Principal’s Report

HOLIDAY WORKS

What a difference a couple of weeks can make!

It was great to start Term 4 with our new double storey building already on site. We’ve had a lot of positive feedback about the positioning of this building and the minimal impact it has had on the available playground space for our students. It’s also very exciting to think that one level of the school will begin next year in a completely new building (which Year level this will be has not been determined yet)! The pictures below capture the installation of this building over the break:

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**Dates to Remember 2015**

**Term 4**
5th October to 18th December

- Thursday 8th October
  - Year 1 CERES Excursion
  - Year 6 Science Incursion

- Friday 9th October
  - Big Night In Years 1 & 2

- Tuesday 13th October
  - Regional Athletics

- Wednesday 14th October
  - Student Online Safety Years 3 to 6 & Parent Evening Session at 6.30pm RSVP the School

- Thursday 15th October
  - Year 4 Werribee Zoo

- Friday 16th October
  - Year 3/4 Hoop Time Final

- Tuesday 20th October
  - Year 3 ACMi Excursion

- Friday 23rd October
  - Year 1 Grandparents Day

- Thursday 29th October
  - Prep Spooky Pizza Party

- Friday 30th October
  - Year 6 Graduation Photo at 9.15am

- Tuesday 3rd November
  - Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

- 2016 Prep Transition Days
  - Thursday 22nd & 29th October & 5th & 12th November

- Tuesday 24th November
  - 2016 Prep Parent Information Evening

- Wednesday 16th December
  - Twilight Carols

- Swap Shop Dates Term 4
  - 12th October & 7th November

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In addition to this new building being installed, several areas of the school have been repainted over the holidays, including rooms 5, 6, 7 & 8, room 23 and the Artroom, Canteen, Gymnasium and Foyer, as well as several external spaces. With the remaining painting works planned for the January break, the entire school will have been repainted internally during 2015.

The installation of almost 1000 LED tubes was completed during the break. This has been part of our sustainability drive to reduce our energy consumption by replacing the old fluorescent tubes. We are awaiting the arrival of the remaining LED tubes for the Junior Learning Centre for this project to be completed.

**Big Night In**

Excitement is building for our Year 1 and 2 students as they anticipate the ‘Big Night In’ this coming Friday night. The Big Night In aims to provide the ‘first steps’ in our broader camping program, by providing a safe and familiar setting for all students to enjoy a dinner & activities together, with our Year 2 students having the opportunity of sleeping in their classrooms, thereby building their independence and resilience to spend a night away from home with their school friends.

As explained in previous correspondence, we ask that all children arrive at 6.00pm with the Year One students being signed in at the front entrance of the school and proceeding to the Butterfly Room, whilst the Year 2 students will be asked to go directly to rooms 1 to 4 to sign in and set up their beds.

*Please note that Year One students will need to be collected at 9.00pm on the Friday night from the Butterfly Room. Parents are asked to collect their Year Two child from rooms 1 to 4 by 7:30am on Saturday morning.*

A huge thank you in advance to the wonderful team of teachers who will very kindly volunteer their time on Friday night to support this special event.

**2016 Planning**

As mentioned at the end of last term, we are currently in the process of recruiting eleven new classroom teachers for 2016. Major advertising through the Age/Herald Sun and through the Department of Education & Training’s online platform has very pleasingly generated a high number of applications for our vacancies. Four selection panels will be bunkering down for the next fortnight to shortlist and interview applicants. Once our new teachers have been appointed we will then begin the work of building our new teaching teams for 2016. As always, I will keep everyone informed through the newsletter as this planning unfolds.

**Class Placements for 2016**

Towards the middle of this term, our hard working teachers will begin the enormous task of building our new classes for 2016. As the teachers at each year level begin this task, they draw on an enormous pool of data & information from 2015 to guide their decision making. When building our new classes, we aim to ensure that the demographic mix of each class at a particular level is as closely matched as possible. This, therefore includes, a very sensitive balance of academic capabilities, social competencies, behavioural tendencies, additional needs of students and gender.

