



Williamstown North Primary School

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Principal's Report

'BIG NIGHT IN'

It was such a delight to see the excitement on the faces of the Year 1 and 2 students last Friday night as they arrived for the 'Big Night In'. The anticipation of sharing dinner together, partying at the disco and then the sleep over for the Year 2's, was quite palpable for the 200 students who participated. We were blessed with perfect weather on the evening and the shots below captured some of the action from the night:



Dates to Remember 2015

Term 4

5th October to 18th December

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

Thursday 15th October
**Closing Date for Book Club
Orders**

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

Friday 6th November
Year 5 StartSmart

Wednesday 11th November
5/6 Hoop Time Final

Tuesday 17th & Wednesday
18th November
Prep Ripponlea Excursion

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
7th November

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I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank our many wonderful teachers who made the night possible, in particular the following staff who slept over with the students and provided fantastic round the clock care: Virginia Irvine, Kaitlyn Hayes, Lisa Gorman, Crystal Tyson, Fran McCormick, Tania Brown, Kate Wakefield, Jamie Peters, Dean Pearce and John Diegan (student teacher). Further thanks to Jamie Peters who ensured all aspects of the night had been carefully planned in the lead up to the event.

STUDENT ONLINE SAFETY

We've had wonderful feedback from parents over the last couple of years in regards to our information sessions on 'Student Online Safety'. As our children have become increasingly connected digital citizens, their safety whilst online has become an increasingly important area for parents and the school to monitor. If you would like to know a little more about this area and learn some tips for what to watch for at home, feel very welcome to attend our 'Student Online Safety' parent briefing at 6:30pm in the Butterfly Room this evening (Wednesday 14th October).

2016 PLANNING

Planning continues to unfold for next year as we prepare for an estimated student enrolment in excess of 750 students (we currently have just under 700 students enrolled). Our new building is taking shape wonderfully and this week we were excited to order new furniture for this building so that all four of these new classrooms could be set up before the end of the school year.

We are proceeding with planning for a thirty-one grade structure to accommodate all of next year's students. The following structure provides an indication of the number of classes at each level with an estimation of the expected number of students in each class:

- ⇒ Preps – 130 students across 6 classes (21/22 students @ class)
- ⇒ Year 1 – 124 students across 5 classes (24/25 students @ class)
- ⇒ Year 2 – 106 students across 4 classes (26/27 students @ class)
- ⇒ Year 3 - 112 students across 5 classes (22/23 students @ class)
- ⇒ Year 4 – 102 students across 4 classes (25/26 students @ class)
- ⇒ Year 5 – 80 students across 3 classes (26/27 students @ class)
- ⇒ Year 5/6 – 25 students in one class
- ⇒ Year 6 – 80 students across 3 classes (26/27 students @ class)

Extensive consultation has been undertaken with teachers in putting this structure together, with the learning needs of our students at each of these levels being the prime consideration. Whilst this structure has achieved a good balance of numbers across the school, the Year 2 class sizes are a little higher than we would like for these junior classes and so we will prioritise additional staff that will work at this level to provide further support for these students. Further community consultation will also take place in the coming weeks in regards to the 5/6 multi-age class that is proposed in this structure.

We have some draft plans in place for where these year levels will be housed in 2016. As we begin to have more year levels with 5 or 6 classes, it is becoming increasingly complex to try and ensure that year levels are clustered together. I hope to be able to confirm where all of these year levels will be placed within the next fortnight.

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 the roster for this week **Friday 16th October** are: Julia Hackett, Mel Maskey, Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Rachelle Burbridge, Andrea Cabtree and Lana Hutton.

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 15th October—Helen Gibbs Friday 16th October—Kaylynn Rasmussen & Carolyn Wilkinson

Wednesday 21st October—HELP NEEDED

Thursday 22nd October—HELP NEEDED Friday 23rd October—Maha Sidaoui

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 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 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 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.

