Early Finish 1.30pm on Friday 19th December

NO CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS in the LAST WEEK of TERM (15th—19th December)

Principal’s Report

WIZARD OF OZ
We are all very excited about our whole school production of the ‘Wizard of Oz’ being staged at the Williamstown Hall tonight and tomorrow night. It is an ambitious undertaking to theatrically unite 650 children and coordinate the logistics seamlessly; nevertheless we know our students will rise to the challenge to stage a memorable performance.

Months of work will come to fruition on stage to celebrate the 75th anniversary of this classic show. We hope you enjoy the show! Please read the information contained again in the newsletter regarding the important drop off and pick up arrangements.

SCHOOL COUNCIL THANK YOU
Our last School Council meeting for 2014 was held last Wednesday night and as we reflected back over the year we were able to celebrate a very significant year of achievements for the school. Our School Council has played a significant role again this year and I cannot thank our wonderful councillors enough for the valuable time and energy they have all contributed to this important function of the school.

I would particularly like to recognise the contributions of several councillors whose time on council has now come to an end: Megan Taylor, Jo Hayes, Neil Robertson, Melissa Bull and Samantha Cross.

Whilst all of our councillors have brought enormous expertise to our council, I would like to particularly thank Samantha Cross, who has undertaken the role of President for many years. A special presentation will be made at our final assembly to recognise Sam’s extended time on Council.

WILLIAMSTOWN FOOD RELIEF THANKS
Thank you to the many families who donated non-perishable food items over recent weeks for the Williamstown Food Relief. These donations were very gratefully accepted last week and they will be used to put together Xmas Hampers for local families in need.
SCHOOL CHARGES - BPay
Thank you to the many families who have already paid their 2015 school charges via our new BPay facility. We hope this new process is more convenient for everyone as we appreciate how busy this time of the year can be (please note that your BPay Biller Reference Number is your one designated family code to cover all payments for your children at school). We ask that all families intending to pay this year, make their payment by this Friday 12th December, so that we may reconcile all accounts during the last week of term. Parents can start making payments again from the 1st January 2015.

PARENT HELPER’S MORNING TEA
We look forward to saying a big thank you to the many parents who have once again supported the school so enthusiastically during 2014 at our Parent Helper's Morning Tea in the gym this Friday 12th December beginning at 10:45am. To assist with the catering, could you please RSVP by 4.00pm on Wednesday via the reply slip in todays Newsletter or by emailing Belinda at gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

CONGRATULATIONS SIMON RADFORD
We congratulate Simon Radford (teacher) and his wife Cath, on the birth of their second child this week: a beautiful daughter named Mia! Both mum and baby are doing very well – what a lovely early Xmas gift for the Radfords!

STAFF TRAINING DAYS FOR 2015
To support your planning for 2015, please note the dates for next year’s staff training days:
♦ Wednesday 28th January
♦ Monday 23rd February
♦ Monday 18th May
♦ Friday 14th August

STAFF THANK YOU LUNCH
The entire staff would like to sincerely thank the parents who very kindly hosted the staff thank you lunch last Friday. We were treated to a lovely buffet lunch and we all felt very much appreciated. Thanks again to the following parents: Julie Noonan, Toni Burton, Emma Bell, Leanne Sutton and Jodie Whitehurst.

FINAL TRANSITION STAGE
All students will meet their new teacher and find out which students are in their 2015 class next Wednesday 17th December at 10:30am. A very exciting time for all! This transition session will conclude at 11:00am, whereby students will then return to their existing classes.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS
Please note that there will be no assembly on Monday 15th December as the gym will be set up for the Year 6 Graduation.

Our final assembly for 2014 will be in the gym on Friday 19th December - beginning at approximately 1:10pm. Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm after the final assembly to begin their summer holidays.

School resumes on Thursday 29th January 2015 for all students from Prep to Year Six.

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.

MUSICAL DVD’S
If you are ordering a Musical DVD, the order form and cash payment must be returned to the office by tomorrow Thursday 11th December.

Enjoy the week
Jim Cahill
Principal
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, except for the Preps, they will be in the foyer of the Town Hall once all the other children have left the Town Hall).
- 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 will not be 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 of siblings.

You must present your ticket to the ushers on the night, to gain entry to the Musical.
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: □
Rosters... Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)
Thank you to the many dedicated parents that assisted with Fresh Fruit Friday this year.

Canteen
Our Canteen Manager is Julianne Weir
Thursday 11th December—Amy Skalka  Friday 12th December—Helene Knoppa
Reminder—no lunch order if your child is having a late start on either Thursday 11th or Friday 12th December.
NO LUNCH ORDERS IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM, 15TH TO 19TH DECEMBER

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 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 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.
Welcome to our 2015 Fete News

It takes a community to work together to pull off the mammoth task of coordinating our fete. So this year we’ve created this special insert as part of our weekly newsletter to help make it easy for everyone to know how to get involved and what help is needed.

Platinum Sponsor Announced

It’s with great pleasure that we can announce today that Williams Real Estate has come on board as our 2015 Fete Platinum Sponsor.

