Principal’s Report

STUDENT REPORTS

Over the last week, Wendy Emin and I have enjoyed reading about the many achievements of our students in their reports during the first two terms of this academic year. How privileged we are to be part of a dynamic learning community where, on the whole, every student comes to school each day to try and do their best.

You will notice that this round of reports is in a slightly different format as a result of our transition to the new COMPASS platform. We hope that you find these reports easy to follow and interpret.

In communicating each child’s achievements, teachers have worked tirelessly to personalise the comments for each student. There will be specific references to books that individual students have read and the capabilities they displayed during their reading. Teachers will have also made mention of a piece of writing undertaken by each student and the skills they demonstrated in regards to grammar, punctuation or spelling. In numeracy, there will be specific reference to the most recent skills learnt by each child and where relevant, a possible maths activity or project. Further to this, there will also be comments about the Shared Inquiry covered in the first semester as well as some of the ICT (computer) skills developed.

The level of personalisation on these reports is outstanding and I commend the classroom teachers on the extensive data they have accumulated on each student in order to make such informed and insightful comments.

You will also note changes on our specialist reports in Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Japanese and Physical Education. Each of these programs...
has provided a course outline for the first two terms, which is generic for each student. However, underneath their achievement scale, there is a further comment which has been specifically tailored for each student, with specific reference to an aspect of the program that each student has really enjoyed participating in. This has been an enormous undertaking for our specialist teachers as they have each composed around 700 individual comments.

Mid-year student reports will be distributed to all students on Thursday 25th June. We hope you enjoy reading these reports with your children on Thursday night and that you can share and celebrate their achievements as well as embracing the next steps of their learning.

**P/T/S Conferences**
Following on from the distribution of the Mid-year reports for students, P/T/S Conferences have been scheduled for Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd July from 3.00pm to 7.00pm on both days.

These conferences will provide an excellent opportunity to elaborate on each child’s achievements for the six months of the school year as well as providing an opportunity to establish some direction and learning goals for the second half of the year.

Bookings for this round of P/T/S conferences will open on the first day of next term, Monday 13th July, from 9.00am. The booking platform will remain open for the whole week, until 4.00pm on Friday 17th July.

Conferences can be booked at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) follow the step-by-step process, using the following Event Code: J7UJW

**Science Night**
We've had a terrific response to our upcoming Science Night on Thursday 16th July with over four hundred students and four hundred parents in attendance. Thank you to everyone who jumped online to register their attendance. Bookings have now closed for this event so that all of the necessary planning and purchasing of materials can be undertaken during the holiday break.

What a terrific way this will be to kick off term 3!

**Good Luck Lewis Mulvey**
On behalf of the school community, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Lewis Mulvey (Year one teacher) and his fiancé Sashi the best of luck for their upcoming wedding during the school holidays. The wedding will be interstate, so we have our fingers crossed that it is a beautiful sunny day for the big event! We look forward to seeing all of the photos next term. Lewis will be on leave for the first week of term 3, so we will have to wait until the second week of next term before we hear all about wedding.

Best wishes Lewis and Sashi!!

**Early Dismissal on Friday**
All students will be dismissed early this Friday as we come to the end of term 2.

Please note that all students will be dismissed after a short assembly in the gym, which will finish at 2:30pm.

I hope all students have a restful break as term three is shaping up to be a big term with our swimming programs, Camps, Science Night, Book Fair, Reading & Writing Together is Magic just to mention a few………………how exciting it is to be part of this vibrant learning community!

Term three starts on Monday 13th July.

Enjoy the break
Jim Cahill—Principal
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be held for all Prep to Year 6 classes on Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd 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.

To book a time for your child’s P/T/S Conference, go online www.schoolinterviews.com.au. Follow the step-by-step process, using the Event Code J7UJW. At the end of the ‘booking,’ confirmation is sent to your email address. Online bookings will open at the beginning of Term 3, Monday 13th July from 9.00am, and close on Friday 17th July at 4.00pm.

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 during the school day, you will also be informed where you can collect your child from and then proceed to their classroom to meet with their teacher.

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

**Monday 20th July**

- 2.45pm to 3.30pm, whole school assembly in the gym
- 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 22nd July**

- 2.45pm to 3.30pm, internal supervision (details to be announced)
- 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) please select a time via the online booking system.

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.

Jim Cahill
Principal

Wendy Emin
Assistant 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 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.11@edumail.vic.gov.au.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO HAVE ASSISTED WITH THE FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY THIS TERM.

