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Principal’s Report

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4

A warm welcome back to all students, staff and parents for the last term of the year! I trust everyone has had a restful break and managed to shake off the persistent coughs and colds from last term.

As always, we have another very busy term ahead so please continue to scan the newsletters each week to keep abreast of the upcoming events.

I hope you already have Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December in the calendar for our upcoming school musical – The Wizard of OZ. You will certainly hear a lot more about our whole school musical in the coming weeks; in particular watch out for details regarding electronic ticketing for these two nights.

HOLIDAY WORKS

A number of improvements were made to the grounds over the holiday break. A new 3.6 metre steel mesh fence was installed on the Freyer Road side of the soccer field; we hope that this may now curb the number of balls needed to be retrieved off the street during recesses and lunchtimes!

A large section of new asphalt was laid at the front of the school near the junior playground area. This now provides a safer surface for children playing in this area. When this has completely cured, we will then undertake new line markings from the front gate up to the old shelter shed. A big thank you to John Bell-Andrews (parent) for overseeing these works.

All playground equipment was completely audited and minor repairs made where necessary.

Unfortunately we did fall victim to several bouts of graffiti across the school which kept our handyman (Keith) very busy.

WELCOME BACK LEWIS MULVEY

We are delighted to welcome back Lewis Mulvey after nine months of leave. Lewis is a much respected member of the Willy North team and we are very pleased that he will be working in Year 1G for the remainder of 2014.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT

Over the holiday break, we were excited to learn that our application for this year’s round of Energy Efficient Grants was successful. This $10,000 grant will cover approximately half of the costs of replacing all fluorescent tubes throughout the school with energy efficient LED tubes. This project will
significantly reduce the daily energy usage across the school and in the long term generate significant financial savings for the school.

I commend the efforts of Lisa Gammon who was instrumental in writing up our energy efficiency grant application.

**Parent Information Session – Student Online Safety**

A free parent information session had been planned for next Wednesday 15th October on the topic of ‘Student Online Safety’. The session will aim to provide parents with tips and strategies for monitoring and supporting each child’s computer use at home. I would highly recommend this session for any parents who may be concerned about their child’s online safety.

The session will get underway in the Butterfly Room at 6:30pm and is planned to finish at approximately 7:30pm.

**Book Fair Success**

This year’s Book Fair was indeed a great success. We sold a record number of books for our school, with sales reaching $11,653. From these sales, we earned almost $4,000 worth of books for our school. What a fantastic outcome.

Many, many thanks to everyone who supported this year’s Book Fair.

**Spring Clean**

With our storage facility in the back corner of the school now complete, we will begin to move all materials out of the old shelter shed. There are a number of items however that the school no longer needs and therefore the items listed below are free to anyone who is willing to collect them from the school.

- Library Shelving (currently dismantled)
- 3m aluminium step ladder
- Chain saw (not working)
- Blower vacuum (not working)
- A revolving book stand
- Approximately 250 red brick pavers
- Whipper Snipper (not working)

In regards to the mechanical items not working, they may only need a minor fix, however we are uncertain at this stage.

If you are interested in any of these items, please feel free to call me at school or email me at cahill.jim.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

**ICAS Results**

The school has just received the ICAS results for students in Years 3 – 6 who sat the English and Maths tests last term. Please note that these results will be announced at assembly over the next two weeks.

Enjoy your week

Jim Cahill—Principal

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**Willy Waste Whispers**

**WWW**

**Aluminium Cans**

The children from Year 2L have been collecting the staffroom aluminium cans to be recycled and sold. Money from last year and this year has purchased a new lime tree as the old one was stolen.

**Seeds**

To help replenish our vegie garden we would like to build up a seed bank.

If you have any half packets of seeds or seeds from plants from your garden, could you please donate them by sending them to Merryn, or Robyn in room 7.

Encourage your children to collect seeds from pumpkins, tomatoes, peas and beans, dry them, then bring the seeds for our vegie patch.

Our passionfruit vine had its first crop before the holidays, but the fruit was bitter, maybe not enough sun.

