Principal’s Report

SMS ALERTS

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all members of our wonderful school community for the calm and supportive responses in regards to the events of last week. It was very unfortunate that the media saw links between unrelated events and then generated an intense level of scrutiny on the school. Over the course of the week, we were particularly conscious of sensitively managing the communication processes to ensure the community was suitably briefed whilst not alarming or frightening our students. I was very grateful for the many supportive emails I received from parents stating that they felt well informed about the circumstances.

Our SMS structure was well tested last week and in 98% of cases all texts were received in a timely manner. We have since had several parents contact the office to update their primary mobile number contact which has been very timely. An SMS alert will only go to one primary number for each family. Unfortunately there is no facility in the SMS structure to accommodate several numbers for separated families and we understand how difficult this can be for some families. Please also note, that when the school sends out a text that we ask that you don’t reply to these massages. (We sent out 1200 SMS massages last week!) If you ever have a query about a text it’s always best to give the office a call.

SCHOOL CAMPS

Our teachers have been very busy over recent weeks confirming all of the planning for this year’s Camping program. Our Year 5 & 6 students will travel to Camp Howqua from Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August, whilst our Year 3 and 4 students will be enjoying their Camping program in Anglesea during the week of the 9th to 13th September. By chance, the Education Subcommittee of School Council was also working on an updated Camping Policy last week. This policy will be published after it has been endorsed by School Council.

We have been in the very fortunate position of being inundated with parent helpers for the Year 5 & 6 camp. Please be assured that every effort is made to select our parent helpers as fairly as we can each year. We understand how important it is to share this opportunity around. To this end, all of the parents (except one) will be first time helpers on the senior camp. In some cases, there is a need to consider factors such as gender, specialised qualifications, student disabilities etc in determining parent helpers, but beyond these factors the selection is a random one.

Again, we are grateful for the overwhelming response from parents to support our camping program.

NATIONAL BUDDY DAY

Last Friday was National Buddy Day and it was great to see most classes working together to build a more extensive buddy program across the school.
We are aiming to build upon the wonderful model we have had in place for many years with our Prep and Year 6 buddies. We will continue to explore and develop this structure to ensure all of our junior students feel some degree of connectedness with a more senior student at our school.

**Sustainability Initiatives**
To build upon the many sustainable practices the school has in place over the years, we have recently signed up to become a ResourceSmart Aussi Vic school. This will further enable us to actively build sustainability into everyday school and community life. ResourceSmart Aussi Vic will help our school to minimise waste, save energy and water, improve biodiversity and cut greenhouse gas emissions. This will be achieved as the school works through a very structured 5 Star Sustainability Accreditation process. Lewis Mulvey & Lewis Bainbridge are our joint sustainability coordinators and they will start to build a greater awareness in this area and introduce further practices across the school in coming months. We are excited about the opportunities that this initiative will afford our students in the coming years!

**New Playground Equipment**
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, the preferred supplier for the construction of the new playgrounds has been determined and we were also pleased that the Education Department has now given special approval for the school to project manage this large redevelopment. All contracts were signed last Friday in consultation with the department’s legal branch and so it’s hopefully full steam ahead from here. Whilst most of the materials will be constructed locally, there are two major components that are being engineered in Germany, so we will need to wait for these to be imported. Given this, we expect to see the demolition and removal of all equipment late next term; with the intent that the bulk of the work will be carried out in the September school holidays. I'll keep you posted as this exciting project unfolds.

Enjoy your Week!
Jim Cahill
Principal

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**For Sale—Year 6 T-Shirts**
The school has the following Year 6 T-shirts available for purchase.
Three, Size 14 Short Sleeve Polo’s—$33.00 each
One, Size 16 Rugby Top—$46.00 each
Contact Judy in the office on 9397 5722 if you are interested in purchasing any of the above items.

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**Christian Religious Education (CRE) WNPS 2013**

The OAC Ministry and Drama Team are returning to WNPS this term to present:

**“Finding a Friend”**

CRE Incursion Wednesday 26th June 2013

This incursion will be presented to Year 4 and 5 classes Wednesday 26th June 2013. To cover the costs a donation of $2.00 is requested to be handed to your child’s classroom teacher.

All children enrolled for CRE in Years 4 and 5 will attend this presentation. If your child/ren are not enrolled for CRE and you would like them to attend, please send a note to their class teacher.

