visual Arts for Prep and Year 1) please select a time using Compass to book your P/T/S conference online.

P/T/S conferences are highly effective in enhancing children’s motivation and understanding of their learning. The length of each P/T/S conference is “up to 15 minutes”.

Prior to the Conferences, teachers and children will spend time discussing how to take part in a P/T/S Conference. We believe all parents and children will find the Conferences very informative and rewarding.

The Prep, Year 1 & Year 2 children will talk about their ‘Goals’ and achievements, as well as articulating their learning.

The Year 3 to 6 children will talk about their ‘Learning Goals’ and what they were aiming to achieve in the first half of the year, and how they progressed towards achieving their goals.

If a parent or teacher requires time for a ‘one-on-one’ discussion, this can be factored in towards the end of the Conference, or an alternative time/date can be arranged.
**PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017**

**Williamstown North Primary School**

Provisional Prep enrolments for 2017 have now commenced. A copy of the ‘Enrolment form’ and ‘Preliminary Information sheet’ can be collected from the General Office or downloaded from the school website.

If you have any questions regarding enrolments, please contact the school office on 9397 5722.

**Additional School Tours will be conducted on**

- **Tuesday 19th July** – 11.30am
- **Wednesday 3rd August** – 10.00am

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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).

**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 BEFORE THE END OF TERM 3, EARLY SEPTEMBER**

**The ‘2017 Prep Parent Information Night’**

is only for parents of confirmed Prep enrolments.

On Monday 21st November 2016, 6.45pm to 8.00pm,

Kay Margetts from Melbourne University will speak on “School Readiness” and “School Expectations”.

**Transition Program**

Our ‘Kinder to School’ Transition program for our 2017 Prep children will commence week beginning Monday 10th October, Week 2 of Term 4.

All transition details will be included with the ‘Letter of Enrolment’ sent to families.

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**For our School Zone go to [www.willynth.vic.edu.au](http://www.willynth.vic.edu.au) / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map**

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**Premiers Reading Challenge 2016**

Thank you to all Students that have successfully logged on and started their Reading Challenge Journey! We have had a total of 242 registered this year.

A BIG Congratulations to the 24 students that have successfully completed the challenge and have received the Early Finishers Certificate by the end of Term 2.

We are looking forward to seeing the rest of you all complete the challenge by the end of Term 3. Those who correctly fill in their details and log all of their books will now receive a certificate at the end of the challenge. There will be a special prize for the 3 highest readers across the school, who still continue to read on beyond the allocated amount on the challenge. I will be keeping a close watch on these students and prizes will be handed out at the end of the challenge in September!

**Happy Reading**—Crystal Tyson—Premiers Reading Challenge Coordinator
**SWAP SHOP SALE—Term Three**

Swap shop will open on Monday 18th July 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

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**SPECIAL EVENT**

@ ALTONA HOMESTEAD

CHRISTMAS DEVONSHIRE TEA

SUNDAY 3RD JULY 11.00AM—3.00PM

EXQUISITE CHRISTMAS DISPLAY THROUGHOUT THE HOMESTEAD

A VISIT FROM SANTA

AUTHOR CLAIRE SAXBY 11:30AM

CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY “MAKING & HANGING DECORATIONS” ON THE “KIDZ” TREE

CHRISTMAS CAROLS: SING AUSTRALIA CHOIR 1.00PM & 2.00PM

CHRISTMAS QUILT DISPLAY

“LIONS” CHRISTMAS CAKES AND PUDDINGS

WILLIAMSTOWN NORTH PRIMARY YEAR 2 CHILDREN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

DELICIOUSLY DELICIOUS DEVONSHIRE TEA

MOUTH-WATERING CUPCAKES AND TREATS

WINTER HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MARSHMALLOWS

CRACKLING HOT ROASTED CHESTNUTS

STEAMING HOT COMFORTING SOUP

FREE ENTRY NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

CNR PIER & QUEEN ST ALTONA

ONLY REQUIREMENTS ARE A SCARF, GLOVES AND A SMILE

PRODUCE AVAILABLE TO BUY

ENQUIRIES: CAROL 0414742686

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**HOBSONS BAY DENTAL**

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Meredith McLean to the team at our Altona North practice. With 20+ years experience and a gentle approach, nervous patients can feel at ease. She sees both children and adults, and children eligible under Medicare COBS will be bulk billed. For an appointment please call 03 9391 5174, or request via hobsonsbaydental.com.au

