



Williamstown North Primary School

# Newsletter

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## Principal's Report

### P/T/S CONFERENCES

It was great to see so many families participating in P/T/S Conferences on Monday afternoon & evening. We understand how busy families are and we are grateful that you can make these appointments in order to continue to forge that important home-school partnership that we know is so important for each child's ongoing development. The second half of the P/T/S Conferences will take place this evening; if you didn't get a chance to book a time, then please feel free to give the main office a call and we'll check to see if there is a timeslot available.

### FAMILY SCIENCE EVENING

What a fabulous night we had last Thursday for our Family Science evening. It was terrific that we had over eight hundred students and parents in attendance, participating in the activities across 24 classrooms. The activities for the evening included making 'Goo', Sherbet/Sugar Sweet, Balloon Powered Cars and a 'Science Show'. The success of the evening hinged on our Year 5 Mini Scientists and what a tremendous job they did in confidently leading all participants through the activities program. I would like to take this opportunity to applaud the efforts of our Mini Scientists and thank them for their enthusiasm and skill in facilitating the program: Agasthi P, Marni D, Aysha N, Olivia B-B, Ella C, Amy C, Carlotta T, Olivia O, Cormac O, Jamie B, Ethan B-S, Alyx G, Scarlett G, Daniel W, Will E, Isaac M, Madison R, James P, Emeline T, Max M, Mikaela R, Leila N, Harriet S, Kate M, Paola C & Ryan P.



### Dates to Remember 2015

#### Term 3

13th July to 18th September

Thursday 23rd July  
ICAS English

27th July to 7th August  
Prep to Year 4 Swimming  
Program

27th to 31st July  
Year 5 & 6 Howqua Camp

Tuesday 11th August  
ICAS Mathematics

Friday 14th August  
Staff Training Day No  
Students at School Today

Tuesday 18th August  
FOPA

Thursday 20th August  
Reading & Writing Together is  
Magic Evening

Friday 28th August  
Year 3/4 Hoop Time

31st Aug to 2nd Sept  
Year 3 Anglesea Camp  
2nd Sept to 4th Sept  
Year 4 Anglesea Camp

Friday 4th September  
Year 5/6 Hoop Time

Friday 4th September  
Prep Excursion to  
Cooper's Farm

#### Term 4

5th October to 18th December

Monday 19th October  
Year 6 Graduation Photo

Swap Shop Dates  
Term 3—7/9  
Term 4—12/10 & 7/12

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On behalf of the school community, I would like to sincerely thank Jamie Peters for the many hours he put into coordinating the event, and also thank the staff who were able to support the event on the night.

#### GOOD LUCK YEAR 5 & 6 CAMPERS

Excitement is building this week as our most senior students anticipate their annual five day camping experience; this year being Howqua, which is located on the outskirts of Lake Eildon approximately 250km's from school. This year there will be 160 students participating in the camp with 16 teachers and parents also attending. We have our fingers crossed for some clear winter days so that our students can enjoy the beautiful surrounds and the wonderful outdoor activities schedule. I have planned to visit the campers next Wednesday, so I look forward to reporting back about the camp in a couple of weeks.

In anticipation of another wonderful camping program, I would like to sincerely thank the teachers and parents who will be attending next week to provide around the clock care and support for our students.

#### 2016 PREP ENROLMENTS – FINAL CALL

We are now in the midst of planning our Prep Transition program and liaising with Kindergartens and Early Childhood Centres, as further planning unfolds for our 2016 prep cohort. At this stage we have approximately 120 students enrolled, which will definitely see at least five prep classes for next year. If you know of any families in our zone who are yet to enrol their eligible prep child for 2016, could you please let them know that this needs to be done as soon as possible.

#### CYBERBULLYING – IMPORTANT CHANGES FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2015

The Australian Government has recently formed the 'Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner' to respond to cyberbullying complaints that fall under the *Enhancing Online Safety for Children Act 2015*.

