Principal’s Report

Swimming Survey

Earlier this week we distributed a short survey to all parents about our swimming program that operates from Prep to Year 4. We are seeking feedback from our school community to help inform future decision making about the program.

The questions were phrased in response to queries we had received throughout the year from parents about the program. Essentially the survey aims to determine whether you feel the swimming program is an opportunity that students engage with and one where they demonstrate skill development. We are also interested in determining how many students swim privately as this may help us to determine if the school is duplicating out of school provision in this important area.

In keeping the last question open-ended, we invite any specific feedback that you might want to share about the nature of the program. In particular any ideas you may have for improving the program or perhaps some feedback if your child did not participate.

We apologise that we weren’t able to set this up electronically, as we experienced difficulties due to the sample size.

The survey is included again in this newsletter and we would be grateful if you could take five minutes to complete the survey. We would be very grateful.

Movember Parade

Our school community has once again rallied superbly for this year’s Movember campaign in support of men’s health.

I congratulate James Ritchie (Year 4 teacher) for coordinating this year’s Movember program so enthusiastically. Movember will culminate with a special assembly at 3.00pm in the Gym this Friday. To date we have raised almost $4000, which is a fantastic effort by the community.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who has donated some money to this
very worthy cause over the last month!

**ABC MUSIC**

For many years we have had Willy North students attending after school music lessons facilitated by an external provider – ABC Music.

It was terrific to have some of our students perform at this week’s assembly as a culmination of their lessons throughout the year. We thank James Horseman (instructor) for coordinating this week’s performance and congratulate the following students on their developing musical prowess:

Flynn H (clarinet), Samuel G (trumpet), Ben K.C (clarinet), Lily S (clarinet), Joshua A (trombone), Julian K (clarinet), Bjorn B (clarinet), Lucy B (drums) and Ben P (cymbals).

**YEAR 6 POLO SHIRT**

An order form will be distributed shortly to all Year 5 students to purchase a customised Year 6 polo shirt for 2015. The cost of the polo will be $34.00. By finalising the orders before the end of this year, we hope to take delivery of the polos within the first couple of weeks of 2015.

**TRANSITION PROGRAM**

During the last four weeks of the term, all students will participate in three important stages of transition in preparation for their movement into 2015.

- The first stage involves year level assemblies for students where they will meet the current teachers at the next level to discuss the programs/activities unique to each year level. Students will also have the chance to ask any questions they may have. These assemblies will be held this Friday afternoon.

- The second stage will see all students split into new groupings to participate in a whole morning of activities at the next level on Tuesday 2nd December. They will rotate through three or four separate activities to get a feel for how the learning focus will be broadened at their next level.

- The final stage will see all students (Including 2015 preps) forming their new classes and meeting their 2015 teachers in their new classroom on Wednesday 17th December from 10:30am – 11:00am.

Through these transition stages we aim to ensure that all students are well prepared to move to their next level.

Enjoy your week
Jim Cahill—Principal

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![Guitar and Keyboard](image)

The Guitar and Keyboard performance by the ABC Music Team has been confirmed for next Monday 1st December at 3.00pm at the school assembly. Also congratulations to all the band students who performed at last weeks assembly.

Regards ABC Team

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**Lost**

A Lacrosse stick, blue shaft & white head and mesh, went missing from the Year 5-6 playground after school last Friday. If you found it, could you please return it to the Lost Property Box or the office.

They are quite expensive but more importantly, they take a long time to break in so that they throw right. Sadly missed!
Williamstown North Primary School

Your school uniform is available at PSW Port Melbourne.

Laybys are available with a 20% deposit.

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Sat 9:00am - 1:00pm
Sun CLOSED

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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-bys must be collected by Friday, 19 December, 2014. Offer not available online.
SWAP SHOP SALE—Monday 8th December

The last Swap shop will open on Monday 8th December from 3.15pm - 4.00pm in Room 23 (next to the Art room).

All second hand clothing has been reduced. Limited numbers of brand new, unworn and old stock is available at reduced prices.

