Principal’s Report

COMPASS
Thank you to the many families who have already logged onto our new Compass platform. Every family should have received information in the mail over the last week, complete with instructions and personalised access details. Upon logging in for the first time, each family will be able to customise their password and confirm their preferred email and mobile phone number.

Initially, the main functions on Compass will be for families to notify the school of their child’s absence, thereby eliminating the need to phone or email the school.

At the end of the year, all student December Reports will be uploaded onto the Compass platform for the first time. Parents will then have the option to save their children’s reports electronically and print out their own copies if required. We advise that you log into Compass over the next few weeks in order to ensure your access to your child/ren’s reports during the last week of the term. We will let you know through the newsletter when the reports will be available; if you have any problems with Compass in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact the main office on, 9397 5722.

CASHTIVITY
Congratulations to our Year 6 students on the success of their Cashtivity Market last Thursday. I was so impressed with their stalls and the wonderful wares on offer - it was clearly evident that our Year 6 students had certainly worked very hard over many weeks to bring their business plans to fruition!

The market was a huge success with just under $3000 being raised to support the Year 6 Graduation and selected charities. Thank you to all families who allowed their children to bring some money along to the market last Thursday, we were very grateful for this support. Further thanks to our Year 6 staff (Annemarie Honeybone, Tess Holland & Cathy Graham), who patiently guided our budding entrepreneurs during term 4.

2015 Boy’s Class
Last week we published the 2016 grade structure in the newsletter. Thank you to the many families who have provided feedback over the course of the week. It has been heartening to receive this positive feedback, with the vast majority of families recognising the complexities of determining this
structure within the school’s resource base.

For the first time this year, we composed a class of boys at the Year 4 level to address the gender imbalance that had been prevalent at this level since Prep. Under the careful watch of Simon Radford, the boys have had a great year, displaying extremely high degrees of engagement to their learning and connectedness to their peers. When we proposed this class at the end of last year, there were approximately 25 more boys at this particular level; hence the class structure we proceeded with this year. In closely monitoring and analysing this gender imbalance throughout 2015, it is interesting to note with students leaving and new students enrolling, that this gender imbalance has currently reduced to approximately 10 more boys at this level.

Given this current context, we will not be proposing a boy’s class for next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community (teachers, students & parents) for their willingness to explore & trial alternative structures aimed at deeply personalising the learning opportunities for our students.

**FIRST AID OFFICER**

Over the last two terms, we have been wonderfully supported by Arlene Lawrence (parent) who has done a terrific job temporarily working in the First Aid room over recesses and lunchtimes to support our students with their playground knocks/bumps & bruises! Unfortunately Arlene will finish in this role at the end of this week and we are therefore very eager to fill this vacancy over the last three very busy weeks of the term. If you are possibly interested in some casual work between 11.00am and 2:30pm each day, and you have level three (or higher equivalent) current First Aid qualification, we would love to hear from you! Please drop me a line if you would like any further details about this position: cahill.jim.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

**PARENT PAYMENTS FOR 2016**

All details regarding parent payments for next year were mailed out to families last week along with each family’s Compass details.

If you have any queries regarding any of these payments, please don’t hesitate to make contact with the office. Where families are able to make these payments prior to the end of the school year, this will streamline the Book Pack collection next year on Thursday 21st January. Parents from Years 3 – 6 will be able to collect these items directly from the Gymnasium on this day.

**TRANSITION PROGRAM**

Next week, all students from Prep to Year 5 will begin to participate in extended transition opportunities as we prepare each student to seamlessly transition to their 2016 level. On Tuesday 1st December, all students will participate in Year level assemblies to discuss the key programs and events that they will participate in during 2016. On Friday 4th December, all students will also participate in an activities rotation during the morning, which aims to engage them in typical activities that they will undertake at their new learning level.

The final stage of the transition program, will involve all new and existing students, in meeting their new teacher and classmates in their designated classroom for next year, on Wednesday 16th December, at 10:30am. This session will conclude at 11:00am.

**NEW BUILDINGS**

We were very excited to take possession of our new double storey portable classroom last week. In next week’s newsletter, we will provide a complete overview of where all Year levels will be placed in 2016.

The temporary fencing currently circling the new double storey building will be relocated shortly around the old timber shelter shed in preparation for the demolition of this structure within the next fortnight. A relocated single storey building (the same size at the existing Performing Arts room) will be positioned on the shelter shed site in preparation for next year. This room will be used to support our Specialists programs and our Intervention and Extension programs during 2016.

Unfortunately the delivery of our final building for next year will be delayed as a result of needing to relocate some existing services in the Federation Garden. These discussions have centred on the careful siting of this building in the Federation Garden in order to preserve the mature trees in this area. I’ll keep you posted as this unfolds. In the interim, the school Master Plan is on display outside the Resource Centre for any parents who would like further details.
**SCHOOL COUNCIL THANKS**

Our last School Council meeting for 2015 will be held tonight. As we reflect back over the year, we have been able to celebrate a very significant year of achievements for our wonderful school. Our School Council has played a significant role again this year and I cannot thank our dedicated Councillors enough for the valuable time and energy they have all contributed to this important function of the school.

