



Williamstown North Primary School

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Principal's Report

2015 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

In term 3, fifty-seven Willy North families completed a survey about the school which was sent off to the Department of Education & Training for collation. The results of this survey were received last week and they provide valuable feedback and insights into many important aspects of the school.

Overwhelmingly, the results are very positive. It was heartening to see that the highest response on the survey was in the area of School Improvement. Whilst we have many strong practices in place, we know there are areas for growth and improvement and it's terrific that our community also has such a strong sense of our commitment to continuous improvement.

Other variables on the survey that rated very highly included - Approachability, Behaviour Management, Student Safety, Connectedness to Peers and Social Skills. Of the eighteen variables measured on the survey, sixteen we are at or well above the state mean results.

There were only two areas that rated slightly under the state mean; these were Extra Curricular & Homework. Previous surveys had indicated the need to broaden our extra curricula provision and whilst this year's result was almost double last year's result, it is an area that we will continue to explore. The result for homework is a little more surprising as this area showed significant growth in 2014 but has dipped under the mean score this year. We understand that homework can be a contentious area, however your feedback from this survey indicates that continued efforts are still needed to improve our practice in this area.

In addition to the numerical ratings on the survey, many parents took the opportunity to provide some anecdotal comments. The follow snapshot of comments gives you an indication of the very positive nature of the feedback:

'Williamstown North PS's great strengths are its inclusive approach to engaging the entire school community to ensure the best educational outcomes for its students.'

'On an academic level, the school has provided my child with excellent opportunities to excel and extend themselves.'

'Excellent on-campus support for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.'

Dates to Remember 2015

Term 4

5th October to 18th December

- *
Friday 23rd October
Year 1 Grandparents Day
- *
Tuesday 27th October to 1st December (Tuesdays only)
Year 4 Bike Education
- *
Tuesday 27th October
Year 3 Art Show Excursion
- *
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
- *
Monday 30th November to Wednesday 2nd December
Year 6 Beach Program
- *
Monday 7th December to Wednesday 9th December
Year 5 Beach Program
- *
Tuesday 15th December
Year 3 Sun Theatre 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 December

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'A brilliant school with dedicated teachers and brilliant leadership.'

'It's fantastic to see continuous upgrades in the school grounds and buildings.'

'I feel very lucky and grateful that my children are part of such a wonderful school.'

'Cannot recommend the teachers and school highly enough.'

PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM

It's hard to believe that we will begin to see all of our new 2016 prep students from tomorrow as they begin to participate in their four week transition program. This program provides an excellent opportunity for us to begin to understand the individual needs of these students as well providing our new preps with the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school setting and their new peers, so that they can hopefully come skipping into school next year full of confidence and anticipation!

We are excited to welcome these students and any new families to the school as they begin their Willy North journey!

ICAS MATHS RESULTS

Please note that ICAS Maths certificates will be distributed on Monday 26th October. We will acknowledge all students who participated in this testing at our whole school assembly and recognise the fine academic achievements of our students who scored highly. As always, please feel very welcome to come along to Monday's assembly.

STAFFING NEWS

After hundreds of collective hours of shortlisting, as well as four continuous days of interviewing, I'm pleased to announce that we have now secured eleven new teachers for 2016. These teachers will range from the graduate level through to those with up to ten years of experience. We are excited about the wonderful skills that these new teachers will bring to Willy North in 2016 and over the next fortnight our leadership team will undertake extensive discussions to build the new teaching teams at each level of the school.

Having confirmed our classroom teachers for next year, we will now enter a second phase of our staffing planning to ascertain the teachers who will be facilitating our specialists programs, as well as our intervention and extension structures across the school. We hope to be in a position to announce our complete staffing profile for 2016 towards the end of November/early December.

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

On Monday 26th October we will be delighted to Welcome Seri Renkin to Willy North as she participates in the Principal for a Day program for 2016. Seri is the CEO of the ten20 Foundation.

Over ten years, this foundation aims to transform the life pathways of this generation of children, young people and their families in 20 Australian communities where social, cultural and economic marginalisation is extreme. Borne out of the Victorian non-profit GordonCare, the ten20 Foundation stems from a proud, 125 year history of serving Australia's most vulnerable children and young people.

If you see Seri and I around the school on Monday, please feel welcome to say hello and introduce yourself.

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 continues 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 23rd October** are: Julia Hackett, Mel Maskey, Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Kristina Bader, Helen Gibbs and Julie DuPlessis.

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

Wednesday 28th October—Julia Hackett

Thursday 29th October—Anne Tobin Friday 30th October—Kaylynn Rasmussen & Help Needed

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

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. 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.

For our School Zone go to www.willynth.vic.edu.au / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map

3/4 Boys Hoop Time



Last Friday 16th October, 8 boys played in the Regional Basketball Hoop Time Finals.

We lost the first game of the day, but then got better as the day went on, to win the next three. This ensured that we finished top of our pool. We played Good News Lutheran School in the final, with the winner progressing to the State Finals later in the term.

It was a tight tussle for all of the game. We thought we had won the game, but a foul was called at the very end, and the opposition team had 2 free throws to either tie or win the game. The boy only made one, so we were headed for extra time. The 3 minutes went the other teams way and we lost the game by 2 points.

It was a great spectacle and everyone played their hearts out. Congratulations to the following boys that played on the day: Edison, Ayden, Andreas, Edan, James, Kidane, Jackson and Chester. They have achieved an outstanding result by making it to regionals.

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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 *Dusty* at the Mechanics Hall
On Sunday visit Sydney Szymer Cottage World Children's Day activities
On Sunday enjoy a lovely 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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Thursday 1.00pm – 4.30pm

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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

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