NO CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS in the LAST WEEK of TERM (16th—20th December)

Principal’s Report

YEAR LEVEL PLACEMENTS FOR 2014

Next year we will continue to operate with 26 classes at Williamstown North Primary School. As previously mentioned, there will be no multi-age classes in 2014 with class sizes ranging from approximately 22/23 students in our junior classes up to 27/28 students in some of our senior classes. Please note that additional intervention and extension staff will be allocated to every section of the school next year, therefore reducing the class sizes for many key literacy and numeracy learning blocks each day.

In accommodating our 2014 classes, three year levels will be housed in different locations next year. Our Prep classes will be located in the main building in rooms 1 – 4. Year One students will be in the Junior Learning Centre, therefore maintaining their current placement, albeit in different home groups. Year Two students will be located in the portable classrooms from room 5 to room 8. Years Three and Four will continue to be clustered from rooms 15 to 22 and our senior school students will remain upstairs in the main building in rooms 9 – 14. In determining these placements, the main consideration has been to ensure that classes at each year level remain clustered close together to ensure a high degree of connectedness between staff and students. This also helps to ensure that students can work in fluid groupings across each level thereby heightening the academic provision for all students, as well as the collaborative efforts of staff working at each level.

COMMUNITY/Parent Helpers Morning Tea

In appreciation of the wonderful parental and community members help we have across so many areas of the school, the staff wish to express their thanks at this year’s Community/Parent Helpers Morning Tea planned for Tuesday 17th December from 10:45am – 11:30am in the school gym. An invitation was forwarded electronically to all parents last week, and to assist with the catering arrangements on the day, we would appreciate if parents who are able to attend could RSVP at https://willynthps.wufoo.com/forms/parent-and-community-helpers-morning-tea/

We sincerely hope to see many ‘helpers’ at this event, as it is a small way of expressing our deep felt thanks for the ongoing support we receive at school each day.

CLASS REPS Thank You

Whilst we have many parents who assist each day at school, I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the tireless efforts of our Class Reps during 2013. The expectations of this role were extended this year to include the regular publication of the eNews as a further communication process to further support each child’s learning. I certainly hope that many of our Class Reps can attend the Community/Parent Helper’s Morning Tea as they have done an amazing job undertaking this important role. Special thanks also to Julie Noonan and more recently Toni Burton, who have overseen the coordination of our highly successful Class Rep program.

Michelle Boyall     Bianca Quarell     Helen Dixon     Giana Cortese
2014 School Payments & Voluntary Contributions

In support of our planning and organisation for 2014, all families should have now received an outline of the 2014 School Payments & Voluntary Contributions (purple & peach coloured form that were sent home yesterday).

We are very pleased that we have been able to maintain most charges at this year’s level. As outlined in previous newsletters, there are two small increases itemised in the voluntary contributions section. The first area being computer technical support, where the contribution being sought has increased from $30.00 to $45.00 to help cover the growing cost of employing additional technical support to assist students with day to day technical issues using iPads, laptops and netbooks. The second area is in relation to the grounds, where the contribution being sought has increased from $20.00 to $30.00. A considerable portion of this increase will ensure that the soft fall mulch under the new play equipment will be maintained at safe levels.

We are extremely grateful for the wonderful parent support we receive in regards to these payments and contributions as it enables the school to ensure that all students have a strong resource base to further support the wonderful learning that takes place every day at Willy North. Please note that payments can be made up until Friday 13th December. Many parents avail themselves of this opportunity to pay over the next few weeks as this will streamline the collection of Book Packs on Thursday 23rd January. Otherwise these payments can be made on Thursday 23rd January 2014.

Swap Shop Arrangements

A huge thank you again to Yogada Rafferty (parent) who has very kindly volunteered to coordinate our uniform Swap Shop. The next Swap Shop opening will be on Monday 9th December from 2:45pm – 3:15pm in the Canteen. If any parents have unwanted uniform items that could be donated to the swap shop, it would be great if these uniforms could be forwarded to the office prior to Monday 9th December.

