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Principal’s Report

UNIFORM SHOP ARRANGEMENTS

After nearly twelve months of complex negotiations, we can now confirm our new Uniform Shop arrangements for the future. Enclosed within this newsletter is a flyer confirming that our last day of uniform shop trading at school will be on Monday 27th October. We encourage any parents who may need further uniform items to see out the year to possibly purchase these before this transition period begins. During this transition stage, whilst the retail outlet is being set up, you will not be able to purchase any uniforms items for just over a week.

After Wednesday 5th November, all school uniform will be available from a retail outlet at Unit 1, 128 Bertie St, Port Melbourne. Whilst we recognise the time needed to drive to this store, we hope that this retail outlet, which will be open five days a week from Tuesday to Saturday, will give parents far more flexibility when purchasing school uniform. For those busy parents who are unable to access this retail outlet, there will also be an enhanced online booking system also operating that will provide home delivery.

Primary School Wear (PSW) have continued to provide durable and cost effective uniforms for Willy North students for many years and we look forward to cementing this partnership with PSW as this new era begins. Please note that in response to parent feedback, we will still continue to offer a second hand uniform service at school; watch out for these times in the newsletter.

When the new retail outlet is up and running, I would certainly be interested in your feedback about the quality of service offered, so please feel very welcome to drop me a line at cahill.jim.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

We have recently received the results of this year’s Parent Opinion Survey from the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD). I’m delighted to report that 14 of the 18 areas measured showed significant improvements on last year’s results. There were three areas in particular that ranked very highly, with connectedness to peers at around the 85th percentile, student safety at the 80th percentile and learning focus just under the 75th percentile. Other areas that ranked well above state median results included social skills, school connectedness, school improvement and general satisfaction.
Your feedback on this survey has indicated that we have more work to do in the areas of parent input, extra-curricula and reporting, with these areas ranking significantly under the state median. We will continue to seek you feedback in these areas, and we already have several draft strategies on the table to further develop these.

In addition to the statistical data we received from the survey, we also received a range of anecdotal comments from parents. There were some wonderfully positive comments that I hope the survey participants don’t mind me sharing here:

“…… Overall, the school is wonderful and we are pleased our child has settled so well there. It has a wonderful sense of community ….”

“……I am very happy with the standard of education and the variety of challenges my child receives at her school. There is a very strong team spirit within the school and the children thrive on this, overall a great place to go to school…..”

“…. Great school that tries hard to deliver a quality education to a large, varied group of students……”

“…..Willy North has a very high standard of academic performance….”

“…..We feel fortunate and proud that our children attend such a fantastic & well respected school…..”

“…..WNPS and its teachers are extremely passionate in helping the children learn and have fun…..”

“….One of the things I like most about WNPS (aside from its dedicated and enthusiastic staff) is the strong sense of community – an incredible achievement for such a large school……”

“…..Williamstown North is exceptional……”

My sincere thanks again to the 75 families who took the time to complete this year’s parent opinion survey. We value this feedback and are committed to acting upon this information to help make our school an even greater school!

**BIG NIGHT IN**

What a fantastic experience for our Year 1 & 2 students last Friday evening as they participated in this year’s ‘Big Night In’! There was much excitement over the course of the night as the children enjoyed participating in all of the planned activities, not to mention the amazing treat boxes they had for dinner which was creatively put together by one of our wonderful parents – Merryn Kinmont-Brown!

The students were so well behaved and after most of the excitement, the vast majority of the Year 2 students who slept over, were asleep at a ‘reasonable hour’! It was fantastic team effort by the staff and parents who assisted, however I would like to recognise the efforts of the staff who slept over and monitored the students throughout the night – a gold star to each and every one of you!

