**Principal’s Report**

**2015 Parent Payments**

After a recent review of the school’s income and expenditure for 2014, our School Council has agreed that the 2014 payment charges will be sufficient to fund all of our 2015 programs and therefore all charges will remain at the existing rates. Through our prudent coordination of the schools resources, we hope that the 2015 charges are therefore manageable for all families.

Overall, we are seeking parent contributions of **$490 per child**. A summary of these costs include:

- A $250 charge for all essential educational items which also includes the Book Pack for each child.
- A $45 computer technical support voluntary payment (in 2015 we will extend our support to students across the school with technicians being employed five days a week).
- A $35 first aid officer voluntary payment to ensure that all children who attend the sick bay during the school day receive a high level of care and support.
- A $30 grounds improvement voluntary payment with most of this payment being used to ensure deep levels of soft fall mulch under our playground equipment.
- A $130 payment to cover all excursions and incursions throughout the year.

For the first time, parents will have the convenience of making these payments via BPay. Our new Business Manager, Debbie, has done a great job in her first week at Willy North in establishing this facility. **To this end, the school now has a designated biller code and all families will have their own personalised reference number.**
To ensure this important information is not lost in the bottom of the school bags, this information has been mailed via Australia Post to all families yesterday. Please take some time to read all of the information carefully and if you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact the main office.

**CONGRATULATIONS MELISSA BULL**

We congratulate Melissa Bull on her appointment as a leading teacher to Hawthorn West Primary School. Melissa will finish the year at Willy North and begin at Hawthorn West at the start of 2015. Melissa has worked very hard towards this promotion, and whilst we will all be very sad to see her leave, we all share her excitement for the next exciting stage of her career. I’m sure there will be many parents who will want to forward their good wishes to Melissa over the next few weeks!

**2015 STAFFING PROFILE**

After many weeks of state wide selection processes, we are delighted to be able to confirm our staffing profile for 2015. As you can see from the year level information below, each of the teams will have a number of changes next year. We will welcome Malinda Vaughan back from leave as well as five new teachers to the Willy North staff.

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, students will visit their new teachers on Wednesday 17th December at 10:30am.

**Prep (5 classes)**
- Kaitlyn Hayes
- David Carter
- Julie Papazisis
- MaryAnn Skidmore
- Ashleigh Cantwell

**Year One (4 classes)**
- Virginia Irvine
- Lewis Mulvey
- Emma Healy
- Crystal Tyson
- Wendy Drayton/Annemarie Honeybone

**Year Two (5 classes)**
- Tania Brown
- Jamie Peters
- Fran McCormick
- Kate Wakefield

**Year Three (4 classes)**
- Daniel Vuik
- Julie Kelly
- Stella Stamatakis
- Robyn Law

**Year Four (4 classes)**
- Stephanie Taylor
- Simon Radford (Boy’s class)
- Dianna Lane/Annemarie Honeybone
- Malinda Vaughan/Melissa Brown

**Year Five (3 classes)**
- Patrick Kelly
- Melanie Hinsley
- Bethany Johnstone

**Year Six (3 classes)**
- Caroline Reid
- James Ritchie
- Tess Holland

**Specialists:**
- Dean Pearce (Performing Arts)
- Vicki Symons (Visual Arts)
- Sarah Nobbs (Physical Education)
- Helen Atkins (Japanese)

**Intervention & Extension, Inclusion, Reading Recovery**
- Crissy Samaras, Jess Kennedy, Sue Peterson, Giorgia Moss, Sue Ongarato, Vivien D’Aquino
- (Ana Ford & Chrissie Van Nieuwkuyk for the first half of term1)

**PSW UNIFORM SHOP SUMMER TRADING HOURS**

Please note that our PSW Uniform Shop in Port Melbourne will operate up until Friday 19th December and will then re-open for trading on Tuesday 6th January. This will provide all Willy North families with three weeks of full retail trading prior to the start of the school year to ensure all students are kitted out for 2015.

