Principal’s Report

YEAR LEVEL INFORMATION SESSIONS

Next week we will be holding information sessions for all year levels across the school. We published some preliminary information in last week’s newsletter to help you plan ahead for these sessions. Please note the details below for each information session:

**Monday 15th February**
- Year 3 5:00pm in Room 29
- Year 4 5:00pm in Room 34
  (Child care to be provided in room 30)

**Tuesday 16th February**
- Prep 5:00pm in the Junior Learning Centre
- Year 5 5:00pm in Room 18
- Year 6 5:00pm in Room 22
  (Child care to be provided in room Butterfly room)

**Wednesday 17th February**
- Year 1 5:00pm in Room 9
- Year 2 5:00pm in Room 26
  (Child care to be provided in the Butterfly room)

To further assist your attendance at these sessions, we have arranged for several of our Education Support staff to provide child care supervision as indicated above. If you would like to organise care for your child/ren during the course of these Information sessions could you please notify the main office (9397 5722) to book a place.

At these information sessions we will aim to provide an overview of the learning programs that will be operating throughout 2016. We will also provide details of the Intervention and Extension structures at every year level, in addition to homework arrangements, camps/excursions, student wellbeing and other relevant organisational matters. The Year 6 session will also touch on the Year 6 – 7 Transition process that will unfold during the year. There will also be some time for questions at the end of each session. We anticipate that each session will last for about 30 – 40 minutes.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

How disappointing it has been for schools that have recently received threatening calls which have necessitated lockdown or evacuation procedures. In addition to the disruptions to the school day, these situations are also very unsettling for students, staff and parents.
Please be assured that this is an aspect of our operations in which we have very strong practices in place. All of our emergency documentation has been completely updated this year as a result of the six new classrooms we now have on site. To further boost these processes, a new phone system was installed over the summer break, which now has the capability to communicate a complete lockdown in every classroom with the press of a button.

All staff members, new and existing, have been thoroughly briefed on the updated procedures and we will judiciously rehearse these over the coming weeks. If you have any queries on this matter, don’t hesitate to drop by the office for a chat, or give me a call on 93975722.

**Parent/Teacher/Student (PTS) Conferences**

To find out a little more about your child/ren’s start to 2016 as well as some of their initial learning goals for first semester, PTS Conferences have been planned for Monday 29th February and Wednesday 2nd March. These conferences will also provide a great opportunity to forge that important partnership between students, parents & teachers which we know is so important to optimising the learning outcomes for our students.

Conferences will be of ten minutes duration and have been scheduled between 3:30pm and 6:00pm on each of these days. All information needed for booking your PTS conference online will be available in next week’s newsletter.

**Staff Training Day Reminder**

To assist with your forward planning, please note that our second staff training day for 2016 will be held on **Friday 26th February**. No children are to attend school on this day, as teachers will be involved in a full schedule of professional learning activities aimed at further developing our Spelling program across the school.

**Welcome Picnic/BBQ – Prep and New Families**

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families to the school and invite you to attend our Welcome to Willy North Picnic/BBQ on Wednesday 24th February from 5:30pm to 7.30pm.

This will be a terrific way to meet other families who are new to the school and forge your connectedness with other children/parents.

All you need to bring is a rug and a picnic hamper. A couple of the BBQ’s will also be set up at the front of the Junior Learning Centre for any families who would like to take the BBQ option.

Please note this date on the calendar and we look forward to enjoying a relaxed dinner with all of our new families. We have our fingers crossed for a beautiful summer’s evening!

**School Council Elections**

Thank you to the many parents who have chatted to me over the last week in regards to being a School Councillor at Willy North. I’m delighted to report that we currently have sufficient nominations to fill all of the current vacancies. If this remains the case, pending the 4.00pm deadline today for the close of nominations, then no election process will be required.

I will confirm the outcome of the election process and/or the composition of our 2016 School Council in next week’s newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of the week
Jim Cahill, Principal

**COMPASS**

Parents can add an absence or early departure onto Compass. When adding the early departure, parents will still need to come to the office to obtain a signed early leavers slip to hand to the supervising teacher.

Take a look at our new open office area!
Rosters… Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)
This is a very social and interactive group who volunteer an hour of their time each Friday morning. **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.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au. There is no roster for this week, so if any parents are available to assist, please meet in the staffroom at 9.00am.

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 11th February—Rachelle Burbridge
- Friday 12th February—HELP NEEDED
- Wednesday—18th February—HELP NEEDED
- Thursday 19th February—HELP NEEDED
- Friday 20th February—HELP NEEDED

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 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 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. 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 2.30pm).

We have a ‘Toddler Play Area’ in the foyer of the Gym for parents who have pre-school age children. (Young children are not allowed in the Canteen area due to occupational health and safety requirements).

