Principal’s Report

PTS CONFERENCES
We’ve had an excellent response to our upcoming PTS conferences with approximately 673 conferences scheduled for next Monday and Tuesday afternoons. If you haven’t yet had a chance to book your conference, please jump online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the Event Code GQY8Q to make a booking.

At these conferences, teachers will provide a brief run down on your child’s start to the year as well as reference to some early learning goals for this first semester.

These conferences are also very important for also forging the new home/school partnerships for this year that we know are so critical for each child’s learning and progress. We hope all parents will be able to prioritise some time to attend.

PREP AND NEW FAMILIES PICNIC/BBQ
We look forward to seeing all of our Prep and new families to the school at our welcome to Willy North Picnic/BBQ this evening. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and put some names to faces that you are likely to bump into regularly at your child’s particular year level.

We have our fingers crossed for a lovely late summer’s evening which will get underway from about 5:30pm. We will set up a few BBQ’s to access, otherwise BYO the picnic basket and rug. See you there!

(Reminder to all prep parents that preps start full time attendance from next week).

SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE POSITIONS
At last week’s first School Council meeting for 2015, we confirmed the key executive positions for this year.

I’m very grateful to the following parents for their willingness to undertake these important roles in further support of the school.

President – Michael Lynch
Vice-President – Stuart Toplis
Treasurer – Julia Kaye
As mentioned last week, our other parent reps on School Council are:
Julie du Plessis, Louise Cooper, Matthew Boyall, Sally Lalande, Simon Gibbs and Tim Hart.
These nine parents are your voice on School Council and I know that they will be only too happy to advocate on your behalf if you have any thoughts into the broad policy directions of the school.

**FETE – NOT LONG TO GO!**
On Friday 6th March we will be having a casual dress day for all students in support of our upcoming Fete. We ask that all students who come in free dress bring along a jar or two of goodies for sale at the Fete. Some examples can be found in this week’s Fete news – so don’t throw out those empty jars over the next week!
Don’t forget the Facebook page competition whereby if you like the Fete Page you can go in the draw for a $200 dinner voucher at Santorini (one of our very generous local sponsors for this year’s Fete!)
Thank you to everyone who has been able to donate some chocolates over the last week for the Fete. The box is still in the school foyer for anyone who may still be able to make a donation.

**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE/PROPERTY LOSS**
Parents are sometimes surprised to learn that the Department of Education and Training (DET) does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are solely responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance transport.
Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers/brokers for those parents who would like to arrange such cover.
Please also note that private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and DET does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.
Whilst we are very fortunate at Willy North, with a very low incidence of serious accidents or property loss/damage, it is important that parents are aware of DET’s positon on these matters.

**SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (SRI)**
In recent years, DET has revised many of its practices in regards to the implementation of SRI in government schools. The most significant of these changes, is the need to review SRI provision on an annual basis, with any decisions about the program being directly linked to parents explicitly opting into the program (as indicated by the number of signed consent forms received by the school).
In mid-2014, we made a decision to not provide the program given that only an average of 20 – 30% of parents at each level gave permission for their child/ren to participate in SRI. In 2015, any possible SRI provision will be undertaken in terms 2 and 3. I encourage all parents to carefully consider the SRI form that will be distributed shortly and to explore the relevant links and information provided on the form in order to make an informed decision on this sensitive matter.
To support our planning processes, we ask that signed forms are returned to school by Friday 6th March. I will report the outcome of this process through upcoming newsletters.

Enjoy the rest of your week
Jim Cahill—Principal

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**THE WIZARD OF OZ MUSICAL DVD’S**
The school has 20 standard DVD’s ($20), and 6 Blu-ray DVD’s ($30). If you did not purchase your DVD last year and would like one, please see Judy at the office.
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be held for all Prep to Year 6 classes on Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} and Tuesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} March.

The focus of the conference is for your child/ren to share their work and discuss how they are going with achieving their ‘Learning Goals’. Teachers will provide a snapshot of how your child/ren have started the school year and their goal setting.

To book a time for your child’s P/T/S Conference, go online [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au). Follow the step-by-step process, using the Event Code GQY8Q. At the end of the ‘booking,’ confirmation is sent to your email address. Online bookings will open on Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} February at 9.00am, and close on Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} at 4.00pm.

Please remember, that once a time has been booked, the options for parents are reduced, so, be prompt to select your time. If all conference times are booked, please contact your child’s teacher to make an alternative time.

If your appointment is during the school day, you will also be informed where you can collect your child from, and then proceed to their classroom to meet with their teacher.