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM - CONGRATULATIONS JAMES RITCHIE**

Over the course of 2014, Year 4 students have been regularly visiting Williamstown Hospital, Westgate & Wintringham Aged Care facilities as part of our new community partnerships initiative. In addition to these organisations, we have also been forging stronger links with the Western Bulldogs (AFL) and Williamstown Seagulls (VFL). It was very fitting that James Ritchie (teacher), was recently awarded the 2014 Multicultural Coles AFL School Ambassador of the Year Award, for all of his hard work in establishing and overseeing all our community partnerships.

I commend James on the wonderful work he has done to provide these terrific community opportunities for our students.

**NORTHERN STAR CHESS**

We are delighted that around fifteen Year 3 – 6 students will now be participating in Chess lessons every Friday for most of this term. Northern Star Chess provides the instructors for these sessions. We are trialling the program during term 4 and hope that we may include this as a weekly extra-curricular program in 2015.

**SCHOOL GATES**

Parents, when you are leaving the school grounds, please ensure the gate is closed behind you and the latch is attached.

Enjoy your week
Jim Cahill—Principal
Williamstown North Primary School

Final on-campus is Monday 27th October.

After 5th November your uniform will be available from our new PSW Port Melbourne Store.

During the transition period from on-campus to the Port Melbourne store you will not be able to purchase your uniform at an outlet, on-campus or online. We encourage you to purchase any new uniform items needed before the closing of the on-campus on Monday 27th October.

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LAY-BY AVAILABLE WITH 20% DEPOSIT

Buy all your 2015 uniform needs today & save!

*Take 5% off original RRP for purchases made in store between November 10 - December 13, 2014. Lay-bys available with a 20% deposit. Lay-buys must be collected by Friday 19 December, 2014. Offer not available online.
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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 who 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.11@edumail.vic.gov.au.
The parents on the roster for this Friday 17th October are: Martin Ray, Pamela Fernando, Camilla Thompson, Larissa Deeth, Mette Nielsen, Helen Dixon, Kellie Walker and Helen Gibbs.

Canteen—NEW HELPERS MOST WELCOME
Julianne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of the time parents or family members can volunteer to help in the Canteen. Juliianne 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 16th October—Help Needed Friday 17th October—Tracey Somerville
Wednesday 22nd October—Kaylynn Rasmussen
Thursday 23rd October—Anne Tobin Friday 24th October—Kelly Walker

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 until Monday 27th October.

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 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.

Calling all mums, dads, grandparents and any seamstress!
I have had a couple of people offer to help out with sewing costumes for the school musical, ‘The Wizard of Oz’. I’m asking for some more helpers please….if you have some skills, patience and TIME!!
If you are able to help with shopping for costume materials and making items, please complete your contact details below and return to school ASAP!!
I have a number of items that could be made in advance for various classes.

Thank You
Crystal Tyson—Musical Costume Coordinator
tyson.crystal.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Parent Name/s: _______________________________ ________________________________
Child’s Name: _____________________________ Year _____ Room Number _____
Skills Offering: ______________________________________________________________________
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__________________________________________________________________________________
Contacts: (Telephone) (H) ____________________ (M) __________________________
(Email Address) _________________________@______________________________________

Visual Arts
DONATIONS REQUIRED
The Art room is in need of buttons, lace fabric, ribbon, wool and small wooden blocks. If you have any of these items to donate, you can either, drop them at the office or take them directly to the art room.

Thanks you
Vicki Symons—Visual Arts Teacher

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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
**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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**From Girl to Goddess**

A series of works by two friends in celebration of our life journeys;
exploring notions of friendship, love and the everyday.
Exploring and accepting the bumps, flaws, cracks and curves that have brought us

Works by Heather Ruth Laurie and Jennie Williams Culic

An exhibition of poetry, paintings and glass.
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Louis Joel Community Centre
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Ph 03 9398 2511

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7.00pm Friday 17th October 2014

Exhibition Dates:
Thursday 16th - Wednesday 29th October 2014

Gallery Hours:
10am-4pm daily

Featuring poetry readings
Sunday 19th and 26th: 1-2 pm
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.footscrayswimmingandwaterpoloclubs.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

