Last day of Term Friday 18th December
Early Finish at 1.30pm
No Lunch Orders—Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th December

Principal’s Report

TWILIGHT CAROLS
We hope to see all families tonight at our first ever ‘Twilight Carols’. The forecast is for a beautiful summer's evening which should help to make it a very enjoyable event for all.

The entertainment will get underway from 7.00pm and we aim for the program to conclude at around 8:30pm. Families are invited to bring along a picnic hamper to enjoy prior to the program. We will be using the new building as the backdrop to the performances, with about half of the green field and the basketball court and treed area in front of the gym available for picnic rugs.

In keeping with a Carols tradition, we will have ‘Willy North’ candles available to buy for $5.00 each. These battery operated candles will help set the mood for the evening whilst ensuring everyone’s wellbeing.

We hope you will be able to join us tonight to help celebrate another wonderful year for the school and the upcoming festive season.

TRANSITION PROGRAM – MEET THE TEACHER
The final stage of our transition program was undertaken today with all new and existing students meeting their teacher for 2016 in their designated classroom with their fellow classmates for next year. No doubt you will hear about all of this when your children arrive home today.

Please be assured that each child’s placement has been very carefully considered. Like you, we want the best for all of our students again in 2016 and through their considered class placement we aim to establish the learning conditions in which all students can succeed.

STUDENT REPORTS
We have our fingers crossed that the first upload of our student reports onto Compass will go smoothly this afternoon. As mentioned in the last several newsletters, student end of year reports will only be available electronically through the Compass platform. We now have 60% of families logged onto the system that will be able to access these reports.
If by chance you have misplaced the information and password that was sent out in the mail, please contact Belinda Gill gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au and she can provide you with these details again.

FAREWELLS
As we wrap up the 2015 academic year, we will sadly say goodbye to several teachers.

Our good wishes are with David Carter who is on the move to a new school in Werribee for 2016. David has very sensitively supported one of our prep classes this year and we sincerely thank him for his commitment to these students in 2015.

Daniel Vuik will be leaving Willy North to take up his position as a leading teacher at Hawthorn West PS in 2016. Daniel has been with us for the last two years as a very skilled team leader and a highly competent classroom teacher. We extend our good wishes to Daniel for this promotion.

Three of our ongoing teachers will be on leave for all of 2016. Simon Radford will be heading over to England with his family for the year; Lewis Mulvey is going to explore teaching opportunities in another region of Melbourne, whilst Stella Stamatakis is having a teaching free year to spend with her family. We wish these three teachers much luck as they venture off into different directions and we look forward to seeing them back at Willy North in 2017.

It has only been a short stay for John Petryczkowycz who has very competently taught in Year 5 during late term three and for all of term 4. John has done a great job stepping into class very late in the year and we thank him for his extensive efforts over the last term.

PRINCIPAL REFLECTIONS & THANKS
As another school year draws to an end, I continue to reflect on how fortunate I am to lead such a dynamic, inclusive and vibrant learning community.

It is a joy coming to work each day, where teachers are so committed to their students. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our hard working teachers and our education support staff, for the extra yards they put in every day of the school year to nurture and support the individual needs of all of our students.

Throughout 2015, I have continued to be wonderfully supported by a fantastic office team, who all help to keep me so organised! My sincere thanks to Debbie Dorgan (Business Manager), Belinda Gill (Admin support) and Judy Coleman (reception), who have continued to ensure that all administrative aspects of the school have been managed so professionally.

I would also like to thank the highly talented members of the school leadership team for their unequivocal support throughout the year. Our overall student achievement levels have continued to climb throughout 2015, and as a high performing school I can’t thank our leaders enough for the countless hours they have put into supporting the strategic direction of the school. Many thanks to Wendy Emin, Crissy Samaras, Giorgia Moss, Sarah Nobbs, Melissa Ziebowski and Sue Peterson.

Behind the scenes, we have continued to be highly supported by Sue Dickin (Cleaner), Win Brown (Grounds person) and Keith Field (Maintenance). I thank Sue, Win and Keith for facilitating such a high level of school presentation.

In regards to the policy direction of the school, our School Council, under the prudent leadership of Michael Lynch as President, has done a fabulous job once again in harnessing the collective aspirations of our school community. My sincere thanks to all of our school councillors for the countless hours they have contributed in support of the school.

To our school community and wonderful parents, deep thanks for the support you have extended to the school throughout 2015. A key ingredient to our success as a school is the strong home-school partnerships they we have been able to forge again this year. We understand that you as parents are all very busy, but we thank you for the time you have been able to prioritise in support of the school.

Willy North will continue to go from strength to strength. Over the break we will continue to work hard to ensure that our students have access to the best facilities possible. Two more classrooms will be installed over the coming weeks and we hope to have our new bike shed completed for the start of the school year. All will be in place for a great start to 2016!

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and I hope that the time you spend with the family over the coming weeks is filled with much happiness and joy.

