Principal’s Report

ATHLETICS & TABLOID SPORTS

We were very fortunate to enjoy a lovely clear autumn day last Thursday for our annual Athletics Day for our Year 3 to 6 students and our Tabloid Sports program for students in Prep to Year 2. It was terrific to see students giving everything a go and participating with enthusiasm.

Both the Athletics and Tabloid Sports ran very smoothly and we were extremely grateful to the many parents who very kindly volunteered their time to offer assistance. Congratulations once again to Sarah Nobbs (PE Teacher) who did a superb job organising all aspects of both programs to ensure everything ran like clockwork.

YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP TO CANBERRA

One hundred and fifty-two excited students set off last Monday morning for our Year 5 & 6 Camp to Canberra. The camp is a five day camp that will involve all students in a wonderful exploration of Canberra. I’m sure all senior students will return on Friday (albeit a little tired) with a much deeper awareness and understanding of our nation’s capital city.

This camp has been supported by a diligent team of seventeen teachers and parents throughout the week. On behalf of the school community I would like to sincerely thank our wonderful team of teachers who were able to juggle their family commitments in order to attend: Melissa Brown, Melissa Bull, Caroline Reid, Simon Radford, Ana Milnes, Jamie Peters, Sarah Nobbs, Giorgia Moss & Linda Taylor. The camp was also made possible by eight parent volunteers who were able to take leave from their work or shuffle around their family commitments in order to support the camp. So it’s a big thank you to: Ashleigh Neenan, Michelle Chumbley, Sue Morton, Peter Wilson, Brendan Sparke, Con Nikolovski, Martin Ray & Shane Graham.

I would like to finally express my deep gratitude to Melissa Brown (5B) who has spent the last several months planning and organising all aspects of the camp. Melissa’s organisation of the camp was superb and I’m confident that this thorough planning will ensure a highly successful camping experience for all involved.

Good Luck Felicity Minton

At the end of this week we will sadly say goodbye to our eLearning Leader, Felicity Minton, as she begins her maternity leave. We are all excited for Felicity and her husband Lee as the birth of their first child isn’t too far away now! We look forward to all of their news in the coming weeks.
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, Felicity will not return to WNPS this year and Melissa Brown will step into the eLearning leadership position after this week’s Year 5 & 6 Camp.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Felicity for the wonderful leadership and commitment she has extended to the school in recent years. We certainly have a very strong eLearning program in place as a result of Felicity’s hard work and testimony to this is the 1:1 program that currently operates for all students in Years 4 to 6.

**140th Anniversary – Important Dates**

We will celebrate the 140th Anniversary of Williamstown North Primary School with our broader community on Sunday 22nd June. The school will be open from 1:00pm to 3:30pm for all past and current members of our school community. An official ceremony will be held in the gymnasium at 1:30pm to mark this event and then following some afternoon tea all visitors will be able to tour areas of the school that will be set up with displays and performances. Please mark this date in your diary and begin spreading the word throughout our community to ensure all past pupils can attend.

We have begun digging through our archives in preparation for the 140th anniversary. If you have any old photos that you could contribute we would love to hear from you. These could be emailed to the school at gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or you could drop them at the office and we could scan these or alternatively use the originals for display. All photos and memorabilia donated by the community will be coded to ensure these can be returned after the event.

Our current students will be involved in a full day of activities on Monday 23rd June to celebrate this special event. More information about this program will be provided in the coming weeks.

The next meeting of the 140th committee will be held at 3:35pm on Thursday 15th May – please feel free to join us in the staff room if you would like to get involved.

**The Wizard of Oz**

We were thrilled to learn last week that our school has secured the rights for the musical The Wizard of Oz. Our end of year concerts will therefore take on a different format this year under the direction of Dean Pearce (Performing Arts teacher) who aims to galvanise all students from Prep to Year 6 to present The Wizard of Oz – a very exciting undertaking!!

Over the coming weeks, students in Years 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to audition for the principal cast members. Two sets of principal cast members will be selected to optimise the opportunities for our senior students with each set performing on a different night. A panel of teachers has been established to oversee the auditions and we look forward to this process unfolding in the coming weeks.

**2015 Prep Information Night**

I can’t believe that planning for 2015 is already underway!

