Principal’s Report

STAFF TRAINING DAY REMINDER

Our final staff training day for 2015 will take place this Friday 14th August. Please note that no children are to attend school on this day. Teachers and education support staff will be completing a three hour Anaphylaxis update on Friday as well as an Asthma update during the course of this week. The afternoon program will have a staff wellbeing focus as well as a special lunch to celebrate three years of hard work undertaken by staff to develop our Power Standards and related curriculum documentation in Number, Writing & Reading.

WELCOME CATHY GRAHAM

I am delighted to announce the successful appointment of Cathy Graham to Willy North as a result of a state wide selection process. Cathy will officially take over from James Ritchie in Year 6R from next Monday 17th August. To facilitate a seamless transition for the students in Year 6R, Cathy will work alongside James in the classroom this week, which will be an excellent opportunity for Cathy to get to know her new students as well as the details of the classroom program. Cathy is an experienced teacher who has undertaken a number of roles in recent years at St Brendan’s PS and Williamstown PS. I warmly encourage any Year 6R parents to drop into the classroom to introduce themselves and to welcome Cathy to the school.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our students have been busy over recent weeks learning many new skipping skills in preparation for our school’s participation in the annual Jump Rope for Heart program. This program is coordinated by the Heart Foundation as a fundraiser for research into heart health – what a great cause!

We are asking that students bring along a gold coin donation to support this wonderful cause. If you recall from last year, we made an enormous shaped heart in the gym from all of our gold coin donations. I wonder if we could make an even bigger heart this year.

We would be appreciative if students could bring a gold coin to school on Thursday to support this cause. Please note that students are to attend school in normal school uniform on Thursday.

A big thank you to Sarah Nobbs (PE teacher) for coordinating our school’s involvement in this program, again this year.

READING & WRITING TOGETHER IS MAGIC (RWTIM)

Not long to go now – I hope everyone has Thursday 20th August scheduled into their calendar for our annual Reading & Writing Together is Magic evening. This
evening provides a unique opportunity for children to share their writing with the school community. What a powerful motivator this is for our students, when they are provided with such an authentic writing experience, and a wonderfully supportive and receptive audience of parents and family members.

Please go online [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and use the Online Booking System Event Code – GSGMJ on or before, **Monday 17th August** to book your child/ren’s attendance. Please note, bookings will close on Monday 17th August at noon.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN’S CHECKS (WWCC)**

In support of our school procedures to optimize student safety & wellbeing, we ask that all parents who assist in the classroom, or on camps and excursions, undertake a Working with Children Check (WWCC). It’s always handy to have completed this application in light of any future help you may be able to provide the school, as it can take several weeks to be fully processed. A WWC card can be easily attained by jumping online and applying at: [http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/)

Once you have received your card, we ask that you drop by the office so that we may take a copy of your card and add it to our register of parents with WWCC.

The last fortnight has been a good example of the need for parents to have WWC checks, with so many parents assisting with the swimming program.

Your support on this important matter is greatly appreciated.

**CALLING ANY GREEN THUMBS**

With Spring just around the corner, it’s time to start thinking about getting into the garden and getting our hands dirty! Our kitchen garden, in front of the JLC is in need of a little TLC. Lewis Mulvey (Sustainability Coordinator) is keen to hear from any parents who may be able to spend an hour or two over the coming weeks to spruce up this garden and get some vegies planted. If you can spare a couple of hours to help with some gardening, please drop Lewis a line at Mulvey.lewis.n@edumail.vic.gov.au .

Enjoy the week
Jim Cahill—Principal

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**Take a look at our new signage!**
**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).

**NO FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY THIS WEEK FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST—STAFF TRAINING DAY**

**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.

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**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. Trading hours 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 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.


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**Working Children Checks**

| Work Details | 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.

- If applying for an Employee Check, pay the non-refundable $102.70 fee.

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**No bikes** are to be brought through the school buildings and we request, where possible, that Scooters are also not walked through the building.**
ICT Newsletter Items

Introduction
Unpacking and understanding how to be eSafe is covered each term with our students at school. It’s important that you, parents in our school community, have a lens over what your child/ren are doing online and how you can support them to be the best digital citizens possible.