Please contact one of the CRE Team or Crissy Samaras if you would like more information.

Astrid Jasper and Sophie Clayton
CRE Team Leaders

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**CRE Incursion Wednesday 26th June 2013**

Name: _____________________________________ Class: _____________

Please find enclosed $2.00 to cover the cost of the presentation.
The art of sparenting

Modern parenting has seen the rise of the uber-parent ... the parent who does it all! Well move over uber-parent and make room for sparents. They have a role to play too.

Sparents are good for:

- **Filling a gender gap**: If you are raising a son in an all-female household then the regular presence of an uncle, grandfather or male family friend can be the role model that’s needed. Similarly, girls in all-male households can benefit from sparenting by a female friend or relative.

- **Filling a talent or interest gap**: Kids usually appreciate having an adult to share their interests, but it’s hard for parents to be across all their children’s hobbies and activities. Relatives or family friends can be well-placed to fill the interest void that occurs in some families.

- **Babysitting and child-minding**: There is always a need for reliable carers for kids from tots to early teens.

- **Mentoring kids who don’t want to listen to their parents**: Teenage boys and girls benefit from having a number of trusted relatives or adult friends in their lives to talk with. Sparents make great confidantes and coaches for young people at a time when they are seeking independence from their parents.

- **Bringing a fresh voice and perspective to kids’ lives**: Ever noticed how kids of all ages will listen to other adults more than they listen to their parents, even though the message is the same? It’s frustrating, but that has always been the reality of raising children and young people.

- **Doing fun (and costly) things with kids**: Adults without kids usually have more disposable income than parents, placing them a good position to spoil your kids. Okay, this may be a little tripe but there is nothing too much wrong with the occasional splurge from adults who may have a little extra cash to share, particularly when your purse strings are stretched.

Child-rearing has always been best when it’s a community affair. The recent trend towards uber-parenting – parenting as an individual endeavour – has been to the detriment of both kids and parents.

So move over uber-parent and make room for some sparents, because they too have a lot to offer your kids.

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Modern parenting has seen the rise of the uber-parent... the parent who does it all, on their own.

In practice, parenting has never been done well in isolation. In previous generations, aunts, uncles, grand-parents, god parents and family friends – spare parents, or sparents – have all played a part in raising kids.

Lately it’s been back to the future as an increase in adults without kids (AWOKs) within our community means there are plenty of potential sparents around. These AWOKs are auntsies, uncles, mates and friends. They are everywhere, and many are ready, willing and able to take on a sparenting role.

Sparenting is all the rage

A child can never have too many spare parents.

Most of the adults without kids that I know just hanker to do some sparenting. My 25-year-old daughter just loves to babysit her young niece: she phones her brother constantly asking if she can do so. The urge to be around babies, kids and teens can be strong and needs to be satisfied.

But sparents don’t have to be adults without kids. Relatives and friends with kids make great sparents too.

Of course, it’s all care and no responsibility: sparents give the kids back at the end of a day or weekend. But that’s okay; you don’t want to dive all the child-rearing to someone else.

Michael Grose is the author of 8 books for parents and director of Parenting Ideas, a leader in parenting education. You can get Happy Kids, his free weekly parenting guide and a great FREE Kids’ Chores & Responsibilities Guide when you subscribe at www.parentingideas.com.au/parents.
**Rosters…**

**Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)**

The parents on the roster for Fresh Fruit Friday for this week **Friday 14th June** are: Martin Ray, Pamela Fernando, Helen Parker, Larissa Deeth, Mette Nielsen, Michelle Boyall, Anne Tobin, Joanna Gumley, Leisha Campbell and Helen Gibbs.

If you are able to help out weekly, fortnightly or monthly, please contact Linda Taylor at, taylor.linda.11@edumail.vic.gov.au. This is a very happy and social group.

**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, so, if you can spare any of your valuable time, it would be greatly appreciated.

- Thursday 13th June—Anne Tobin
- Friday 14th June—Majella Snelling & Andrea Parker
- Wednesday 19th June—Michelle Lopes
- Thursday 20th June—Kaylynn Rasmussen
- Friday 21st June—Kellie Walker

Please remember that Lunch Orders are only available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and NO Lunch Orders are available on the Last Day of Each Term.