Prior to the start of this process, all students will be asked to identify five ‘learning buddies’ that they would like to be placed with in 2016. These may be students in their existing class, or students from other classes at their particular level. We explain that a learning buddy is someone who supports them in their learning within the classroom (as their learning is the most important focus of their schooling), as well as being someone they connect with positively on a social level (as we know their feelings of connectedness impact strongly on their learning and wellbeing). Through this process we aim to ensure that all students are linked to at least one of their nominated learning buddies. A learning buddy not necessarily your child’s best friend.

The development of our 31 classes for next year will be an extensive and rigorous process. Like you, we want the best for all of our students so that they can continue to thrive and prosper at school. To this end, we feel it is also important that parents have a voice in this process. If you feel that there may be some extenuating circumstances that need to be considered in regards to the placement of your child for 2016, that we may not already be aware of, please feel free to forward an email to Wendy or I, outlining the special circumstances you would like us to consider. We may not be able to meet every request, but we will do our best to ensure that all factors are considered fairly and professionally as part of the placement of every student for 2016.

Any correspondence on this important matter can be forwarded to cahill.jim.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or emin.wendy.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

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.11@edumail.vic.gov.au. The parents on the roster for this week Friday 9th October are: Helen Parker, Julia Hackett, Mel Maskey, Camilla Thompson, Kim Panone, Larissa Deeth, Kristine Bader, Helen Gibbs.

**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.

**Thursday 8th October**—To be advised  
**Friday 9th October**—Kaylynn Rasmussen

**Wednesday 14th October**—To be advised

**Thursday 15th October**—To be advised  
**Friday 16th October**—Kaylynn Rasmussen

**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.

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 have been made.

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

Student Online Safety

Wednesday 14th October @ 6:30pm

The aim of the session is to provide parents with essential information on cyber bullying, apps, and social media to gain an understanding of what children get up to online, and how to keep them safe. You will also be able to ask lots of questions and gain advice to assist you in keeping your children safe.

Presented by Tracey, an engaging and thorough presenter.

⇒ With years of experience into all facets of cyber-crime (sexting, stalking, grooming, bullying).
⇒ Unique expertise to assist others to recognise the dangers of social media developed from years of working alongside victims and offenders of cyber-crime.
⇒ Up to date knowledge of Apps, social media and the ever evolving online world.
⇒ Specialist training in communication with young children and teenagers.
⇒ Passion to educate children and their carers so they all can be smarter online.
⇒ Mother of 3 young children.

Students will be also be participating in Student Online Safety sessions during the school day with Tracey, who is passionate about empowering students to keep themselves safe online.

The student sessions will focus on sharing useful information relating to apps/smartphones/social media/bullying to promote awareness and understanding of the dangers online and ways to be smarter online and protect themselves.

RSVP your attendants—School Office 9397 5722 or email gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Parent Information Night @Willy North PS
Student Online Safety—Presented by Tracey Porter
Wednesday 14th October—6.30pm Butterfly Room
RSVP—9397 5722 or email gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Do you know what your kids are doing online?

Protect your kids NOW with Student Online Safety - an invaluable and relevant Cyber Safety Presentation for Primary and Secondary schools, Parents and teachers - created by Tracey Porter

Presentations focus on:
- Bullying/Sexting and the law.
- Dangers and relevant information regarding Apps/Chat rooms/Social Media.
- How to keep yourself safe against cyber-crimes (bullying/stalking/sexting/grooming).
- Sexual Assault – self respect and empowerment.

Information about Tracey our Presenter:
- 23 years involvement with law enforcement.
- Extensive investigative experience into cyber-crime and sexual assault.
- Current experience within the ever changing online world.

"Tracey’s parent information night was one of the most successful and well attended nights we had for the year. Parents were still talking about the night for days after. With online media, the way of the future and the interest students have with the internet and social media, this night is a must for any school!"

Anthony Oldmeadow
Assistant Principal Laurimar Primary School
Website Introduction:

Williamstown North Primary School has recently begun a journey on our way to becoming a 5-Star Rated Sustainability School. The ResourceSmart Aussi VIC program aims to help schools to engage students, staff and the wider community in a journey towards becoming a more sustainable school, and eventually a leader in the community.

