



Williamstown North Primary School

Newsletter

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Principal's Report

MUSICAL TICKETS

Thank you to the many parents who have already logged onto the Try Booking website (<https://www.trybooking.com/KQWH>) to order their tickets for our upcoming musical. We were amazed to sell one thousand tickets in the first two hours of sales!!

To date we have sold over 1,300 tickets. We will monitor this closely over the next week and announce through the newsletter if additional tickets can be purchased by families.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents who have been working furiously behind the scenes to complete all of the costumes for our students. I've seen some sneak previews and they are certainly going to look spectacular!

We've set a deadline of Friday 28th October for the completion of the costumes so that these can all be organised for the full dress rehearsal that will take place at school on Tuesday 8th November.

On Wednesday 9th November, all students will travel to Quin Auditorium through the school day to work through the logistics of the performances.

Details regarding drop off and pick up arrangements on both nights of the Musical will be published shortly for all families. Please keep a close eye on the Newsletter over the next fortnight.

PLANNING/STAFFING UPDATE FOR 2017

Planning continues to unfold for next year as we prepare for an estimated student enrolment in excess of 750 students (we currently have approximately 745 students enrolled). As a result of the extensive work undertaken in late 2015, with the installation of six additional classrooms, I'm pleased to report that no new buildings will be needed for 2017 as we currently have one spare classroom.

We are proceeding with planning for a thirty-two class structure to accommodate all of next year's students (31 classes have operated in 2016). 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:

Foundation (Prep)—100 students across 5 classes (20 students @ class)

Year 1—130 students across 6 classes (21/22 students @ class)

Year 2—120 students across 5 classes (24 students @ class)

Year 3—100 students across 4 classes (25 students @ class)

Dates to Remember 2016 2016 Term Dates 3rd October to 20th December

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Staff Training Day for 2016
Monday 31st October

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Tuesday 1st November
Melbourne Cup Day
Public Holiday

Dates to Remember

Thursday 20th October
Year 6—PriSci Incursion

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Friday 21st October
Year 1 Star Lab Incursion

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Tuesday 25th October
VSSEC—Year 5B & 5G

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Wednesday 26th October
VSSEC—Year 5J & 5K

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Thursday 27th October
Prep Spooky Pizza Night &
Disco

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Wednesday 2nd November
Year 6 Graduation Photo

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Thursday 3rd November
Foundation Parent
Information Evening 6.45pm

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2017 Prep Transition Days
Friday 21st October Day 1
Friday 28th October Day 2
Friday 4th November Day 3
Friday 11th November Day 4

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MUSICAL
Wednesday 9th and Thursday
10th November



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Bike Ed Year 4
Tuesday 25th October
Tuesday 15th November
Tuesday 22nd November

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SWAP SHOP DATES
Term 4
5th December

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School FETE
Sunday 19th March 2017

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Year 4—102 students across 4 classes (25/26 students @ class)

Year 5—105 students across 4 classes (26/27 students @ class)

Year 6—92 students across 4 classes (23 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. Pending any major fluctuations to these numbers, we feel this structure has achieved a good balance for each year level across the school. The school will continue with its Intervention and Extension structures in 2017, thereby ensuring class sizes are even smaller when fluid groups operate during key literacy and numeracy sessions each week.

To complete our staffing profile for next year, two additional classroom teachers will be recruited over the coming weeks. Existing teachers have completed their role preferences for 2017 and so the leadership team will begin to build the new teaching teams at each level over the next fortnight. As some of our teachers change levels from year to year, we know that this deepens the curriculum knowledge of our staff and actively promotes the sharing of best practice across the school. We are certainly blessed to have such a capable teaching staff at Willy North; to this end we request that parents refrain from making requests to the school for specific teachers in 2017.

WALK/RIDE TO SCHOOL

As the weather begins to warm up (slowly), we would like to promote an active start to the school day by encouraging more students to ride or walk to school. Our Year 4 students have been doing a great job enhancing their bike riding skills through their Bike Education program this term and it's terrific to see our bike shed filled most days. If you live a little further away from the school, can we ask you to consider leaving five minutes earlier and parking a couple of blocks away from the school? Maybe you could plan to meet at a friend's house nearer to the school and then walk to school together? This has the twofold benefit of reducing traffic around the school whilst also promoting a social and active start to the morning. Thank you in anticipation of your support on this important matter.

Enjoy the Week.

Jim Cahill

Principal—Williamstown North Primary School

Canteen Update

A new Canteen Menu will be sent out to all families soon.

Changes to the Menu are—Sushi Rolls will be available on **Fridays ONLY** for \$3.50 each.

Juice Cups have increased to \$1.00.