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 25th June—Anne Tobin  Friday 26th June—NO CANTEEN

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 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 wear their bike, scooter, skateboard or ribtic 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
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).

Conformation 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
Attention: Record Attempt—Most enthusiastic rendition of the Western Bulldogs Club Song at Friday’s Assembly 26th June at 2.15pm

Everyone knows that Williamstown North Primary is a Western Bulldogs school. In 2015, we have had two player visits, received 40 free tickets to two Bulldog home games and had prizes donated for the school Fete. On top of that, we have been lucky enough to have the Bulldogs Friendly Schools Program for Year 4 by student teachers from Victoria University and finally, a three week program run for the Prep to Year 2 classes run by students from SEDA and the Bulldogs.

We have a chance to thank the Bulldogs for their commitment to our school by doing our best to set the record for the most enthusiastic rendition of the Bulldogs club song, by a Primary school. The record breaking attempt will be at the last assembly for the term, on Friday June 26th at 2.15pm. If the Bulldogs are not your favourite team, they should be your second favourite, so please bring any Bulldogs (or red, white and blue) gear you have and practise singing the song before the big occasion to ensure that we BREAK THE RECORD!

Go to http://www.westernbulldogs.com.au/fanzone/clubsong to see the lyrics and practise with the music.

Sons of the West,
Red, White and Blue.
We come out snarling
Bulldogs through and through.
Bulldogs bite and Bulldogs roar,
We give our very best.
But you can’t beat the boys of the Bulldogs breed,
We’re the team of the mighty West

Last chance before the school holidays to get your book.
Willy High Parents & Friends are still fundraising and still have books for sale to offer Willy North families.

Not sure you want a book? The New Digital version for smart phone is also available. This is fantastic as it is always with you, great for searching out what is near you wherever you are. Able to be shared across up to 4 devices, no more disappointments that the book has been left at home.

Never had a book? Try one! They also make a great gift.

Hundreds of foodie vouchers, plus great savings across a huge range of 2 for 1 and 50% off. To name a few savings offers:

MCG footy tickets and other sport 2 for 1 offers.
$10 Chemist Warehouse voucher x 3.
Sovereign Hill & Theme Parks, Puffing Billy, Melb Aquarium, Phillip Island.
Sky Deck & Melbourne Star, Bowling & Laser Games, Skating & Go-carts
Movie and theatre tickets, 50% off Comedy Dinner packages.
Wine offers, wine tours & beer tasting.
Ski fields discounts at Buller & Threadbo discounts on 3-day lift pass up to 4 people, Hotham & Falls Creek discounts on 1-5 day lessons, hire & lift packages.
Gift cards, flowers, gifts, magazine subscription.
Car hire & hotel/accommodation discounts right around the country.

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 quires or to arrange a book pickup contact our Entertainment Books coordinator Karen Needs on Phone: 0408547539  Email: karenneeds@hotmail.com
Host Families Wanted

Sister School Exchange Visit August, 2015
We are excited to be participating in our first sister school student exchange, hosting six primary school students from Shin Ishikawa Primary School in Yokohama, Japan. We are looking for families who would be willing to host the children for four nights.

Visitors: Year 5 and 6 children from Japan (11-12 year olds)
Duration: 2nd (Sun) to 5th (Wed) August 2015 for 4 nights.
How many: One student per family
Homestay fee: There will be a small payment towards your expenses. Please provide 3 meals per day (Breakfast, packed lunch & dinner)

If you have any questions, please contact Helen Atkins, Japanese Teacher:
E-mail: atkins.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au or via the main office.

Host Family Expression of Interest Form

Parents’ names: 1. ____________________________ 2. ____________________________

All children’s name(s), age and gender (M/F):
Names: 1. ____________________________ Age: ___ M / F (Please circle)
       2. ____________________________ Age: ___ M / F (Please circle)
       3. ____________________________ Age: ___ M / F (Please circle)

Email address: __________________________________________

Telephone No.: H: ____________________________ Mobile: ____________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Other household members’ name(s)/gender:
Names: 1. ____________________________ M / F (Please circle)
       2. ____________________________ M / F (Please circle)

Pet(s): 1. ____________________________ 2. ____________________________ 3. ____________________________

Method of transport to school: ____________________________

Please return this form to the school office.

Thank you for your support.
Pursuit of Knowledge

Students get to see Brand-New Patrol Car

Williamstown North Primary School students were among the first in the community to see Hobson's Bay Highway Patrol’s new traffic patrol car when they visited Williamstown Police station recently. The car had been delivered to the station just two hours before their visit.

