Over a hundred surveys were distributed to students on Monday as part of this year’s Parent Opinion Survey. This is a very important source of feedback for all Victorian Government Schools. We would be very grateful if these surveys could be returned to the main office as soon as possible; with the final date for returns being next Wednesday 3rd August.

If you are one of the families that have been randomly selected to complete this survey, we thank you in advance for your valuable time to complete the survey and for your considered feedback.

We are excited to confirm the arrangements for our upcoming Community Forum on Tuesday 9th August at 7.00pm. This is a very important stage in our Whole School Review process as we aim to canvass parent opinion about how the school currently operates, and the future opportunities for our students. A flyer within the Newsletter gives some further details about this forum.

Participants in the forum will be seated in table groups, with each table being supported by School Councillors and teaching staff to help facilitate the conversations. We aim to make the evening as comfortable and convivial for everyone, with beverages and catering available and therefore request that you RSVP as per the details on the flyer.

This Forum is a major step in the school evaluating its current practices and shaping the school’s next Strategic Plan, 2017 – 2020. We hope that you may help join in the conversation!

Every six months we undertake a visual inspection of all trees on the school site. A regular maintenance program ensures that all trees have concerning or overhanging branches removed and where necessary any further preventative treatments are undertaken to extend the health and longevity of each tree. Over the last 12 – 18 we have been watching three of our mature trees very closely and more recently we requested a full written report on these three trees. With careful pruning we will be able to extend the life of one of these trees, however two trees have been deemed a risk and will need removal. One of these trees is near the gymnasium on Melbourne Road and being on the fence line will not be replaced when it is removed. The other tree for removal is near the Junior playground on the Melbourne Road fence line and is surrounded by a short sleeper wall (it is sometimes referred to as the Friendship tree). Given the
positioning of this tree, we are in the process of determining a mature replacement of a more suitable species. Please be assured that the removal of any of our trees is very much a last resort. We do everything we can to treat and maintain each tree, however when we reach the point where a tree becomes a potential hazard, the school must be governed by ensuring the safety of anyone on the school site.

**OSHClub Survey**
Each Term we meet with representatives from OSHClub to continue to review the program provision for Before school & After school Care and to work closely together in order to forge a very successful partnership with the school. Willy North was one of the original schools to link with OSHClub and the association has certainly been a very positive and fruitful one over the years.

In a recent meeting, we began to explore the possibility of hosting Vacation Care programs at our school. This concept is in the very early stages and there is much to work through in order to get this off the ground. A survey has been distributed to all OSHClub users as a starting point for determining the level of demand for this service. We would be very grateful if families could complete this short survey to help inform our decision making in this area. I will keep you posted over the coming weeks as these discussions unfold.

**3 Step Rule**
Have you heard your child talking about the ‘Three Step Rule’?
I thought I would take the opportunity this week to discuss what the ‘Three Step Rule’ is at school and how it supports student wellbeing.

Firstly, we encourage all students to use the ‘Three Step Rule’ when experiencing any problems in the playground at recesses and lunchtimes. In skilling students to use the ‘Three Step Rule’, we are essentially empowering them to be positively assertive when interacting with their peers.

When a student is involved a situation where they do not want a particular behaviour to continue from another student, during the first step they simply say – ‘Stop it, I don’t like it when ……”’ We normally find that when a student verbalises this first step, thereby making the other student aware that the behaviour is causing a problem, then this behaviour in most cases ceases.

If by chance an unwanted behaviour continues, during the second step the student is then encouraged to say – ‘Stop it, I don’t like it, or I will need to tell the teacher’.  When using the second step, a student is again highlighting the unwanted behaviour, but also explaining that a teacher will be needed if the behaviour continues.

If an unwanted behaviour continues after a student has verbalised the first two steps, then the student lets the other student know that they are getting the Yard Duty teacher to help sort out the problem.

In encouraging students to use the ‘Three Step Rule’, we find that they are equipped to deal with most minor infractions in the playground. We also find that they become more confident at articulating their feelings and have a greater sense of empowerment within their peer group. If you get a chance at home, it would be great if you could discuss the ‘Three Step Rule’ as a strategy which can be used at school and possibly modified to use in other contexts.

**Parking around the School**
Unfortunately the school has needed to advocate on behalf of the local residents who continue to be blocked into their homes by school families parking over driveways. Parking officers from Hobsons Bay Council will therefore be undertaking increased patrols around the school. Whilst some officers will be visible, others will use dash cams to issue fines. The officers will also be monitoring cars that stop in dangerous spots to drop off or pick up students.

I am confident that the vast majority of parents are very respectful of our local residents, however this is a matter that we all need to work together on to ensure the safety of our students and the amenity of our neighbouring residents. Enjoy the Week! Jim Cahill—Principal, Williamstown North Primary School
An evening of ‘Celebration and Anticipation’

Join the conversation and help shape your child’s future at Willy North.