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 8th 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
- TERMELY
- OCCASIONALLY (Provide Details)
- EMERGENCY HELPER (Provide Details)

Preferred Time:
- ☐ 9.00am - 11.30am
  (Sort money, check orders, organise change, Organise ‘non-perishable’ items for orders, assist with recess sales)
- ☐ 12:30pm - 2.00pm
  (Pack lunch baskets, assist with lunch time sales)
- ☐ 9.00am – 2.00pm
  (All of the above)

* Remember there is a separate ‘Toddler Play Area’ for parents with pre-school age children.
WNPS Services Program 2016

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.

If you are not sure what it entails, please contact the office.

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WNPS SCHOOL SERVICES PROGRAMS REPLY SLIP FOR 2016

Parent/s Name: ____________________________________________

Child/ren: ________________________________________________ Class/es: ______

Daytime Phone Number/s: ________________________________

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

o Swap Shop
o Lost Property
o Canteen (See separate sheet)
o Sick Bay Washing
o Fresh Fruit Friday (See separate sheet)
o Family Life Education
o Student Banking
o Mother’s Day Stall
o Prep & New Families BBQ/Picnic
o 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 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: ________________________________
Williamstown North Primary School’s 2016
Social Event of the Year
REWIND 80’s

SAVE THE DATE
friday, August 5th
Williamstown Town Hall
*Details to follow in the New Year

TICKETS WILL SELL FAST
DON’T MISS OUT!!!
School Banking Account Opening Day

Williamstown North is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

School Banking day is every Wednesday. Each week you need to hand in your child’s deposit book to your teacher for processing by our team of School Banking volunteers.

Account Opening Day!
The Commonwealth Bank will be holding an Account Opening Day this Monday 15th February before School Assembly 2.30pm-3.00pm and; after Assembly 3.30pm-4.00pm in the Hall Foyer.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. No identification is required for your child attending school, as the school will confirm their identity.
Bunches of Lunches

Making quick, healthy and yummy school lunches

Saturday 13 February
10am – 1pm

$10 / person
(tickets limited to 20 people)

Altona P-9 College Corner of Grieve and Civico Pde, Altona
Book at: Eventbrite: Bunches of Lunches 2016
Queries please email: temcathur@gmail.com

This workshop teaches participants how worth of healthy school lunches prepare.

Participants take home 5 lunch items, recipes and lots of inspiration from this workshop. Bring a few take-away containers on the day.

This Sustainable Living Festival event is part of the workshop series at Altona P-9 College’s Seed Savers and Beyond garden program which covers food sustainability, seasonality and healthy, delicious meals to grow and eat.

Sponsored by:
Transition Hobsons Bay

As part of the Sustainable Living Festival’s State of Sustainability Program 2016
Williamstown Juniors Netball Club (WJNC)

Interested in netball?

We will soon be organising our teams for the Winter Season at Altona Netball Stadium which starts in Term 2. We are recruiting players of all ages from 9/u to 17/u. If your child wants to be part of a great local club we would love to see you at WJNC. Please contact Nicki Bokma – 0411 043 950 for further details.

Our introductory Net-Set-Go programme is also up and running for 6 to 9 year olds - contact Cheryl Forbes 0426949520.

Willi Tigers Netball Club is offering NetSetGO in 2016 – Netball’s introductory program aimed at children aged from 5 to 10 years.

**Option 1: Prepare to play Winter 2016 netball with Willi Tigers Netball Club at Altona Netball Stadium**

Cost: $79, Starts—20th February for 5 weeks 9.30am to 10.45am

**Option 2: A 10 week NetSetGO program to introduce new children to Netball**

Cost: $109 Starts—20th February for 10 weeks

**WHERE**
Outdoor Courts, Bayside Secondary College, Bayview St, Williamstown

**To Register:**
Registrations are now open – please use the following link to register and pay for your child.
This link leads you to the Find a Club page – please enter Willi Tigers and progress from there!

**For more Information:**
Please visit the NetSetGO Website - http://netsetgo.asn.au or email Naomi at willi.tigers@gmail.com

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**Au Pair**

If anyone has an Au Pair and is interested in building a network of friends for their Au Pair can you please contact Natalie on 0408937404 or email Natalie at nataliestimothy@yahoo.com.au
# Canteen Menu & Price List – Term 1 2016

**Canteen Manager:** Julieanne Weir  
**Telephone:** 9397 5722

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| **Wednesday Special Only**                      |                                          |
| Hot Dog                                         | $3.50                                   |

| **Extras**                                      | **SUSHI**                                |
| Paper Bag                                       | Tuna Handroll Sushi – per roll           |
| $0.10                                           | $2.50                                   |
| Tomato Sauce – per item                         | California Handroll Sushi – per roll     |
| $0.20                                           | $2.50                                   |
| Soy Sauce – per item                            |                                          |
| $0.20                                           |                                          |
| Spoon or Fork                                   |                                          |
| $0.05                                           |                                          |

Please Write

Name, Room Number and Amount enclosed on the paper bag.
If not enough money is enclosed a deduction or alternative item will be given.

Please Note: - the Canteen does not sell peanut butter, nutella or nut products.

All items on the Canteen Menu are ‘green’ or ‘amber’ rated items endorsed by the School Canteen Guide.