Next Tuesday 6th May we will welcome all prospective families as well as any existing families to our 2015 Prep Information Night. The evening will begin at 6:30pm for any families who wish to have a wander around the existing Prep classrooms and then a presentation will be held in the Junior Learning Centre at 7.00pm which will provide an overview of the school’s programs and operations.

Enrolments for the 2015 prep cohort can be lodged at the office from Wednesday 7th May 2014. (Please note that Williamstown North PS has an enrolment boundary and enrolments can only be accepted from families residing within this designated zone).

**Mother’s Day Stall**

Our annual Mother’s Day stall will be held next week on Thursday 8th May. This is usually a very exciting opportunity for students to purchase a special treat for mum. To ensure it is a ‘surprise’ for mums we ask all dads to ensure that children come to school with $5.00 in a named envelope to spend at the stall on the day.

Enjoy your week

Jim Cahill—Principal
**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 will need parent volunteers throughout the school year. If you are available on Friday, please email Linda Taylor directly to be added to the roster—linda.taylor.edumail.vic.gov.au

**This Friday 2nd May the parents on the roster are—**Pamela Fernando, Helen Parker, Larissa Deeth, Mette Nielsen, Rachel Burbridge, Ivana Musura and Michell Boyall.

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**Canteen—NEW HELPERS MOST WELCOME**

Julianne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of the time parents or family members can volunteer to help in the Canteen. Julianne 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 1st May—No Help Needed
- Friday 2nd May—Heather Hughes
- Wednesday 7th May—Rachelle Burbridge
- Thursday 8th May—Kaylynn Rasmussen
- Friday 9th May—Majella Snelling

**NO SUSHI IN TERM 2 & 3**

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**Uniform Shop News**

Primary School Wear (PSW) is now our official Uniform supplier. For all uniform enquiries please contact Kara on her mobile: 0413 008 185, between 9.00am and 5.00pm weekdays (excluding weekends and school holidays).

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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 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**

As from the 1st July 2013 the process for applying for a Working With Children Check has changed. Due to the continual changes to the forms they are no longer available at School or the Post Office. The only way to apply for a Working With Children Check is online. These forms are available at http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Reminding Parents, if you wish to assist in the Canteen, Fresh Fruit Friday, Sport, Swimming, Excursions or Camps, you must have a current Working With Children Check. If you have a current WWCC and have provided a copy to the office, please bring your WWCC to the school office, where a copy will be placed on file. Working With Children Checks remain valid for 5 years.
PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
Williamstown North Primary School

Parent Information Session
“Finding Out About Williamstown North Primary School”
An Information Session for prospective 2015 Prep Parents will be held on Tuesday 6th May from 7.00pm to 8.00pm at the school. A tour of the Prep Classrooms will be held prior to the start of this session from 6.30pm to 7.00pm.

Provisional Prep enrolments for 2015 will commence on Wednesday 7th May. ‘Enrolment Form’ and the ‘Preliminary Information Sheet’ will be available at the Information Session, or from the General Office from Wednesday 7th May. A copy can also be downloaded from the school website from Wednesday 7th May.

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

Additional School Tours will be conducted on
Tuesday 20th May at Noon
Monday 2nd June at 10.00am,
Thursday 19th June at 11.30am,
Friday 18th July at 11.30am.
Please contact the school office on 9397 5722 to register for a tour.

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, 2014

The ‘2015 Prep Parent Information Night’ is only for Parents of confirmed Prep enrolments. Tuesday 25th November 2014, 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Kay Margetics from Melbourne University will speak on “School Readiness” and “School Expectations”.

Transition Program
Our Kinder to School Transition program for our 2015 Prep children will commence week beginning Monday 13th October, Week 2 of Term 4.

All details outlining transition will be included with the ‘Letter of Enrolment’ sent to families.

For our School Zone go to www.wilynth.vic.edu.au / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map
Dear Parents,

- Due to the growing number of children at Before Care, we are going to trial the children placing their bags under the verandah area—just outside before care room (where children place bags when in Music and Japanese). There are too many bags for the inside foyer area and this is causing a safety issue.
- It is now the start of Term Two and we are still waiting for a few health management/asthma plans etc. It is of major importance that these are handed to Leanne or Cassie at After Care as soon as possible.
- Children have been involved in a number of activities over the past week. Children have enjoyed creating a ‘this is me’ folder, loom bracelets, drama masks and Anzac Day wreathes. Children will also be involved in the upcoming ‘biggest afternoon tea’ to raise money for Cancer Council.
- There is also a new ‘parent feedback’ box for parents to place any feedback about the program. Parents are also welcome to add suggestions about the programs.
- We will be placing plastic tubs on the front table for children’s laptops. There have been a couple of incidents involving laptops when children have left them on the floor and not in their bag.

