**Last day of Term Friday 18th December**

**Early Finish at 1.30pm**

**No Lunch Orders—Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th December**

**Principal’s Report**

**COMPASS UPDATE**

We currently have 45% of families logged onto our new Compass platform. Thank you to those families who have accessed this program for the first time over the last week.

*It is crucial that all families log on over the next week (including all families with a student in Year 6), as student reports will only be available electronically through Compass at the end of the school year. Student reports will no longer be printed at school for distribution.*

If by chance you have misplaced your Compass letter with your initial password details, please call the main office, or email Belinda directly gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au for these details as soon as possible. When logged on for the first time, you will then be able to personalise your password details.

**TEACHING TEAMS FOR 2016**

After an extensive recruitment process during term 4, I’m delighted to announce the following teaching teams for 2016. As you can see from the list below, we still have one position to fill in our prep area; which we hope to have finalised by the end of this week.

- **Prep Team**: Mary-Ann Skidmore, Belinda Witchell, Julie Papazisis, Ashleigh Paton and a Vacancy
- **Year One**: Danielle Buttigieg, Robyn Law, Kaitlyn Hayes, Tess Bullock & Crystal Tyson
- **Year Two**: Kate Richards, Julie Kelly, Zach Schmidt, Tania Brown & Fran McCormick
- **Year Three**: Wendy Drayton/Ashlie Gauld, Virginia Irvine, Alexandra Gripper, Jamie Peters & Lauren McGill
- **Year Four**: Stephanie Taylor, Dianna Lane/Ashlie Gauld, Malinda Vaughan/Tammy Voukelatos & Lisa Gammon
- **Year Five**: Bethany Johnstone, Tim Boylan, Cathy Graham
- **Year Five/Six**: Patrick Kelly
- **Year Six**: Tess Holland, Dale Evans & Annemarie Honeybone

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**Dates to Remember 2015**

**Term 4**

5th October to 18th December

- Thursday 10th December
  - Year 6 FunFields EOY Excursion & Year 1 Celebration Day
- Monday 14th December
  - Year 6 Graduation
- Tuesday 15th December
  - Year 3 Sun Theatre EOY Excursion
- **SPECIAL EVENTS**
  - Swap Shop Date Term 4 Change of Date to 14th December 3.00pm
  - Wednesday 16th December
    - Twilight Carols 7.00pm start

**2016**

- Term One Dates
  - 27th January to 24th March
- Thursday 21st January—Pick up Book Pack Year 3 to 6
- Students start on Thursday 28th January 2016
- Staff Training Days for 2016
  - Wednesday 27th January
  - Friday 26th February
  - Friday 20th May & Monday 31st October

Cash payments will only be accepted at the office up until Friday 11th December.

EFT & BPay payments can be made at any time up until the last day of school.
Specialist Team: Sarah Nobbs & Kristy Rummans (PE), Vicki Symons & Emily Millman (Visual Arts), Japanese (Helen Atkins), Dean Pearce (Performing Arts) and Vivien D’Aquino (Resource Centre).

Intervention & Extension Team: Sue Peterson (Literacy Coach), Giorgia Moss (Inclusion Coordinator/Senior School Leader), Crissy Samaras (Admin/Junior School Leader), Melissa Ziebowski (eLearning Leader) & Sharon Hunt (Reading Recovery in Year One). Jess Kennedy will support classes for the first couple of weeks.

In addition to the above teaching teams, our students will continue to be wonderfully supported by the following Education Support staff members: Anita Goldsworthy, Jane Mynard, Kellie Murdoch, Linda Taylor, Sue Smith & Tracy Carroll.

Julianne Weir will continue to manage the Canteen in 2016. We will continue to liaise with Manya West (First Aid) who has been on extended leave for the last six months as to her possible return in 2016.

Computer technical support will continue to be provided by Tinh Nguyen and Tony Chau.

Grounds/Maintenance: Keith Field and Win Brown

And last by not least, our office team will remain the same for next year with Judy Coleman (Reception), Debbie Dorgan (Business Manager), Belinda Gill (Admin Support) as well as Wendy Emin and myself.

As you can see from the above names, we are certainly well positioned to confidently move into 2016. Many new faces as well, which is an exciting time for the school!

UPCOMING REPORTS

Wendy and I have the pleasure of reading all of the final student report drafts this week. It is always very heartening to read of the many triumphs/efforts over the course of the year.

