Principal’s Report

**MINISTERIAL VISIT - TERM 3 GETS OFF TO A FLYING START!**

We had an exciting start to Term 3 with the Minister for Education, The Honourable James Merlino MP, visiting our school on Monday morning. The minister was joined by a delegation of officials, including DR Graeme Innes AM (former Australia’s Disability Discrimination Commissioner) and Gill Callister, Secretary for Education.

During his visit, the Minister made an announcement in regards to a sweeping review for the Program for Students for Disabilities in Victorian Schools. Our school was selected for this launch as a result of our school’s Inclusion journey over recent years and the established practices we have in place to meet the needs of all of our students, including those with disabilities. We were very proud to host this visit in our Butterfly Room, which was certainly a very fitting location for this launch.

**SCIENCE NIGHT**

After weeks of planning, we are looking forward to hosting over 800 students and parents for Science Night on Thursday 16th July. Participants will be able to rotate through a number of engaging and thought provoking experiments during the course of the evening.

A note has been sent home today to all families who registered for Science Night last term. This note will outline the timing and location for each family as well as providing a raffle ticket for several lucky draws that will be made throughout the evening.
The first activity will get underway at approximately 6:30pm, so we recommend that you try and arrive 10 – 15 minutes before the program starts.

Our resident scientist Jamie Peters (Year 2 teacher), has done an amazing job planning Science Night, so we are certainly in for a fabulous night.

**HOLIDAY WORKS**

Painting works continued over the holiday break with the following areas being upgraded to the new colour scheme: all of the administration offices, staffroom, Butterfly room, Computer Lab, Library and parts of the main corridor. We’re now about two thirds of the way through repainting the entire school this year.

The four seating shelters through the middle of the grounds were all restored with new drainage systems and new support posts.

The foundations and electrical works have been completed for our new electronic sign which will be installed on Melbourne Road near the traffic lights. This will replace the small school sign that currently sits outside my office. This new sign should be installed over the next week or so and we will be using the electronic messaging panel on the bottom of this sign as another way of keeping our school community informed of major events and achievements.

We have also taken delivery of new soccer goals and AFL goals for the soccer field which we also hope to have installed over the next couple of weeks.

**NATIONAL COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disabilities. This data collection is taking place in all government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad range of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools.

The data collection is not limited to students diagnosed with a disability. It uses a very broad definition of disability, **which describe a broad range of health/medical and learning conditions** for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments, to support students to participate on the same basis as other students. To this end, please do not be alarmed if your child is identified to be part of this data collection.

The data collection will take place over the next fortnight. Please be assured that no personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, you may elect to opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form. If you have any further queries or concerns on this matter, don’t hesitate to drop me a line at cahill.jim.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.

**PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT (P/T/S) CONFERENCES**

Thank you to the many parents who have already registered online this week to book their P/T/S conference for either next Monday 20th or Wednesday 22nd July. We’ve had over 590 bookings to date. Bookings will close at 4.00pm on Friday 17th July. If you haven’t had a chance to book your conference, please go online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the Event Code J7UJW to make your booking.

**FINAL STAFF TRAINING DAY FOR 2015**

The final staff training day for 2015 has been scheduled for Friday 14th August. Please note that the school will be closed on this date and no children are to attend. We hope this prior notice assists your alternative planning for this date.

**SCHOOL MASTER PLAN**

You may have noticed a display in the main corridor near the Resource Centre which shows our newly developed Facilities Master Plan. This has now been approved by our School Council and the Department of Education & Training (DET). This plan aims to strategically address our school’s enrolment growth in the coming years. Pending funding parameters, we hope that future classrooms will be double storey so that we minimise any loss of playground space. At this stage we have 110 preps enrolled for next year and approximately 80 Year 6 students exiting, in which case we will need at least two more classrooms to begin 2016. I will keep everyone informed through the newsletter as this facilities plan unfolds in the coming months.

Enjoy the week

Jim Cahill—Principal
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be held for all Prep to Year 6 classes on Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd July.