The informal nature of Chatterbox provides parents a fresh, new and jargon-free perspective on cybersafety issues. Chatterbox aims to empower parents to approach esafety issues with confidence and increase understanding of the main online safety issues children experience.

Week 1
Selfies and Someone-Elsies

Chatterbox Episode 1 - How to start talking to your children about Selfies and Someone-Elsies?

The first episode of the Chatterbox series explores some of the risky behaviours young people can engage in online. This episode suggests tips on how to manage some of the most common parenting challenges in the online world.

Click HERE to watch Episode 1

Talk to your child/ren about the images and information they currently have online. Ask them to think about any potential (positive and negative) consequences if a future employer, landlord or partner could see these pictures years from now.

Explain that images posted online, or sent over the phone are permanent and once they are out there, the sender has no control over what happens to them and where they may end up.

Ask your child to apply the “billboard” test before they post or send a picture – would they be comfortable with the content of what they’re sharing to be up on a billboard at the local shopping centre? If the answer is ‘no’, perhaps reconsider sharing it.

2015 Father’s Day Stall

The Father’s Day Stall this year will be held between 9.00am – 1.00pm on Thursday 3rd September (Tuesday 1st September for Year 4 students because they are on camp—time to be confirmed). We have fabulous gift ideas ranging in price from $1.00 - $5.00. All of Dads favourite things are covered from sport, music, cars, fashion and technology.

Don’t forget to send along a bag for your child to carry their gift, that way it will stay a surprise a little longer.

Thank you

Helen & Rachelle

We are also looking for volunteers to help run the stall on the day. We need people from 9.00am until 1.30pm (or 9.00am-11.00am, then 11.30am-1.30pm, if you are unable to stay the whole time).

Please email the office at Williamstown.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au if you can assist.

Thank You
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).

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 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 take place on Thursday 22nd & 29th October and Thursday 5th & 12th November.

All transition details will be included with the ‘Confirmation of enrolment,’ letter sent to families.

For our School Zone go to 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.
Reading & Writing Together Is Magic

Prep to Year 6 Students

Thursday 20th 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 3rd August and will now close at Noon on Monday 17th August.

“Reading & Writing Together Is Magic” will be held on Thursday 20th 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 and use the Online Booking System Event Code – GSGMJ on or before, Monday 17th August to book your child/ren’s attendance. The online booking system will close at Noon on Monday 17th August.

All families will be provided with details of the room your child/ren will be reading in, by Wednesday 19th 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 20th 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 21st August, from 8.30am to 9.00am and directly after school, from 3.30pm to 4.00pm.

Thank you – The Teaching & Learning Key Reference Group
On Thursday 20th and Friday 21st August, the school Library will be the venue for our annual Book Fair. A variety of books and posters will be on sale. This will be an excellent opportunity to promote books and reading, as well as a terrific opportunity for our school to earn books for our Library through commission in sales; last year we earned $4,000 worth of quality books!

PREVIEW SESSIONS
Throughout the week of the Fair, all classes will have an opportunity to view books and posters that will be for sale. Your child will complete a ‘Cool Books’ form, indicating which books they liked the best, along with prices. This list can be used for placing orders if you are unable to attend in person. (Please note that you are under no obligation to purchase books).

BOOK FAIR OPEN TIMES
Thursday 20th August (RWTIM evening)
3:30pm - 4:15pm 5:30pm - 6.15pm (prior to RWTIM) 7:15pm – 7:45pm (after RWTIM)
Friday 21st August
8.30am – 8:55am 3.30pm - 4.00pm

PURCHASING BOOKS
If you are unable to attend, you can still place an order. There will be a variety of options available for payment of orders, and information regarding making payments will be forthcoming.

We hope you enjoy this year’s Book Fair!

Vivien D’Aquino
Book Fair Coordinator

AFTER CARE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,
The all day program will operate on Friday 14th August (this Friday) from 7.00am to 6.15pm.
We will start in the Before Care room at 7.00am, so the children can have breakfast. At approximately 9.00am children will move over to the school gym until 6.15pm.
Please drop your child/ren at the Before Care room and collect from the gym at the end of the day. Children will need to wear comfortable clothing and footwear for the day. They will need to bring their morning snack, lunch and any other snacks for the day. Afternoon tea will be provided.
Please log onto oshclub.com.au and select the ASC tab to book for Friday.
The staff and children are still collecting old towels, blankets or dry food for the Pet Haven Animal Shelter Winter Appeal. There is a collection box located next to the ‘Sign In and Out’ area.
Could all parents please check all of their contact details on their child/ren’s enrolment, to ensure they are up-to-date, (phone numbers, emergency contacts), etc.
Please also check the lost property basket, as it is getting quite full.
Feel free to add feedback/comments to our ‘Parent Feedback Book’, located on the ‘Sign In and Sign Out’ table.