Thank you—OSHCLUB Staff
Williamstown North Primary School is proud to present an evening with key note speaker Mark Hogan and his wife Leanne.

Together they share Mark’s personal journey of growing up with ASD and his adult life. Mark provides us with invaluable insight into what is going on inside the mind of a child with ASD and how he looks at the world.

Mark explains reasons for many feelings and emotions and odd behaviours your child goes through, and talks about strategies that have worked for him. He also reveals personal experiences about parallel play, stimming, bullying, depression, school life, visual learning, parenting and strategies to overcome struggles associated with ASD.

Leanne also talks about living with her ASD husband and some of the strategies they use to make their life easier and maintain a happy relationship. Leanne and Mark have two beautiful children, Ben and Claire. Ben was diagnosed with Autism at the age of two and currently attends Western Autistic School.

Mark Hogan is a published author of his book “The Key That Unlocked a Mystery”. This will be available for purchase on the night.

When: Thursday 22nd May, 2014  Time: 7.00pm—9.00pm  Where: WNPS  Cost: Free

Bookings: either contact the school on 9397 5722 or email gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au to advise of your attendance.

There are limited numbers—Please book early to avoid disappointment!

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Williamstown North Primary School Presents

**BABBA**

**School Social Function—Williamstown Town Hall**

Save the date—Friday 5th September, 2014

Get your friends together and book a table.

More information to follow soon!

Dancing Queen  Mamma Mia  Money, Money, Money  Gimme, Gimme, Gimme

Waterloo  I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do  Super Trouper  Hasta Manana  Knowing Me, Knowing You

The winner takes it all  Thank you for the Music  SOS  The name of the game  Fernando
Welcome to 2ND Newport Scouts

We are located in Market Street Newport between the RSL and Bowling Club. We recruit from surrounding areas Newport, Altona North, Spotswood and Williamstown North.

Our Group consists of the following sections:

- **Cub Scouts** (8 to 11 years)  Monday 7.00pm – 8.00pm  Leona Gresty | 0418 518 689 |
- **Scouts** (11 to 15 years)  Monday 7.00pm – 8.00pm  Paul Hyman | 0432 486 895 | paulhyman1958@gmail.com

**Why would I join Scouts?**

Tired of playing the same meaningless video games all the time? Want to really achieve something? Come along! All sections offer try-before-you-buy style introductory nights where there is no cost and no obligation. And it's not just for the kids, Parent Helpers are always welcome. All of our sections always welcome expressions of interest from youth (boys AND girls) who wish to join our Scouting community or perhaps just want to find out more. Please feel free to contact us by phone, email or visit our website to register your interest via online enquiry form.

**Protection of Youth Members**

All Adult and Youth members of 2nd Newport Group must agree to comply with a voluntary code of conduct. There are strict policies and rules in place through the Scouting Movement that all Youth and Adults must comply with. All Adult Members are required to undergo regular Police Checks, hold a current Victorian Working with Children Card and undergo continuous improvement through training and exposure to other groups. Adults are continuously monitored by their peers, District and Branch representatives.

Scouting offers fantastic opportunity and lots of activities, and is about having fun and making new friends. If you're interested come along to try an evening or contact us.
NORTH WILLIAMSTOWN STATION
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SAFETY WORKS

Works are underway to upgrade the North Williamstown Station pedestrian crossing. The upgrade will create a safer and more accessible rail crossing, with automatic safety gates, emergency exit buttons, fencing and safety signage.

PROJECT TIMING
The pedestrian crossing will be open during most of the work period. Works will be carried out between 9am and 2.30pm weekdays and will continue during Easter school holidays, to minimise impacts on the school community and residents. Night works are also planned for 3 May, 10 May and 17 May 2014.

ALTERNATIVE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON FERGUSON STREET
There may be times when the pedestrian crossing will be closed for construction works. During the closure please use the other pedestrian crossing located on the southern side of Ferguson Street. Refer to the map below.