This Act allows children suffering from serious cyberbullying to contact the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner to have content removed if social media companies do not remove the offending content after it has been reported to them. This complaints scheme commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

Whilst in some cases it may still need to be appropriate to contact the school if cyberbullying is happening between any students at the school. This new scheme now provides another avenue of support to families for addressing any cyberbullying that may happen after hours from other children not associated with the school.

The Office provides a range of resources to support families and schools, so it might be worth adding the following site to your list of favourites: [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au).

Enjoy the week

Jim Cahill—Principal

## Rosters... Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)

This is a very social and interactive group who volunteer an hour of their time each Friday morning. Thank you to 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, so she can add you to the roster—** [taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au). The parents on Fresh Fruit Friday this week, **Friday 24th July** are: Julia Hacket, Mel Maskey, Camilla Thompson, Zohreh Basiri, Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Andrea Crabtree and Rachelle Burbridge.

## 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 most welcome. So, if you can spare any of your valuable time, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thursday 23rd July—Julia Hacket

Friday 24th July—Maha Sidaoui

Wednesday 29th July—Kath Trevaskis

Thursday 30th July—Anne Tobin

Friday 21st July—Carolyn Wilkinson

**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](mailto:portmelbourne@psw.com.au). Trading hours for Term One and Term Four are Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm, Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm and closed on Sunday and Monday.

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

**Student Safety** Please take the time to regularly remind your child/ren about safety, especially when going to and from school. Here are the important points to mention:

- Do not talk to strangers and never accept a ride from a stranger, or accept lollies or gifts from a stranger.
- Immediately report any issue or problem you may have when going to or from school, to your mum and dad, or to your teacher, the Principal, Assistant Principal or office staff.
- Always get permission from mum or dad before going to play with a friend after school and always let mum and dad know where you will be and what time you will be home.

We advise that, wherever possible, children should travel to or from school with an adult or with their friends, rather than travel alone.

**Early Release** All children collected from school before 3.30pm must be signed out at the Office. Parents will be handed an 'Early Release Pass' to hand to the supervising teacher. If a child is signed out at Recess or Lunch time, the Office staff will call the child to the Office and then ensure the Early Release Pass is given to the supervising teacher.

**Bikes & Scooters** Many children ride bikes and scooters to school each day. All bikes and scooters must be locked up in either the Bike or Scooter Enclosure to prevent theft. Please ensure your child has a chain and a lock. All children who ride a bike or scooter must wear a helmet which is a requirement by the Government. The school regularly reminds all children about wearing helmets for their safety. All bikes, scooters, skateboards, ribtics and helmets must be labelled, with your child's name and class. **Children are reminded they must walk their bike, scooter, skateboard or ribtic to and from the school gates. No bikes are to be brought through the school buildings and we request, where possible, that Scooters are also not walked through the building.**

## Working With Children Checks

From early April 2014, cardholders who are required to renew their WWC Check will no longer need to go to Australia Post to lodge a paper form and present their current card. From this time, cardholders will go to the WWC Check website to complete their renewal application online and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the fee using a credit card. **The online renewal process** Cardholders will be notified by SMS, letter or email 28 days before their WWC Check is due to expire. It is important for cardholders to keep their contact details up to date so that they receive this important reminder.

After receiving a notification, individuals continuing to do child-related work should go to [MyCheck](#) on the WWC Check website and apply to renew their Check. Cardholders will be asked to register with MyCheck if they have not already done so. Once logged in to MyCheck, cardholders will be prompted to confirm or update their personal contact and work details, complete the online form and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the non-refundable \$102.70 fee.

**More information**, an FAQ guide to online renewals will be available in 'Publications' under 'Resources' on the WWC Check website. Or contact the Customer Support Line on 1300 652 879 8.30am – 5.00pm weekdays except public holidays.

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

# 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.



*Please Provide the following information when lodging your enrolment*

- 1. Enrolment Form and Preliminary Information Sheet**
- 2. Proof of Age - (Child's Birth Certificate)**
- 3. Certificate of Immunization (School Entry Form)**
- 4. Three documents for "Proof of Residential Address".**  
(Drivers Licence, a Rates notice and a third document with your **full name & residential address**).

