Principal’s Report

Welcome Back

What an exciting start we had to the term with many students, parents and staff continuing to reflect on the Western Bulldog’s big win last Saturday! A memorable weekend for many indeed!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and found some time to relax and recharge the batteries for the busy term ahead.

My holiday highlights included swimming under Wallaman Falls in Queensland (the longest drop waterfall in the Southern Hemisphere) as well as my daughter’s engagement party.

Holiday Update

In addition to the usual maintenance that occurs over the holiday break, we also undertook the following improvements:

⇒ Plaster works and painting in the foyer of the Gymnasium.
⇒ The installation of a spoon drain and pit in the fenced off area outside the library (to hopefully avert future flooding of this area).
⇒ New spouting and downpipes in the covered area near the Butterfly Room.
⇒ New guttering and downpipes on Rooms 32 and 33.
⇒ The removal of one mature tree near the Gymnasium (with further tree removal and pruning to occur in the Junior play area on Melbourne Road).

Big Night In

Our Years 1 and 2 students have a very exciting start to the term with the annual ‘Big Night In’ on this Friday 7th October. In addition to having dinner together and enjoying some activities, our Year 2 students will have the added fun of sleeping in their classrooms overnight. Please note that all students are to arrive at 6.00pm this Friday evening.

The Big Night In aims to build the confidence, resilience, social skills and connectedness of our students, as a lead into the more formal camping program they will experience in Years 3 to 6.

School Musical

We urge all parents to closely follow the upcoming Newsletter during October and November as we approach our upcoming School Musical.

We will be very proud to have our students in Prep to Year 2 perform ‘Jungle Book’, whilst our students in Years 3 to 6 will perform ‘Lion King’.

I hope all parents already have November 9th and 10th in the phone calendars for the two nights of our School Musical. Please note that we
expect all students to perform over the two nights.

The venue for this year’s Musical is Quinn Auditorium, at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College in Braybrook. In addition to the wonderful performing spaces that this venue offers, we will also have access to over 1600 audience seats over the two nights (in the past we have only been able to offer 1200 seats at the Town Hall). Full details regarding the purchase of tickets will be provided in next week’s Newsletter.

Farewell Sue Dickin

At the end of last term, we very sadly farewelled our much loved cleaner Sue Dickin.

Incredibly, Sue had been in the position for 28 continuous years. Such a commitment to the one workplace is seldom heard of these days!

Over this period, Sue demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the school. Her work ethic was second to none. We were so fortunate to have such a high level of cleaning over such an extended period from Sue. However Sue’s contributions went way beyond her cleaning role – if she saw an opportunity to lend a hand elsewhere, she would willingly offer to assist. Willy North simply won’t be the same without Sue.

The pictures capture some of the send-off for Sue.

A special thank you to Natalie Hammond (parent), who made a presentation to Sue on behalf of our School Council to express the thanks of the Council and the broader school community.

2017 Enrolments

Planning for next year is unfolding smoothly. A second Assistant Principal has now been appointed to the school and a Leading Teacher position is currently being advertised. We hope to confirm all of our teachers for 2017 by the end of October.

Our 2017 Prep classes are all at around 20 – 21 students, which will be a lovely start for this cohort of students. We are also aware of many new students who will be joining Willy North at other year levels next year.

As we now begin to fine tune our planning for 2017, we are eager to hear from any families who know that they will be leaving us at the end of this year. We understand that work circumstances can vary for some parents at short notice, and you may therefore be unable to confirm any changes at this stage.

If you know that you won’t be with us next year, we would be really grateful if you could forward Wendy or I an email with these details at cahill.jim.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or emin.wendy.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Staff Training Day

To assist with your forward planning, please note that our last Staff Training Day for 2016 will be on Monday 31st October. This will be followed by the annual Melbourne Cup holiday on Tuesday 1st November. Students will return to school from this long weekend on Wednesday 2nd November.

Fete Committee Meeting

Our hard working Fete committee has now been working behind the scenes for several months to ensure the major planning is in place for the Fete which is scheduled for Sunday 19th March 2017.

Our biennial Fete is certainly a big highlight in our School Calendar and one that our students eagerly anticipate, as well as being the school’s major fundraising event.

Our next Fete committee meeting is tonight at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Please feel very welcome to come along and join in the planning of this very special event.

Enjoy the Week.