SAFETY
Council’s crossing supervisor will be onsite during school times to ensure students cross the railway tracks safely. During normal work hours and while trains are running a pedestrian management plan will be in place to assist people to safely use the existing pedestrian crossing.

For more information visit [www.victrack.com.au](http://www.victrack.com.au),
email customerservices@victrack.com.au or call VicTrack’s
24-hour Customer Service Centre on 1000 64287225
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Retail Special!
Mention you are from Williamstown North Primary and receive 10% off on all products (excluding electrical & packs)
Black Mira Curl $179.95 Selected GHD $199.95!!!

Hair Special!!!!
Haircut/blow-dry and receive a FREE HYDRATING TREATMENT
Full Cut and Colour service and receive a FREE BLOWDRY
Appointments available Monday and Wednesday
Call 93971655 to secure your booking

In Store Beauty Therapist
March Special
45 minute facial
Includes exfoliation, head neck and shoulder massage, mask, hand massage and moisturizers
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$40! save $35
No drills or MMA used at our Nail Bar
For bookings phone Jo 0412877211

Eyebrow Threading available Mondays 10.00am - 4.00pm
$15 OPENING SPECIAL

Julie HairHouse WareHouse

The NEW 2014-2015 Entertainment Book has arrived! Now also in Digital form for smart phone users. So…..if you have had a book before, left it in a drawer and forgotten all year to use it – now it can be with you always on your phone or iPad. The DIGITAL book is sharable across up to 4 devices so you can still share vouchers with whoever you chose, your partner, your Mum, sister, friend, teenager. You chose. Books are still only $65. Hundreds of vouchers, great savings across a huge range. Use only 2-3 vouchers and the book pays for itself all the rest is savings. Demo book to peruse at the WNPS office.

Willy High Parents & Friends are most grateful for the opportunity to again offer Willy North families the chance to assist us in our fundraising through purchase of the Entertainment Books. Our fundraising assists school purchase items that are not covered in capitol expenditure. Last year we assisted in equipment for the science labs, music department, cadets sailing and food tech, to name a few. Remember primary school kids today are high school kids tomorrow.

Order forms are available at the school office or you can order directly via the link https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1884e76. Contact Karen Needs on 0408547539 or email karenneeds@hotmail.com to arrange to drop your book into Willy North for pick up or you can collect a book from either the Bayview Street or Pasco Street Campus, or order your Digital copy online, via the link.

MSJ 2015
First round enrolment offers are posted to parents on 24th April 2014. Final date for acceptance of enrolment offers is 9th May 2014. Limited places are available for other year levels.

Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.

MSJ Golden Jubilee Dinner
MSJ proudly celebrates 50 years of educating and empowering young women. Past students and staff are warmly invited to join our celebration 3-course dinner on Friday 2nd May at Moonee Valley Racecourse. Drinks at bar prices; Tickets $60. Tables of 12 or individual tickets can be purchased at www.tickethost.com.au

MSJ Open Mornings - 9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday)
8th May, 29th May, 19th June, 31st July, 28th August, 11th September, 13th November 2014

MSJ Open Day 2014
Sunday 12th October, 11.00am – 2.00pm
OPEN DAY
All Welcome
Cake Stall
Celebrating 80 years

SUNDAY 18TH MAY
10:00am – 12:00pm
105 Ferguson Street
Williamstown

For more details please call 9397 6902, or visit
www.robinascottkindergarten.vic.edu.au
or find us on Facebook

Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday.
Plus make friends with the dolphins at Sea World.
The Dolphins have board a tender in the last 30 years. For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits at school during term three you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

Major prize:
• Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast
• UP! Flights for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros, Movie World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast!
• A Dolphin Family Aquatic Experience and
• A $2000 gift card for you to use.

Runner up prizes:
132 Toys “R” Us Gift Cards to the value of $50 each to spend on your favourite toys. Plus, there will be a separate draw of $1,000 cash for one school in each state territory.

To find out more, visit
commbank.com.au/keepseasavory

Make a Substation Farmers Market school lunch box!

This month’s market dates are: 4th May & 18th May
1st & 3rd Sundays of the month: 9am - 1:00pm at The Substation, Newport

School is back so come along to the Substation Farmers Market for a great range of Victorian food that is perfect for healthy school lunches, family dinners & BBQs! The produce is sold directly by the farmers and producers that have grown/handmade it.