## **Enrolment Policy**

Please note that in line with the "School Ceiling" endorsed by the South Western Regional Director, only families who reside within the defined school neighbourhood are eligible to seek enrolment. A map defining the school neighbourhood is available on the school website.

**CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT WILL BE MADE IN WRITING BY THE END OF TERM 3, 2015**



**The '2016 Prep Parent Information Night' is only for Parents of confirmed Prep enrolments.**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.willynth.vic.edu.au) / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map

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.





## Mobil Grant

In Term One, we were given the opportunity to apply for a grant through Mobil to support projects within the area of Science and Numeracy. We were successful in receiving a grant from Mobil of \$4000.

In the western suburbs of Melbourne, Mobil operates the Altona and Yarraville Terminals and has a long history of supporting local schools in the area with the aim of building good relationships with their neighbours through its Community Contributions Program.

Through the 2015 grant, we have been fortunate to be able to purchase two sets of iPads for use in classrooms to support student learning across the curriculum. There are so many incredible and varied opportunities that different apps can provide, and there are endless ways in which students

can be supported, engaged, extended and challenged.

Our aim for these iPads is to contribute to the learning that occurs across our curriculum, supporting and challenging students to think deeply, creatively and collaboratively.

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, we were invited to a morning tea, hosted by Mobil, in celebration of all of the recipients that were successful in receiving a grant. Two of our Year 5 eLearning Leaders, Stephanie and William, represented our school, meeting teachers and students from other local schools to discuss how they were utilising the grant to extend students in Science and Numeracy. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear about all the exciting things schools in our area are doing.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Mobil and the Management Team for offering this opportunity and for their financial support.

## Book Club

Reminder—Book Club orders are due back by Tuesday 28th July—NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

The Williamstown S&LSC  
invite all club members to our very own

# Christmas in July

Saturday 25 July 2015  
commencing at 7pm

Complimentary drinks on arrival  
as well as a two course spit roast dinner  
and a full bar with marshmallows to toast on the fire!

**TICKETS ARE LIMITED**  
**\$30.00 EACH**

Book using the following link  
[www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=18902](http://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=18902)

Further information please contact:  
Tara Schuurmans  
([theschuurmans@bigpond.com](mailto:theschuurmans@bigpond.com))

Please note this is an adult only event.

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# Reading & Writing Together Is Magic

Prep to Year 6 Students

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 6.30pm to 7.30pm

RWTIM is our annual Community Literacy event, where all students in Prep to Year 6 have written and published pieces of poetry to share with their family.

To indicate your attendance; please use our online booking system. This will **open on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August and close at 4.00pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August.**

“Reading & Writing Together Is Magic” will be held on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August starting at 6.30pm, and concluding at 7.30pm.** All families are invited to attend, however children attending, **must be** accompanied by an adult.

Children from Prep to Year 6 are allocated in groups to a classroom, with siblings kept together. Our senior students host the evening as part of their Leadership development. Prep to Year 6 students proudly read their poems to the audience with great confidence.

The evening commences with each child taking turns to read their piece of published work and at the conclusion, each child will receive a ‘RWTIM Ribbon’ for attending the night.

To assist with the organisation, it is vital that you register your attendance, and names of your child/ren who will be participating on the night.

Please go online [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and use the Online Booking System Event Code – **GSGMJ** on or before, **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August** to book your child/ren’s attendance. The online booking system will close at 4.00pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

All families will be provided with details of the room your child/ren will be reading in, by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

**PLEASE NOTE:**     **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT ON**  
**THE NIGHT**



## Book Fair - Under the Sea!



The Book Fair will be located in the Resource Centre.

Families will be able to purchase a wide range of books on the following dates and times.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August, from 3.30pm to 4.15pm and prior to RWTIM 5.30pm to 6.15pm.**  
**Book sales will conclude at 6.15pm sharp to enable students and families time to move to their designated room.**

**Book sales will re-open directly after Reading & Writing Together Is Magic, concluding at 8.00pm.**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August, from 8.30am to 9.00am and directly after school, from 3.30pm to 4.00pm.**