The 21 Year 4 students were also given a tour of the station, including the cells, and police spoke to them about the importance of leadership.

Teacher Simon Radford and students would also soon visit the neighbouring Water Police, while other students visit Williamstown Hospital and Aged Care facilities. “The Year 4 students are aligned to different community groups to learn about their role in our wider community” he said.

Girls School Soccer Team

Well done for a fantastic effort from the Year 5 and 6 girls who competed in our Girls Soccer Team that played in the School Girls Soccer Tournament at JT Gray Reserve on Wednesday 3rd June. The Girls Tournament included representation from all primary schools in Hobson’s Bay. During the day, our mighty team was undefeated in all four of their matches giving them a well-earned spot in the Grand Final against Altona. The final was a very entertaining, evenly-matched nail-biter with scores tied 0-0 at half time. Having already played five games of soccer on a full sized pitch, both teams were showing signs of exhaustion. During the second half, Altona unfortunately got a bit lucky on one of the attacks and held on for a 1-0 win.

Laura Spiranovic, a Striker with the Melbourne Victory Womens’ Soccer League also attended the tournament and gave the girls an inspiring speech during the presentations.

On behalf of the parents, thanks to Jamie Peters for taking the time to coach our girls and give them the opportunity to participate in this wonderful event! Go Willi North!
Reading your child’s report

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Could try harder … always does her best … lacks concentration … easily distracted … a pleasure to teach … Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar?

Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child’s abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. Do you believe that children learn at different rates?

There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it?

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible. School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child’s progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child’s report:

Focus on strengths: Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.

Take note of student self-assessment: Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

Discuss the report with your son or daughter: Talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.


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**Football: the fun game for all!**

**Boys and Girls Aged 4-9**

**Club:** Altona East Soccer Club
**Venue:** Paisley Park Pitch 2, Ross Rd Altona.
**Start date:** Saturday July 11th (6 sessions)
**Contact:** Robert 0408 804 098

Register at miniroos.com.au

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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 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 the foreign language early.

**Phone:** 0412 719 034
**Email:** jim.callahan@fcclubs.com.au
**Website:** www.fcclubs.com.au

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**‘It’s ART: WEAR it!’ 2015 Fashion Parade**

**Theme:** Winter Lights
**Parade:** Friday 10 July
**Time:** 7pm
**Parade:** Boryl Hovoy Centre
**Address:** 2 Sargood Street, ALTONA 3002

Our Fashion Parade of items from our Exhibition has become a popular event on our annual calendar. Our models have come from various groups over the years and this year we are delighted to have models who are celebrating their best years – their retirement years.

Book your tickets early – limited number of seats available. Book over the phone with credit card details, direct deposit or send your cheque made payable to: Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre 5 Sargood Street, Altona 3002

**Phone:** (03) 9398 2511
**Email:** admin@louisjoelcc.com.au

Further information and to see photos from previous exhibitions, visit our website: www.louisjoelcc.com.au and find us on Facebook.

**Tickets:** $15
Dear Parents,

Please remember that the holidays are fast approaching. Holiday bookings can be made by logging onto oshclub.com.au. Spaces are limited and do fill quickly. Please be sure to book early to be guaranteed the days you require care.

Please remember to book and cancel children online, as the program does need to be staffed according to the number of children attending.

Please check the blue lost property basket for any of your child’s clothing. This is located next to the “sign in/out” table.

We do have a reflection book with a variety of photo’s with children involved in activities. Please feel free to add comments to the book.

Thank you—OSHclub Staff
Williamstown Juniors Netball Club (WJNC)

Interested in netball?

We will soon be looking at our teams for the Summer Season at Altona Netball Stadium which starts in Term 4.

We are recruiting players of all ages from 9/u to 17/u. We are particularly looking for 8 and 9 year olds who would like to play their first game! If your child wants to be part of a great local club we would love to see you at WJNC. Please contact Nicki Bokma - 0411043950 for further details.
Dear parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers.

Place the stickers onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the sticker sheet can be dropped into the collection box here at school.

We’ll be able to get some great new equipment.

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Winter school holiday program

Through stories, art, music and movies, Hobsons Bay Libraries are celebrating NAIDOC Week and ‘Our Country’. Don’t hibernate this winter; you will miss all the fun! Come and join the activities to keep the whole family entertained. Activities include mystery movies, possum hunt puppet show and ochre painting, hand murals, Minecraft, clay jewellery making and scratch board art.

For more information pick up a brochure at your local library branch, or have a look on the library website.  [http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/](http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/)