Term 4—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
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.

The last Fresh Fruit Friday for the year will be on Friday 5th December.
The parents on the roster for this Friday 28th November are: Martin Ray, Pamela Fernando, Camilla Thompson, Larissa Deeth, Mette Nielsen, Rachel Burbridge, Ivana Musura and Andrew Savoia.

Canteen—NEW HELPERS MOST WELCOME
Julieanne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of the time parents or family members can volunteer to help in the Canteen. Julieanne 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 27th November—Help Needed  Friday 28th November—Majella Snelling

Wednesday 3rd December—Di Dibiasi

Thursday 4th December—Help Needed  Friday 5th December—Kellie Walker & Tracey Somerville

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 will also be available for purchase online. Email portmelbourne@psw.com.au. Trading hours for Term One and Term Four are Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm, Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm and closed on Sunday and Monday. See the flyer in today’s Newsletter for further information.

PSW is closed from Saturday 20th December, 2014 and will reopen on Tuesday 6th January, 2015.

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 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.
Help your child conquer self-consciousness

Self-consciousness can make school concerts and end of year events daunting for some students. Here are some ideas to help.

1. Help them prepare for public performance
   They can practise a talk or even rehearse an opening line to help them break the ice in social situations. Practice leads to competence, which often alleviates self-consciousness.

2. Use baby steps in social situations
   If they feel uncomfortable meeting a whole bunch of new people, then they can just meet one new friend at a party, rather than try to meet too many people, which can be overwhelming.

3. Practise strong self-talk
   Self-conscious kids often have atrocious self-talk. They say everyone is watching them enter a room, when the reality is quite different. Help them develop some realistic and more assertive messages about themselves. “It will be fun going on stage at the concert with my friends” is far more helpful than “Everyone will be staring at me” or “What if I muck up?”

4. Catch kids being brave
   What you focus on expands so make sure you highlight kids being brave and overcoming possibly embarrassing situations. Also, let them know that even though they may have stumbled or fluffed a line or two the room didn’t cave in. It wasn’t so bad.

5. Breathe in, breathe out
   Some children and young people can be so debilitated by their self-consciousness that they work themselves into a frenzy with worry. Deep breathing where they count to 3 breathing in, but count to 6 when breathing out will help kids regain calm, control and hopefully perspective.

Self-consciousness is something that many adults suffer from too, so these ideas may hold true for you. It may not be something we can completely eradicate but it is something we all can learn to control so it doesn’t stop us, or our kids, doing what we want to do.

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Swimming Program Survey Prep to Year 4 Only

Year Level __________

Question 1:
If your child participated in the Swimming Program, did they enjoy the experience?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Question 2:
If your child participated in the Swimming Program, did their swimming skills improve?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Question 3:
Does your child participate in regular swimming lessons outside the school?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Question 4:
Is the cost of the Swimming Program a consideration when deciding whether your child will participate?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Question 5:
Please provide any other feedback below regarding all aspects of the Swimming Program:
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Calling all green thumbs!
The garden stall at the 2015 Willy North Primary Fete needs your help. We’re after donations of small plants, succulents - in fact, anything green and suitable to sell on the day! If you’re able to help out please contact Fiona Symmons at fiona.symmons@gmail.com
BOBERIC FAMILY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A few words from Mary Boberic:

“I am pleased to be able to be part of the 2014 Fly n build Thailand that I am passionate about and we are ready to make a difference. ICC Big Build project will aim to support the locals who are under privileged on/near the Thai/Myanmar boarder. We plan to leave on the 8th December for approx. 2 weeks. Our team will be building houses, renovating orphanages and repairing schools.

I am taking this opportunity to take my children, Gabriela 7 and Noah 5 to our first ever fly n build. I'm hoping this experience will impact and change our lives and the lives of those we will meet. I can't wait to experience this.

For my part of the fundraising project I have over the past few months sold items I no longer need.

I would greatly appreciate your support by giving whatever you can using the 'Give Now' button. Please give generously - $10 will provide 5 blankets, $100 will provide a year's heating.