**Uniform Shop News**

The Uniform Shop hours are Mondays and Thursdays from 8.30am to 9.15am. Any enquiries please contact Kara on 0413 008 185. **Out of stock items our now back in stock.** If you have put in an order for uniform items, please check at the office as they will be ready for collection.

**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.

**Working With Children Card (WWCC)**

If you wish to assist in the Canteen, Fresh Fruit Friday, Sport, Swimming, Excursions, or on Camps, you must have a Working With Children Card. Please note that these forms are available from any Australia Post office if you are applying to apply for a check (note the forms are no longer available from the school). If you have a WWCC provide it to the office staff to be photocopied and a copy place on file. A WWCC remains valid for five years.

Please note, this year, the second group of our parents who received their WWCC in 2008, will need to renew their WWCC in 2013. If you are in this situation, you will receive a ‘Renewal Letter’ from the Department of Justice. As soon as you receive this letter, please complete the process to renew your WWCC. If you don’t, you may be ‘caught out’ when it comes to volunteering to assist with school activities. Please don’t put it aside, act upon it immediately.

**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.**
STUDENT BANKING 2013

Does your child have a Commonwealth Bank Dollarmite account?
Did you know that for every NEW child that starts banking at school – we get $5.00 commission?
PLUS we get 5.00% commission on all deposits.
This is a great fundraiser for our school.

We have School Banking every Wednesday
Just bring your deposit book in with your $ and hand it to your Teacher.
Your deposit will be processed and your child will get their book back the same or next day.
The Student Banking program is aimed at helping students understand core financial values and money management skills. The emphasis on this program is on regular savings and not the value of each deposit so there is no minimum deposit amount, it is more of a fun and engaging activity for the students to enjoy!

DON'T HAVE A BOOK?
……..Call into your local Commonwealth Bank Branch and open a School Banking account – it's simple; all you need is Parent photo I.D and child's Birth certificate – you can start banking at school straight away!
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office or call our School Banking Specialist Susan Brailsford M: 0422 116 040 / email susan.brailsford@cba.com.au

The School Banking Team

Win a share of the Dollarmites’ treasure by saving in Term 2 of School Banking.

The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving.
First prize is a $5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with $500 spending money. Plus, the winning student's school will also receive $5,000 to spend as they wish. What's more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid's Adventure Packs, worth over $700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter!
For your chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2. To find out more, talk to your School Banking

Dear Parents & Guardians,
Thank you for the wonderful effort that you went to when packing nude-food lunches last Wednesday.
We had an amazing show of containers, and we're pleased to report that there are more students coming with nude-food lunches every day! The winner of the first Sustainability Award will be announced at assembly next week.
Next Wednesday, the 19th June, we will have another nude-food day, so please do the right thing and don't let those wrappers fill up the bin!

Sustainability Tip #2:
By walking/riding to school every day, you will lessen your carbon footprint, as well as your petrol costs! It will also create less traffic around school grounds, which is safer for your children.
Thank you from your sustainability coordinators,
Mr Bainbridge & Mr Mulvey
2013-2014 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE to WNPS families via Williamstown High School. Willy North is no longer selling the books, however Willy High Parents & Friends Group is raising much-needed funds for their school. Books are still only $65 with many new businesses and most of the favorites still included. Order forms are available in the front foyer at WNPS and if you email this to Karen Needs at karenneeds@hotmail.com or phone 0408 547 539 to request your book be dropped into the Willy North office for you to collect. Alternatively, you can pick up a book directly from the High School Junior Campus office at Bayview Street, or the Senior Campus office in Pasco Street - just pop in. Thank you for your support, Sue Breedon & Karen Needs - Williamstown High Parents & Friends Group.

Unwanted Footy Boots—http://www.bootsforall.org.au/ We are currently collecting donations of unwanted footy boots for the “Boots for All” charity who will distribute the boots to clubs and children in need. For all donations please email Virginia at vmfk@internode.on.net if you have booty that your child can no longer use, or place any boots in the tub near the general office foyer.

