Principal’s Report

NAPLAN RESULTS

All students in Years 3 and 5 who participated in this year’s national testing program (NAPLAN) will be bringing home their individual results today. Each envelope will contain an explanatory guide for parents to help interpret the results. If you have any further queries or concerns, our Year 3 and 5 classroom teachers would be more than happy to elaborate on any of the results; in some instances you may wish to make an interview time with your child’s teacher if you feel further clarification of the results is required.

During 2013 our school has had a very strong focus on further developing many areas of our maths program. I was delighted to see that our overall achievement in numeracy was one of our highest performing areas for the school. We were also really pleased to see that our intervention and extension programs this year were having a strong impact on student learning, with less students performing under expected levels, and more students achieving at significantly higher levels than expected.

In summary, our school achieved above state mean results in every area measured. What was even more pleasing, was that in half of these areas, our results were significantly higher than the state mean; as indicated from the table below:

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I commend the work of our fantastic staff who continue to work so hard to personalise the learning for each of our students in order for them to be highly engaged and successful learners. There is much to celebrate in these results, particularly as most areas demonstrate a positive improvement trend. As a school, we need to now ensure that our students are achieving similar, or better results in comparison to similarly advantaged students across the country. I hope you find your child’s NAPLAN results to be an informative snapshot of your child’s achievements.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

As the excavators arrived last Monday, so did the hail storms! However our contractors have soldiered on and we are still hoping to have our main play zone finished next week. It was exciting to watch our pyramid take shape this week,
which will hopefully provide our Year 5 and 6 students with some physical challenges.

To celebrate the construction of our wonderful new playgrounds, we have planned a family picnic and an official launch organised for **Wednesday 23rd October from 5:30pm – 7:00pm**. If all goes according to plan, this will be the first opportunity that students will have to play on this new equipment. Our School Council President, Sam Cross, will unveil the plaque, which will be installed on the equipment to recognise the wonderful efforts of our school in raising the money for these playgrounds. Other than the unveiling of the plaque, the picnic itself will be very casual with families only needing to bring along a picnic dinner, rug and some children eager to road test the new equipment. Watch out for the flyers over the next week confirming all of these details.

**Big Night In Thanks**

Our Year 1 and 2 students enjoyed a terrific night/morning last week as part of the ‘Big Night In’. It was fantastic to watch all of the excited faces arrive last Friday evening, particularly our Year 2 students who were eagerly anticipating their first opportunity to sleep over with their peers at school. All aspects of this event went so smoothly and we have been very grateful for the very positive feedback from many parents. On behalf of the school community, I would like to sincerely thank our wonderful teachers who once again went above and beyond to support our Year 1 and 2 students on the first stage of our camping program.

**Clothing Items from Sick Bay**

If your child has been given a piece of clothing from Sick Bay, could the item please be returned once it has been washed. Many items of clothing have been provided to children to change into, but have not been returned.

Parents, if you also have any items of clothing, particularly small shorts and pants, that are no longer of use to you, can you send them to school for use in Sick Bay.

Enjoy your Week

Jim Cahill
Principal
WILLIAMSTOWN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
INVITES YOU OVER FOR A PLAY!

Please join us for an after school picnic and family play date, in celebration of the official opening of all our new playground equipment and the unveiling of a commemorative plaque!

Coming along to the picnic means you will be the FIRST to try out all of the new equipment!

Date: Wednesday, 23rd October 2013
5.30pm—7.00pm

Bring: picnic rug/chairs, picnic food and drinks.
**Rosters…**

**Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)**

The parents on the roster for Fresh Fruit Friday this week **Friday 18th October** are: - Martin Ray, Pamela Fernando, Helen Parker, Larissa Deeth, Mette Nielsen, Leanne Sutton, Vicky Gibson, Kim Goddard, Davena Toplis and Joanna Gumley.

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

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**Canteen—NEW HELPERS MOST WELCOME**

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 17th October—Kaylynn Rasmussen
- Friday 18th October—Kellie Walker
- Wednesday 23rd October—Rachelle Burbridge
- Thursday 24th October—Anne Tobin
- Friday 25th October—Leanne Sutton

Please remember that Lunch Orders are only available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

No Lunch Orders are available on the Last Day of Each Term.

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**Uniform Shop News**

Primary School Wear (PSW) is now our official Uniform supplier. For Term 4, they will supply uniform items from the Uniform shop on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 9.15am. Alternatively, uniform items can be purchased on-line by visiting www.psw.com.au. Kara Kreis is now employed by PSW, and for all enquiries, please contact Kara on 0413 008 185.

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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**

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](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 not 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.
Art News
Welcome back everybody, to what I’m sure will be another very busy and productive term. A continued thank you, to the generous people/families, who continue to donate materials to the art room. It is very much appreciated.

Art room helpers – even though the Art Show is over, helpers are needed in the art room on either a regular or just when you have the time. If you are able to assist in the artroom, please email the school with your details.