Congratulations Darcie and Hayley

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate two of our students who have been recognised for their special efforts. Firstly, Darcie Walker from Year 1S, for being awarded a certificate for excellence in writing for her poem called ‘Yellow’. Darcie was inspired to enter her poem into the ‘write 4fun’ competition after presenting this at the Reading & Writing Together is Magic program this year. Darcie’s poem will now be published in a book called ‘Dream Big’.

We have also been notified that Hayley Borg from Year 2L, has won a $50 prize in the 2013 Illustration Competition organised by the Friends of Altona Libraries. Congratulations to both Hayley and Darcie for showcasing to our local community the many talents of Willy North students!

Movember Market

As the irritation of my moustache grows each day, I am really looking forward to this Friday’s Movember Market! One lucky child will have the chance to shave off their Principal’s moustache at the market – not sure how this will look as a potential workcover claim! To be in the draw for this, drop an envelope at the office with just your child’s name on the front. We will open the envelopes on Thursday afternoon and the child with the highest donation will shave off my moustache at 1:30pm on Friday as part of the Movember Market. There will also be a number of goodies for sale at the market on Friday, so it would be great if students could bring along some coins on Friday to spend at the market and join in the fun. All money raised goes to supporting men’s health issues as part of the Movember campaign.

CRE Christmas Celebrations

Our 2013 CRE program culminates next week with our annual CRE Christmas Celebrations on Thursday 5th December. There will be three separate services on the day, with classes allocated to one selected service (see further details of times within this Newsletter). We are extremely grateful to both Astrid Jasper and Sophie Clayton for all of their work in organising these special celebrations for our students. Please note the change of venue as a result of increased student enrolments and complexities associated with use of the church. All parents are very welcome to attend these services.

Canteen

The last day for Lunch Orders is Friday 13th December. As the end of the year fast approaches with only 5 days remaining for Canteen lunch orders, we wish to advise that the Canteen will now be starting to wind down the stock on hand. Should your child place a lunch order and the Canteen is unable to fill this lunch order a call will be made to the classroom and a ‘substitute’ item will be given. There will be counter sales from Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th December. There will be no counter sales on Thursday or Friday, the last day of school.

Concert Late Start—If your child is having a late start on either Thursday 12th or Friday 13th December to due the Concert, they are unable to have a lunch order.

Enjoy your Week

Jim Cahill—Principal
How to talk more with your kids

The links between school achievement and parents’ ability and propensity to talk with kids from a young age is indisputable.

If you were to focus on one thing to give your child an advantage then do what should come naturally – talk with them.

The links between school achievement and parents’ ability and propensity to engage in conversation with kids from a young age is indisputable.

The language stimulation they receive when they talk with parents is one factor. The language of first borns is generally more extensive and richer than their siblings who spend less time in one-on-one situations with a parent.

But engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. It is true to say that kids learn a great deal from their parents but, in fact, they do when we talk with them.

In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us and who we are. It is by talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts as well as how we get a window into their world and how they think.

Getting conversations going with kids can be a massive challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, and kids that clam up are some of the blockers to conversation that parents meet.

So you may need to be a little cunning, a little proactive and a little inventive to get some chat going at home.

Here are five ideas to help you get more conversation going in your family:

1. Turn off the TV (and other screens). Most homes have a range of electronic screens that you compete with to get their attention. Don’t be afraid to take control of those screens and create a little conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you are a home full of screen junkies.

2. Turn on the TV (and other screens). If you can’t beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder particularly for older children and teens. This can range from “who’s going to win Australian Idol?” “what happens to the winners of Australian Idol?” to “what is the point of Australian Idol?”

3. Have more mealtimes (with the TV off). The family that eats together talks together...or they should. I have a theory that families with a strong food culture (i.e. they love food and value the whole eating experience) have strong bonds. So make mealtimes special and insist that kids sit until everyone finishes rather than they eat all their peas. Avoid turning mealtimes into food fights that you can’t win.

4. Move more. If sitting and chatting is not your child’s thing then try getting them up and moving. Boys will often talk when they walk or play so consider getting some action happening. When their hands are busy the tongues will often loosen up.

5. Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting. Sitting together in a car, washing dishes and playing a game can provide opportunities for talk. Take the eye contact out of the equation and you may find the talk just flows with some kids.

Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. It seems to me that the best communication in families happens when no one is working at it BUT in busy modern families you do need to work at communication. That is the way of it. You have to work hard at family.