The focus of the mid-year conference is for your child/ren to share their work and discuss how they are going with achieving their 'Learning Goals'. Teachers will discuss the learning and progress of your child and strategies, to either extend their learning, or provide additional support. You may also wish to seek clarification on any aspects of the mid-year written report at this conference.

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 J7UJW. At the end of the ‘booking,’ confirmation is sent to your email address. Online bookings will open at the beginning of Term 3, Monday 13th July from 9.00am, and close on Friday 17th July 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 times are as follows:

**Monday 20th July**
- 2.45pm to 3.30pm, whole school assembly in the gym
- 3.00pm to 7.00pm – **All classes (5.00pm to 5.30pm staff break)**
- 4.00pm to 7.00pm – Specialist Teachers **(5.00pm to 5.30 staff break)**

**Wednesday 22nd July**
- 2.45pm to 3.30pm, internal supervision (details to be announced)
- 3.00pm to 7.00pm – **All classes (5.00pm to 5.30pm staff break)**
- 4.00pm to 7.00pm – Specialist Teachers **(5.00pm to 5.30 staff break)**

If you would like to make an appointment with a Specialist teacher, (Sarah Nobbs—PE, Helen Atkins—Japanese, Dean Pearce—Performing Arts or 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 15 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 & Year 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, and how they progressed towards achieving their goals.

If a parent or teacher requires time for a ‘one-on-one’ discussion, this can be factored in towards the end of the conference, or an alternative time/date can be arranged.

Jim Cahill  
Principal

Wendy Emin  
Assistant Principal
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 that 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—taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au. The parents on Fresh Fruit Friday this week, Friday 17th July are: Julia Hacket, Arlene Lawrence, Mel Maskey, Camilla Thompson, Zohreh Basiri, Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Kristina Bader, Helen Gibbs and Helen Parker.

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 16th July—Anne Tobin
Friday 17th July—Imogen O’Neill
Wednesday 22nd July—Rachelle Burbridge
Thursday 23rd July—Julia Hacket
Friday 24th July—Maha Sidaoui

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 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
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. http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/
**PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2016**

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.

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**CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT WILL BE MADE IN WRITING BY THE END OF TERM 3, 2015**

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 commence week beginning Monday 12th 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](http://www.willynth.vic.edu.au) / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map

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Dear parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers.

Place the stickers onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the sticker sheet can be dropped into the collection box here at school.

We’ll be able to get some great new equipment.
FRENCH CLUB

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 3.50PM—4.50pm, Williamstown Community Centre

Enquiries welcome
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commencing at 7pm
Complimentary drinks on arrival
as well as a two course spit roast dinner
and a full bar with marshmallows to toast on the fire!

TICKETS ARE LIMITED
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Yarraville 4:30 to 5:30 to 6:00pm

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SWAP SHOP SALE—Term Three

Swap shop will open on Monday 20th July 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 3—20th July & 7th September
Term 4—12th October & 7th December

The Centenary Concert
Featuring the best of our musical alumni including award winning musicians & current music students
Wednesday July 29 7.30pm Williamstown Town Hall
Tickets: www.trybooking.com/85295

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Term 3 2015

Williamstown North Primary School

Bouncing Basketball

- **When:** Thursday  
- **Time:** 3:40-4:40pm  
- **Classes commence:** 23rd July  
- **Classes conclude:** 10th Sept  
- **Where:** Williamstown North PS  
- **Who:** Prep - Year 4

Dribble, Pass, shoot hoops these are the skills you will learn to master

Cost: $80 per program. The program consists of 8 sessions.

Fantastic Football

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- **Classes commence:** 23rd July  
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- **Who:** Prep - Year 4

You will learn to become a champion at Passing, Running, Marking & Kicking Goals!

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Alternatively, circle the sport, complete the form and return it via post or email.  
Please do NOT leave enrolment forms at the school office.

School: ____________________________  
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Year level: ____________________________  
At the completion of the after school class does your child:  
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Parents Consent: I hereby Authorise SportingKids Pty Ltd and its coaches to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, I also release SportingKids Pty Ltd and its coaches from any liability incurred by my child at a SportingKids Program

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Parents Signature: ____________________________  
Date: ____________________________