Principal’s Report

TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS

We congratulate seven of our senior students who were fantastic ambassadors for the school last Sunday as they participated in the ‘Tournament of the Minds’ challenge at Deakin University. These students had been working closely together over the last six weeks to compose a response to a creative problem solving challenge. In addition to their prepared challenge, they were also presented with an ‘Impromptu challenge’ at the tournament. Our students received terrific feedback, with the panel of judges reporting that their responses to the challenges were incredibly humorous and entertaining.

We congratulate the following students for their enthusiastic and skilled participation in this year’s Tournament of the Minds: Kate M, Charlotte K, Julian K, Lily C, Jeremy N, Liam W and Arielle R. The photo above captures these students in action at the tournament.

A huge thank you to Tess Holland (Year 6 teacher), who once again coordinated our school’s involvement in this year’s tournament. We are very grateful for the many hours of support provided by Tess in support of these students.

READING & WRITING TOGETHER IS MAGIC

What a fabulous response we had to our Annual Reading & Writing Together is Magic evening last Thursday. With over 550 students presenting their pieces of writing on the night, it was an absolute delight to wander from room to room and listen to our students courageously presenting their wonderful work. I would like to take this chance to extend a special thank you to our senior students who were the facilitators in each room; their mature encouragement and support was

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greatly appreciated. The photos below capture some of the presentations on the night:

A huge thank you to Giorgia Moss (Literacy Leader & Inclusion Coordinator) and the hard working Willy North staff for helping to facilitate such a valuable and successful experience for our students.

**GOOD LUCK ALLIE GRIPPER**

At the end of next week we will sadly farewell Allie Gripper (Year 3 teacher) as she begins her maternity leave. We have all eagerly watched the ‘baby bump’ grow over the last several months and we can’t wait to hear about the upcoming birth in the coming weeks. We sincerely thank Allie for the wonderful job she has done in supporting her Year 3 students this year; I know her bubbly personality will be sadly missed by everyone.

A selection process is currently unfolding for Allie’s replacing and we will inform parents in this class as soon as this is confirmed.

On behalf of the school community we extend our best wishes to Allie and husband Dave Edwards for this exciting time ahead, as they anticipate the birth of their first child.

**OSHClub Update**

A big thank you to the 115 families who recently completed a short OSHClub survey online. This information has been extremely helpful. We have now ascertained that there is sufficient interest to further explore the proposal of running holiday care programs at Willy North. I will keep you posted through the newsletter as these discussions unfold.

**YEAR 3 & 4 PHILLIP ISLAND CAMP**

Excitement is building this week as our Year 3 and 4 students eagerly anticipate their annual camping experience next week at Phillip Island. We have our fingers crossed for some early spring weather with clear days! To assist with a smooth departure on the Monday (Year 3) and Wednesday (Year 4) mornings, we request that all students be at school no later than 8:30am. Any parents needing to register medication are asked to proceed to room 25 (next to the gym) from 8:00am onwards.

Jamie Peters, Lisa Gammon and the Year 3 & 4 teams have done a great job in planning all aspects of the camps and as always our students are certainly going to participate in a wonderful camping experience. If you have any queries over the next few days, don’t hesitate to chat to your child’s class teacher.

**SunSmart Policy**

After a long cold winter, I’m sure everyone is looking forward to some warmer weather just around the corner! With the warmer weather will come the increased exposure to UV radiation during recesses and lunchtimes. As per our Sunsmart policy, students will be expected to begin wearing hats when outside from the start of September. Over the next week, could you please take a moment to check that your child has a suitable sunsmart hat labelled with their name (always a good tip to have a spare hat as well). Please note that broad-brimmed and legionnaire hats are the only hats deemed suitable; baseball caps are not compliant with our Sunsmart policy.

**Olympic Closing Ceremony**

Our students came together last Friday afternoon, to participate in the closing ceremony of the Willy North Olympics. There has certainly been a buzz around the school over the last fortnight as the Rio Olympics unfolded. Our students have eagerly followed the Australian athletes as they have participated in the many
sports and I know that they will carry lasting memories of these games. The torch was passed onto Tokyo for the 2020 Olympic Games and the Flames in the cauldron was extinguished.

**Father’s Day Stalls**
Next week we will be holding two Father’s Day Stalls, to ensure that all students have a chance to purchase something special for dad or a special person for Father’s Day.

Whilst most levels will attend the stall on Thursday 1st September, please note that an additional stall will be held on Tuesday 30th August for students in Years 2 and 4.
Further information is contained within this newsletter.

**Thank you**
Thank you to David Tweeby from “Made by Dave” who took the photos on the 80’s night.

Enjoy the Week!
Jim Cahill—Principal, Williamstown North Primary School

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**Asthma Club at WNPS!!**
Did you know that we have over 70 children managing their asthma at our school?

To help us educated and care for this special group of children the Asthma Foundation of Victoria are coming to WNPS to run Asthma Club! This is a government funded initiative that makes asthma education engaging and fun.

Keep an eye on the school newsletter for more details.

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**2016 Father’s Day Stalls**
This year the Father’s Day Stall will be held over 2 days.

Year 2 & 4 the stall will be held on Tuesday 30th August (due to these students being on camp and an excursion).

The rest of the school (Prep, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6) will be held on Thursday 1st September.

We have some fabulous gifts for sale, ranging in price from $1.00 to $5.00. All of dad’s favourite interests will be covered, from sport, music, cars, fashion and technology.

