Principal’s Report

2015 NAPLAN RESULTS – EXCITING NEWS

This week we are so very proud to share our school’s results for this year’s NAPLAN testing. As you can see from the data below, all results are significantly higher than state mean results, with our Year 3 spelling results being the highest at 40 points above the state mean. It is particularly pleasing that these results are consistently high, with eight of the areas being 30 points or more above the state mean. When we analyse this data further, six of the ten areas measured show the highest results for the school over the last five years!

As a Professional Learning Community (PLC), our focus over the last three years has been to implement structures that continue to personalise and differentiate the learning for every single student at Willy North. Our Intervention & Extension structures and fluid groupings have been key elements of our reforms. This has been an enormous undertaking by our dedicated, hardworking and highly competent teachers & support staff, and Wendy and I feel very privileged to be part of such a wonderful team. And of course our terrific students, who all try really hard to do their best; wonderfully encouraged by you as parents. How fortunate we all are to be part of such a vibrant and dynamic learning community.

We have been advised that schools will receive individual NAPLAN reports for all Year 3 and Year 5 students later this week. We will endeavour to get these to students to take home at some stage next week.

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Thank you to the many parents who have formally booked online to participate in our much anticipated RWTIM program tomorrow night. We have around 450 students from across the school who will be presenting their writing! I have had a sneak preview of some of the poems that will be shared and I know that you will also be impressed when you hear these presentations. In addition to their superb writing, RWTIM provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to stand up in front of their peers and adults to present their work, thereby further shaping their confidence, resilience and self-efficacy!

I look forward to sharing this special night with families on Thursday 20th August. A huge thank you to Giorgia Moss (Literacy Leader) for the many hours of planning and coordination she has undertaken to ensure everything is in place for another successful RWTIM!

**BOOK FAIR**
As part of our Book Week celebrations, I hope all families get a chance to visit our Book Fair being held in the Resource Centre on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st August. All students have had a chance to visit the Book Fair over the last several days, so we hope they may have spotted an interesting book that has captured their imagination and enjoyment of reading!

We have four designated timeslots for the purchase of books over the next two days. Please note the following times:

*Thursday 20th August:* 3:30pm to 4:15pm
*Thursday 20th August:* 5:30pm to 6:15pm just prior to RWTIM and just after RWTIM until 8.00pm
*Friday 21st August:* 8:30am to 9:00am
*Friday 21st August:* 3:30pm to 4:00pm

Last year the school was able to purchase $4000 in new books as a result of sales from the Book Fair. We hope that families may again be able to spare 10 – 15 minutes to visit this year’s Book Fair in support of our wonderful school and each child’s love of literature!

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**
Our sincere thanks to those families who were able to provide a gold coin donation for last week’s Jump Rope for Heart initiative. We were able to raise $250 for the Heart Foundation to help support their ongoing research into heart health.

**NEW SOCCER AND AFL GOALS**
We were delighted to present Certificates of Appreciation to both ‘Barnies Soccer Club’ and ‘Williamstown Football Club’ at Monday’s assembly. Our students are certainly loving these additions to the soccer field!

We would also like to take an opportunity to thank Peter Mercer, the General Manger for Abel Sports, for his very kind donation of materials and equipment.

What a fantastic joint project this has been for our school community.

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. The parents on duty this week, Friday 21st August are: - Julia Hacket, Mel Maskey, Camilla Thompson, Zohreh Basiri, Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Andrea Crabtree and Rachelle Burbridge.

**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.

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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.
ICT Newsletter Items
Tots, Teens and In-Betweens

Episode 2 - Tots, Teens and In-Betweens

Has the digital world changed childhood forever, or will kids always be kids regardless of changing environments? Chatterbox ponders where technology fits with the trials and tribulations of growing up.

Click HERE to watch Episode 2

What makes today's youth culture unique is the digital world at their fingertips, allowing them to connect on a global scale with people going through the same biological, psychological, and social changes as themselves.

It's a period rich in self-expression, catalysed by the negotiation of social boundaries. It's a time of curiosity, exploration and experimentation. It's fun and frightening all in one, sometimes moving on from one to the other in the space of minutes.

Just like the real world, there are those kids who take risks and push the envelope, and then there are those kids that would never test the boundaries...with most falling somewhere in between. Good kids can sometimes make poor decisions, and that's always going to be part of growing up.

The truth is, we all need to act lawfully and ethically online. The digital world is just another public place.

So, it's about how we talk to our kids about relationships, about behaviour...

It's about how we help them build resilience and how we help them move on from mistakes.

It's about open, honest communication. It's about having the right conversation at the right time.

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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
A huge congratulations to our Glee club for an outstanding performance at the 2015 Festival of Performing Arts.