Inside the Brick Model & Construction Play Expo—Bookings essential. When: 8th & 9th November. Where: Seaworks, 82 Nelson Place Williamstown. Tickets—www.trybooking.com/97363. Rediscover the magic of building and join Inside the Brick for a major exhibition of Models made from thousands of LEGO Bricks, a large hands on construction play zone and sets for sale. This year we are featuring all things nautical including Pirates, Deep Sea Explores and more. We will also have displays of Sci-fi, rare sets and of course our brick city and train layout for you to enjoy. For more information go to www.insidethebrick.com

Florence Craft Market Family Fun Day—at Florence Aged Care Car Park, 375-379 Mason Street Altona North. Saturday 15th November, 9.00am till 3.00pm. Activities include face painting, jumping castle, animal farm, sausage sizzle, show bags, lucky dips, craft stalls, timber stalls, jewellery and accessories.

Opportunity to Play Cricket—Williamstown CYMS Cricket Club has had such a strong response to registration that it has started a 3rd under 11 Cubs team. This is the introductory level to hard ball cricket. Everyone participates equally, and boys and girls continue to bat for a set number of overs even if they “get out”. Most players in Cubs are grade 2 or 3, although it does vary. With the 3rd under 11 Cubs team being added there is now the opportunity for some late registrations. Training is at the Fearon Reserve each Monday at 4:30pm with games on Fridays from 5pm. Please come along to training or go to www.williamstowncyms.com.au/cricket for further information and contact details.

Rewards Program Update

School Banking Rewards Program Update!
The Term 4 rewards are now available for your children to redeem with two new items released.

Projector Cup - every child will want one as this cup lights up and makes drinking fun.

Sea Streamers - perfect timing as the warmer weather is upon us. These streamers will provide hours of swimming fun.

Term 4 - Clam of Fortune Competition
We’re rewarding regular savings by sharing the Dollarmites latest find, precious prizes from the ancient Clam of Fortune.

- 40 GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras; and
- 150 Slip N' Slide Double Wave Riders.

Entry into the promotion is a little bit different to those we have run previously. For every School Banking deposit made during the competition period, the student will receive one entry into the competition (up to a maximum of 6 entries). So, the more they save, the more chances to win a prize. Competition period: 20th October — 30th November 2014.

For more information, or to view the full competition terms and conditions, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

A Special Request from our School Banking Volunteers….
We have unfortunately seen a steady increase in the number of Student Banking Deposit slips received that have not been completed with any details at all. To allow our volunteers to confirm that we have received the correct amount of money, and to ensure no errors occur in processing your deposit, PLEASE ENSURE that you fully complete your child’s deposit slip and receipt butt for EVERY deposit including Name; Account Number; Student ID and Total Deposit.

Thank you for your assistance.
Leanne Sutton, School Banking Coordinator (volunteer)
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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To find the next generation of savers, we’re launching a national competition.

Have your child tell us in 50 words or less what they are saving for, and how they plan to save their money to achieve it and they could win:

• An iPad for themselves and one for their school (six regional winners)
• $1,000 for their savings (one national winner)

Enter now at commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavers

KINGSVILLE PRIMARY

Spring FETE

18th October
10-4pm

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CHAIR-O-PLANE
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Williamstown Community Centre
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When does fun flip into addiction?

Gaming has come a long way since Space Invaders. Unfortunately with that growth has come an addiction to gaming in some young people. Catherine Gerhardt describes how to spot the signs and what to do about it.

Gaming addiction is a relatively new phenomenon. When I was growing up, video game addiction didn’t really exist. Kids played video games when they went to the arcade, and were limited to their pocket money. Then came the invention of home video game systems, and today millions of homes around the globe are equipped with both game consoles and personal computers. Remember Pac-Man and Tetris? My how gaming has changed.

When does fun flip into addiction?

