I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all members of our wonderful school community for the start of Term 3. I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing break, with a chance to ‘recharge’ for another busy Term ahead at Willy North.

Some major events to look forward to over the course of the Term include our Art Show in early September, Years 3 & 4 Camp to Phillip Island, RWTIM (Reading, Writing, Together is Magic) and the Rio Olympics. An important ‘Community Forum,’ as part of our Whole School Review process, has been planned for Tuesday 9th August, so please add this date to your calendar.

Stay tuned for more information in the Newsletter about these events over the coming weeks.

**Holiday Works Update**

Further improvement works have continued over the holidays. Concreting works have improved safety and access around Room 9.

Phase two of the CCTV installation was also undertaken during the school break. We hope to have this up and running within the next fortnight. This will provide heightened surveillance of our grounds, thereby minimising any graffiti, vandalism or damage to property. As well as monitoring all visitors during the school day.

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

As a follow up to our Mid-Year Student Reports, parents are invited to attend a 15 minute P/T/S Conference with their child’s teacher on either, Monday 25th or Wednesday 27th July from 3.00pm – 7.00pm. Bookings for these Conferences can be quickly organised by logging onto your Compass Homepage selecting the 2 people icon at the top of the slide tab, and then choosing Parent/Student/
Teacher Conferences then choose a time that you want. If you have more than one child, you will need to go back to your Homepage and select the next child and complete the same process.

To review your booking times you can go back into your portal anytime to check the details of your booking.

**DRAFT HOMWORK POLICY – FEEDBACK REQUESTED**

As mentioned last Term, an extensive review of the school’s Homework Policy was undertaken during Term 2. A new draft Homework Policy has now been composed as a result of the extensive input from teachers and parents on School Council. Considerable research was undertaken to inform this update, taking into account the Department of Education’s guidelines/advice, as well as research in this area.

In summary, the new policy takes a balanced approach to the importance of homework, with an emphasis on strengthening and reinforcing the connections between parents and what students have been learning at school. It is based on the premise that homework has a benefit, if it is carefully planned and meaningfully engages students and their parents.

We would value any further feedback that you might have about our draft Homework Policy. We would be grateful if you could take a few moments to read the policy at [http://willynthps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/draft_homework_policy_june_2016.pdf](http://willynthps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/draft_homework_policy_june_2016.pdf)

Any feedback can be directed back to my email at cahill.jim.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.

The final draft of the policy will take into account any collective feedback from the broader community, before being presented to School Council for ratification.

**COUNCILLOR’S CORNER**

*In response to parent feedback, we will aim to provide a snapshot of each School Council meeting through the Newsletter. A huge thank you to Simon Gibbs for composing the first ‘Councillor’s Corner’.*

We’re pleased to acknowledge school community requests by advising highlights of our School Council meeting on 22nd June. While important, review and endorsement of routine items, such as our school finances, is likely less interesting than the following.

Phase two of our CCTV installation was endorsed. Phase one has already deterred graffiti attacks, so the excellent coverage of school grounds on completion of the initiative will see school property well defended against the prospect of vandalism. Positive too, is the additional security for students in having a significant deterrent to unwelcome visitors.

Council also supported the direction being taken in reviewing our Homework Policy; a review to which parents will now have the opportunity to contribute. The approach being taken is for compulsory homework at moderate levels, structured to support work being completed by students at school. This offers a great opportunity to understand what our children are doing, and to engage them in discussions to support their learning.

Particularly important too is the continuing work behind the scenes on our Whole School Review. All parents will have an explicit opportunity to contribute to this important piece of work, so stay tuned.

We welcome your comments, so let us know if there are issues you’d like tackled by your School Council. Meanwhile, we look forward to providing a summary of proceedings in each Newsletter that follows a School Council meeting.

**PARENT HUB**

We had a terrific response to the trial of our Parent Hub during the last month of Term 2. It was great to see so many parents/toddlers in the hub each Friday morning enjoying a cuppa and chatting with each other. Given the success of this concept, the Parent Hub will operate every Friday morning during Term 3 from 8.55am to 10.00am. Please feel very welcome to drop into the Hub (Room 9) after drop off time each Friday morning.

Enjoy the Week!

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)
  (Except Emily Millman—Prep to Year 1 Visual Arts Teacher)

**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”.

Please be punctual to your child’s PTS conference and please keep to the allocated time so not to impact on other families.

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         Wendy Emin
Principal          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 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 15th July are; Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, ay Price, Shadi Momeni, Mel Maskey, Helen Gibbs, Kathryn Samyue, Julie du Plessis and Lana Hutton.

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**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 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 14th July—HELP NEEDED**

**Wednesday 20th July**—Sandra Ensabella

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**Uniform Shop News**
Primary School Wear (PSW) is our official Uniform supplier. Uniforms can be purchased at the store located at Unit 1, 128 Bertie Street Port Melbourne. Items can also be purchased online. Email portmelbourne@psw.com.au. Trading hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm, Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm and closed on Sunday.

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**School Banking**
School banking day is Wednesday. Don’t forget to send in your child’s bank book.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.**

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**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/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/)
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 and Wednesday 3rd August – 10.00am

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 BEFORE THE END OF TERM 3, EARLY SEPTEMBER

The ‘2017 Prep Parent Information Night’ is only for parents of confirmed Prep enrolments. On Thursday 3rd 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.

For our School Zone go to www.willynth.vic.edu.au / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map

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
CitiWest Rentals

233 Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown
Phone: 9399 1311 or 0438 399131
E: williamstown@citwestrentals.com.au

Hobsons Bay Dental

173 Millers Rd Altona North
HobsonsBayDental.com.au

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For an appointment please call:
(03) 9391 5174,
or request via HobsonBayDental.com.au

Open Weeks
Monday 18 July – Friday 29 July 2016
Tours will operate every 30 minutes
and families are welcome.

- View our welcoming indoor and outdoor facilities
- Make an appointment to visit a kindergarten session
- and see 3yo and 4yo classrooms in operation
- Meet our caring educational teams. Our teachers and educators all hold relevant qualifications.
- Explore our curriculum, programming and play based approach to learning
- Discover our approach to preparing your child for school
- Obtain all necessary enrolment paperwork and assistance with completing any documents

To book a tour please telephone: (03) 9397 6902.
For more information about our kindergarten, visit: www.robinascottkindergarten.vic.edu.au

The above images represent various advertisements and information for different businesses, including clothing alterations, dental services, and French language clubs for children.
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**

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

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
- $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**
Registrations are now open – please click link or enter: https://46122.sportzvault.com/common/pages/noauth/olregstart.aspx?type=6&assredirect=1&entityid=46122&fl=1&id=20093 to register and pay for your child.

**MORE INFO**
Please visit the NetSetGO Website - http://netsetgo.asn.au or email Naomi at willi.tigers@gmail.com
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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.
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Registration closes Friday 29th of July

For more information contact Melissa or Finella on 9398 4676

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