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Rosters…
Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)
The parents on the roster for Fresh Fruit Friday this week **Friday 29th November** are: - Martin Ray, Pamela Fernando, Larissa Deeth, Mette Nielsen, Julie Noonan, Jodie Moore, Helen Dixon, Melinda Maskey and Andrew Savoia. **LAST FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY FOR THE YEAR WILL BE FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER.**
If you are able to help out weekly, fortnightly or even once a month, please contact Linda Taylor at, taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au. This is a very happy and social group.

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.

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No Lunch Orders in the Last Week of Term.

Counter Sales for the last week of Term on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only.

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.

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.

Bikes & Scooters
Many children ride bikes and scooters to school each day. All bikes and scooters must be locked up in either the Bike or Scooter Enclosure to prevent theft. Please ensure your child has a chain and a lock. All children who ride a bike or scooter must wear a helmet which is a requirement by the Government. The school regularly reminds all children about wearing helmets for their safety. All bikes, scooters, skateboards, ribtics and helmets must be labelled, with your child’s name and class. **Children are reminded they must walk their bike, scooter, skateboard or ribtic to and from the school gates. No bikes are to be brought through the school buildings and we request, where possible, that Scooters are also not walked through the building.**

Working With Children Checks
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.
Movember is a special time of year, when men's health takes centre stage. The time of year where the moustache comes out from hibernation, and we wear it with pride to support a good cause. Yes it’s a bit of fun, and often Movember is seen just as a bit of a laugh, but beneath the fun lies a meaningful initiative. Movember raises not only money to aid the research and treatment of prostate and testicular cancer, but also raises awareness of the mental and physical battles that males often face, but not acknowledge.

This year at Williamstown North, we are calling out to all Fathers, Grandfathers and Uncles in the school community to join the teachers in the Willy North Mo’s team.

Follow this link to join the Willy North Mo’s - [http://au.movember.com/team/1076753](http://au.movember.com/team/1076753)

Together let’s make a positive impact on the future health of your sons, grandsons and nephews!

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**Amaze Members – Win free passes to Brickvention preview, 17 January.**

Thanks to the organisers of this year’s LEGO® fan convention, ‘Brickvention’ at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre, **we have 30 double passes** (one individual with ASD plus one parent/carer/friend) to attend this fantastic exhibition on the afternoon before it officially opens. All you have to do to go into the prize draw is answer this question: **What is the name of Australia’s own LEGO Certified Professional?**

Get your answers in to us no later than 1 December for your chance to win. The winners will be drawn out of the hat from those with the correct answer, and all winners will be notified. Only current Amaze members are eligible to enter.

**Find out more about Brickvention**

A big thank you to Brick Ventures for providing this great opportunity to our members.

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**Typhoon in the Philippines - Junior School Council Fundraiser**

Typhoon Haiyan, the worst storm in recent history, has caused devastation across the Philippines. Millions of people urgently need your help. You can donate money through websites belonging to the following organisations: Red Cross, World Vision, Mashable or go to plan.org.au.

Next week, on Wednesday 4th December, we are having a Junior School Council FREE DRESS Fundraising Day to raise money for the typhoon victims. Be generous and bring a gold coin donation. We are hoping to raise as much money as possible to be donated to such a worthy cause.

Thanks from Harriet, Ashton, Isaac and Madison (Year 3 students).

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**Save the Date**

**Friday 20th December**

**End of Primary School Celebrations for Year 6 students.**
Willy North Concert 2013

11th & 12th December at 6.30pm
Williamstown Town Hall
**CONCERT 2013: step right up**

**Tickets will be distributed to families on Monday 2nd December.**

Should you have any questions regarding ticket allocation, please do not hesitate in contacting Melissa Eastwood on 0402 029 793 or Jan Zahra on 0408 314 062.

Due to Occupational and Health Guidelines **prams are not permitted** in the aisles of the Williamstown Town Hall or blocking any of the entry and exit points. Prams must be left in the main entrance of the Town Hall. Toddlers are permitted to sit on their parents laps. On the nights of the Concerts, our team of ushers will be there to assist you.