**RRRR Reduce Reuse Recycle and Rethink**

Small glass jars wanted for a Fete project. Please send to Room 7 (Robyn)

Thank you

Year 2L & Robyn Law
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 to be added to the roster—taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au.

The parents on the roster for this Friday 10th October are: Martin Ray, Pamela Fernando, Camilla Thompson, Helen Parker, Larissa Deeth, Mette Nielsen, Kate Shaw and Jodie Moore.

Canteen—NEW HELPERS MOST WELCOME
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.

Thursday 9th October—Anne Tobin       Friday 10th October—Majella Snelling
Wednesday 15th October—To be advised
Thursday 16th October—To be advised       Friday 17th October—To be advised

Uniform Shop News
Primary School Wear (PSW) is now our official Uniform supplier. For all uniform enquiries please contact Kara on her mobile: 0413 008 185, between 9.00am and 5.00pm weekdays (excluding weekends and school holidays). Opening times are: Mondays and Thursdays 8.30am to 9.30am

Internet orders can be placed on the website: www.psw.com.au

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, skateboard, 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.
Parent Information Night @ Willy North PS
Student Online Safety—Presented by Tracey Porter
Wednesday 15th October—6.30pm Butterfly Room

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

Cyber Bullying
Cyber Safety
Sexting
Online Grooming
Social Media
Apps/Chat Rooms
**SWAP SHOP SALE—Monday 3rd November**

Swap shop will open on Mondays from 3.15pm - 4.00pm in Room 23 (next to the Art room), twice a term.

All second hand clothing has been reduced. Limited numbers of brand new, unworn and old stock is available at reduced prices.

**Term 4—3rd November and 8th December**

**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

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**After School Care**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you all had a fun yet safe break over the last two weeks.

Please remember that in Term 4 the SunSmart Policy does apply. ‘No Hat, No Outdoor Play’ Children will also be having sunscreen applied when they arrive at After Care. OSHClub uses the Coles brand sunscreen. If your child cannot use this Sunscreen, or is allergic to it, please speak to Leanne. Hats must also need to be worn at all times outdoors. It would be great if parents could place an extra hat in the front pocket of their child's bag.

Please remember to book in your child/ren online. There have been many children arriving at the program not booked in. Parents are being charged extra for this, and it also has implications for adult to student ratio. Please remember to also cancel your child's booking if needed. Some parents are not cancelling and it is very time consuming and worrying looking for all them.

If parents have small boxes, tissue boxes etc, please bring them to After Care for the children to create Junk Art.

Thank you - OSHClub Staff

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**Background information about Dwali:**

Dwali is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. Possibly the biggest festival on the Hindu Calendar, very much like Christmas in the western world. Diwali is celebrated in October or November each year depending on the phases of the moon. It falls on Karthik Krishna Amavasya (Full Moon Day), in Hindu calendar.

Diwali is celebrated over 5 days.

**When:** Saturday, 1st November 2014, Noon until 4.00pm

**Where:** Laverton Community Hub, 95–105 Railway Avenue, Laverton (Melways ref: 53D10)

**Activities:** Traditional Indian games, Rangoli decorations, Lantern making and crafts, Cultural programs, Indian food

**Dress code:** Traditional Indian dresses encouraged.

Check out [www.facebook.com/DiwaliAtHobsonsBay](http://www.facebook.com/DiwaliAtHobsonsBay) for event updates.

For further information contact Emma Ciollu, Arts and Event Program Officer at Hobson’s Bay City Council on 9932 1220
Community Notice Board

Footscray Swimming and Water Polo Clubs would like to invite you to their GO Swim Day to celebrate everything great about swimming. This will be an opportunity to have some fun racing against your friends and the clock. Get involved in Australia’s most popular Olympic and Paralympic sport! Date: 26th October 2014 (Sunday) Time: 9.15am, Location: Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre, 1 Aquatic Drive, Maribyrnong (opposite Highpoint), What to bring: Bathers, Towel and a big smile, Requirements: 6 years and over and be able to swim 25 metres of any stroke. Contact: Registrations can be made online: footscrayswimmingandwaterpolo@gmail.com Any Child that Pre Registers to attend the day will receive a free Hot Dog and Drink or visit the following websites: www.goswim.org.au or www.footscraywaterpoloclubs.com.au Please direct any interested students to Ann: 0417129133 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at what will be a fun filled day!

