What a terrific night we had last Thursday evening for our annual Reading and Writing Together is Magic evening. Thank you to the many parents who stopped to express their gratitude on the night - we very much appreciated your lovely feedback. The consistent message from your feedback was that many students (particularly in the more junior classes) were a little tentative or nervous at first, but they all felt really proud of their achievements afterwards. Indeed, it was a delight to see those beaming smiles at the end of the night! Not only does RWTIM provide a purposeful forum for writing, but as you saw last week, it supports our students to also develop their public speaking skills and confidence.

Thank you to all parents who were able to participate in last week’s RWTIM and a big thank you to Giorgia Moss (RWTIM coordinator) and a wonderful team of teachers, Education Support Staff and parents who assisted with all of the planning and preparation.

Tournament of the Minds
Two teams of senior students will be proudly representing the school this weekend when they participate in the annual Tournament of the Minds challenge being staged at Deakin University in Burwood.

The tournament attracts teams from government, Catholic and Independent schools across Victoria. All teams that participate are involved in two challenges on the day. The first is a challenge that they have worked on over the last six weeks where they present their solution as a 10 minute creative performance to an audience and three judges. They are judged on their creative ideas, thinking skills, teamwork and the quality of their performance. The second challenge requires the children to complete an unseen Spontaneous Challenge. There is no audience for this second challenge, however there is a panel of judges who score the team.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish these teams luck for presenting their challenges on Sunday – we know they will give it their best in true Willy North style!

In anticipation of our school’s involvement in this tournament, I would like to sincerely thank Tess Holland (Year 6 teacher) for coordinating our school’s involvement in this tournament again this year and thank her for the many hours she has contributed to supporting these students in the lead up to this weekend.

Book Fair
As part of our Book Week program last week, we had a great response to our Book Fair. It was fantastic to see the excitement of students as they purchased their much coveted books.

Sincere thanks again to many parents who waited patiently in queues to get into the Book Fair! Our teachers and Education Support Staff worked tirelessly to move everyone through the Book Fair as quickly as they could. A huge thank you also to Sue Smith (Resource Centre coordinator) and Viv D’Aquino, for their wonderful organisation of the 2015 Book Fair.

Good Luck Year 3 & 4 Campers
Excitement is building this week as our Year 3 and Year 4 students prepare for their upcoming camping experience to Anglesea. Year 3 Students will be leaving next Monday 31st August and returning at the end of the school day on Wednesday 2nd September, whilst our Year 4 students will leave on Wednesday 2nd and return at the end of the week on Friday 4th September. All Year 3 and 4 students will be on the camp site together next Wednesday as the separate year levels cross over.

We have our fingers crossed for some lovely early spring weather so that our students can enjoy all of the wonderful outdoor activities on offer. In anticipation of another successful Willy North camp, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Daniel Vuik (Year 3 Team Leader) and Stephanie Taylor (Year 4 Teacher) for the many hours of work they have put into organising this upcoming camp.

Father’s Day Stall
Next week we will be holding our annual Father’s Day stall so that all students may purchase a special treat for dad or a significant person in their lives. Our stall coordinators, Helen and Pam, have been doing a wonderful job sourcing lots of new gifts to choose from and we’re sure that there will be some treasures on offer for every dad! We ask that children bring along up to $5.00 to spend at the stall which has been planned for Thursday 3rd September.

Please note, Year 4 students who will be on camp next Thursday, will be able to purchase a gift next Tuesday 1st September at 9.00am at a special stall solely for Year 4 students.
Parents Visiting Classrooms Before 9.00am
An outstanding feature of our school is unquestionably the wonderful partnerships we forge with families each year. This strong collaboration enables students, staff and parents to work closely together in support of every child. Ongoing communication is very important factor here, with many formal/scheduled opportunities organised throughout the year, as well as times where parents will drop in the classroom to quickly touch base on a matter, or maybe phone or email their child’s teacher. As a school we value and appreciate this ongoing communication, particularly as circumstances change throughout the year.

When a matter arises whereby an extended period of time may be needed to discuss and address a matter, we ask that parents make an appointment time with their child’s teacher. This enables our teachers to schedule this meeting into their busy schedules so that the matter can be addressed in a timely manner. **We ask that parents do not drop into the classrooms just prior to the school day to discuss matters in detail.** As you can appreciate, this is valuable planning time for our teachers, who need to make sure that all of their necessary preparations have been completed for the day ahead. For any urgent, or potentially serious matters, parents are always welcome to drop by the office prior to the start of the school day to request to speak to a member of the leadership team.

Thank you in anticipation of your support on this important matter.

Enjoy the week—Jim Cahill, Principal

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**Reading & Writing Together is Magic Poems from Prep A**

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**My Teddy Bear**

My Teddy Bear is called Nig.
My Teddy Bear feels happy.
My Teddy Bear looks very fluffy.
My Teddy Bear smells a bit smelly and a bit nice too.
I love my Teddy Bear because I have loved him for years and years.

By Fred F

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**My Teddy Bear**

My Teddy Bear is white and brown.
My Teddy Bear feels a little bit scratchy.
My Teddy Bear looks like a bulldog.
My Teddy Bear smells bubbles.
I love my Teddy Bear because he gives me lots of hugs.

