Principal’s Report

Welcome to Term 2

I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome all members of our school community back from the Easter break. I hope all of our students are well rested for the busy term ahead.

The first half of Term 2 is particularly busy with our Year 5 & 6 students off to Canberra next week and our Prep to Year 4 students participating in our annual swimming program over two weeks, commencing after ANZAC Day. Year 3 and 5 students will sit their NAPLAN tests in mid-May and we have a whole school Japanese Day planned for Wednesday 8th June.

Please make note that our third staff training day for 2016 is scheduled for Friday 20th May and no students are to attend school on this day.

Holiday Works

After all of the major works completed over the January period, we only had some minor works completed over the holidays.

The main office renovations continued with the installation of an electronic shutter at the front counter. In removing the glass panels that were previously in place, we have been able to widen the available area for visitors attending the office. The new shutter will also provide added security to this area.

A huge thank you to the Medved family including grandfather Herwig Waldhuber for the fantastic repairs to our picnic tables near the canteen. One of these tables was in particular disrepair and needed some expert welding. As with many small jobs, this turned out to be a bigger job than expected. Sincere thanks to Jo Medved and Herwig for the many hours kindly donated to these works.

Exciting Fete News

I’m delighted to announce that our next School Fete will be held on Sunday 19th March 2017.

This is the school’s major fundraising event which is held every two years.

The planning for this event has certainly got off to a fantastic start with Williams Real Estate once again signing on as the Platinum Sponsor. We are very grateful to Williams for this very generous ongoing support.
 Whilst the Fete is an enormous undertaking for our school, this event has been coordinated by a terrific group of volunteers in the past which has helped to make it a very enjoyable and satisfying experience for all involved. The first Fete meeting has been planned for Wednesday 27th April from 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the staffroom. We warmly invite all parents to this meeting – many hands make light work!

In addition to being part of this dynamic committee, we are also looking for some parents to undertake some key roles in the areas of Food Stalls, Coordinating Volunteers, Day Support/Community Involvement, Social Media and Ticketing/Fete Central/Raffles. An assistant is also required to help with the rides and logistics of the event. Please feel welcome to come along to the Fete committee meeting to find out more, or you can contact Shane Graham at wnpsfete@gmail.com for more information.

A huge thank you to Shane Graham (parent) who has once again put his hand up to coordinate this fantastic event!

2017 Prep Information Evening

Our Prep enrolment process for 2017 will get underway with our perspective 2017 Prep Parent Information evening on Wednesday 20th April from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. We aim to provide an overview of how the school operates at this presentation, as well as how we work to cater for the individual needs of all students across the school. The Prep classrooms will be open from 6:45pm for any parents who would like to tour the Junior Learning Centre prior to the presentation which will get underway at 7.00pm.

We warmly welcome any parents with a child starting prep next year to attend this Information evening. Please note, all enrolments are strictly limited to our designated zone - a map of this zoned area can be found on our website at [http://www.willynthps.vic.edu.au/app/webroot/uploaded_files/media/wnps_zone_map.pdf](http://www.willynthps.vic.edu.au/app/webroot/uploaded_files/media/wnps_zone_map.pdf).

Canberra Camp

We have our fingers crossed for some lovely autumnal days for our senior students as they tour Canberra next week. What a fabulous time for these students to learn more about how democracy operates in our country with a federal election looming! In addition to our students visiting a number of important sites, they will also have a chance to role play the whole electoral process even down to the intricacies of preferential voting. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australian history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. The Federal Government contributes under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards costs. This subsidy has been taken into account in the cost of the camp.

In anticipation of another wonderful camp, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tim Boylan (Year 5 teacher) for the many hours he has contributed behind the scenes to organise this year’s Canberra Tour.

Newsletter Changes

During term 1, our weekly newsletter was distributed via the school’s distribution list as well as our Compass platform. From next week, we will begin to only use the Compass platform for the distribution of the newsletter. Over the next week, we request that you check your preferred email address as listed in Compass to ensure you receive the newsletter in your preferred inbox. Unfortunately, we will not be able to send the newsletter to multiple email listings as we have done in the past with our email distribution list.

First Aid Support

We are eager to hear from any members of our school community who may have advanced first aid qualifications and would like to undertake some casual work in our First Aid area from time to time. Our First Aid area is manned between 10:45am and 2:45pm each day. If you would like to know more about this position, please don’t hesitate to give me a call or enquire at cahill.jim.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Enjoy the rest of your week
Jim Cahill—Principal
PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
Williamstown North Primary School
“Finding Out About Williamstown North Primary School”
An Information Session for prospective 2017 Prep Parents will be held on Wednesday 20th April from 7.00pm to 8.00pm at the school. An opportunity to tour the Prep Classrooms will be available from 6.45pm to 7.00pm.

Provisional Prep enrolments for 2017 will then commence on Thursday 21st April. The ‘Enrolment Form’ and ‘Preliminary Information Sheet’ will be available at the Information session. From Thursday 21st April, a copy can be collected from the General Office or downloaded from the school website.

If you have any questions, or concerns regarding enrolments, please contact the school office on 9397 5722.

Additional School Tours will be conducted on
- Wednesday 27th April – 9.30am
- Monday 9th May – 11.30am
- Tuesday 24th May – 9.30am
- Friday 10th June – 10.00am
- Tuesday 19th July – 11.30am
- Wednesday 3rd August – 10.00am

Please Provide the following information when lodging your enrolment
1. Enrolment Form and Preliminary Information Sheet
2. Proof of Age - (Child’s Birth Certificate)
3. Certificate of Immunization (School Entry Form)
4. Three documents for “Proof of Residential Address”. (Drivers Licence, a Rates notice and a third document with your full name & residential address).