Former Footscray High School Students Reunion 1979-1984 Where: Yarraville Gardens, Somerville Road, Yarraville When: Sunday 23 November, 2014 Time: From 1.00pm BYO: The lot, food/drink, partner/kids, or come alone. For all Inquiries: Maria Cois-Pattison 0416140833 or 8354-7618

Foster Carer
Do you want to make a positive contribution to a young person’s life? Do you and your family have capacity to provide a safe, supportive and nurturing home environment to a young person in need? Have you ever considered becoming a foster carer?

Werribee Support and Housing’s Bridges Foster Care program provides training and ongoing support for individuals and families interested in becoming foster carers.

Due to an urgent need, we are currently recruiting foster carers. If you are interested in making a positive difference in a young person’s life and want to find out about becoming a foster carer, please contact Bridges Foster Care for further information on 9742 6452.

Bridges Foster Care is committed to the future of our young people

Join us for our Information Session
5.00pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 29th October
Hoppers Crossing Uniting Church
235 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing or
5.00pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 12th November
Williamstown Uniting Church
36 Electra St, Williamstown

MSJ 2015 Limited places are available for 2015. Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.
MSJ Open Day 2014 Sunday 12th October, 11.00am – 2.00pm

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Friends of Newport Lakes are holding a Snake information night @ Newport Lakes.

As snake season is upon us, we all need to stay informed about what we need to do when we come in contact with snakes.

Bring the Family, as Reptile Education Victoria will be there with snakes that you may be able to hold.

When: Thursday 23rd October 5.30pm to 7.00pm.

RSVP: to Lorraine on 0438 307 002 by Monday 20th October.

Tea, Coffee and light snacks provided.

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Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:
- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent’s bank account;
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be passed to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment – parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low-income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DESCD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.

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Blue Light Disco

OCT 17TH
Halloween Party

7.30 - 9.30PM (8 to 15 Years) Cost: $6.00
NEWPORT BAPTIST CHURCH
MASON STREET, NEWPORT
To celebrate your birthday at the next disco contact Helene on 0418 386 436
Contact: LSC Scott Sutton 8392 3230
WWW.BLUELIGHT.ORG.AU

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Spring Fair

Saturday 11th October
10am - 4pm
Pilgrim Uniting Church, Yarraville
(On Bayview and Montague Streets)
Handmade Craft / Organic Food
Children's Activities
Raffles / Flea Market
Secondhand Books
Fun

Supported by Section Branch of Bendigo Bank
French Club is in its 4th year. We are a small group of kids from different schools who meet to role-play, sing and play games to develop our French language skills. Francoise is our real French teacher and she is highly experienced and cares about our kids.

Wednesdays 3.50-4.50pm
Williamstown Community Centre

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Louis Joel Community Centre
5 Sargood Street, Altona
Ph 03 9398 2511

Opening
7.00pm Friday 17th October 2014

Exhibition Dates:
Thursday 16th - Wednesday 29th October 2014
Gallery Hours:
10am-4pm daily

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WILLIAMSTOWN MOBILE UNIT
Town Hall, Ferguson Street, Williamstown
Mon 3rd November 1:30pm - 7:30pm
Wed 5th November 1:30pm - 7:30pm
Thurs 6th November 9:30pm - 3:30pm

To book your appointment please call 13 14 95

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Enrolment forms will not be processed without payment. Do not leave enrolment forms at the school office.

ENROLMENT CRICKET TERM 4 2014

When: Thursdays, Term 4 2014
Classes commence: 16/10/14
Classes conclude: 04/12/14
Time: 3:40pm - 4:40pm Year Levels: P-4
Venue: Williamstown North Primary School
The cost per student per term is $111

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Medical Conditions:
At the completion of the after school class does your child:

- Go to aftercare
- Get collected

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