Thankyou Oshclub Staff
Build up Frequent Father points

Michael Grose looks at the importance of topping up Frequent Father points, and the benefits for both dads and for kids.

A good friend enthusiastically told me how he was looking forward to spending a few days away on his own with his two kids, aged 10 and 13. He was feeling quite chuffed.

He was having some ‘dad time’ with his kids.

Good on him!

He was doing some memory building & relationship building, as well as having some fun.

He told me that he was aware that his kids were getting older and he knew such opportunities were diminishing.

Gone are the days when the only relationship many men had with their kids was through their wife. She would explain him to the kids (‘Your dad’s very busy but he would love to see you play sport but he can’t make it.’) As well, she’d keep him up-to-date with the children’s lives.

Breeks, it seems, are valuing the time they spend with their kids on their own.

Or at least the dads I mix with are. Spending time alone with kids is a great way to build confidence in dads.

And the kids usually just love it.

Mothers can play a role here by not getting in the way if their husband or partner wants a little time alone with kids. (Most mums I meet welcome this)

Children usually associate their fathers with activity. When I ask children to tell me about their dads they usually talk about the things that they like to do together with their dads. Playing, walking, fishing, wrestling...the list goes on.

It’s through shared activity and involvement in kids’ lives that dads build up frequent father points. It’s hard to build good connections with kids when you are not there!

Don’t wait until adolescence

These relationships are best built in childhood, when kids just love their dads to bits and want to be around him. It gets trickier in adolescence, but having shared interests developed in childhood gives you a connection point during these sometimes-turbulent times.

Dads also benefit from spending time with their kids. Most health scales state a healthy relationship with their children is a predictor of good health and longevity for men. I’m not sure where the health benefits come from, but I suspect there is something relaxing and de-stressing about getting into a child’s space. There is a big kid inside most men just busting to get out.

These days we take parenting pretty seriously and it’s easy to forget that one of the fundamentals of raising kids well is to spend some time in your child’s space, doing stuff, or not doing stuff, whatever the case may be.

So how are you (or your partner’s) Frequent Father points going? If they need some topping up then you can start by doing something together that the kids enjoy. Having a bit of fun together is the best place to start.

Author’s note: Sole mums can take these ideas on-board to have a NO RULES weekend with your kids, where you have a change of routine and activity that can give kids the chance to see you in a different way.

Michael Grose
**LIBRARY ILLUSTRATION PRIZE 2015**

**Connecting Literature Through Art**

**Be pART of it**

From 10 August to 4 October
Cash prizes sponsored by Friends of Altona Libraries
Book prizes sponsored by Julian Wood Bookseller

**HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL**

**How to enter**
- Attach the signed entry form to your artwork and deliver it to any Hobsons Bay library or post to the Library Illustration Prize 2015, PO Box 27, Altona North, 3018.
- Entries will be accepted until 5 pm on Sunday 4 October 2015.

**Conditions of entry**
- Entry is open to young people from Prep to Year 12, who attend school or live in Hobsons Bay or are a member of Hobsons Bay Libraries.
- Competition opens Monday 10 August and closes at 5 pm on Sunday 4 October 2015.
- Entries must be original and based on a published work of literature.
- Do not write your name on the artwork.
- A competition number will be assigned to each participant upon receipt of the artwork.
- The artwork can be in one or more mediums of the artist's choice.
- All entries must be two dimensional and not exceed A3 size.
- One entry per person per category - Illustration Prize and Christmas card.
- Copyright remains with the illustrator.
- Friends of Altona Libraries and Hobsons Bay City Council reserve the right to retain copies of all entries and reproduce them for promotional purposes.
- Entries will be displayed on the library website as well as at all library branches.
- Winners names will be announced on the library website and photos of winners will be taken at the awards night for publicity purposes.
- Entries and certificates can be collected during library opening hours from 19 November. Remaining entries will be disposed of on 1 February 2016.