Gaming gets into our deepest motivational drivers. As human beings we have a great need to be social. Games allow us to connect with others and give us the feeling of control over our own social environment. This can be a key motivator for youth who feel like they have very little control over their daily lives; teachers, parents and others always seem to be controlling them.

We are all driven towards pleasure, and the pleasure component in gaming is about intermittent rewards. The rewards are random, they are not predictable and they keep us waiting and therefore playing. Intermittent rewards are the same foundation that gambling is based on, and researchers are currently looking deeper into a potential correlation between gaming and gambling.

In massive multiplayer games there is often punishment for logging off. Fear and pain are, again, major motivational drivers. Some games, like World of Warcraft, penalise players through loss of progress if they are turned off before a goal or the next level is reached. Now it is the game controlling the player and not the other way around. Once players become involved in a guild then there is the added responsibility to that online community, and when they log off they may be letting other players down.

Signs that your child may be developing a gaming addiction include:

- the inability to control the use of games
- finding it difficult to stop playing even if they want to
- experiencing withdrawal symptoms – physical and mood related changes such as bad temper, poor focus, or feeling empty, frustrated or angry
- exhibiting defensive behaviour when questioned about use
- making social and recreational sacrifices such as cutting off real life friends and only having online friends
- secrecy and solitude – playing alone and even in secret, sneaking it in when they can
- lying about use – they tell you they spent one hour playing when really it was two.

What does this mean for parents?

Have you had yelling matches with your child over the amount of time they spend gaming? Have you threatened to take their access away? If you think there might be a problem, then there probably already is. Many parents feel alone in regards to their child’s problematic internet use, but be assured you are not alone. Parenting experts and parents are beginning to find ways to help with this serious behaviour problem.

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You can start to help your child by implementing some simple steps:

**Set time limits** – Only allow a certain number of minutes (not hours) per day. Consider requiring that your child earns game time through responsibilities. Once you set the limits, you must enforce them.

**Limit content** – Ratings are there for a reason. Exposure to elements such as violence and gambling are a risk if you allow your child access to age inappropriate or adult content. Read reviews or test the game yourself before you give it to your child. Although they may say “everyone else is playing it”, we know that is not the case.

**Keep gaming out of the bedroom** – This follows the basic rule of no media in the bedroom. Monitoring content and usage becomes very difficult behind a closed door. We want kids where they can interact with other people to help limit the solitude and secrecy that can occur. Interaction with other family members, even whilst gaming, is a protective factor.

**Gaming is a privilege, not a right** – Other activities such as homework and chores must be done first. Having dinner with the family, doing some exercise or doing music practice takes priority over games.

Families have found it useful to use behavioural charts to clarify what needs to be done before gaming is permitted, and how much gaming is allowed. Gaming is about balance, and there is room for some negotiation. They want to earn more gaming? Perhaps consider an extra 15 minutes for every extra hour of physical activity they do.

**Video games are not a babysitter** – Too many parents are relying on technology to keep their children quiet and occupied. Children and youth must learn to socialise and find the ‘grit’ required to get through social situations. There are other things kids can do to keep themselves busy besides relying on technology.

**Search for a therapist** – If your child’s gaming has already become too far out of control, then you may want to search for a professional therapist or a treatment program that specialises in adolescent addictions. Recovery from video game addiction is possible.

There isn’t anything wrong with gaming itself – it’s a great way to have fun, to connect with others and to learn. However, when gaming becomes the priority over other areas of life, then an addiction may be brewing. According to www.video-game-addiction.org, “kids who are easily bored, have poor relationships with family members, feel like outcasts at school, or tend towards sensation seeking are more easily drawn into video game addiction because it fills a void and satisfies needs that aren’t met elsewhere”.

There is some debate as to whether gaming addiction is a diagnosable disorder; however the behaviour undeniably exists. The combination of intentional programming by designers and the predisposition some teens have to addictive behaviour means this is a real issue that parents, teachers, and friends should be aware of and may need to take action towards.

Catherine Gerhardt

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