**WIZARD OF OZ TICKETS**

As previously mentioned in the newsletter, we are keeping a list at the main office of any parents who were unable to secure tickets for our upcoming Wizard of Oz Musical. If any tickets become available through a change in people’s circumstances, the school will endeavour to help reallocate these tickets. Please note however that under these circumstances, tickets may not become available until the actual performance days. We will endeavour to reallocate tickets as soon as we they become available.

**Musical Late Start On Thursday & Friday—No Canteen Lunch Order**

If your child is having a late start on either Thursday 11th or Friday 12th December due to the Musical, they are unable to have a lunch order. On either if these days, children are asked to arrive at school at 11.00am.
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

Dogs in the School Grounds
A reminder to all families that we request that dogs are not brought onto the school grounds. Many students are anxious and scared of dogs and this can potentially be a very confronting situation for our students. We also seek your support on this matter from a hygiene perspective to ensure our grounds are both safe and clean for students. We appreciate your support on this sensitive matter.

Community Partnerships Program
Over the last week, we have undertaken our final visits to local organisations as part of our Community Partnerships Program.

Throughout 2014, Year four students have been regularly visiting Williamstown Hospital, Wintringham Aged Care and Westgate Aged Care Facility. Our students have formed many wonderful bonds over the course of the year with the patients and residents. It has also been a wonderful opportunity for our students to ‘give back’ and support their local community.

After consulting with all three organisations over the last fortnight, I’m delighted to report that they all wish to continue with the regular visits again in 2015. I commend the work of James Ritchie (teacher) in forging these wonderful bonds with these organisations throughout the year.

Last week I had the pleasure of escorting a group of students to Wintringham to help decorate the recreation room with Xmas chains. The pictures below show our students engaging so warmly and naturally with the elderly residents last week:

It was also terrific to hear our students confidently share their reflections of their visits to Williamstown Hospital on their final visit last week. Each of the students was presented with a small gift and certificate from the hospital for their contributions and support throughout the year. (Thank you to the several parents who also attended these presentations last Thursday.)

The school also received a certificate of appreciation from Westgate Aged Care facility for the ongoing partnership forged throughout the year.

We are delighted to be connecting so strongly with our local community and we look forward to further strengthening these partnerships in 2015.

Enjoy the week
Jim Cahill
Principal

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Parent and Community Helpers’ Morning Tea

Are you one of those special people who have helped us out in some way this year? You may have –

- been a Class Representative
- listened to the children read
- made resources for the classroom
- assisted on an excursion or camp
- been a guest speaker
- helped in the garden
- cleaned up the lost property box
- covered books
- cut up fruit for Fresh Fruit Friday
- assisted in the Uniform Shop
- volunteered to work in the canteen
- been on School Council
- helped on Sports Days/Athletics/Table Sports/Swimming
- assisted in the classroom or with a special event
- been on the Sick Bay washing roster
- helped with grounds maintenance

However you have helped us, we are happy that you did, and to show our appreciation we’d like to invite you to our special ‘Thank You Morning Tea’, to be held in the Gym, on Friday 12th December, from 10.45am to 11.30am.

If you are able to attend, please return the RSVP slip below, by 4.00pm on Wednesday 10th December or email Belinda at gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au with the number of attending adults.

Name/s: ..........................................................................................................................

YES, I/we will be attending the PARENT & COMMUNITY HELPERS’ MORNING TEA.

Number of adults attending: [ ]
Important arrangements for the Musical

1. We encourage children to bring a **drink of water** in a plastic container, clearly named, to the Musical. This will be stored in the supper room during the Musical.