Enrolment Policy
Please note that in line with the “School Ceiling” endorsed by the South Western Regional Director, only families who reside within the defined school neighbourhood are eligible to seek enrolment. A map defining the school neighbourhood is available on the school website.

CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT WILL BE MADE IN WRITING BY THE END OF TERM 3, 2016

The ‘2017 Prep Parent Information Night’ is only for parents of confirmed Prep enrolments.
On Monday 21st November 2016, 6.45pm to 8.00pm, Kay Margetts from Melbourne University will speak on “School Readiness” and “School Expectations”.

Transition Program
Our ‘Kinder to School’ Transition program for our 2017 Prep children will commence week beginning Monday 10th October, Week 2 of Term 4.

All transition details will be included with the ‘Letter of Enrolment’ sent to families.

For our School Zone go to www.willynth.vic.edu.au / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map
Rosters... Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)
This is a very social and interactive group who volunteer an hour of their time each Friday morning from 9.00am to 10.00am. Fresh Fruit Friday continues to need parent volunteers. If you are available on a Friday, please email Linda Taylor directly, so she can add you to the roster—taylor.linda.11@edumail.vic.gov.au. Parents on the roster for Friday 15th April are; Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Ray Price, Shadi Momeni, Mel Maskey, Helen Gibbs, Kathryn Samyue, Julie Du Plessis and Lana Hutton

Canteen
Julianne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of the time parents or family members can volunteer to help in the Canteen. Juliianne can be contacted via the General Office. New parents or family members are always needed and are most welcome. If you can spare any part of your valuable time, it would be greatly appreciated and we would love to hear from you.

Thursday 14th April—HELP NEEDED

Wednesday 20th April—Melanie Dmytrenko

Thursday 21st April—Shadi Momeni

Friday 15th April—Rachel Burbridge

Friday 22nd April—Lakshmi

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, ribstic 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 Cards Cardholders who are required to renew their WWCC will no longer need to go to Australia Post to lodge a paper form and present their current card. Cardholders will go to the WWCC website to complete their renewal application online and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the fee using a credit card when using the online renewal process, cardholders will be notified by SMS, letter or email 28 days before their WWCC 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 WWCC 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 WWCC website, or contact the Customer Support Line on 1300 652 879 8.30am – 5.00pm weekdays except public holidays. http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/
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 more volunteers to assist in 2016. 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 from 9.00am to 10.00am.

I can assist  o  Weekly
              o  Fortnightly
              o  Monthly

Parent Name: ____________________________________________________________________
Child’s Name: ____________________________________________  Class: _____________
Contact Numbers:  Home: ________________________________
                  Mobile: ________________________________
                  Email: __________________________________

SWAP SHOP SALE—Term Two
Swap shop will open on Monday 18th April & Monday 20th June from 3.15pm - 4.00pm in the old Uniform Shop by the Canteen.
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, Leisha Campbell – Swap Shop Coordinator

After School Care
Dear Parents,
Welcome back to Term 2. Hope you all had a great Easter and safe holiday. Please remember to check your child’s enrolment details for Term 2 to endure they are up-to-date for both Before and Aftercare. If not, please make the appropriate amendments.

‘Play On Footy’ also starts on Thursday 21st April. Please see the flyer or drop in and speak to the oshclub staff for details.

All children are required to wear hats until the 30th April.

We have a parent feedback book on our ‘sign in/out’ table. Please add your feedback/ideas in the book. It would be great to hear from all parents
Thank you—OSHCLUB Staff
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Williamstown North Primary is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all children from birth to 16 years in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition, but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by the closing date of the Challenge.

If you would like your child to participate in the Challenge this year, please return the consent form, signed and dated, to your child’s classroom teacher by **Friday 22nd April**.

**Instructions:**

1. Return you signed Consent Form to your child’s teacher by Friday 22nd April.

2. Your child will be registered by the school and given a **username** and **password**.

When you receive your login details, you are able to enter the details of the books your child has read as often as needed.

Please note; it is the Student/Parents responsibility for entering the correct amount of books in order to complete the Challenge. Please see below for your child/ren’s specific book requirements:

- Children from **Prep to Year 2** are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ **30 books** with their parents and teachers.

- Children from **Year 3 to Year 10** are challenged to read **15 books**.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

**Premiers Reading Challenge Coordinators**

Crystal Tyson
Prep to Year 2 Coordinator

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We are specifically looking for Girls Born in 2007 and 2008 to form new U10 Girls teams and Girls born in 2009 and 2010 to play in Mixed U8 teams!!
Williamstown North Primary School’s 2016 Social Event of the Year

REWIND 80s

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, August 5th
WILLIAMSTOWN TOWN HALL

Details to follow in the New Year

TICKETS WILL SELL FAST
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Ph (03) 9398 2511

OFFICIAL LAUNCH & AWARD PRESENTATION
Friday 15TH APRIL
7:00PM

All welcome - light refreshments provided

5 X 7 ART PRIZE 2016
Artists from Melbourne’s Western Region and Hobsons Bay schools were invited to create 5 x 7 artworks under the theme of MY SPACE, a place for: regeneration, inspiration, imagination, creation

HOURS:
Mon - Fri: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Weekend: 11:00am - 3:00pm

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