INDOOR TENNIS PROGRAMS—Westgate Indoor Sports, a premier tennis facility which provides an opportunity to avoid the wash outs this winter and to join one of Victoria’s leading tennis program deliverers – Tennis Programs Victoria. TPV has the following programs on offer and is a registered Tennis Australia Hot Shots provider: Modified Hot Shots Program (ages 4-10), Junior Coaching – private & group lessons, Ladies Competitions – Monday to Friday with kid’s activity programs (9.30am -11.30am), School Holiday Programs – a fun based holiday program which includes tennis tournament, stroke production, various sports, fun & games, as well as lunch provided, Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th July, Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July, 9.00am—4.00pm, Cost $50 per day. Venue: Westgate Indoor Sports Centre, Corner Grieves Parade & Dohertys Road, Altona North. For all bookings and further enquiries please call Paul Mick on 0415 511 150 or email p.emick2011@gmail.com.

After School Care
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Holiday time is fast approaching. Please remember to book your child into the holiday program via the oshclub website.

Book early as places do fill up quickly. The holiday program is located at Spotswood Primary School and the hours of operation are 7.00am to 6.00pm from Monday 1st July to Friday 12th July.

Parents, please check the lost property basket at after care. This fills up very quickly.

www.oshclub.com.au

Thank you
Leanne—Oshclub Coordinator

Free to a good home.

Guinea Pig “Guinea” is looking for a new home.

Regrettable give away with cage and accessories.

Please contact Susan 0413 536 509
Prep Enrolments for 2014

Provisional Enrolments

A Parent Information session was held on Tuesday 7th May. Provisional Prep enrolments for 2014 will commence on Wednesday 8th May. ‘Enrolment Forms’ and the ‘Preliminary Information Sheet’ are now available from the General Office. A copy can also be downloaded from the School Website from Wednesday 8th May.

Please Provide

1. Proof of Age (Birth Certificate).
2. Certificate of Immunization.
3. Proof of Residential Address for Primary Carer (3 Documents) (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 our defined school neighbourhood are able to seek enrolment. A map defining the school neighbourhood is available on the school website.

Parent Information Session

“Finding Out About Williamstown North Primary School”

An Information session for prospective 2014 Prep Parents was held on Tuesday 7th May from 7.00pm to 8.00pm at the school.

A further School Tour will be conducted on

- Wednesday 26th June at 11.30am.

Additional tours will be facilitated on request during Term 3.

Please contact the office on 9397 5722.

The ‘2014 Prep Parent Information Night’

is held for Parents of “Confirmed Prep Enrolments”.

Tuesday 26th November 2013, 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 2014 Preps will commence the week beginning Monday 14th October, Week 2 of Term 4.

All details regarding transition will be included with the ‘Letter of Enrolment’ confirmation, sent to families at the end of Term 3.
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Winter at Fairyland Emporium
School Holiday Program

HIGH TEA PARTY
SAT 29 JUNE & FRI 12 JULY  $25  12.30-1.30
Join in all the fairy and pirate fun as we dine in style on our new woodland fairy table setting. Two fairies will be serving: mini-cupcakes, fairy bread, sausage rolls, fairy chicken nuggets, seasonal fruit, rainbow popcorn and drinks. Come dressed in your fairy best or as a pirate. (If you do not have a costume we have woodland tutus, wings and pirate patches to borrow on the day) Cosmetic sparkles, fairy earrings and pirate tattoos are provided on arrival. Ages 3-7

PARENTS DATE NIGHT
WED 3 JULY & WED 10 JULY  $35  5.30 pm - 7.30pm
Have a midweek break from the school holiday madness and go out with your significant other or friends while we host a twilight fairy and pirate experience for the children. There will be: fun games, dancing, a craft activity and hot dogs for dinner followed by making choc tops with pixie sprinkles. Drinks, cosmetic sparkles, pirate tattoos and giggles all inclusive. Ages 3-8

CUPCAKE MASTER CHEF
THURS 4 JULY & THURS 11 JULY  $40  1.00 - 2.30
Angela from AJ’s Creative Master Classes will be running a fairy and pirate cupcake decorating workshop. With a selection of amazing designs to create and take home, this master class will be a taste sensation not to be missed! Ages 3-8

LET’S DANCE
FRIDAY 5 JULY  FREE
Come along to trial our dancing classes with Ballerina Emma. Book early as places are limited!
Junior Ballet  12.30 - 1.00  Ages 3-7  Creative Dance  1.00 - 1.30  Ages 2-4  Jazz Ballet  1.30 - 2.00  Ages 3-7

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That’s right – feed a family of 4 (2 adults/2 kids) for dinner for only *$40.00!

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