2. The children should arrive at the Town Hall dressed in their costumes.

3. All students are asked to arrive at 6.30pm. Lead actors must be there at 6.00pm.

**Drop off process:**
- All children are to be **dropped off** in their respective year groups in the Town Hall car park, from 6.30pm (see plan). Staff will be there to supervise all children. **The car park is closed to traffic.**
- Parents then enter the Town Hall via the **main/front entry doors**.
- Please allow sufficient time to be seated as it is a full house on both nights.
- **Our team of ushers**—will guide you to your seats. If you require further assistance Jim and Wendy will be in the front foyer.
- Students must be seated by 6:45pm. Your assistance is appreciated.

**Pick up process:**
The following arrangements will be in place to collect your child **after** the Musical:
- Year 6 students sitting at the back of the ballroom exit **first** and proceed to their respective collection point.
- All patrons, must then exit the ballroom, via the **main entry doors/front doors** of the Town Hall, and proceed directly to the designated students’ collection points.
- All students, will exit the Town Hall via three different exit doors and walk to their designated collection points and meet their parents (same as for Drop Off).
- Parents will collect students from locations as outlined on the attached map.
- When exiting the ballroom, please do not obstruct the foyer area or entry/exit doors.
- Our team of ushers will direct you.
- If parents **do not have a ticket, unfortunately, you are not permitted to enter the ballroom** and stand at the back during the Musical. Entry and exit doors must not be obstructed. We ask you to wait outside at your child’s collection point.
- At the collection points, please stand well back from the exit doors to enable students to leave.
- If you have more than one child, please make appropriate arrangements for collection.

You must present your ticket to the ushers on the night, to gain entry to the Musical.
Rosters… Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)
This is the last week for Fresh Fruit Friday. Thank you to the many dedicated parents that assist with Fresh Fruit Friday this year.
The parents on the roster for this Friday 5th December are: Martin Ray, Pamela Fernando, Camilla Thompson, Helen Parker, Larissa Deeth, Mette Nielsen, Kate Shaw and Jodie Moore.

Canteen
Julianne Weir manages our Canteen

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Reminder—no lunch order if your child is having a late start on either the Thursday or Friday.

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.

School Swimming Team Trials 2015

The trials for the school swimming team for 2015 will be held on Friday 6th February at BayFit Leisure Centre.

Who is eligible to try out for the team
- Any child who will be in Grade 3 to 6 in 2015
- Achieved at least level 4 in the Victorian Swim and Survive Program (Carlile Swimming)
- Children who made the team in 2014 or who are in a swimming ‘squad’

At the Interschool Swimming Carnival
- Only two children from each age group are entered in individual events except for the relay.
- One competitor for ages 10, 11 and Open (boy/girl) will compete in the 50m Breastroke and 50m Butterfly.
- One competitor from the school (boy/girl) Yr 5/6 only will compete in the 100m Freestyle.

Parent Helpers
In order for the trials to run smoothly we rely on parents help and support.
If you are able to help on Friday 6th February between 10:00am and 12:30pm, it would be much appreciated. Please put this date in your diary. A reminder will be sent out very early next year.

Please note that as I can only take 80 children to the trials, children in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be given priority.

In preparation for this event we are asking that any children interested in trying out for the squad to return this form by Friday 12th December 2014.

No late entries can be accepted after this date.

Regards,

Sarah Nobbs
SPORTS COORDINATOR
School Swimming Team Trials 2015

Name of child ________________________________

Present Class (2014) ________________

How old will your child be turning during 2015? ______

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / ______

I would like to try out for – (Please tick)

☐ 25m Freestyle  ☐ 25m Backstroke
☐ 50 m Freestyle  ☐ 50 m Backstroke
☐ 50 m Breaststroke  ☐ 50 m Butterfly
☐ 100 m Freestyle

