Last day of Term Friday 18th September
Early Finish at 2.30pm
No Canteen     No Fresh Fruit Friday

Principal’s Report

**END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS**

With the end of Term 3 nearly upon us, please note that all students will be dismissed at 2:30pm this Friday 18th September. A short assembly will be held in the gymnasium just prior to dismissal, beginning at approximately 2:15pm.

**FOOTY LUNCH THANKS**

Not even a last minute change to our pie/pastie provider could derail our Footy Day lunch last Thursday! We were very fortunate that Routleys were able to step in at the eleventh hour to provide all of the hot food for our Footy Day lunches.

On behalf of all of the students who enjoyed a yummy Footy Day lunch, I would like to sincerely thank Kaylynn Rasmussen and a fantastic group of parent helpers who ensured that all of the lunches were distributed in an efficient and timely manner!
**Asbestos Removal**

Most schools in Victoria usually have some buildings that are partially constructed with some form of asbestos. These schools are mandated to follow strict guidelines in regards to the ongoing inspection and management of these materials.

As a relatively newly built school, we have only needed to monitor a very small amount of asbestos in one of our portable classrooms.

A recent audit of the school’s premises confirmed the presence of asbestos in the porch ceilings of one of our portable classrooms. I’m delighted to report that as a result of a School Council decision to pay for the removal of this material, that this asbestos was removed last weekend. I’m sure everyone will agree that we are in a fortunate position to have this ‘peace of mind’ in regards to the standard of the facilities that our students enjoy every day at Willy North!

**Staffing News**

Congratulations to Daniel Vuik (Year 3 teacher) who has just been successfully promoted to a Leading Teacher position at Hawthorn West PS for 2016. This is a very well deserved promotion for Daniel and testimony to his professionalism and commitment to teaching. If you get a chance, please drop by or send an email to pass on your congratulations to Daniel.

As a result of teachers promoting to new positions, family leave positions, teachers on leave for 2016 and the school’s overall enrolment growth, we will be in the unprecedented position of needing in excess of ten new teachers for next year. A state wide recruitment campaign will begin this weekend for any highly skilled and enthusiastic teachers wishing to pick up a position at our great school. Wendy and I will be conducting a school tour next Tuesday 22nd September at 11:00am for any suitably qualified applicants.

Please be assured that this recruitment process will be rigorous so that we can ensure we have the best teachers for our students! I will keep you posted as this unfolds early next term.

**Holiday Works**

Our painting works will continue over the next holidays with the remaining rooms in the main building being completed. This will include rooms 5 to 8, 23, the Art Room, Gymnasium and Foyer.

As a result of a successful sustainability grant in late 2014, we will be replacing all fluorescent tubes throughout the school with LED tubes. The installation of 1000 LED tubes will certainly have a huge impact on reducing our energy consumption across the school.

Whilst we haven’t been officially notified, investigations continue as to the feasibility of receiving a brand new double storey portable building on the site between the green field known as Tasmania and Burgoyne Lane. You may notice some surveying in this area in the coming weeks. If this does proceed, how exciting it will be for four of our classes to be in a brand new facility next year!

**Twilight Carols**

Have you marked Wednesday 16th December in your calendar yet? This is the evening for our inaugural Willy North Twilight Carols! As part of a two year cycle of events, all students will perform as part of a Twilight Carols evening at school in the year in which the school hosts a Fete. Whilst in the alternative year, which will focus on the Arts, all students will perform in a Musical as well as contribute to our Art Show. This two year cycle of events, which has been endorsed by our School Council, aims to facilitate a balanced approach to all of our extra curricula events from year to year.

Watch out for more details about our Twilight Carols as Term Four unfolds.

Enjoy the Holiday Break!!

Jim Cahill, Principal
**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.

**Thursday 17th September—Anne Tobin**

**Friday 18th September—CANTEEN CLOSED**

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**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. Trading hours are Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm, Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm and closed on Sunday and Monday.

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**School Banking**

School banking day is Wednesday. Don’t forget to send in your child’s bank book.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.**

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**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.

Provisional Prep enrolments for 2016 has commenced. ‘Enrolment Form’ and the ‘Preliminary Information Sheet’ are available from the General Office. A copy can also be downloaded from the school website located under the Enrolment slider tab.

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

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 HAVE BEEN MADE.

The ‘2016 Prep Parent Information Night’ is only for Parents of confirmed Prep enrolments.
Tuesday 24th November 2015, 7.00pm to 8.30pm.
Kay Margetts from Melbourne University will speak on “School Readiness” and “School Expectations”.

Transition Program
Our Kinder to School Transition program for our 2016 Prep children will take place on Thursday 22nd & 29th October and Thursday 5th & 12th November.
All transition details will be included with the ‘Confirmation of enrolment,’ letter sent to families.

For our School Zone go to www.willynth.vic.edu.au / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map

Welcome to “Brick Club” Open Day Saturday 26TH September 2015
“Every Aussie kid deserves to have a mate”
Discover the magic of building and join the “Brick Club” to make models from thousands of LEGO bricks. The Brick club supports young people with Autism Disorder.

Where: South Kingsville Community Centre, 43 Paxton Street, South Kingsville, 9399 3000
When: Session 1 : 12:30pm – 1:40pm, Session 2 : 1:45pm – 2:55pm, Session 3 : 3:00pm- 4:10pm
Who can participate? Builders: Prep to 7, Designers: 8 – 11, Architects: 12 –15

Important Notes:
Please advise us of any special needs/requirements that your child may have, at the time of booking.
No parents in the playroom during sessions.