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

Thank you
Helen & Rachelle—Coordinators of the Fathers Day Stall
2016 WNPS ART & TECHNOLOGY SHOW

Art and Technology Show preparations are moving along very smoothly. We are looking forward to showcasing the Arts and Technology skills of our Willy North Students on Thursday 8th September (twilight event) and after school Friday 9th September (3.45pm-5.00pm). Every child in the school will have at least one piece of work on display and some of our senior students will be showcasing their musical talents with live performances.

Entry into the Art Show will be by gold coin donation or $5.00 per family and lucky door-prizes will be awarded.

So far we have some great lucky door-prizes that have kindly been donated. Thanks to local photographer (and ex-student) Harrison Moss for donating a set of 3 photographs from his Williamstown photographic documentary “A Sheltered Harbour” and Brian Davies (parent who runs the fabulous art supply warehouse Atelier Art Supplies) for an art hamper. Any other door-prize donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Winners will be drawn and announced at Monday’s assembly (12/9/16).

It is always a fun night and we look forward to seeing lots of the Willy North community there. Lock it in your diary.
**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 26th August are; Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Ray Price, Mel Maskey, Helen Gibbs, Malour Guy, Julie du Plessis, Lana Hutton

**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 25th August—Dawn Bridgeman | Friday 26th August—Helen Gibbs & Jenny Newitt |
| Wednesday 31st August—Caroline Wilkinson & Rachel Burbridge |
| Thursday 1st September—Sandra Ensabella | Friday 2nd September—Lakshmi |

**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.

**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, 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. [http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/)
Provisional Prep enrolments for 2017 continue and we will be finalising 2017 Prep enrolments by the end of August and then sending letters to families. If you haven’t yet enrolled your child, please undertake this now. 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.

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 AND POSTED EARLY SEPTEMBER

The ‘2017 Foundation Children 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 Foundation children will commence Friday 21st October through to Friday 11th November (4 Fridays)

All transition details will be included with the ‘Letter of Enrolment’ sent to families at the beginning of September

For our School Zone go to www.willynth.vic.edu.au / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge 2016

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now coming to a close and Williamstown North Primary is excited to announce that out of the 242 students registered, almost 100 students have successfully completed the challenge to date.

The Challenge is open until Friday 2nd September to all children who have already been registered. Please remember that there is a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by the closing date.

Instructions:
1. Please use your child’s given username and password.
2. You need to make sure you have entered in all the books completed to be verified by the coordinator.

Please note that it is the Students/Parents responsibility for entering the correct amount of books in order to complete the Challenge correctly. Please see below for your child’s specific book requirements:

⇒ Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers.
⇒ Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Happy Reading….

Premiers Reading Challenge Coordinator
Crystal Tyson
Prep to Year 2 Coordinator
tyson.crystal.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

After School Care
Dear Parents,

The Holiday program is fast approaching and the Spotswood Holiday program does fill up quite quickly. Please log onto oshclub.com.au to complete an enrolment for the activities that you want your child to attend.

Please make sure all your after school care enrolment details are up-to-date. Some families need to add emergency contacts to the enrolment as this is a required section and must be completed.

Unfortunately our “Play on Footy” sessions have been cancelled for this term due to low numbers of students participating. We will try this program again in Term 4.

Children at after care will be collecting old/used printer/fax ink cartridges and toners to be recycled for Planet Ark. The box is located next to the parent sign in/out area. All parents are welcome to drop off old cartridges. We can take Brother, Canon, Kyocera and Konica Minolta cartridges.

Please check the blue Lost Property basket as it is getting quite full.

Thank you

Oschclub Staff—0422 236 845
Williamstown Cannons

Williamstown Cannons are looking for boys & girls who are interested in playing basketball for the Summer 2016/2017 season which starts beginning of term 4.

Registrations are open now!

Children born between 2000 to 2011 are welcome to register.

Specifically we’re in search of girls born 2006 & 2007 to fill a beginners team.

For further details please email registrar@williamstowncannons.org.au or check out details on our website at www.williamstowncannons.sportingpulse.net
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U11 Cubs Comp for ages 8 – 9
Milo Cricket for ages 4 - 8

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Our club welcomes all new and returning families to be part of this growing community.

**REGISTER NOW**

1. Internet

2. Registration Day
   28 August 2016, 11:00am, Flemington Reserve, The Esplanade, Williamstown (Lacrosse Clubhouse)

3. Contact
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Spotswood FC will be entering Girls' Teams in under 12, 15 and 18 age groups for season 2017.
For more information, email Lorry @ jlaradmin@spotswoodfc.com.au

Newport Community Hub
Open Day

Join the party in Paine Reserve as we throw open the doors to celebrate the opening of the Newport Community Hub.
Enjoy a range of free and fun activities including live music, roving performers, art and craft, story time, face painting, fruit and vegieswap, herbal teas, mending (BYO), robotics and LEGO play zones and much more.

Date: Saturday 3 September
Time: 10am to 1pm
Where: Newport Community Hub
13 Mason Street
Visit: libraries.hobsonsvbay.vc.gov.au for more information

2016 / 2017 Registration Day
Saturday, 3 September
10 am - 12 noon
Fearn Reserve, Osborne Street
Williamstown

All players welcome!

Cost: U11 - $120
U13 - $130
U15 - $150
U17 - $160
Seniors - $200 (Students - $160)

(Covers playing fees and selected clothing)

CYMS also runs Milo In2Cricket & T20 Blast programs
Available on registration day or later online
Cost: $80 - In2Cricket
$100 - T20 Blast

For more information contact Michael 0407 051 450
Please bring proof of age with you
www.williamstowncyms.vic.cricket.com.au