Their generous sponsorship of $10,000 is greatly appreciated and we sincerely thank Katie Smith and Michael Harvey for their continued support and increased sponsorship level in 2015. We are sure that this is just one of the many things that will go towards making this one of the best community events in 2015.

Katie, Michael and the team at Williams will also be hosting our spinning wheel and major donation auction on the day.

Jam and Chutney Preservers Needed

“Spread the Jam”. We are looking for passionate jam and chutney makers for our fete. If you can help out with making jams over the Christmas break just contact either Sheena Hickman (0418 500 056 / tjbhickman@bigpond.com) or Caroline Geddes (0402 942 848 / Shanye.y@bigpond.net.au).

All Jars, toppers and labels will be supplied.

Hair and Beauty – Is that you?

The hair, beauty and face painting stall is looking for face painters. You don’t need any experience as Belinda is happy to train you before the big day. Please contact the fete coordinator at wnpsfete@gmail.com if this sounds like you! (PS - we are also still looking for our Strawberry/Chocolate stall coordinator too.)

White Elephant Drop off

The school is opening its doors for collections of goods for our White Elephant stall. Drop off is Saturday 13th December between 9am – 12 noon at the staff car park. So if you have time for a pre-Christmas clear out we would love to see you there!
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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.

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INDOOR TENNIS COACHING FOR KIDS
Hot Shots Tennis Academy is running an indoor modified tennis coaching program for ages 4-8 years.

10 week program 45 minute lessons
Term 1: Saturday 24th January – Saturday 28th March
Cost - $165
Register online at www.hsta.com.au

Register online before 31 December to receive a FREE Wilson tennis racquet and Hot Shots t-shirt

Location – Williamstown High School Gymnasium, Corner Melbourne Rd and Pasco St Williamstown
Benefits of indoor tennis coaching – no wind, no rain, no sun which helps fast track the development of tennis in young children.

Tennis can assist in developing various skills including: hand–eye coordination skills, body coordination, balance, and speed, and more importantly its loads of FUN!!!

We also run tennis lessons for all ages at St Stevens Uniting Church Tennis Club 179 Melbourne Road Williamstown (rear of church)

ENQUIRIES: 0432 698 093
WILLIAMSTOWN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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or fill out the enrolment form & send with a cheque or credit card details to: Big 5 Sports.

Enrolment forms will not be processed without payment. Do not leave enrolment forms at the school office.

ENROLMENT
BASKETBALL

When: Thursdays, Term 1 2015
Classes commence: 5/2/15
Classes conclude: 26/3/15
Time: 3:40pm – 4:40pm Year Levels: P-3
Venue: Williamstown Nth Primary School
The cost per student per term is $111

School: Williamstown Nth Primary School
Year Level: ____________________________
Name(s): _______________________________________
Address: _______________________________________
Date Of Birth: ______/____/____
Phone (Home): _______________________ Mobile/Work: ___________________________
Email Address: _______________________

Parents Consent: I hereby authorize Big 5 Sports and Dance Oz to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Big 5 Sports and Dance Oz from any liability incurred by my child at a Big 5 Sports or Dance Oz Program.

Parents Name: __________________________
Parents Signature: _______________________

MEDICAL CONDITIONS:
At the completion of the after school class does your child:

☐ Go to aftercare  ☐ Get collected

$99 EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT
Book before 9th January to receive the discount

Credit Card Payment: (Please tick) ☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard
Card Number: _______ _______ _______ _______
Expiry Date: ______/____
Card Holders Name: ____________________________
Amount: $_______ Card Security Code: ______

PO Box 8025, East Brighton VIC 3187  Ph: 9422 043 853 info@big5sports.com.au
Entry form
Friends of Williamstown and Newport Libraries
2014 – 2015 Summer Writing Competition

Please complete this form and attach it to your entry.
Number each page and do not write your name and details on the story pages.

First name ................................ Surname ..........................................
Address ..............................................................................................
Suburb ................................ Postcode ..................................................
Email .................................................................................................
Telephone number ..............................................................................
Date of birth .......................................................................................?
School attended ..................................................................................
Year level in 2015 ...............................................................................
Students graduating Year 12 in 2014 are also eligible to enter.
Library membership number ..............................................................
Library branch attended .................................................................
Category (please circle) Story / Poem ..............................................
Number of words for short story ......................................................
Number of lines for poetry ...............................................................?

I would like to be notified of the 2015-16 Summer Writing Competition: □ Yes □ No

Declaration: I declare that this entry
entitled
is an original work. I have not copied all or part of it from another writer. I have not taken
someone else’s work and put it in my own words. I have read the conditions of entry.
Signed (entrant) ...................................................................................
Signed (parent/guardian) .................................................................

Privacy Information: The information requested is being collected by the Council for the purposes of this writing competition. The information
Supplied will be used only for this purpose and/or directly related purposes unless consent is otherwise provided by the applicant. The applicant may apply to the Council for access to, or amendment of, this information. All entries will be
confidentially destroyed four weeks after the entry closes.

The Friends of Williamstown and Newport Libraries 2014 - 2015
Summer Writing Competition

For students in Prep to Year 12
Open: Monday 1 December 2014
Close: Monday 16 February 2015
Over $1,000 worth of prizes to be won.
Williamstown North Primary School

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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.
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).