The P/T/S Conference days are as follows:

**Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March**

- 3.30pm to 6.00pm – All classes
- 4.00pm to 6.00pm – Specialist Teachers
  (Note: 3.00pm to 3.30pm, Assembly in the Gym)

**Tuesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} March**

- 1.30pm to 3.30pm – Daniel Vuik Class Only (Year 3V)
- 3.30pm to 6.00pm – All classes except Daniel Vuik (Year 3V)
- 4.00pm to 6.00pm – Specialist Teachers
  (Note: 3.00pm to 3.30pm, Assembly in the Gym)

If you would like to make an appointment with a Specialist teacher, (Sarah Nobbs – PE, Helen Atkins – Japanese, and Vicki Symons – Visual Arts) please select a time via the online booking system.

P/T/S conferences are highly effective in enhancing children’s motivation and understanding of their learning. The length of each P/T/S Conference is “up to 10 minutes”.

Prior to the conferences, teachers and children will spend time discussing how to take part in a P/T/S conference. We believe all parents and children will find the conferences very informative and rewarding.

The Prep & Year 1 & 2 children will talk about their ‘Goals’ and achievements, as well as articulating their learning.

The Year 3 to 6 children will talk about their ‘Learning Goals’ and what they were aiming to achieve in the first half of the year.

If a parent or teacher requires time for a ‘one-on-one’ discussion, an alternative time/date can be arranged.

Jim Cahill
Principal

Wendy Emin
Assistant Principal
Community Fete

SUNDAY 15 MARCH
10 am until 3 pm

Melbourne Road, Williamstown

A fun community event not to be missed!

www.wnpsfete.org.au

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Here’s a rundown of the great rides on the day:

**Kid’s Rides** – Music Trip, Cha Cha, Jurassic Inflatable, Giant Slide, Gym Bus, Mini Golf, Chair O Plane, Inflatable Rainforest, Animal Farm.

**Junior Rides** – Cha Cha, Animal Farm, Rainforest Inflatable, Giant Slide, Chair O Plane, Mini Golf.

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**Lucky Jar Stall – Casual Clothes Day**

On Friday 6th March the school will be holding a casual clothes day, but instead of a gold coin donation, we are asking that families donate a jar full of goodies for the Fete’s Lucky Jar stall.

We need all families to please fill an empty jar or two (or three!) with a variety of goodies. The jars can be tailored to boys, girls or both and can include lollies, crafty things, toys, small games, beads, marbles etc. Below are some pictures with ideas and inspiration! Each classroom will have a box for the children to place their Lucky Jars. We thank you so much, and look forward to receiving your creative Lucky Jars!
**Chocolate Toss** – donations of varying sized choc bars and chocolate blocks for this great stall are desperately needed! Please drop off chocolate bar packs to office or to your class teacher.

**Electrician Needed** – if you’re a qualified electrician and can spare some time on Saturday before the Fete then we’d love to hear from you. Please contact Shane Graham on 0417 862 or email wnpsfete@gmail.com to discuss further.

**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!

**Plant stall** – If you’re a green thumb or have a garden full of plants start your cuttings now in time for fete day. Herbs, ground covers, succulents, veggies are all welcome!

**Cake Stall - Plates coming home on Wednesday 4th March**

One stall that is always a favourite is the cake stall, so to help you get ready, we’ll be sending home a plate, inspirational recipes and ingredient labels with students, on Wednesday 4th March.

Think..... Giant biscuits, Date and Nut loaves, Tea Cake, Toffee, Slices, Gluten Free Cakes, Carrot Cake, Plain Sponge, Rocky Road, Cup Cakes, Rum Balls, Apple Cake, Brownies, Honey Joys, Fruit Cake. (please no cream as we have limited fridge space.)

If you’re not a baker, then get the kids or grandma to help. Here is a website you can use for inspiration. www.taste.com.au/recipes/collections/fete+recipes

If you have any questions please contact Yvette at Yvette@jimsstorage.com.au

All goods need to be home baked and dropped off to the ART ROOM on Saturday 14th March between 1.30pm and 4.30pm.

**White Elephant Stall**

Bi-weekly collections will be held again on Thursday and Saturdays throughout February and March.

**Stall Shout Outs**

Thankyou for your generosity so far!

**Craft Stall** – The craft team will be holding a final meeting before the fete on Tuesday 3 March at 7.30pm. This will be an opportunity to do a bit more crafting and for you to drop off anything that you have made for the craft stall. We’d love to see you there and for more details contact Toni Burton at domtoniburton@yahoo.co.uk

**Facebook Likes – 400 Likes to Win $200 Dinner Voucher!**

Okay....here we go… our new target is 400 Likes to win a $200 Dinner Voucher!