Artist of the Week
Congratulations to Year 4V who have been awarded the Art Class Award this week. They received the award for showing wonderful listening skills, applying great focus on their paper stained glass window decorations and excellent cooperation. Well done Year 4V!

Reed Hanson in Year 3/4P received the Artist of the Week Award at Assembly on Monday. He received the award for showing great attention to detail and a high level of creative thinking. Great job Reed!

Thank you
Julie Kelly,
Visual Arts Teacher.

CONCERT 2013 11th & 12th December, Williamtown Town Hall at 6:30pm

Ticket information
The ticket order envelope will be sent home Friday 18th October, via the eldest child in each family. Once you receive your Concert Ticket Order envelope below is the process, which will commence on Monday 21st October from 9.00am.

1. Return the ticket order envelope to the class teacher via your child, and not directly to the office. Payments via EFTPOS will be accepted at the office, but the ticket envelopes will be required to be returned via the classroom teacher.

2. Seats are allocated on a first served basis and are numbered for seating priorities at the office.

3. Concert tickets are $18.00 per person and students performing do not need to purchase a ticket.

4. All families are offered a maximum of two tickets per night. Please note, due to increased student numbers, only two tickets per family per night can be offered. We request that one parent attends on each night of the Concert.

5. Ticket sales end on Friday 8th November.

6. Families requesting two separate envelopes, or who have any ticket inquiries, please call the ticket organisers on the following numbers: - Melissa Eastwood 0402 029 793 or Jan Zahra 0408 314 062.

7. Tickets will be distributed on Monday 2nd December 2013, via the eldest child in each family.

I am Fran McCormick, catch you next time.
**Community Notice Board**

**Williamstown Fruit & Veggie Swap - 19th October, 10.30am to 11.30am.** 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, coffee grounds or even plant labels. Come along to the Williamstown Fruit & Veggie Swap and find out more. Library Deck (weather permitting) or inside Foyer. The Williamstown Fruit & Veggie Swap is supported by Transitions Hobson Bay - a community group working towards a sustainable future. [http://transitionhb.groupsite.com/main/summary](http://transitionhb.groupsite.com/main/summary) Carol Challis 9397 2069.

The Footscray Swimming and Water Polo Clubs Inc are holding a "Go Swim" day (a 'come and try' day) on Sunday, 27th October 2013, 9.30pm at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre. Go Swim with the Footscray Swimming & Water Polo Club Inc (and meet Olympian Belinda Hocking!). On Sunday, 27th October, FSWPC Inc will give you the chance to try swimming with the club, compete in a race, a novelty race or perhaps join a skills session. The Club welcomes swimmers of all abilities. Its emphasis is not on winning the race, but doing your best and enjoying yourself. Swimmers not already registered with a club are asked to pre-register for the day by calling Monique on 0412 430 734 or emailing [footscrayswimmingandwaterpolo@gmail.com](mailto:footscrayswimmingandwaterpolo@gmail.com). Sunday, 27th October, 2013, Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre, 1 Aquatic Dr, Maribyrnong VIC 3032 (Next to Highpoint Shopping Centre) at 9.30am until approximately 11.00am

**Fairyland Emporium—**This Saturday 11 October we are having a huge clearance to make room for new Christmas stock with 50% off all fairy dresses and other marked items. Opening hours from 10am-5pm. Bring your little fairies in for free fairy tattoos, sparkly fairy make-overs and colouring ins! Hope to see you soon! Fairy Natalie 314 Melbourne Rd, Newport 3015, Ph: (03) 9041 6969. e: [fairymail@fairyland.net.au](mailto:fairymail@fairyland.net.au) w: [www.fairyland.net.au](http://www.fairyland.net.au)

**STS Student Exchange—** are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Our volunteer host families provide room and board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Call us today to start your adventure 1800 263 964 or email [stsf@people.net.au](mailto:stsf@people.net.au)

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**ICAS Competitions**

Congratulations to all students that participated in the recent ICAS English and Mathematics tests. We have received some fantastic results and would like to celebrate the success of our students at our next two assemblies. On Monday 21st October we will be presenting the English results and on Monday 28th October, we will be presenting the Mathematics results. It would be great to see as many parents attend to celebrate your child's success.

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**School Banking Update: Redeem your tokens for a moneybox this year!**

In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be **two new** reward items for students to choose from **each term**.

With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the **Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year**. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year.