**Judges prizes will be awarded in seven categories**

- **Grade Prep:**
  - Winner $30
  - People's choice award: one book

- **Grade 1 and 2:**
  - Winner $50
  - Winner $30
  - People's choice award: one book

- **Grade 3 and 4:**
  - Winner $30
  - Winner $70
  - People's choice award: one book

- **Grade 5 and 6:**
  - Winner $20
  - Winner $100
  - People's choice award: one book

- **Year 7 to 9:**
  - Winner $100
  - Winner $100
  - People's choice award: one book

- **Year 10 to 12:**
  - Winner $120
  - Winner $120
  - People's choice award: one book

- **Christmas card:**
  - Pack of Christmas cards featuring the winning design and a book.

**Awards Ceremony featuring illustrator Andrew Plant**

- **Date:** Thursday, 19 November 2015
- **Time:** 7 pm to 8:30 pm
- **Venue:** Laverton Community Hub
  - 95-105 Railway Avenue
  - near Laverton Station

**Entry form**

Complete this form and attach it to your entry.

- **Age:**
- **Grade:**
- **Year Level:**
- **Book title and author:**
- **Title of your artwork:**
- **Briefly describe the part of the story that inspired your artwork:**
- **Are you entering the Christmas card design category?**
- **Participant’s details**
  - **Surname:**
  - **First name:**
  - **Library membership number (entrant or guardian):**
  - **Date of birth:**
  - **Grade:**
  - **Year Level:**
  - **School:**
  - **Home address:**
  - **Postcode:**
  - **Phone number:**
  - **Guardian’s name:**
  - **Guardian’s email address:**
  - **Where did you find out about the Library Illustration Prize?**

**Declaration**

I declare that this is an original artwork and I agree to the conditions of entry.

Signed (entrant)

Signed (guardian)

**Privacy Notification**

The information requested is being collected by the Council for the purposes of the Library Illustration Prize. The information and where supplied will be used only for this purpose and/or directly related purposes unless consent is otherwise provided by the applicant.
2015 / 2016 REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday, 22nd August
10 am - 12 noon

Fearon Reserve, Osborne Street
Williamstown

Under 17, 15, 13 & 11
players welcome!

Cost $110 for U11, 13 & 15
Cost $130 for U17
(Covers playing fees and selected clothing)

CYMS also runs Milo in2Cricket & T20 Blast programs
Available on registration day or later online
Cost $80 - in2Cricket
$99 - T20 Blast

For more information contact Michael 0407 051 450
Please bring proof of age with you

www.williamstowncyms.vic.cricket.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 the fun way 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 foreign language early

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Ph 9396 7400
anglicarevic.org.au/foster-care
Are you interested or do you know anyone interested in playing the Summer Season with Willi Tigers Netball Club? Summer season commences at the Start of Term 4. We are looking for players from 9U – 17U.

**We will be holding two open training sessions:**
- Tuesday 18th August (5pm – 6pm)
  Williamstown High School Pasco Street Sport Hall
- Wednesday 19th August (5pm – 6pm)
  Williamstown High School Bayview Street Sport Hall

Players wishing to join Willi Tigers Netball Club should come along to one of the training sessions.
Anyone looking for further information can contact the club via: willi.tigers@gmail.com.

**Williamstown Imperials Cricket Club – Juniors wanted**

Williamstown Imperials Cricket club, based on the Fearon Reserve (beachside), are seeking Junior Cricketers between the ages of 8-11 years to join our newly formed Under 11 teams, starting October 2015.

Under 11 Cubs - will compete Friday evening’s between 5.00pm - 7.00pm in the Williamstown Junior competition, in a modified format, against other local teams in the area.
Under 11 A – Competing Friday evenings from 5:00pm-7:00pm in the WJCA competition, in a full scale game format.

Our club also enters its 4th year of running our successful Milo Cricket program for children 4-8 years. Held Friday evenings between 6.00pm-7.00pm on the Fearon reserve, it is great fun for kids and parents alike.

For more information and registration details, please visit the club website [www.williamstownimperialscricketclub.com](http://www.williamstownimperialscricketclub.com) or contact Justin Horsburgh on 0477 997 222.