Parents and younger siblings are welcome to stay in other areas of the Centre
• Delicious Tea and Cake will be served by the South Kingsville Fundraising Group in the Conference Room.
• Duplo bricks will be available for younger children (accompanied by a parent) in our Childcare area.

No technologies in the playroom please.
Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club (WS&LSC) runs a fun Nippers Program for children aged 5-14 years (5 years old by September 30th). Nippers are taught about surf awareness and surf safety through the Surf Life Saving Education Program.

The program is conducted on a Friday afternoon at Williamstown beach. The season begins in November and runs through to March, stopping for Christmas and January.

For the upcoming season, the club will also be running an accelerated Nippers program on a Sunday morning. For more information please attend the information sessions.

What do you need to do to sign up for Nippers?

♦ To participate in the Nippers program, families are required to join the WS&LSC (New Family Membership starts from $250) – includes use of the pool and facilities for the year.

♦ Every member 18 years and over (i.e. both parents/guardians) must have a Working with Children’s Check (WWCC), linked to both WS&LSC & LSV – details on the website (http://www.williamstownslsc.org.au/membership/working-with-children) or at Information Sessions. Memberships cannot be processed until we receive WWCCs

♦ Attend the Information session at the club house to answer any questions you have!

Information Sessions
Sunday 4th October at 4.00pm, Sunday 11th October at 10.00am, Wednesday 14th October at 7.00pm, and Sunday 18th October at 4.00pm.

For further information, see our website— www.williamstownslsc.org.au, or contact Craig Logan on 0437 555 889.

Hoping we can help out the Willy Lifesaving Club and the upgrade to facilities, especially their pool.

In two weeks’ time Tim Watts Federal Labour Member for Gellibrand will award a grant worth $20,000. Williamstown Swimming and Lifesaving Club desperately needs this grant for a new $40,000 filter for the pool. No filter, no pool for an unknown period of time. The pool is an icon and it supports our lifesavers, schools and nippers programs.

All you need to do is invest 5 minutes and click here http://oursay.org/timwatts/strongercommunitiesgellibrand/here-is-why-we-would-love-to-be-awarded-the-stronger-communities-grant and vote 7 times. We need 200 more votes to take the lead. Please forward this email to anyone else who may vote and lives in the Gellibrand area.

Voting closes 5th October and the community group with the most votes will receive the grant.

I thank you in advance for your support.

Matt McCarroll
President WS&LSC
0438457246
After School Care

Dear Parents,

Please remember to log onto the oshclub site or call/text the program on 0422 236 845 to cancel your child/children booking if they are not attending aftercare.

There have been a lot of bookings not cancelled of an afternoon. This takes up a substantial amount of staff time, looking for children and telephoning parents. This is time that could be well spent with the children in the program.

The Holiday Program is fast approaching, please remember to make your child/ren’s booking through the oshclub website as places do fill quickly.

Children at aftercare are also collecting pet food, old towels and blankets for Pet Haven Animal Shelter. Donations would be greatly appreciated.

Please check the lost property ‘blue basket’ which is located next to the sign in/sign out table.

Also, as part of our ‘Sunsmart Policy (1st September through to 30th April), children will be required to have and wear their Sunsmart hats for the remainder of term 3. Oshclub do have a ‘no hat, no play’ policy.

Thank you—OSHclub Staff

Williamstown Magic Basketball Club

If you have missed the Winter season and would like to play basketball in Summer 2015/16, please let us know by emailing the registrars, so we can organise the teams. New players welcome. Online Registration will be available in soon. For more information please contact Dale on 0400208428 or at girlsregistrar@williamstownmagic.asn.au or boysregistrar@williamstownmagic.asn.au

Op Til You Drop!

To highlight the huge range of items stocked in The Williamstown Hospital Opportunity Shop, we’ve recently started an email database called ‘Product of the Month.’ Simply provide us with your email address by writing to opshopwtn@wh.org.au, or by clicking on the link through our website www.westernhealth.org.au/opshopwtn and when we have something we want to shout about we’ll let you know. From our half price days and book sales, the arrival of Australian and International designer fashions, children’s clothing, toys and antique treasures, we’ll keep you in the loop!

Nicky Cooper Volunteer Coordinator – The Williamstown Hospital Opportunity Shop

Williamstown Cannons Basketball Club are in search of keen boys or girls born 2009, 2010 or 2011 to play in their under 8’s teams for the Summer season beginning 30th October. 1 hr training in Williamstown per week & 30 minute games are played at Altona Stadium at 5.10pm on Friday evenings. If interested, please contact David Weston

e: under8teams@williamstowncannons.org.au or ph: 0438 110 373

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M: 0413 760 616 (Reg)

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After a thrilling win on Sunday, Williamstown have now progressed through to a VFL Preliminary Final, so exciting times as the club strives to win a 16th Premiership. The Seagulls encourages all supporters to come along to the game, 2.40pm at North Port Oval (Cnr Ingles Street & Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne) this Sunday 20th September.

The club encourages everyone to get behind the #WeStandAlone campaign by taking a photo of themselves and their families holding up the poster and sending it to admin@williamstownfc.com.au

The club will share the images of support through their social media channels and also in their clubrooms for the players on match day.

Go Seagulls!!!!!!