Jim Cahill
Principal—Williamstown North Primary School
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 WWC 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/)
After School Care

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break.

As you would be aware Term 4 is a Sun Smart term. At Before and Aftercare children will be required to apply sunscreen and also wear their hats outdoors. Aftercare does follow, No Hat, No Outdoor play. Please ensure your child has a spare hat placed in their bag, as if they do not have a hat they will be required to stay indoors to play.

Aftercare uses the Coles brand sunscreen or you are welcome to supply your own sunscreen if you wish. If your child is allergic to sunscreen, please see Leanne.

There is also a Student Free Day on Monday 31st October (the day before The Melbourne Cup holiday). The program does require 15 or more children to register for the day to operate. Operating hours will be 7.00am to 6.15pm.

Please logonto oshclub.com.au to book in your child/children. Further information will be sent out shortly including costs. Please book under the After Care Tab.

Thank you
Oschclub Staff—0422 236 845

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ICAS Certificates
ICAS has now been completed for both the English and Maths Tests. The results are in and over the next few weeks, we will be handing out the certificates at Assembly, starting with the English ones next week.

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Jam and Chutney Stall

WNPS Fete March 2017

“Spread the Jam”

Can you make Jam/Chutneys or Sauces?
Would you like to make some over the school Christmas holidays for our fete in March 2017

Please contact.........

Sheena Hickman 0418 500 056 tjbhickman@bigpond.com

Caroline Geddes 0402 942 846 shayne.y@bigpond.net.au

Jars/toppers/labels supplied and delivered to your door.
The ‘2017 Prep Parent Information Night’ 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 Friday 21st October through to Friday 11th November (4 Fridays)

- Session 1—Friday 21st October
- Session 2—Friday 28th October
- Session 3—4th November
- Session 4—11th November

All Transition details were included with the ‘Letter of Enrolment’ sent to families at the beginning of September. Please contact the school if you have not received these details in the mail.

For our School Zone go to www.willynth.vic.edu.au / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map

Asthma Club at WNPS!!

Asthma is the most prevalent chronic condition for children. At WNPS we have over 70 children managing their Asthma at school and symptoms often worsen in Spring. The school First Aid room has seen a steep increase in the number of children presenting with cough, wheeze and breathlessness. Children with Asthma including those with mild symptoms, can have a severe attack at any time in their lives, so it’s important that they understand their triggers, symptoms and management.

Whilst some of our older children demonstrate a basic understanding of their asthma plan many children seem unsure of what to do. In response, the school will welcome the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on Thursday 6th October (first week of Term 3). Members from the Asthma Foundation will be hosting 40 minute workshops throughout the day grouped by year level. The workshops make Asthma education hands-on and fun.

Some students have been invited to attend the Incursion as they have been diagnosed or experienced symptoms of Asthma. We anticipate this will help build better awareness of Asthma in the whole school community and promote confident responsible children who can take ownership of their health and wellbeing.

The program is Government funded and therefore free.
To Parent/Guardians of Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Students

As a part of the 2016 Musical this year, your child has been selected to play a special role in our musical.

We have been working hard with the students to collect their costumes, most the main items will be supplied to your child on the night of the musical.

We are asking if you could supply the following items to go along with your child’s costume. You can hold onto these at home and just wear them on the night to the venue.
You will be receiving a personalised note coming home soon, with your child’s specific details of costume requirements.

Please keep the items you are needing to gather at home until the night of the Musical, which is going to be held over 2 nights, during Term 4. Dates will also be placed in the school newsletter early next term.

Please see the below table for details about the costumes needing to be supplied and also the costumes we are supplying:

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<td><strong>Supplied by School</strong></td>
<td>Green Poncho with leaves.</td>
<td>Grey Rock Back</td>
<td>Bee Vests Wings Antlers</td>
<td>(Green Singlet Leggings Head Piece)</td>
<td>Flower Skirts and Face Paint</td>
<td>Bush Over Top and Skirts</td>
<td>Elephant Costume ALL Full Bodied</td>
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<td><strong>You need to supply</strong></td>
<td>Brown Pants Or Brown Leggings Or Brown Stockings</td>
<td>Grey Pants Grey Long Sleeve Top NO PRINT</td>
<td>Black Long Sleeve Top Black Leggings or Stockings</td>
<td>Plain Green Long Sleeve Top NO IMAGE</td>
<td>Black Long Sleeve Tops Black Leggings or Pants</td>
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<td>Shorts and T-Shirts (lightweight to go underneath)</td>
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HELP NEEDED!!!
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP OUT WITH SOME CUTTING, SEWING OR GLUING, PLEASE CONTACT ME ON THE BELOW EMAIL...I NEED A FEW COSTUMES WORKED ON!
Tyson.crystal.a@edumail.vic.gov.au  Or  Classroom, Room 7 (Year 1T)