Tell your friends, family, neighbours, people you meet in the street!

Just go to http://www.facebook.com/wnpsfete and like the Fete page and the post before Friday 6th March for a chance to win a $200 Santorini Restaurant dinner voucher from one of our great sponsors.

So what are you waiting for? Like it! Share it! Win it!
Call for Volunteers

We’ve had a great response so far, but lots more spaces still to fill.

Here's how to do it:

**Step 1:** Make sure that Fete Day is on your Calendar:

**Sunday, 15th March 2015**

**Step 2:** Click on the following link or paste into your web browser:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

**Step 3:** Enter the Willy North Fete Volunteer Code:

**H49LW**

**Step 4:** Enter your details where requested so that we can send you a confirmation of your booking and a reminder closer to Fete Day.

**Step 5:** Select a job that really suits your style in a timeslot that works for you.

And Last but not least....Show up on the day to help make this Fete a fantastic success!

Remember that it is "first in - best dressed" for stall allocation, so please get in early!

If you have any questions about volunteering please feel free to email me at rebecca.shane@iinet.net.au

Thanks so much for your help!

Beck Scriberras, Volunteer 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 who assist with Fresh Fruit Friday. **Fresh Fruit Friday continue to need parent volunteers. If you are available on Friday, please email Linda Taylor directly to be added to the roster—linda.taylor@edumail.vic.gov.au.**

If you able to assist on Friday 27th February, please meet in the staff room by 9.00am. A reply slip is in this week’s Newsletter.

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**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.

Please complete the Canteen Reply Slip in this week’s Newsletter.

- Thursday 26th February—Help Needed
- Friday 27th February—Arlene Laurence
- Wednesday 4th March—Rachelle Burbridge
- Thursday 5th March—Anne Tobin
- Friday 6th March—Maha Sidaoui (9.00am till 11.30am)

**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.

**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 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.

Dear Parents/Guardian,

Our Canteen lunch days are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and our Canteen is managed by Julieanne. We rely on parents to assist in the Canteen from 9.00am to 2.00pm for counter sales and to prepare lunches on these days.

For parents new to the school, it is a great way to meet other parents and become familiar with the school. Children also enjoy seeing ‘mum or dad’ or even ‘nan’ helping.

The tasks are quite easy and for new helpers, there are people there to ‘train’ and support you.

Any amount of time is appreciated. Parents may nominate how often they can assist, whether it be for a couple of hours, or a full day (9.00am to 2.00pm).

This year if you can assist for any length of time, please complete the “Reply Slip” below and return to the School Office by Monday 16th February or send an email to gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Please note:** our Canteen Manager, Julieanne, is there to assist with all tasks on lunch order days so volunteers do not work unassisted. All Canteen helpers are required to have a Working With Children Card. Please see the Reply Slip below.

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**I WOULD LOVE TO HELP IN THE CANTEEN**

Parent/Guardian Name: ____________________________________________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________________________________________________ Child’s Class: ________

Phone No: ____________________________________________________________

Days Available To Work (Please ✓):

- Wednesdays: ☐
- Thursdays: ☐
- Fridays: ☐
- Any day: ☐

Frequency (Please Circle):

- WEEKLY
- MONTHLY
- TERMLY
- OCCASIONALLY (Provide Details)
- EMERGENCY HELPER (Provide Details)

Preferred Time:

- ☐ 9.00am - 10:00am (Sort money, check orders, organise change)
- ☐ 9.00am - 11:30am (Organise ‘non-perishable’ items for orders, assist with recess sales)
- ☐ 12:30pm - 1:30pm (Pack lunch baskets, assist with lunch time sales)
- ☐ 9.00am – 2.00pm (All of the above)

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Williamstown Juniors Netball Club (WJNC) is looking for girls and boys who are interested in playing netball next season - Winter 2015 at Altona Netball Stadium. We are recruiting 9/u, 11/u & 13/u age divisions. If your child has an interest in netball, wants to be part of a great local club & develop their netball skills, then we would love you at WJNC.

Please contact Nicki Bokma - 0417 596 266 for further details.
WNPS Services Program 2015

Below are the services that our school currently provides. If you have some spare time and would like to be involved in one or more of these programs, please provide your details on the Reply Slip below and return it to the General Office.