The Glee club has been rehearsing every Thursday throughout this year and it was very rewarding to see our forty-five strong choir open this year's proceedings with a cappella versions of Lee Kernaghan's "Spirit of the Anzacs", a reworked version of Fun's "We Are Young" and finishing strongly with Ed Sheeran's "Photograph".

They are looking forwarding to rehearsing more songs this semester and performing at various retirement homes in our community.
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 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.
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

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**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
Romsey Primary School is 150 years old this year.

You are invited to join us for our celebrations on Saturday October 24th between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

- School tours and visits to the old school site,
- Displays of student projects, old photos and other memorabilia,
- Performances and demonstrations by students,
- Devonshire Teas and gourmet bar-b-cue,
- Market Stalls
- A formal ceremony to mark the occasion at 2.30pm

Catch up with old friends or discover RPS for the first time!

For further information contact us on 03 5429 5099, email romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or visit www.romseyps.edu.au

On Saturday evening: Attend a special screening of Dusty at the Mechanics Hall
On Sunday visit Sydney Seymour Cottage World Children’s Day activities
On Sunday enjoy a family picnic day at the old school site
And while you are in town look out for special deals in our cafes and restaurants.

Major sponsors:
Macedon Ranges Shire Council (community grants scheme)
Bendigo Community Bank—Romsey Branch
Parkwood Green Medical Centre—Romsey
Romsey Amcal Pharmacy
McKimmie’s Gas maintenance and General Plumbing, Kyneton.
**GeckoSports**
serious fun for kids

You're invited to our
Come 'N' Try Day

**Come down and join Sam and the Gecko team for a FREE open day!**

Date: 22 August 2015
Time: 10.30am - 2 - 8 year olds, 11.30am - 9 - 13 year olds
Venue: Wesgrove Indoor Sports Complex, Corner Grieve Parade and Doherty's Road
Bookings: To book a FREE CLASS with Coach Sam and the Gecko Sports crew, please email byron@readysteadygosports.com.au or alternatively call Byron on 0431 550 531

geckosports.com.au

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**THE WILLIAMSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL**

**CENTENARY MASQUERADE BALL**

**SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER AT 7:30PM WILLIAMSTOWN TOWN HALL**

"A grand gala for members of the school community past and present to come together and celebrate the conclusion of our centenary year."

**FEATURED**

Live music & entertainment

**TICKETS $130 EACH**
Includes three course meal & drinks
Limited to 150 tickets

BOOK AT flybooking.com/86300
DEAL S williamstown.hs@education.vic.gov.au

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**Term 4 2015 Program**

**COMMUNITY**

*Anger Management for Men* (7wks)
Starting Thur 15 Oct 6.30-8.30pm
Cost: $120

*Christmas Craft Workshops* (6wks)
Starting Tues 13 Oct 1.30pm
Cost: $6 per session

*Gentle exercise and meditation* (wkly)
Tues 10-11 am Cost: $6 per session

*Spring into Life Walking group and morning tea (Free)*
Thur 17 and 24 Sept 9.30 am-12noon

*Walking Group (Hobsons Bay Walkers)*
Thur 9.30-10.30am (Willy)

Laverton Community Centre
(Located in Community Hub)
95-105 Railway Ave Laverton

*Bookings are Essential*
Ph: 9368 0177

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**Jack Madigan Reserve**

**Park opening and planting day**

Sunday 23 August 2015
Jack Madigan Reserve
Mason Street, Newport

**Jack is back!**

After more than a decade Jack Madigan Reserve will be reopened to the community with a planting day, local music and food, and children's activities.

Over the past two years the park has been rehabilitated and reinvented with recycled materials and unique landscape features that tell the story of the reserve’s fascinating history.

Now that the transformation is complete you are invited to come along and celebrate the return of Jack Madigan Reserve.

Please RSVP with your name, number of attendees and contact details by 19 August via email to projects@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or call 9532 1131.

Follow Phil the Gnome's journey on our Facebook page. He's just a small part of the diversity of recycled woodfill materials that have been used to construct the new park.

Please note: In the event of extreme weather, the opening will be rescheduled. Check Council's website for updates.
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

NEWPORT BASEBALL CLUB

Come & Try Baseball & T-Ball

Sunday 23rd August  10:00am to 11:30am
Sunday 30th August  10:00am to 11:30am
Newport Baseball Club—Park Cres, Williamstown North

For more information call Shane 0413 368 993 or Caron 0438 014

FOLLOWED BY FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE ON BOTH
During the September school holidays the Yarraville Family Dental Clinic 8/116 Gamon Street, Yarraville is offering free check-ups to all school-aged children in the City of Maribyrnong and the City of Hobsons Bay areas. Most treatment is covered at no-out-of-pocket cost if you have private health insurance, or you qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). Appointments are available between Monday 21 September and Saturday 3 October inclusive. Inquiries/bookings:

8354-7618. yarravilledental@gmail.com