Regards
Mrs Crystal Tyson and Ms Julie Papazisis (Costume Coordinators)

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**SWAP SHOP SALE—Term Four**

Swap shop will open on Monday 10th October from 3.15pm - 4.00pm in the old Uniform Shop by the Canteen.
All second hand clothing has been reduced.
Limited numbers of brand new, unworn and old stock is available at reduced prices.

**Prices are as follows:**  
$5.00 items: - Rugby tops, Baseball jackets, Long sleeve polos, Girls long pants, Track pants, Stussy pants, Short sleeve polos, Stussy shorts & Skorts
Winter tunics: $15.00, Summer dresses: $10.00, Bike Shorts: $2.00, Bottle green socks: $1.00 (Size 5-8 only)

**CASH ONLY SALES (NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE)** Please bring small change and BYO bag

If you have any school clothing you no longer need or want, the Swap Shop would greatly appreciate your donation. Clothing should be in reasonably good condition and clean. Please only donate Polo and Rugby tops with the school logo. Any donations of clothing can be dropped off at the office.

The last Swap Shop for the Year will be on Monday 5th December.
Thank you, Leisha Campbell – Swap Shop Coordinator
WILLIAMSTOWN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRODUCTION OF

Disney's
The Jungle Book KIDS
AND
THE LION KING JR

QUIN AUDITORIUM
CAROLINE CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE
204 CHURCHILL AVE, BRAYBROOK
WEDNESDAY 9TH & THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 P.M.
Come and try!
FREE Basketball Session!
Saturday 8 Oct
(9.30 to 10.30am ★ 10.30 to 11.30am)
Are you aged 5-10 years old? Then come along to Whitten Oval and see how much fun you can have playing basketball.

Get a taste of our Aussie Hoops and Pink Ball programmes with fun games and drills. We’ve got plenty of room, so bring your friends!

Register Now!
and see you on court

www.westgatebasketball.com.au

Victoria University Community Sports Stadium
Whitten Oval, 417 Barkly Street, West Footscray

233 Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown
Phone: 9399 1311 or 0438 399131
E: williamstown@citiwestrentals.com.au
Willy French
Club Term 4
Supportive, stimulating and fun learning environment with experienced, native-speaking teacher.
Terrific grounding for future high-school French students.
Watch your kids feel positive about learning another language.
Children of all ages and experience welcome.
Wednesdays 3.50-4.50pm
Williamstown Community Centre
14 Thompson St
Enquiries welcome
Jim Callahan
0432 719 034
jim.callahan@lcfclubs.com.au
Jawbone Marine Sanctuary Care Group
Invites you to join us for a free screening and discussion with 4 local photographers

Enjoy watching and listening to four outstanding photographers who will share their favourite images of the Jawbone Marine Park and related areas.

Presenters – Andrew Christie, Rob Gardiner, Phil Watson, Ray Lewis
Photographers/Marine Educators

Where: St Marys Primary School, 118 Cecil St (Corner Parker St), Williamstown
When: Wednesday 12th October, 2016  Time: 7.30pm
RSVP: This is a free community event. No tickets are required,
Please register your interest by emailing jawbonemarinesanctuary@gmail.com or Facebook-Jawbone Marine Sanctuary Care Group

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Halloween Family Dance Party

What’s Happening:
First Production - Pre-Schoolers:
Under 5’s Halloween mini disco extravaganza, roaming characters, trick or treat - don’t be scared, face painting, bring your groovy dance moves and best costume, games galore and fun for all from 12pm - 2pm.
(More information online)

Second Production - 5-15 Year Olds:
On Halloween Night - the scariest place to be from 7pm-10pm. Featuring trick or treat - if you dare, bring your spookiest dance moves, fun for the whole family! Happy Halloween - its going to be a scream.
(More information online)

Where: The Spooky Mansion (Williamstown Town Hall)  When: 31st October 2016

www.TheEventBrief.com.au
A red carpet affair - come dressed & ready to impress!