In an effort to ensure your child doesn’t miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmite moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that they still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.
**Family Dental Clinic**

The recently opened Yarraville Family Dental Clinic is offering parents of school-aged children no out-of-pocket costs for their child's check-up. This offer applies throughout October. The clinic is located at 116 Gaman Street (corner Hood Street), Yarraville. Telephone: 8354 7618. yarravilledental@gmail.com

**Williamstown High School Uniform Shop**

(Located at Pasco St Campus)

**Buy early sale now on**

Sale finishes 3rd November

**Trading Hours**

- **Tuesday** 1.00pm – 4.30pm
- **Wednesday** 8.00am – 11.00am
- **Thursday** 1.00pm – 4.30pm

Personal fitting appointments are available outside of trading hours

Phone Kaye or Marie-ann 9399 8662 or email wil@dobsons.com.au

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**Hobsons Bay City Council**

invites all children to attend the **Children’s Week Picnic 2013**

**Everything is FREE**

- Air Force Band
- African drumming
- Altona Lions Club
- Altona Village Traders Association activities
- Animal nursery
- Bendigo Bank sausage sizzle
- Blackboards
- Bike craft
- Bungy jump playfair craft
- City West Water
- Environ-activities
- Face painting
- Giant games
- Giant Games
- Jumping castles
- Playgroup Victoria Play Days Blue
- Police mini police
- Puppet crafting
- Wildlife animals
- Story time
- Wildlife display

**Wednesday, 23rd October**

**10.00am to 1.00pm**

**Logan Reserve**

Corner Pier Street and Queen Street

**Altona**

Melways Reference: 54 H11

Make sure to wear a hat and sunscreen

Enquiries: Hobsons Bay City Council

9932 1000

www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
Simonds Catholic College is a unique school. Our small size (500 boys in Years 7-12) means that each boy can be individually known, valued and have a sense of belonging. The excellent facilities mean that we are able to offer a broad and exciting curriculum within the setting of a small school. Our close proximity to St Mary’s Church at West Melbourne, and St Brigid’s Church in Fitzroy North, means that boys are provided with frequent opportunities to reflect, pray and celebrate the Sacraments in an inspiring and historical religious setting. Simonds Catholic College is a member of the Associated Catholic College Interschool Competition.

Simonds Catholic College is currently taking enrolments for Year 7, 2014. You may contact the College for enrolment information on the numbers listed below.
St Mary’s 7-10 Campus - 273 Victoria Street, West Melbourne 3003 Tel: 9321 9200
St Brigid’s VCE Campus - 20 York Street, Fitzroy North 3068 Tel: 9403 6800
http://sccmelb.catholic.edu.au

Q&A Discussion Event
Talking About Childhood Asthma Live From The Airways

If you have questions about your child’s asthma, you are not alone.

Sunday 27th October 2013
4pm - 6pm
Light refreshments will be served
Elia Latham Auditorium, Main Building, Royal Children’s Hospital

Meet our Royal Children’s Hospital panelists

A/Prof Sarah Fox
Professor of Pediatrics

Dr Jenny Corr
Senior Lecturer

Dr Robert Warrillow
Respiratory Physician

REGISTER NOW FOR THIS FREE EVENT BY 20TH OCTOBER
Visit: http://www.asthma.org.au/ or call (03) 9326 7088

Can’t make it in person? Register to watch LIVE online in our first ever asthma webinar.

For more information visit: www.asthma.org.au or call (03) 9326 7088
4th Williamstown Sea Scouts

4th Williamstown Sea Scouts has a long tradition of teaching youth about leadership, community service, self confidence and motivation in a safe and fun, learning environment.

We now have a Joey Section for young boys and girls, from 6 to 8 years old, this is the very first link in a path to adventure and fulfilment through Scouting.

A trained Joey Scout Leader guides a Joey Scout Mob of up to 15 boys and girls as they learn to share and care for each other in a social environment. Scouting extends each child's understanding of the world around them, by actively encouraging the Joey Scouts' involvement with that world. Joey Scouts experience the world around themselves, by doing, rather than just being taught. They develop an understanding of the impact of our modern world, and themselves, on the environment. They enjoy visits to special places such as the local fire station or the zoo and visitors to their meetings create more excitement.

Joey Scouts are encouraged to express themselves creatively, through games, stories and craft activities. Building monsters and spaceships from scrap items, growing plants from seedlings or singing songs together all develop a strong sense of belonging.

Joey Scouts usually meet on Wednesdays from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the Scout Hall on the Strand (opposite Stevedore Street).

If you are interested please see the office for brochures or contact the Joey Leader Natalia Isaacs on 0439 383 738
Hobsons Bay City Council is asking children, young people and their parents what they think about living, working and playing in Hobsons Bay. If you are aged five to 25 or a parent, then the Council would like to hear from you via the “Speak your Mind” surveys.

Find links here:

Complete the survey and enter the draw to win an iPad mini or Samsung Galaxy Note. All feedback must be submitted by 23rd October 2013. The feedback you give will help to guide the planning for the Children and Young People’s Plan 2014 – 2018, which will be available for your comments next year.

For hard copies of the surveys call into your local library or community centre or contact the Council’s Social Planning and Policy Officer Alex Dodd on 9932 1000.

We would love for everyone to help spread the word and ensure that as many people as possible get the opportunity to speak their mind, especially children and young people. Please circulate throughout your organisation. Don’t hesitate to contact me with any further queries. The documents are attached for your reference and to circulate. We will happily provide your organisation with printed copy and posters as requested.

Kind Regards
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