After School Care

Dear Parents,

There is 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 log onto 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

Rosters... Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)

This is a very social and interactive group who volunteer an hour of their time each Friday morning from 9.00am to 10.00am. **Fresh Fruit Friday continues to need parent volunteers. If you are available on a Friday, please email Linda Taylor directly, so she can add you to the roster—taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au.**

Parents on the roster for Friday 21st October are; Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Ray Price, Mel Maskey, Helen Gibbs, Malour Guy and Carolyn Watt

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 are most welcome. If you can spare any of your valuable time, it would be greatly appreciated and we would love to hear from you.

Thursday 20th October—Suzi Meiers

Friday 21st October—Kate Bennett

Wednesday 28th October—Renee Cadman & Kylie White

Thursday 29th October—Amanda

Friday 30th October—Sandra Ensabella

Uniform Shop News Primary School Wear (PSW) is our official Uniform supplier. Uniforms can be purchased at the store located at Unit 1, 128 Bertie Street Port Melbourne. Items can also be purchased online.

Email portmelbourne@psw.com.au. Trading hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm, Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm and closed on Sunday.



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, ribstic 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 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 WWCC 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/>

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BOOK ADAPTED AND ADDITIONAL LYRICS BY MARCY HIGGEE
MUSIC ADAPTED AND ARRANGED BY BYRAN LOCHIELLE
BASED ON THE SCREENPLAY BY LARRY CLAWMANS
BASED ON THE NOVEL THE JUNGLE BOOK BY RUDYARD KIPPLING

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE
ADDITIONAL MUSIC AND LYRICS BY GERO M. MARK MANCINA, JAY REFIN AND HANS ZIMMERA
BOOK BY ROBERT ALLEN AND FRANK MUCCHI
BASED ON THE BROADWAY PRODUCTION DIRECTED BY JULIE TAYMOR

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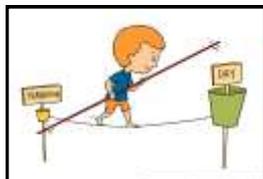


The '2017 Foundation Parent Information Night' for parents of confirmed Foundation enrolments.
 On Thursday 3rd November 2016, 6.45pm to 8.00pm, Kay Margetts from Melbourne University will speak on "School Readiness" and "School Expectations".



Transition Program

Our 'Kinder to School' Transition program for our 2017 Foundation 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

[VICTORIAN] **MATHS CHALLENGE!**

September 6 – November 29 2016
 Information for Students

Just launched – the Victorian Maths Challenge for students in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8
 Get together with your parents, brothers, sisters and other relatives to tackle this exciting Maths Challenge.

Here are some to the Challenges for you to solve:

- Eureka – *build a tower*
- Making the most – *make shapes*
- Paper Planes – *fly paper planes*
- Right Direction – *navigate blindfolded*
- Rock Scissors – *play a challenging game*
- Symmetry – *make patterns*
- Titanic – *float a paper boat*
- Traveller – *find the shortest path*

Next steps

Go to the web site at <http://vmc.global2.vic.edu.au/> and begin the Challenge.
 Submit a photo or video to the <http://vmc.global2.vic.edu.au/> web site to get your certificate of participation.
 If you would like your work displayed on the Maths Challenge website, make sure you have an adult member of your family give permission.
 Join in and get involved in the Victorian Maths Challenge!



★ *Aussie Hoops* ★

Basketball for kids 5-10

Westgate Basketball Association, your local association, is running the Aussie Hoops programme for boys and girls 5-10 years old. Sessions are run at the indoor stadium at either VU Community Sports Stadium, Whitten Oval, or ResWest Footscray, Cnr Essex and Market Streets, with skill sessions, fun drills and friendly games.

The sessions are run by Representative level youth basketball players and give kids a terrific grounding in the fundamental skills for the game.

So if you were wondering if your kid just might be the next Patty Mills or Lauren Jackson, stop wondering and find out! Come along, make new friends and see for yourself why basketball is one of the most popular youth sports in Australia.

Sessions are run Thursday afternoons or Saturday mornings, and they'll be smiling for days!



Register Now!
and see you on court!

For further details on times and dates, prices and registration, please visit our website:

www.westgatebasketball.com.au





HOST FAMILIES WANTED 2017

Japanese University Students Visiting WNPS

The students are studying Childhood Education at University in Japan. They will be visiting our school to observe classes and run some fun activities with the children to share their Japanese culture.

Dates: 21 Feb (Tue) to 05 Mar (Sun) 2017

Duration: 12 nights

How many: One student per family

Homestay fee: Payment of \$480 towards your expenses

Please provide 3 meals per day (Breakfast, packed lunch & dinner)



If you have any questions, please contact the program coordinator, **Midori**:

Tel: 03 9572 3381 or 0418 540 865

E-mail: midori@japan-link.com.au



Application Form

Parents' names: _____

All children's name(s), age and gender (M/F) :

Email address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Address: _____

Other household members' name(s)/gender: _____

Pet(s) : _____ Method of transport to school: _____

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