Choose from a wonderful selection of freshly baked bread, FR eggs, crumpets, organic fruit & veg, dips, olive oil, wines, grass fed beef, pork & lamb... and sweet treats!

Bring the kids, the dog & enjoy a Sunday at the Substation

The Substation Artists Market will also be running inside the building on the 4th May

FIND US AT: The Substation, 1 Market St Newport

Get on board and join the weekly circuit of accredited ‘REAL’ Farmers Markets.

MORE INFO: www.mfm.com.au 03 9419 0826 info@mfm.com.au

The A to Z of what you’ll find in 2014...

Friends of Laverton Creek

Sunday 18th May  10.00am – 12.00pm  Planting Day
Meet and register @ Laverton Creek Bladin St, Laverton
Free BBQ Lunch
Would love to see you all to help out in beautifying this amazing Creek
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**

From early April 2014, 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 8.30 am – 5 pm weekdays except public holidays.


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**Community Notice Board**

**New Students Arriving In July. Find Out More Now!** If you too want to partake in this life changing opportunity and enrich your family with an enthusiastic exchange student from another culture, contact WEP now to receive program information and student profiles. Full support is provided. **Request Free Program Information Phone:** 1300 884 733 **Email:** sylviakelly@wep.org.au **Web:** wep.org.au/info/hosting-enq

**Williamstown Fruit & Veggie Swap - 10th May** Got too many lemons and not enough parsley? Or maybe you have too much silver-beet that the kids won't eat. Why not bring along your excess produce and swap it for something you can use. A Fruit & Veggie Swap is a concept allows gardeners to share their produce with others. If you don't have a garden, you can still participate. You can swap other items including: recipes, egg cartons, worm tea, plant labels or even coffee grounds! Come along to the Williamstown Fruit & Veggie Swap and find out more. Saturday, 10th May, 10.30am - 11.30am Library Deck (weather permitting) or inside Foyer. The Williamstown Fruit & Veggie Swap is supported by Transitions Hobsons Bay - a community group working towards a sustainable future. [http://transitionhb.groupsite.com/main/summary](http://transitionhb.groupsite.com/main/summary)

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**Play Rugby Union**

**Now recruiting Junior Members**

**Under 6’s, 7’s, 8’s, 10’s** Training—6.00pm to 7.00pm Thursdays at Langshaws Reserve, Cresser St, Altona North

**Under 12’s, 14’s, 16’s, 18’s** Training—6.00pm to 7:30pm Tuesdays and Thursdays at Langshaws Reserve, Cresser St, Altona North

**Games played on Saturday morning.**

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Soccer STars!

ACTIVE KIDS STAY HEALTHY

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or fill out the enrolment form & send with a cheque or credit card details to: Big 5 Sports PO Box 357, Richmond 3121

Enrolment forms will not be processed without payment. Do not leave enrolment forms at the school office.

ENROLMENT SOCCER TERM 2 2014

When: Thursdays, Term 2 2014
Classes commence: 1/5/14
Classes conclude: 19/6/14
Time: 3:40pm - 4:40pm Year Levels: P-4
Venue: Williamstown North Primary School
The cost per student per term is $109

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Children who wander

Parents, carers and families are invited to hear Lucinda Nolan, Deputy Commissioner – Victoria Police, discuss the different ways Victoria Police work to protect people with disabilities in the community.

“The major challenges presented by absconding are both the safety of the absconding individual and the issue of quality of life for the family. The need for strategies and resources is critical.” Absconding individuals Strategies and Resources Amaze 2012.

Co presenter Elizabeth Curren, will discuss how she has required the assistance of the Victorian Police to assist in locating her absconding son and how she has worked closely with the Crime Prevention team to raise awareness of people with Autism and to assist with developing communication strategies.

Cost: Free
Date: Tuesday 27th May
Time: 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Venue: Southern Autistic School
12 Margaretta Street
Bentleigh East

Tea/coffee and light snacks provided.

Please register your interest by returning the slip below to Natalie Walsh or calling 95638139

Attention: Natalie Walsh
I would be interested in attending the information session on strategies for safety in the community.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Number of people attending: ________________________________________
Coughs, Colds and Asthma

Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

- Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.
- If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.
- Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found here and can also be determined by your doctor.
- Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medications. Such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE Inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

Stay warm this winter!

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au