Enjoy the Holiday Break!
Jim Cahill, Principal
Williamstown North Primary School
Presents
TWILIGHT CAROLS 2015

WEDNESDAY 16th December
Gates Open at 6.30pm
Please Bring Picnic Blanket, Nibbles, Drinks and Holiday Cheer
Venue: In The School Grounds
Time: Prep, Year 1, 2 & Year 3K/3L, are required at the front of the stage by 6.45pm
Show Begins at 7.00pm and will conclude around 8.30pm
Special Guests—School Band, Glee Club and hopefully the Big Guy in the Red Suit!

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS AN ALCOHOL FREE EVENT AND WE ASK THAT CHAIRS ARE LIMITED TO THE TREED AREA IN FRONT OF THE GYM
Rosters... Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)
Thank you to all parents that have volunteered and assisted with cutting up and delivering fresh fruit to all classrooms every Friday. It is very much appreciated by all the children and staff.

Canteen
LAST WEEK OF TERM—CANTEEN COUNTER SALES ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY ONLY.

NO LUNCH ORDERS
Thursday 17th December and Friday 18th 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 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 WWVC 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 WWVC 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 WWVC 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 WWVC 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 WWVC Check website. Or contact the Customer Support Line on 1300 652 879 8.30am – 5.00pm weekdays except public holidays.
New School Map
Dear Parents,

Aftercare will open at 1.30pm on Friday 18th December, and operate until the normal close time of 6.15pm.

Aftercare will re-open on Thursday 28th January 2016 (first day of term 1, 2016).

A Holiday program does operate at Spotswood Primary School over the holiday period. Please log onto oshclub website for more details (oshclub.com.au).

Thank you to all the parents and families who have contributed to helping the children at aftercare, donated and contributed to the local community through having “The Biggest Afternoon Tea” fundraiser for the Cancer Council. Also for the donations of pet supplies donated to Pet Rescue. Children have spent most of Term 4 collecting donations of clothes and toys which have now been donated to the Smith Family.

Children also ran a stall during week 10 of Term 4, selling crafts, chocolate balls and chocolate spiders. The Children raised a total of $338.50 which has also been donated to The Smith Family.

Oshclub would like to wish all parents, families and children a safe and happy holiday season.

If you need to contact the Program our number is 0422 236 845.

Thank you—OSHclub Staff see you in 2016

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**Year 1 Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal**

As a part of the Term Four Shared Inquiry Celebrations, the Year 1 students discussed the importance of Family, Friends and Support over Christmas time and how we can make a difference within the community!

This year we purchased presents for the children that are less fortunate and who need a little more joy at this time of the year. We asked for a small donation to help us raise money for purchasing one gift per class. Our aim was to place presents for children underneath the Kmart Wishing Tree.

We would like to thank the families of Year 1 for helping us raise $157.00

We thank you for your contributions, we were able to buy 4 presents that have been placed under the Altona Gate Kmart Wishing Tree.

Thank you and Merry Christmas, Year 1 Team

Crystal, Virginia, Lewis and Lisa

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**To our wonderful School Community**

The teachers and staff at Williamstown North Primary School would like to thank the school community for providing us with a delicious lunch.

The staffroom was decorate beautifully and children from all years levels had wonderful words to say.

Jim and Wendy also got to open a couple of presents that were purchased from your generous donations.
Williamstown North Primary School’s 2016 Social Event of the Year

STAND AND DELIVER

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, August 5th

Williamstown Town Hall

Details to follow in the New Year

Tickets will sell fast. Don’t miss out!!!
Fully Furnished, Short Term, Self Catering Accommodation
At 25 Courtis Street, Williamstown, (between Power St. & Melbourne Road).
Available from early February.
Contact: 9397-5044

Suitable for:
Weekends, Holidays, Visiting friends/Grandparents/relatives that you don’t have the room for. Alternative family accommodation while you renovate, repair. Caught between “settlement” and “occupying” your new property. New job in the area and you haven’t found a long term rental yet.

Features:
2 Bedrooms, 1 bathroom, (2 toilets), 1 car space, sleeps 1-6.
Donate some Christmas Cheer!

Call on your inner elf & support asylum seekers in our Western Suburbs by donating food, toiletries and cleaning products to the West Welcome Wagon.

Donate on...
Saturday 19 December
10am-1pm
Williamstown Church of Christ
Corner Douglas Parade and John Street

Please donate non perishable food items such as rice, pasta, flour, dried beans/legumes, tinned fish/veggies/fruit, flour, oil, spices, stock cubes, cereals, UHT milk, tea, coffee, sugar, sauces as well as toiletries/cleaning products.

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**PRE-SEASON FOOTBALL CLINIC**

11th - 13th January

**ONLY $220**

Coached by SMFC Men & Women Senior Players

SMFC Prizes - 10:1 Coach to Player Ratio

NPL Junior Pathways - Free SMFC Training Shirt

Heaps of Fun Plus Much More

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We beat any price online or advertised

You'll always get a FAB DEAL from me!

30 Day Price Guarantee

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**FAMILY AND FRIENDS FUN DAY**

December 30th 10-2pm

BYO Lunch/BBQ available/Refreshments

Guided Rockpool Rambles

Meet and Talk to a Marine Scientist

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RSVP to Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/events/993883866609264/