I continue to be humbled by the wonderful work of our teachers to personalise the learning programs in each classroom. This is clearly evident in the end of year reports, where teachers have cited individual texts read by the students, writing pieces completed, maths challenges undertaken, projects etc. Every effort is undertaken to accurately capture each student's individual progress.

Please be assured that it is very normal for students to display different rates of progress as they advance through their schooling. This can be particularly evident for many students after their junior years where they displayed accelerated rates of learning and high achievement levels, followed by a plateau in their learning shortly after. Or quite possibly the reverse, where students have been slow to acquire their foundation skills in the early years and then shown rapid development in their middle and senior years. Every student's pathway is different and this is very normal!

If all goes according to plan, we hope to have all student reports available on Compass for downloading at home by Thursday 17th December.

TWILIGHT CAROLS

I hope everyone has Wednesday 16th December locked into their phone calendars for our upcoming Twilight Carols. We have our fingers crossed for a lovely summer's evening for the performances that will get underway from 7pm in the school grounds. The Carols program is expected to run until 8:30pm. Please note that as a school community event, we request that families do not bring alcohol onto the grounds.

LIBRARY BOOKS

A number of library books are missing from the Library. Individual children currently have 200 books overdue. It would be greatly appreciated if you could ask your children to check their rooms for any books that belong to the school, this includes Library books, Take Home readers and Guided Reading texts. If you find a book/s at home can they be returned to the Library straight away.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Please note the following arrangements as we all try and navigate this very busy time of the year.

There will be no whole school assembly on Monday 14th December as the Gym will be set up for the Year 6 Graduation Program being held that evening.

Our final assembly for the year will be held at approximately 1:10pm on the last day of school, Friday 18th December. Students will be dismissed from this assembly at 1:30pm to begin their summer break.

Enjoy the week!

Jim Cahill,
Principal
Williamstown North Primary School
Presents
TWILIGHT CAROLS 2015

WEDNESDAY 16th December
Gates Open at 6.30pm
Please Bring Picnic Blanket, Nibbles, Drinks and Holiday Cheer
Venue: In The School Grounds
Time: Prep, Year 1, 2 & Year 3K/3L, are required at the front of the stage by 6.45pm
Show Begins at 7.00pm and will conclude around 8.30pm
Special Guests—School Band, Glee Club and hopefully the Big Guy in the Red Suit!

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS AN ALCOHOL FREE EVENT AND WE ASK THAT CHAIRS ARE LIMITED TO THE TREED AREA IN FRONT OF THE GYM
**Rosters... Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)**

Thank you to all parents that have volunteered and assisted with cutting up and delivering fresh fruit to all classrooms every Friday. 

*It is very much appreciated by all the children and staff.*

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**Canteen**

**LAST WEEK OF TERM—CAIENEN COUNTER SALES ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY ONLY**

Julianne Weir is our Canteen Manager and is always very appreciative of the time parents or family members can volunteer to help in the Canteen.

- Thursday 10th December—Help Needed
- Friday 11th December—Caroline Wilkinson
- Wednesday 16th December—NO LUNCH ORDERS
- Thursday 17th December—NO LUNCH ORDERS—Friday 18th December—NO LUNCH ORDERS

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

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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 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.**

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**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,

Bookings/Enrolments are now open for 2016 Before and After Care. Log onto oshclub.com.au to complete an online enrolment. Create a username and an account for your child. Please ensure all information provided is correct.

Families that already have an enrolment, please be sure to update all contact details, including your child’s class for 2016.

Bookings are also open for the School Holiday Program located at Spotswood Primary School (Melbourne Road, Williamstown).

Last day of term, Friday 18th December. School will finish at 1.30pm. After School Care will open from 1.30 to accommodate children that need this service.

A number of parents have not been signing out their children at pick up time. Please remember to sign your child or children out from AfterCare as this is a requirement and can cause issues.

If you need to contact the Program our number is 0422 236 845.

Thank you—OSHclub Staff

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**SWAP SHOP SALE—Term Four**

Last Swap shop for the Term will be on **Monday 14th December** from 3.00pm - 3.30pm 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:**

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<th>Rugby tops, Baseball jackets, Long sleeve polos, Girls long pants, Track pants, Stussy pants, Short sleeve polos, Stussy Shorts &amp; Skorts Winter tunics: $15.00, Summer dresses: $10.00, Bike Shorts: $2.00, Bottle green socks: $1.00 (Size 5-8 only)</th>
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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
Host Families Wanted 2016

Japanese University Students Visiting WNPS

The students are studying Childhood Education at University in Japan. They will be visiting our school to observe classes and run some fun activities with the children to share their Japanese culture.