The program is split into a number of modules – Core, Waste, Water, Energy and Biodiversity. As we move through achieving stars, we will continue to improve across all these important areas.

Check out the website here:


The school has set out a number of initiatives to begin our journey. We have developed a School Environmental Management Plan (SEMP) outlining our goals for the future, as well as past achievements.


Year 6 students have formed a Green Team to help out with Sustainability Initiatives throughout the school.

If you are a parent that feels they could help out in any way (a green thumb, energy or water expert, involved in a local business that could help us, or just someone that is passionate about sustainability!) then please get in touch with Lewis or Jim and we will see how we can work together to make our school more environmentally friendly.

Thank you to those parents who contacted us about forming a gardening club. We will be in touch soon!
**SWAP SHOP SALE—Term Four**

*Swap shop will open on Monday 12th October from 3.15pm - 4.00pm in the old Uniform Shop.*

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.

Thank you, Yogada Rafferty – Swap Shop Coordinator

**Term 4—Last one for the Year—7th December**

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**After School Care**

*Dear Parents,*

*Welcome back to Term 4. Hopefully everyone had a great break over the last two weeks.*

*Could all parents please check their online bookings. There have been a large number of children not cancelled, or booked in on the wrong days. Incorrect information also consumes a large amount of staff time in the afternoons trying to locate children.*

*Please remember Term 4 is a Sunsmart term. All children must have a Sunsmart hat and sunscreen applied to them to be able to play outdoors. OSHclub follows the ‘no hat, no outdoor play’ rule.*

*Children will also have sunscreen applied at aftercare before going outdoors. OSHclub uses the Coles brand sunscreen. If your child cannot use this brand, please see Leanne or Meredith. Children are welcome to bring and use their own sunscreen. An extra hat in your child’s bag is also a great idea.*

Thank you—OSHclub Staff
Williamstown Cannons Basketball Club are in search of keen boys or girls born 2009, 2010 or 2011 to play in their under 8’s teams for the Summer season beginning 30th October. One hour training in Williamstown per week & 30 minute games are played at Altona Stadium at 5.10pm on Friday evenings. If interested, please contact David Weston via email: under8teams@williamstowncannons.org.au or phone: 0438 110 373

Williamstown High School Uniform Shop
(Located at Pasco St campus)

Buy early sale now on!
Sale finishes October 31st
Trading Hours
Tuesday 1.00pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 8.00am – 11.00am
Thursday 1.00pm – 4.30pm

Personal fitting appointments are available outside of normal trading hours (highly recommended to avoid delays).
Phone Kaye 9399 8662 or email wil@dobsons.com.au
Williamstown North Primary School

Shooting Soccer

When: Thursday
Classes commence: 15th Oct
Classes conclude: 3rd Dec
Time: 3:40-4:40pm
Where: Williamstown Nth PS
Who: Prep–Year 4

Have Fun & learn the basics of soccer including Dribbling, Passing and Kicking Goals!

Cost: $80 per program. The program consists of 8 sessions.

Catchy Cricket

When: Thursday
Classes commence: 15th Oct
Classes conclude: 3rd Dec
Time: 3:40-4:40pm
Where: Williamstown Nth PS
Who: Prep–Year 4

Learn how to catch, bat, bowl and field like your cricket heroes!

ENROL ONLINE AT www.big5sports.com.au
Alternatively, circle the sport, complete the form and return it via post or email.
Please do NOT leave enrolment forms at the school office.

School: ____________________________
Year level: ________________________
Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
Date of Birth: _____________________
Phone: (h) ________ (m) ________
Email: ____________________________

Medical Conditions: __________________________
At the completion of the after school class does your child: Go to Aftercare ☐ Get Collected ☐
Credit Card Payment (please tick) Visa ☐ Master Card ☐
Card Number: ___________ Expiry Date: ________
Cardholders Name: __________________________

Parents Consent: I hereby Authorise SportingKids Pty Ltd and its coaches to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, I also release SportingKids Pty Ltd and its coaches from any liability incurred by my child at a SportingKids Program.

Parents Name: __________________________
Parents Signature: __________________________ Date: __________