Please help make a difference and may God bless your generosity.


Please let me know if you require any more information. Thanks again for your support.”

Final Crossing shift for Vin

My final school-crossing shift for this year is this Friday morning, 28 November. For the last three weeks of term I'll be at Rosamond Special School, once again filling-in as a supervisor on one of the school bus routes, looking after the students. I expect I'll be back at the Willi North crossing with Andrea in 2015.

Thank you for your friendship and cooperation. I hope I got all your names right throughout the year:


Best wishes to everyone and to the Year Six students as they head into high school next year.

Have a happy and safe summer.

Vin Maskell/Melbourne Rd School-crossing

After School Care

Dear parents,

It is very IMPORTANT that the latches to the gates are closed on arrival and departure of the program. This is due to some safety concerns.

Please remember to cancel your Before and/or After Care booking if your child is not attending. This takes up valuable staff member time looking for a child that is not in attendance. This is happening on a regular basis.

Please be aware that 2015 bookings are now open. You can log onto oshclub.com.au to book for next year. The Before Care bookings do fill up quite quickly.

The Holiday Program is fast approaching. If you would like to your child/ren to attend, go to oshclub.com.au to book into the program. The holiday program will run from Wednesday 7th January, 2015.

Thank you

Leanne and the After Care Staff
Looking for a babysitter? Would you like a movie or dinner date night just for the two of you? Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Would you like some time to shop without interruptions and stress free—Call Janine on 0411 512 100. I'm a very experienced mature and responsible female that can provide a current Working with Children Card and Police Check. Happy to supply referees on request.

Learn2Code Computer Programming Courses for primary school students. We are running a 'FREE Introduction to Programming for Kids' session at Williamstown Town Hall, on the 13th December 2014, 10.00am-11.00pm for Year 2 to 6 students. This session introduces students to computer science fundamentals and learning resources. For more information contact Jack Lawicki at www.hwlearn.com

St. Stephens Uniting Church
179 Melbourne Road Williamstown

St. Stephens Uniting Church invites all members of the North Williamstown Primary School Community to join them in a Family Celebration of Christmas and Carols on Sunday 14th December at 7.30pm followed by supper.

(A collection will be taken for the Christmas Bowl Appeal)

St. Stephens supports Williamstown North Primary School each year by providing four Encouragement Awards (two for Year 5 students & two for Year 6 students).
Free community workshops in Hobsons Bay
Decorate a miniature wooden house.

Date/Time: Saturday 22 and 29 November 10am to 2pm
Venue: Woods Street Arts Space, 44 Woods Street, Laverton

Date/Time: Tuesday 25 November, 1:30pm to 3:30pm and Sunday 30 November, 1pm to 3pm
Venue: Louis Joel Community & Arts Centre, Sargood St, Altona

Please register your attendance by emailing the sessions you wish to attend at arts@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au.

Community launch and exhibition in Hobsons Bay of the artworks

Date/Time: Friday 12 December 4pm to 7:30pm
Venue: Woods Street Arts Space, 44 Woods Street, Laverton

HOME exhibited at the Main Lawn, Arts Centre 10 January 2015

From 11 to 20 January 2015, people are invited to take a little house, leave it in a public location of their choice and upload an image of it from its new home... perhaps a park, cafe, public building, school or workplace. Tell a story and spread the word!

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The Term 4 rewards are now available for your children to redeem with two new items released.

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**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](http://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)
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       - Sunday 23rd November Kinder/Prep Junior Performance @11am
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       Senior Campus EH Performance Centre 135 Barkers Road Kew
Tickets- $38.00 Adult $28.00 Child/Student/Concession

To buy tickets online go to our website www.lifestyleforkids.com and click on the World Tour Logo and follow the prompts or call LFK on 93977766 for assistance or more information. Come and support 200+ local girls and boys from Lifestyle for Kids and be entertained and inspired by our talented dancers. Styles include Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Classical Ballet and Kinder Dance. Fabulous routines, sets, backdrops, music from around the world and a great community night out. Look forward to seeing you there!
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