173 Millers Rd Altona North

(03) 9391 5174
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.
Thank you to all the parents who assisted with Fresh Fruit Friday this term. There is no Fresh Fruit Friday on the last day of school.

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.

Thursday 23rd June—Lakshmi & Dawn Bridgeman
Friday 24th June—NO LUNCH ORDERS OR CANTEEN ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM

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 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/
Willi Tigers Netball Club is offering NetSetGO in Term 3, 2016 – Netball’s introductory program aimed at children aged from 5 to 10 years.

**Option 1: Prepare to play Summer 2016/2017 netball with Willi Tigers Netball Club at Altona Netball Stadium**

(Set 8-10 Skills/Competition option in online registration)

For children 7 years and above, who wish to play Netball with a Willi Tigers Netball Club Team, commencing the Summer season (Term 4) at the Altona Netball Stadium. We will be running 9 sessions specially designed to prepare children to play.

**Note:** Completing at least one full term of NetSetGO before your child plays Netball games with the club is a very good idea – they are more confident about court positions, rules and the skills of netball & the transition to game play is a lot easier for your child.

**COST:**

- $103.00 (First NetSetGO program for 2016 - This includes $49 Netball Victoria registration fee).
- $54.00 (Completed NetSetGO program already for 2016)

**START**

Saturday 16th July for 9 weeks, 9.30am – 10.45am

**CAPACITY**

20 children

**WHERE**

Outdoor Courts, Bayside Secondary College, Bayview St, Williamstown

Both options are fun and energetic programs run by Volunteer adult coaches, with the assistance of parents.

**REGISTER**


**MORE INFO**

Please visit the NetSetGO Website - [http://netsetgo.asn.au](http://netsetgo.asn.au) or email Naomi at willi.tigers@gmail.com
Available Now—Entertainment Book Fundraiser From Willy High Parents and Friends

The NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Book and Digital Memberships are available now and are packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers.

From every Membership we sell, 20% of the proceeds go towards fundraising. The more memberships we sell, the more we can do for our school. Buy a membership for the fantastic offers on food, hotels & resorts, travel, sports, leisure, movies and other great deals and support Willy High too! Funds spent at Willy High do benefit your primary kids - transition to secondary school is just around the corner.

Please order your copy at:

For any queries, to arrange a book pickup or collection, contact our Entertainment Books coordinator Karen Needs on Phone: 0408547539 or Email: karenneeds@hotmail.com

Willy High Parents & Friends are grateful to WNPS for support in this fundraiser.
1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers
at Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:
Hobsons Bay Network
Sadie McCarthy Learning Centre- PD Centre (Altona College)
227 Civic Parade, Altona
on Tuesday 16th, 23rd and 30th of August at 9:15am-11:45am

Learn:
✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
✓ How to sort behaviour
✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:
• A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

Registration Fee?
The course costs $20

There are only 10 places available (couple = 2 places). We encourage both parents to attend if possible.
Register for this course by contacting Melissa or Finella at Hobsons Bay Student Support Services on 9398-4676

What people are saying...
What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control.

Who is running it?
The presenters for this course are psychologists Melissa Damin and Finella Binnion who completed Parentshop’s 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioner training in 2013. Melissa and Finella are both Psychologists with backgrounds in Educational Psychology who work in schools for the Department of Education.

Registration closes Friday 29th of July
For more information contact Melissa or Finella on 9398 4676

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au