Tuesday 9th August
7.00pm to 8.30pm
Junior Learning Centre

We warmly invite all parents to attend this Community Forum which will be an important stage in our whole school review process.

Every participant at the forum will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on:-

- Our School’s Strength,
- Our School’s opportunities for Improvement and Development,
- The key capabilities we aspire to develop for all Willy North students.

Beverages and nibbles will be provided.

To assist with catering and organisation, please RSVP to williamstown.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
We are fast approaching peak flu season where the exposure to influenza viruses is high and spreads easily. The annual vaccine is available to everyone and provides individual immunity to the current wild viruses. Children with severe asthma, diabetes and congenital heart disease should be immunised. Each vaccinated person helps to build a stronger herd immunity, which in turn protects our littlest babies and the greatest of grandparents.

Crazy Sock Day – On behalf of JSC and Hobsons Voice, Willy North will be having ‘Crazy Sock Day' this Friday the 29th July. Children must still be in uniform, but can wear crazy socks (Frilly, coloured, patterned etc). In lieu of a monetary donation, we are asking for a donation of a pair of new children socks. Fundraising proceeds will go towards the Asylum Seeker Refugee Centre.

Reminder for the Rewind 80’s Night

Only 9 days to go until the social event of the year! Here are a few reminders for those of you who will be attending:

♦ Doors open at 7.00pm. Please have your tickets handy as they are required for entry. Also make a note of your table name (i.e. the person who booked your ticket/s) as this will help to locate your table number.

♦ This event is NOT BYO! All drinks are available for purchase at bar prices, including soft drink. Water bottles will be provided on the night. There will be a drinks menu placed on each table.

♦ CASH ONLY BAR - Please try to bring small denominations of $ along on the night for purchasing drinks (i.e. $1, $2, $5, $10, $20 notes), as this will make it easier for the bar staff to provide change. No credit cards will be accepted.

♦ Don’t forget to bring a glass! A limited number of plastic wine glasses will be available on the night – however not enough for everyone! It is also much nicer to drink from glass than plastic!

♦ Have you chosen your outfit yet?? Whilst 80’s clothing is not compulsory, think about how much fun and how entertaining it will be!! There will be prizes for best dressed female and male awarded on the night.

♦ A photo booth will be set up on the night to add to the merriment

♦ The festivities will come to a close at 12 midnight.

♦ All tables will be provided with a plastic garbage bag so assistance to clean up your table at the end of the night will be greatly appreciated!

We can’t wait to see everyone in their lace headbands, fluoro legwarmers, acid-wash jeans and dancing shoes!!
**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, 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.

PROVISIONAL PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
Williamstown North Primary School

Provisional Prep enrolments for 2017 have commenced and we are hoping to finalise 2017 Prep enrolments by the end of July. If you haven't yet enrolled your child, please undertake this next week. 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.

We will conduct a School Tour on
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 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

2016 Williamstown Swimming and Lifesaving

Christmas in July

We know many of you are missing your summertime mates and the annual WSLSC Kitsch Xmas in July is nearly upon us! So dust off your Kitsch Xmas jumpers, get your marshmallows ready for toasting and get ready for another evening of FUNdraising!

When & Where—Saturday 30th July, 7.00pm, The clubrooms
Tickets are $40.00 per person including a two course dinner.

Full Bar—Good Company—Prizes—Music
Tickets can be purchased here
Reading & Writing Together Is Magic

Prep to Year 6 Students

Thursday 18th 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 and/or snapshots to share with their family.

To indicate your attendance; please use our online booking system. This will open on Monday 1st August and close at 4.00pm on Monday 15th August.

“Reading & Writing Together Is Magic” will be held on Thursday 18th 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 and/or snapshots 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 and use the Online Booking System Event Code – 9ta2x on or before, Monday 15th August to book your child/ren’s attendance. The online booking system will close at 4.00pm on Monday 15th August.

All families will be provided with details of the room your child/ren will be reading in, by Wednesday 17th August.

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

Book Fair – Australia! Story Country

The Book Fair will be located in the Library/Resource Centre.

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

Thursday 18th August – After School from 3.30pm to 4.15pm

Prior to RWTIM – 5.30pm to 6.15pm (sharp)

After RWTIM until 8.00pm

Friday 19th August – Before School from 8.30am to 9.00am
Keeping your children safe online

Parental controls

It can seem daunting, trying to keep up with technology and online social platforms. Fortunately tools are available to help parents keep their children safe when they're online at home.