WNPS SCHOOL SERVICES PROGRAMS REPLY SLIP FOR 2015

Parent/s Name: ________________________________________________________________

Child/ren: ___________________________________________ Class/es: _________

Daytime Phone Number/s: ______________________________ __________________________

I would like to assist with the following program/s: -

- Swap Shop
- Canteen (See separate sheet)
- Fresh Fruit Friday (See separate sheet)
- Student Banking
- Prep & New Families BBQ/Picnic
- Lost Property
- Sick Bay Washing
- Family Life Education
- Mother’s Day Stall
- Father’s Day Stall

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY – Reply Slip

A big thank you to all the everyone who have kindly volunteered to be part of Fresh Fruit Friday in the past. Without your assistance this program could not happen.

We need volunteers to assist in 2015. Please complete the Reply Slip and return it to the General Office to be part of a team that has lots of fun in helping to provide fresh fruit to all the students each Friday morning.

I can assist  
- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly

Parent Name: ________________________________________________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________________________________ Class: _________

Contact Numbers:  
Home: ___________________________________________
Mobile: ___________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________
**Calling for volunteers – we need your help!**

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking assistant to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one morning a week and training will be provided. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is **Wednesday morning**.

Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by completing the tear off section below and returning it to the Office.

**Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!**

Parent Name: ____________________________________________________________

Contact Phone Number: ___________________________________________________

Email Address: ___________________________________________________________

Availability: Weekly ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Monthly ☐ Other: _________________________

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**School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1**

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

**ET DVD, Planet Handball**

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are two new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10.00 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, look out for the 2015 School Banking program Information Pack which will be sent home with your child in the next week.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that **Wednesday** is School Banking day!

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**SWAP SHOP SALE—Term One**

_Swap shop will open on Monday 16th March from 3.15pm - 4.00pm in the old Uniform Shop._

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

**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

**Term 2**—20th April & 15th June

**Term 3**—20th July & 7th September

**Term 4**—12th October & 7th December
Representing Australia in Lacrosse

Congratulations to Stephanie Kelly (11 Francis) on being named in the final team to represent Australia in the FIL Rathbones Women’s 2015 Under 19 Lacrosse World Championship to be held 23rd July – 1st August at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Mount St Joseph Girls’ College Extraordinary Open Morning
Thursday 26th February 2015, 9.15am – 10.15am

Due to popular demand, we have scheduled an extraordinary open morning on Thursday 26th February for all Grade 6 students who are considering enrolling at MSJ for Year 7, 2016.

Applications for Year 7, 2016 are due by Friday 27th February 2015.

Limited places available for 2015.
Further information can be found at our website: www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au or Ph: 9398 2000.

Want to Play Netball?
Will Tigers Netball Club is calling all interested players (Boys and Girls) for the Winter Session, commencing Term 2, 2015.

Come along and meet our Committee, Players and Coaches and find out more about the Club!

Club Information Days:
Wednesday 25 February, 4 & 11 March
4pm to 6.30pm
Williamstown High School Gym
Corner Pasco Street & Melbourne Road

Club Trials (13&U, 15&U and 17&U):
Sunday 1 March, 10am – 12 noon
Mount St Josephs, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona

Please email norm.fechner@twc2015.com.au to confirm your attendance at the 2015 Will Tigers Winter Season Trials.

From 2015, Will Tigers will also introduce ANZ Netball Fund Program for children aged 5-7 years, so they’re ready to play netball from BLU. The program will be run on Saturday mornings.

For our Netball teams, training is an hour on Tuesday afternoons between 4pm and 6pm OR Wednesday afternoons between 5pm and 7pm.

Games are on Saturday between 12.15pm and 5pm at the Altona Netball Centre, Queens St, Altona Meadows.

Please contact our Club for further information willtigers@gmail.com
Willy French Club for Kids

French Club is in its 5th year. We are a small group of kids from different schools who meet to role-play, sing and play games to develop our French language skills.

Francoise is our real French teacher and she is highly experienced and cares about our kids.

Wednesdays 3.50-4.50pm  Williamstown Community Centre

Enquiries welcome

Jim Callahan 0432 719 034

jim.callahan@lcfclubs.com.au
Attention Year 5 & 6 Students

Want to run Cross Country?
The season starts in April.
Check us out on facebook
(Williamstown Athletic Club Cross Country)
or call John on 0418322658

**FRIENDLY and FUN, for OLD & YOUNG**
If you have any questions and enquiries, please don’t hesitate to contact either John (mobile listed above) or our Secretary Linda on: 0468 468 761.