Dates: 13th (Sat) to 24th (Wed) February 2016
Duration: 11 nights.
How many: One student per family
Homestay fee: Payment of $400 towards your expenses.

Please provide 3 meals per day (Breakfast, packed lunch & dinner)

If you have any questions, please contact the program coordinator, Midori:
Tel: 03 9572 3381 or 0418 540 865 E-mail: midori@japan-link.com.au

Application Form

Parents’ names: 

All children’s name(s), age and gender (M/F):

Email address: 

Telephone No.: 

Address: 

Other household members’ name(s)/gender: 

Pet(s): Method of transport to school: 

Optional: Please indicate if you have a preference to host a male or female student

Male [ ] Female [ ]

Please return the completed form to the school office, or email to Helen Atkins:

atkins.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your cooperation.
**UNIFORM SALE!**

5% OFF UNIFORMS

25% OFF ALL SCHOOL SHOES

FROM MON 9 NOV TO FRI 18 DEC 2015

Plus Extended Lay-by until 27th January 2016

Williamstown North Primary School

UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2016

Your school uniform is available online and at the PSW store in PORT MELBOURNE.

Unit 1, 128 Bertie Street, Port Melbourne VIC 3207
Phone: (03) 9768 0385

**SUMMER TRADING HOURS** (5th Oct - April)
Mon to Fri: 8:30am - 5:00pm  Sat: 9:00am - 1:00pm

www.psw.com.au  Save Time, Shop Online!

*5% off all school uniforms & 25% off all school shoes promotion runs from Mon 9 Nov to Fri 18 Dec 2015.
Lay-bys require a 20% deposit. New Lay-bys are not available in Jan 2016. Lay-bys must be picked up before Wed 27th Jan 2016. Store trading hours are subject to change, check the website for latest information. www.psw.com.au. PSW Retail stores will be closed Tues 26th Jan for the Australia Day Holiday.
Interested in having a go at netball?
Williamstown Juniors Netball Club is a family friendly community club and we’d love to see you at
WJNC Beginner’s Netball
- An entry point for girls and boys aged 6-9 to try netball without structured games
- Includes fun and games as well as ball skills, basic court-play and positions
- Friday 3.45 for 45 mins beginning Term 1 2016
- $49 (Victoria Netball Association membership)
Please contact Cheryl Forbes 0435 949 520 if you’re interested.
ONLY $65 Earlybird for the whole term at Williamstown North Primary School

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

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**AFL**
You will learn to become a master of Pass, Run, Mark and Kicking goals!

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**Dance**
Step to the beat in a number of sequences to learn a choreographed dance routine!

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Cost: $80 per program.

To receive the Earlybird price of $65 you need to Pay before 18th Jan 2016

ENROL ONLINE:

[WWW.BIG5SPORTS.COM.AU](http://WWW.BIG5SPORTS.COM.AU)

Alternatively, Call the Office at 9578 2518 or 0422 043 853
Lifestyle for Kids

LFK Holiday Program January 2016

007 SPY DAY

Monday 11th January  Ages: 5 - 12 years  10.00am - 3.30pm  Cost: $55.00
Register 9.50am Please BYO snack-lunch and drink bottle ... wear your best spy outfit.
Laser beam challenges and obstacle courses. Top-secret missions to decode, fingerprint stations and invisible ink messages to write. Get your own magnifying glass to play with the I Spy books. Make a CIA ID badge to allow you access to do the 007 scavenger and treasure hunts. Play Disco assassins, winkle murder, word searches, and find the pretend balloon bomb and 007 mission games. Pop explosion candy to take home a cool photo booth photo with disguises like moustaches, hats, trench coats and glasses to dress up in. Play on all the gymnastics equipment and jumping castle and become an LFK secret agent! Are you sneaky enough? See you under cover.......  

ACRO  CHEER  CIRCUS  TRAMPOLING  GYMNASTICS

Tuesday 12th January  Ages: 5 - 12 years  10.00am - 3.30pm  Cost: $55.00
Register - 9.50am —Please BYO morning tea and lunch and wear comfortable clothes.
Circus—Try your skills on the aerial hoop and red silks —Watch Nicola from NICA display her talents
Acro—Practice Dive rolls, Front saults. Group pyramids. Partner balances. Partner Aerial cartwheels, Handsprings & lots of drills, skills and lifts to help you fly through the sky + Gym Teachers displays Cheering—Use our professional Pom Poms and learn a routine with lifts and cool formations.
Learn a group strength routine to Uptown Funk and a cheering routine to Fight song...
Trampolining—Use our Olympic size Trampoline and Double Mini tramp and 6 metre tumbling track tramp Learn Swivels, seat drops and lots of new aerial tricks.
Gymnastics—Have a Gymnastics lesson on the Bars —Beam —Rings —Vault, Trapeze and learn the Level 2/3-floor routine+ an award. Best handstand, cartwheel or special trick and Hula-hoop comps. Play Obstacle races, Limbo, Juggling, Trapeze skills and Parachute games.
3.25 3.30—Parents come and watch our Cheerleading routine....