WNPS believes that the teaching of Cybersafey and responsible online behaviour is essential in the lives of students and is best taught in partnership between home and school. Safe and responsible behaviour is explicitly taught at our school and parents/guardians are requested to reinforce this behaviour at home.

At school, we provide access to a filtered Internet service within the DET network that blocks inappropriate content by a regularly updated list of categories and sites. This protection does not apply to 1:1 devices when used outside of the school network, and therefore it is strongly recommended that parents seek and apply appropriate filtering systems for home Wi-Fi networks.

At WNPS we have policies in place that outline the values of the school and expected behaviours when students use digital technology and the Internet.


What are parental controls?
Parental control tools help parents monitor and limit what their children do online. There are many tools available and they all offer different functions, with some even allowing parents to limit the time children spend on specific websites or games. No tool is 100% effective at blocking access to inappropriate content. They are a good tool to encourage communication with children about their online activities. Currently there are more effective tools for use with PCs and Macs than with mobiles, tablet devices and game consoles. Additional parental supervision is required with these.

How to use parental control tools
Click here to watch video - https://vimeo.com/136068752

What do parental controls do?
Every parental control tool is different. Most tools:
- can block children from accessing specific websites, protocols or applications.
- filter different kinds of content, for example sexual content.
- allow parents to monitor use with reports on sites accessed, the length of time and frequency of access.
- can be used to set time limits, blocking access after a set time — handy if you are not home and want to limit the time your child spends on a game or social media.
- allow parents to change the tool settings to reflect each child’s age and skills.

Do parental controls block all bad stuff?
No single parental control tool is 100% effective at blocking all inappropriate content — but they can reduce the likelihood of ‘accidental discovery’. Parental control tools tend to be better at blocking ‘adult’ or sexual content than other types of harmful content, such as content that may promote self-harm, eating disorders, violence, drugs, gambling, racism and terrorism. Parental control tools have difficulty filtering content within social media sites and messaging services, including video messaging services like Skype.
Parents need to talk to their children about the social media sites they are using, who they communicate with and what they are accessing.

What about game consoles, mobiles and tablets?
Parental control tools are currently less effective with game consoles, mobiles and tablets. Additional parental supervision is required. Most parental controls do not filter internet access from game consoles. There are very few developed specifically for particular game consoles.
Most tools for mobiles and tablets involve using a specific Internet browser to block content. If children use a different Internet browser they bypass the parental control tool. Apps often bypass any parental control tools.

**What is the best parental control tool?**

- New parental control tools are emerging every couple of months. Look for user reviews to find the one that is best for you.

**Look for a tool that users report:**
- is easy for parents to install and use.
- blocks content and websites well.
- offers good reports on which websites have been accessed.
- is automatically updated (to ensure new websites and content are blocked).
- can’t be easily bypassed by savvy teens.
- can be used remotely (can be handy if your child is doing a school project and the tool is over blocking content, or if your child is home alone and you want to know which websites are being visited).

**How do I find the best parental control tool for me?**

- Look at recent reviews on trusted consumer review sites and technology review sites, such as Toptenreviews, Topconsumerreviews, PC Magazine, Laptop magazine.
- Search for reviews on Parental control tools, content filters, internet filters.
- A recent study commissioned by the European Commission provides a ranking of parental control tools tested, including free tools. Access the review at [http://sipbench.eu/](http://sipbench.eu/)

**Do parental control tools keep computers and data secure?**

No. Parental controls are not created for the purpose of software or hardware security. E-security tools need to be installed to keep information and computers safe, including:
- firewalls, to block access by unauthorised systems.
- anti-virus, to block programs that seek to steal or destroy data.

These tools must be automatically updated as new viruses are released every day.


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Williamstown Juniors Netball Club (WJNC)

**Interested in netball?**

We will soon be organising 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. If your child wants to be part of a great local club we would love to see them at WJNC. Please contact Nicki Bokma (0411 043 950) for further details.
Dear Parents,

“Play On Footy” sessions will be held on Mondays starting 1st August (this coming Monday). ‘Play on Footy’ will run from 4.00pm to 5.00pm, for 6 weeks. Parents, please add/leave feedback in our feedback book on the sign out table.

Students at Aftercare will be collecting old/used printer/fax/ink toners to be recycled for Planet Ark. Please bring any of your used cartridges to drop in our collection box. We will receive a certificate with the amount/weight of cartridges collected. Support from all parents/students will be welcome. The following cartridges can be recycled; Brother, Canon, Kyocera and Konica Minolta.

Please be sure your child has a jumper during winter, as the weather has been so cold, Aftercare children will not be able to go outside without a jumper.

Parents, please remember to check the blue ‘Lost Property basket,’ for your child’s belongings.

Thank you—OSHCLUB Staff (0422 236 845)
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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 for fun way through 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 succeed in ear and a feel for the language early.