By Esther J

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**My Teddy Bear**

My Teddy Bear is a brown bear.
My Teddy Bear feels soft.
My Teddy Bear looks like a tree because it is brown.
My Teddy Bear smells like wood.
I love my Teddy Bear because he cuddles me.

By William G

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**My Teddy Bear**

My Teddy Bear is rainbow with love hearts.
My Teddy Bear feels like a sheep.
My Teddy Bear looks like a fairy.
My Teddy Bear smells like flowers.
I love my Teddy Bear because she is cuddly.

By Charlotte W
**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, so she can add you to the roster—taylor.linda.1@edumail.vic.gov.au. The parents on duty this week, Friday 28st August are: - Julia Hacket, Mel Maskey, Camilla Thompson, Zohreh Basiri, Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Helen Gibbs, Julie Du Plessis.

**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.

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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.

**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.

ICT Newsletter Items

Week 3

Trolling, Tagging and Bagging

Episode 3 - Trolling, Tagging and Bagging

This episode explores the potential for harm if social media is misused and the need for young people to be aware of the rules and etiquette principles that apply to digital interactions.

Click HERE to watch Episode 3

When we're online and can't take cues from facial expressions, body language, or vocal tones... words and pictures can be open to all sorts of interpretations.

Tagging, posting, trolling, and hash-tagging. It all really comes down to: respectful interaction and communication.

What may seem harmless, can be hurtful. How do you talk to your children about bullies? What if your child is the bully? Are you prepared for these conversations with your children?

It can be challenging to navigate safely in this world of ever changing technology and trends. But, you don't need to be a technology expert to help your children be safe online.

The parenting skills necessary for online safety are the same as they are in the physical world.

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Don’t forget to send along a bag for your child to carry their gift, that way it will stay a surprise a little longer.

Thank you

Helen & Rachelle

We are also looking for volunteers to help run the stall on the day. We need people from 9.00am until 1.30pm (or 9.00am—11.00am, then 11.30am—1.30pm, if you are unable to stay the whole time).

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Thank You
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 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 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

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.
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 Co-ordinator – The Williamstown Hospital Opportunity Shop

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FOOTY WEEK!!!!!
7th to 11th September

Dear Parents,

It is that time of the year again. Our annual Footy week is approaching very fast. As part of Footy week, we're looking for parents who possibly may be able to help assist in the festivities of the week. The main days where help is required are, Monday 7th and Wednesday 11th September. The main role for the helpers will be assisting with running Footy and Soccer clinics. Any help would be much appreciated as we're looking to make this year's Footy Week the biggest one yet! For more details and officers of assistance please contact either:

John Diegan: john.diegan@live.vu.edu.au  Simon Radford: radford.simon.b@edumail.vic.gov.au
Lauren Smillie: Lauren.smillie@live.vu.edu.au

We're looking forward to Footy Week and hope to get as many people involved as possible, So, if you're interested or want more details, please do not hesitate to make contact. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thanks in anticipation,
Kind Regards
John Diegan—Victoria University Pre Service Teacher

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SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

The school is looking at increasing our levels of Nude Food throughout the remainder of the year. We have started collecting data on the number of Nude Food Lunch Boxes coming to school. Congratulations to Year 3S who had the most Sustainable lunchboxes at WNPS this week.

Remember, Nude Food lunch boxes contain no wrappers or packaging. All packaging that comes to school ends up at landfill, so we must teach our kids to be more thoughtful in their eating choices. This will also encourage them to be more healthy!

Week 3 of Term 4 will be Nude Food Week, a chance to focus in our efforts, and have some fun, while promoting sustainable, healthy eating. During that week, all rubbish that children bring to school, will be sent back home.

Sustainability Tip of the Week: Rather than purchasing small squirty yoghurt packets, purchase a large container and send yoghurt to school in a container with a spoon. This means the container can come home to be re-used, and the large container at home can be recycled.
Dear Parents,
Please remember to return any medical forms or risk minimisation forms to Leanne or Meredith. We are still waiting for some to be returned.
The Holiday Program is fast approaching. Keep an eye out for online bookings to open, as places do fill quite quickly.
Could all parents please check their enrolment forms and update any personal details, especially phone/mobile numbers. It has been quite difficult when we have tried to call a parent only to find the phone number is incorrect. This makes it difficult for us to locate children when they do not arrive at after care.
We encourage parents to comment in the feedback book located on the ‘sign in/sign out’ table.
Thank you to the many parents that have written lovely comments and provided suggestions.
Thank you—OSHclub Staff
WILLIAMSTOWN BASEBALL
IS NOW RECRUITING NEW JUNIOR PLAYERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO JOIN THE WOLF PACK

FREE COME & TRY CLINIC
Saturday August 29th
10am - 12 Noon
MELBOURNE BALLPARK
Morton St Altona

PROGRAMS OFFERED
AUSSIE T-BALL
AGES 5-8
JUNIOR BASEBALL
AGES 6-17

GREENWICH RESERVE
THE STRAND, NEWPORT

For more information and to find out how to get involved, contact the club via:
W: www.williamstownbaseball.com.au
D: Juniors. wolf@gmail.com
M: 0414 766 466 (Reg)

Season opening games commence in October

SPRING FAIR!

Little Lorikeet

Saturday 10th October
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