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2016



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

Parent Information Session

Wednesday 14th October @ 6:30pm

Location: Butterfly Room

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 attends—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*

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Your link to safety

**CYBER BULLYING
CYBER SAFETY
SEXTING
ONLINE GROOMING
SOCIAL MEDIA
APPS/CHAT ROOMS**

Term 4 Visual Arts Update

We have had a wonderful start to Term 4 with Matt Glover (professional cartoonist) conducting Cartooning workshops during all Visual Arts sessions this week. He has been very inspirational and has given students some very handy tips in Cartooning.

Prep to Year 2 will be experimenting with printing techniques using various materials and mediums. Students will be inspired by Monet and Van Gogh.

Years 3 to 6 will respond to Picasso's Dove of Peace for the first couple of weeks.

Years 3 to 4 will be inspired by Georges Seurat to incorporate Pointillism techniques in artwork.

Years 5 to 6 will study artist Pro Hart and develop a piece of art using some fun painting skills.

At the end of Term 3 we trialled an after school clay workshop. It was a successful and enjoyable session which was led by Dianne Wilson (an experienced ceramist). The terracotta projects are on display outside the main office. Well done to all students who did a great job.



FOOTBALL:
the fun game for all!
BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-9



Club: Altona East Soccer Club
Venue: Paisley Park Pitch 2, Ross Rd Altona.
Start date: Saturday 7/11/2015 (6 sessions)
Contact: Robert 0408 804 098



Register at miniroos.com.au

FRENCH CLUB!



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Wednesdays 3.45pm - 4.45pm
Williamstown Community Centre
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Limited places available

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The First Step-ASD Parent Support Group

invites you to

An evening with Chris Varney: Founder of The I CAN Network



When: Wednesday 21st October 2015

Where: Wembley Primary School

Wembley Ave, Yarraville

Enter via St Leornards Ave

Time: 7.30—9.30 pm

Cost: Gold coin donation

About The I CAN Network

The I CAN Network is driving a rethink of Autism, from 'I Can't' to 'I CAN'. We mentor young people on the Autism Spectrum to live life with an 'I CAN' attitude. We bring out the 'awe' in AWETism through education, advocacy and giving opportunities. We build networks across schools, universities/ TAFEs, communities, businesses and governments.

Together, we are Australia's first social enterprise founded by people with Autism. For more information about our work see www.ican.network.

Tea and coffee will be provided. Please contact Victoria on 0413 031 914 or Jody on 0421 186 629 if you need any further information.

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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.p@ednet.vic.gov.au or visit www.romseyp.sic.edu.au

On Saturday evening: Attend a special screening of Dinky at the Mechanics Hall
On Sunday visit Sydney Szymer 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



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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

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16th October 2015

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World Challenge Fundraiser Night

- Friday 16th of October
- 7:00pm to 12:00am
- 3 Course Meal
- Drinks at Bar price
- Dj to get you moving!
- The Yarraville Club, 135 Stephen Street Yarraville
- \$55 per head
- *Vegetarian Option Available
- *No children under 15

- Fundraising activities on the night
- Great prizes to be won



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World Challenge

Bookings at:
<http://tinyurl.com/nfwkcr>

GATEWAYS FESTIVALS

G.A.T.E.WAYS has pleasure in inviting

- Gifted and Talented Preps to the 'Prep Festival of Workshops' hosted by Firbank Grammar School, Middle Crescent Brighton 10 and 11 December 2015 - 9.30 am to 3.15 pm

and

- Gifted and Talented Year 1 - 6 students to the 'Year 1 - 6 Festival of Workshops' hosted by Lauriston Girls' School, Huntingtower Road, Armadale 14 and 15 December 2015 - 9.30 - 3.15

Parents can enrol directly with G.A.T.E.WAYS.

Fees are 98.00 per day.

<http://www.gateways.edu.au/program/festivals/end-of-year-festivals> to read workshop descriptions

Enrolments for all Festival programs open on October 21, 2015