PANCAKES & PAJAMAS DAY

Wednesday 13th January  Ages: 5 - 12 years 10.00- 3.30pm Cost:$55.00
Register 9.50am WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS ALL DAY TO LFK!!! — Please BYO morning tea and lunch.
PAJAMA PARTY ALL DAY. Glow sticks, sleeping bag races, pass the pillow games, charades, celebrity heads, Chinese whispers, gummy bear treasure hunts and parachute games. Make lots of pancakes with toppings of your choice, paper fortunetellers, an amazing massive cubby house in the gym and a door hanger with your name on it. Have strawberry milk with a strawberry straw for morning tea as well as pink popcorn. Enjoy a manicure a pedicure and make an eye mask with ribbons to sleep tight at night. Decorate a box and take home some bubble bath. Get ready for the TALENT SHOW and all done in your PAJAMAS!!!

PARTY IN PARIS DAY

Wednesday 20th January  Ages: 5 - 12 years 10.00am – 3.30pm Cost: $55.00
Register —9.50am—Wear your most FRENCH ooh la la outfit. BYO Morning tea and Lunch.
French music, French manequins, French braids, a spray of Chanel perfume and a Diamante bracelet to start our day off in Paris! Make and decorate Eiffel tower chocolates and pink cup cakes with a FRENCH theme. Make Pom Pom pens and learn to count to 10 in FRENCH & learn the CAN CAN. Make pink and black LOOM bracelets, a pink and black tulle wreath and a FRENCH postcard and gift card to take home. Design your our Parisian designer placemat and go on a pink feather boa treasure hunt. Best FRENCH accent and character prizes and build the Eiffel Tower out of the gymnastics equipment, and ever harder, out of cards. Gymnastics, Acro, rings and swings to play on all day at LFK as well...See you for a day in Paris!!!!! Parlez-vous français????

MAKE A MESS DAY

Thursday 21st January  Ages: 5 - 12 years 10.00am – 3.30pm Cost: $55.00
Register —9.50am— Please wear old clothes and bring morning tea and lunch and a drink bottle.
Be prepared for the messiest fun day ever !!!! Shaving cream and window painting, slip and slide, green slime, Mud pies and Play-dough. Have fun catching mini doughnuts on a string, finding the gummy bears in the whipped cream with your hand behind your back and catch the bubbles in the smoke machine haze. See how far you can toss the raw egg and catch it and play Jenga with the jellybean flour mountain. Make an ice cream sundae and top it with chocolate sauce and lots of different toppings of your choice. Lots of messy science experiments, funny jokes and cool and exciting games to play at LFK. Jumping castle, trampolines & fantastic gym equipment for you to play on .
GET VERY MESSY AND HAVE A GREAT DAY !!!!!! SEE YOU AT LFK

STAR WARS DAY

Friday 22nd January  Ages: 5 - 12 years 10.00am – 3.30pm Cost: $55.00
Register 9.50am BYO Morning tea, lunch and a drink bottle. Dress in your favourite Star Wars outfit.
Make and decorate a Star Wars lightsaber out of a pool noodle and a Jedi robe to wear in your... Star Wars photo shoot under the glow in the dark stars. Have your hair done like Princess Leia in buns and make Princess Leia headbands, play a game of force fields and go on a Star Wars treasure hunt. Go to the Jedi training camp, make Vaderade to drink, make lightsaber fruit kebabs with marshmallows grapes and strawberries. Star Wars music, Star Wars face paint, stickers and colouring sheets to take home. Make Storm trooper cups and play Storm trooper bowling, masks and lightsaber napkin rings Gymnastics, Acro, Trampolines and a day of fun day at LFK. May the force be with you ......

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL AND PLACES ARE LIMITED $25 DEPOSIT REQUIRED.
Payments can be made by cash, credit card, cheque or Direct Deposit.
Call 9397 77 66 or Email lifestyleforkids@bigpond.com to register and book in limited spaces