Principal’s Report

**PEACE POSTER COMPETITION**

I had the pleasure of attending a Lions Club presentation last Thursday evening to watch two of our talented Year 3 students receive a prize for their entries into the Lions Club Peace Poster Competition. Congratulations to both Adam and Jayde, pictured right, for their wonderful efforts in this competition. Thank you also to Robyn Law and Julie Kelly (Year 3 teachers) for organising our school’s participation in this event and further thanks to Robyn for also attending on the night in support of these students.

**ENROLMENTS**

Over the last fortnight we have been closely monitoring our enrolments for 2016. There have been considerable fluctuations at several levels, with some levels increasing by up to ten students and other levels dropping by 5 or 6. We are still planning for a total enrolment in excess of 750 students which will be accommodated across thirty-one classes. However, the draft class structure I published in the newsletter a couple weeks ago is under further scrutiny at present, given the enrolment variations we are currently experiencing at specific levels. We are hesitant to confirm this structure until around mid-November, whereby we hope to have a more accurate picture of the number of students in each grade level.

Our planning will continue to unfold for thirty-one classes, as we know that our staffing budget at present can accommodate this many teachers for 2016. To hire any more teachers would place our budgets into deficit and not represent prudent management of the school’s financial resources.

Please be assured that this situation is being closely monitored and if we ascertain that the needs of our students can be better accommodated with some changes to the number of classes at any of our year levels, we will communicate this directly through the Newsletter. When we are in a position to confirm our 2016 class structure, we will also confirm where these classes will be housed across the school. Thank you for your patience on this matter.
POLICY DEVELOPMENT

One of the important functions of our School Council is to continually review the many policies that guide our decision making and practice as a school. This responsibility falls mainly to our Education sub-committee, who endeavour to review one or two of our existing policies at each of their regular meetings. In reviewing our policies, we reflect on our current practice in that area, research the Education Department’s current stance and where possible/practical, gauge the opinions of students, staff and parents. (Note that our School Council comprises nine parents and four staff). At times, we will conduct surveys, hold meetings and host wider forums to inform our policy review process.

In updating our policies, our sole focus is to continue to enhance the opportunities we provide for our students on a daily basis. We enter into these reviews in a spirit of positive collaboration, united in aspiration and optimism for the achievements of every student. To this end, our policies will continue to be relentlessly shaped to unequivocally reflect the collective aspirations of our school community.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

World Teachers’ day is being celebrated this Friday 30th October. As you are aware, we are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and capable staff at Willy North! If you get a chance, maybe you could send a short message of thanks, or think of some small way of celebrating World Teachers’ Day for your child’s teacher?

YEAR ONE – GRANDPARENTS’ DAY

Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who forwarded messages of thanks to the school after participating in Grandparents’ Day last Friday for the Year One students. The photos above capture some of the interactions during the grandparents visit:

A huge thank you also to the Year One teachers, Crystal Tyson, Virginia Irvine, Lisa Gammon and Lewis Mulvey, for planning and facilitating such an enjoyable and engaging program for all of our grandparents.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION PHOTO

Please note that there has been a change of date for the Year 6 Graduation Photo and this has been moved to Monday 16th November. We are eager to work with all families to ensure everyone can be included in this photo. We hope all Year 6 students will be in attendance on this date.

CANTEEN SURVEY

As our school continues to expand, we are reviewing many of our practices and structures to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students & families.

We are very interested in your feedback in regards to our Canteen. Julieanne (Canteen Manager) does a great job under the current parameters but we would like to know if we could be offering more through the canteen.

We would be very grateful if you could take five minutes to complete a short canteen survey by clicking on the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/canteen_review
Dear Parents,

In Term 4 the Sunsmart Policy does apply, ‘Not Hat, No Outdoor Play’. Hats are also required to be worn at all times when outdoors. It would be appreciated if parents could place an extra hat in the front pocket of their children’s bags, especially for the younger children.

OSHClub uses the Coles brand sunscreen. All children at aftercare are required to have sunscreen applied. If your child cannot use this sunscreen, or is allergic to it, please speak to Leanne or Meredith.

To book or cancel a placement, please complete this online. There have been may children arriving at the program who are NOT BOOKED IN. Parents are being charged and it also causes implications for our adult to student ratio. Please, check your child’s enrolment form to ensure it is up-to-date. It has recently been noticed that there are a number of enrolments with incorrect information.

Thank you to the parents and students that have donated food and blankets to our animal shelter collection. If parents have any small boxes, tissue boxes etc, to donate to aftercare for the children to use in Art and Craft, they can be dropped off at the Gym.

Thank you—OSHclub Staff

Melbourne Cup Day Holiday - Tuesday 3rd November

Please note that the school will be closed on Tuesday 3rd November for the annual Melbourne Cup day holiday. We understand that many families will avail themselves of the opportunity to have an extended break over this period. If your child/ren are going to be away next Monday 2nd November, we ask that you contact the office or email Belinda on gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au so that this absence can be recorded directed onto our COMPASS system. Feel free to contact the office about this planned absence prior to next Monday.

Principal for a Day

On Monday 26th October, I had the pleasure of hosting Seri Renkin as part of the Principal for a Day program. Seri bravely helped me to present awards at assembly, worked side by side with students in intervention groups, undertook some yard duty, sat in on several meetings with staff & students and overall had a pretty standard day in the life of a Principal! As the CEO of the ten20 Foundation, I was able to learn about the important role of this organisation in supporting some of Australia’s most vulnerable children. A big thank you to our wonderful students who made Seri feel so welcome.

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.11@edumail.vic.gov.au. The parents on the roster for this week Friday 30th October are: Julia Hackett, Mel Maskey, Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Rachelle Burbridge, Andrea Crabtree.

**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 29th October—Anne Tobin  
Friday 30th October—Kaylynn Rasmussen & Help Needed  
Wednesday 4th November—Fiona  
Thursday 5th November—HELP NEEDED  
Friday 6th November—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. Summer 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 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, 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**
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.
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

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