On behalf of the school community, a huge thank you to the following parents & staff who have contributed so many hours to support the governance of the school this year: Michael Lynch (President), Julia Kaye (Finance & Facilities Convenor), Julie Du Plessis, Louise Cooper (Community Engagement Convenor), Matt Boyall, Sally Lalande, Simon Gibbs, Stuart Toplis (Education Convenor), Tim Hart, Wendy Emin, Giorgia Moss and Annemarie Honeybone.

**TWILIGHT CAROLS**

Don’t forget to place the 16th December in your diary. The performances will take place in the school grounds, with a start time of 7.00pm and finishing around the 8.45pm/9.00pm. Please bring a picnic rug and nibbles. We hope to have a special guest arriving sometime during the evening. All classes will be performing as well as a performance from ABC Music and the Glee Club.

Enjoy the week!
Jim Cahill,
Principal

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**Eastern Bandicoot Common Cents Challenge**

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that we have raised $491.35.

Yesterday at Assembly we presented the cheque to Rachael from Werribee Zoo bandicoot program. She was very grateful and said that the money will be well used to fight extinction of the Eastern Bandicoot through the captive breeding and re-introduction program.

We would really like to thank all the classes for participating in the challenge and Debbie, Judy and Belinda for counting all the 5 cent pieces!

We feel very proud of our work to save the Eastern Barred Bandicoot and enjoyed working together to fight extinction.

Lorenzo, Gus and Ryan 4L

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**After School Care**

Dear Parents,

Bookings/Enrolments are now open for 2016 Before and After Care.

Log onto oshclub.com.au to complete an online enrolment. Please make sure all phone numbers are correct.

Children have been organising and collecting items for the Smith Family appeal. All the items collected will be donated before the end of the term.

Thank you to parents and families who have already donated. Please keep the donations coming in; donations can be dropped off at the school gym.

Feel free to contact the program on 0422 236 845 for any queries.

Thank you—OSHclub Staff
**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 27th November** are: Julia Hackett, Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Rachelle Burbridge and Andrea Crabtree

**Canteen**
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 26th November**—Anne Tobin
- **Friday 27th November**—Amber
- **Wednesday 2nd December**—Fiona
- **Thursday 3rd December**—Anne Tobin
- **Friday 4th December**—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.

Host Families Wanted 2016

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: 13th (Sat) to 24th (Wed) February 2016
Duration: 11 nights.

How many: One student per family
Homestay fee: Payment of $400 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: __________

Optional: Please indicate if you have a preference to host a male or female student
we will endeavor to meet your request, but it cannot be guaranteed due to student numbers

Male ☐ Female ☐

Please return the completed form to the school office, or email to Helen Atkins:

atkins.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your cooperation.
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25% OFF ALL SCHOOL SHOES
FROM MON 9 NOV TO FRI 18 DEC 2015
Plus Extended Lay-by until 27th January 2016

Williamstown North Primary School

UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2016

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Mon to Fri: 8:30am - 5:00pm  Sat: 9:00am - 1:00pm

www.psw.com.au Save Time, Shop Online!

*5% off all school uniforms & 25% off all school shoes promotion runs from Mon 9 Nov to Fri 18 Dec 2015. Lay-bys require a 20% deposit. New Lay-bys are not available in Jan 2016. Lay-bys must be picked up before Wed 27th Jan 2016. *Store trading hours are subject to change, check the website for latest information. www.psw.com.au.
PSW Retail stores will be closed Tues 28th Jan for the Australia Day Holiday.
# Williamstown North Primary School Uniform Price List

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**Your School Uniform is available at PSW Port Melbourne**

1/128 Bertie Street
Port Melbourne 3207
03 9646 1497
Shop online at www.psw.com.au

**Trading Hours**

- Tuesday to Friday: 9am - 5pm
- Saturday: 9am - 12pm
- Closed Sunday/Monday

*Store hours subject to change*
BreaCan’s Bridge of Support Volunteer Information Session

BreaCan is a community-based service providing information and support to people affected by a breast or gynaecological cancer in Victoria.

We are looking for women who have personally experienced breast cancer who would like to volunteer for BreaCan and our new Bridge of Support Program at Sunshine Hospital. This program will extend our information and support service from our city based Resource Centre to women who are at the hospital.

If you think you would like to help other women with breast cancer and you wish to find out more about the different ways you can volunteer through the BreaCan Bridge of Support program, come along to our volunteer information session at Sunshine Hospital on Thursday, 26 November
1.30pm – 2.30pm
Ground Floor Meeting Room
Near entrance to the Western Centre for Health Research, Sunshine Hospital

For more information:
Contact our Volunteer Coordinator: Kellie Holland, on 9921 0834
Or email john.curwen-walker@breacon.org.au
You can also visit www.breacon.org.au for more information about BreaCan.

GATEWAYS
FESTIVALS

G.A.T.E.WAYS has pleasure in inviting

• Gifted and Talented Preps
to the ‘Prep Festival of Workshops’
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 $80.00 per day.

http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/festivals/end-of-year-festivals.html to read workshop descriptions

Enrolments for all Festival programs open on October 21, 2015

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