Parent Helpers needed to assist with the trials

Parent Name ________________________________

Contact Number________________________

☐ I will be able to help at the swimming trials

☐ I have a Working with Children Card

Card Number________________________

If you have helped before, what role have you undertaken?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________
SCHOOL BANKING REWARDS
Due to unprecedented volumes of reward orders we have been informed that the following Student Banking Rewards are no longer available as stock has run out:
Swimming Bag, Handball, Penguin Keying and Whale Shark Pencil case.
Please be aware that Projector Cups and Tin Moneyboxes are now also low in stock and may be completely out shortly.
Additional orders have been made for the Swimming Bag and Projector Cups, however given production times we will not receive delivery until Term 1, 2015. We will send out all orders for these items placed now, in Term 1 2015.
There are 3 items still available for immediate delivery including:
Sea Streamers, Shark Key ring and Scented Pencils

In addition to this, we have the following items from 2013 still available for order:
Spen Moneybox, Pru Moneybox, Blue Wallet, Knuckles Jacks Game, Headphones

To help avoid disappointment we have also added two additional items for order including:
Dollarmites Slap Band Ruler        Dollarmites Beachball

If you would like to redeem your 10 tokens for any of the above rewards, get in quick and include your tokens and order (a handwritten note is fine) with your next School Banking Deposit.
Thankyou—School Banking Team.

Visual Arts
Over the next week students will come home with their Visual Arts Portfolio. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Willy North PS community for your enthusiastic support – I have really enjoyed my role as the Visual Arts teacher this year and I hope all students have had a great year exploring Visual Arts skills and concepts.
“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.” ~Vincent Van Gogh

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
This year in Movember, thanks to all the Mo bros of the Williamstown North Primary School Community, we raised just under $6000 from everybody who donated on the Movember website as well as the students who donated 5 and 10 cent pieces. We came 324th place out of all the teams in Australia.

On Friday the Moustache parade was held in the school gym where all the dads who participated in Movember could come along. They all had to walk with their grandsons, grand-daughters or children down the cat walk. We also had to vote on who had the best moustache, you could vote for Mr. Radford, Mr. Ritchie or Kalin (a Year 6 student). Kalin won. Thanks again thanks for all the participants.

By Luke and Ronan 4R
Newsletter announcement. The Yarraville Family Dental Clinic will be closed over the festive season from Wednesday 24 December to Sunday 4 January 2014 inclusive. At the time of publishing, appointments are available for 2015 on the following days: Monday 5th January 1.00pm—5.30pm and Tuesday 6th January 8.30am—12.30pm. Wednesday 14th January 1.00pm—5.30pm and Thursday 15th January 8.30am-12.30pm. Wednesday 21st January 1.00pm—5.30pm and Thursday 22nd January 8.30am—12.30pm. Normal hours resume: Tuesday 27th January 2015. For dental emergencies over the festive season call the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne on 1300-360-054 Weekdays: 8.00am—8.30pm, weekends/public holidays 8.30am—8pm Yarraville Family Dental Clinic, 116 Gamon Street, Yarraville, 3013. Phone: 8354-7618. Email: yarravilledental@gmail.com

Free Black Corner Desk with single drawer and matching corner shelf/hutch that sits on top of the Desk. The desk is approximately 40 cm out from the wall 75cm deep and 70 cm high, the hutch same measurement as desk however sitting on desk is 180cm high from floor to the top of shelf unit. I also have a swivel chair. Contact Daniel 0468 334 036. Needs to be picked up before Monday the 8th December.
Williamstown North Primary School

Your school uniform is available at PSW Port Melbourne.
Laybys are available with a 20% deposit.

Uniform Sale
Take 5% off everything!*  
Mon 10 Nov - Sat 13 Dec

Don’t miss out!  
Limited time offer!

PSW PORT MELBOURNE
Unit 1, 128 Bertie St,  
Port Melbourne VIC 3207
email: portmelbourne@psw.com.au

TERM 1 & 4 TRADING HOURS
Tue to Fri 8:30am - 5:00pm  
Sat 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Sun CLOSED

LAY-BY AVAILABLE WITH 20% DEPOSIT

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.
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
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).
School Banking Rewards Program Update!
The Term 4 rewards are now available for your children to redeem with two new items released.

**Projector Cup** - every child will want one as this cup lights up and makes drinking fun.

**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

**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)