**2013 CONCERT: start time**

Starting Time for the Concerts is: 6:30pm sharp. **Due to the all patrons entering the hall via the main entrance, please allow more time to be seated.** All patrons will enter the town hall from the front entrance only. Our ushers will be closing the doors at 6.30pm, therefore, late patrons will be shown to their seats during a break. It is anticipated each CONCERT will finish at 8.40pm as we do not have an interval.

**2013 CONCERT: DVD pre sale has begun**

The **2013 CONCERT DVD Pre Purchase order** envelope has been sent home. The cost to purchase a DVD is $25.00. It is an excellent memento to keep, as the children love watching it time and time again. As the Concert is so close to the end of the year, it is vitally important that we pre-sell the DVD’s. This allows the DVD company time to complete and distribute the DVD’s before the last day of school.

**2013 CONCERT: information briefing for all ushers and backstage crew**

Parent Helpers are a centrally important to the running of the 2013 CONCERT. Melissa and Jan are calling for parent helpers to assist with ushering and setting up the hall. **Please give them a call by Friday 29th November to register your help.**

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The 2013 CONCERT team invite all helpers to an INFORMATION BRIEFING

**Venue:** The Staffroom

**Time:** Monday 9th December @ 9.00am till 9.20am

The briefing will include important arrangements for ushering patrons and students.
2013 CONCERT: thank you

For the parent helpers of Willy North, preparing for the 2013 Concert is a huge undertaking. Parent helpers are centrally important to the smooth running of the 2013 CONCERT—organisation is characterised by clarity and precision to ensure the Concert runs like a well-oiled-machine.

A huge thank you to Melissa and Jan who have spent countless hours sorting out ticket allocations, dealing with ticket inquires and securing sponsorship. The number of sponsors has increased from 2012, and this reflects the deep sense of community support for the Willy North Concert. Thank you to all our sponsors, those who regularly sponsor the Concert and those who are new this year. Your sponsorship of this major school event is appreciated.

Finally, Willy North students are very excited about performing on stage, as preparations increase in tempo. This opportunity allows students to flourish, and highlights the uniqueness of Arts education: to enhance student wellbeing.

2013 CONCERT: important information

2013 CONCERT Wednesday and Thursday night: Please take note of the following important information:

- All patrons will enter the Town Hall from the **front entrance only**;
- The **Town Hall Car Park** will be **blocked off** to all vehicles on both nights of the Concert;
- A **designated meeting spot** for each year level will be allocated within the car park;
- Parents are asked to drop off their children at the meeting point and then promptly move into the hall to be seated;
- **Each Concert commences at 6.30pm sharp.** Due to the all patrons entering the hall via the main entrance, please allow sufficient time to be seated;
- Please contact us if you have special requirements, such as wheelchair access;
- After each Concert, parents will promptly move out of the ballroom and proceed to the designated meeting point in the Town Hall car park. Once the ballroom is clear, students will make their way to their meeting point to be collected by their parent. Our team of ushers will coordinate this exit procedure.
- These processes are framed according to Williamstown Town Hall Management and 2013 CONCERT team guidelines.

I am Fran McCormick, on behalf of HQ, catch you next week!
This term the Prep children have been exploring the Kimono, the national costume of Japan. The highlight was dressing up in a real Yukata, the cotton version of the Kimono worn in summer. Last Thursday Leanne O'Sullivan from Kimono House came out with her suitcase full of children’s Yukatas. All of the children had a chance to dress up and have a class photo taken. It was wonderful to see the beautiful colours of the Yukatas on display, and the big, bright smiles on the children’s faces. In class the children have learned about the separate parts (obi sash, tabi socks, and geta shoes) that make up the beautiful outfit.

We also read a storybook called “Suki’s Kimono” about a little girl and her special Yukata.

I’m sure you’ll agree that the children here from Prep B look amazing!
Visual Art Awards

Congratulations to Prep M who have been awarded the Art Grade Award this week. They received the award for working really hard to finish their lovely Van Gogh inspired Sunflower paintings and then working well together during the packing up process. Well done, Prep M!

Artist of the Week

Ethan from Year 1V received the Artist of the Week Award at Assembly on Monday. He received the award for showing great focus and effort to show the features required to produce his Starry Night picture. What a fantastic piece of artwork.

Further Art News

As mentioned in last week’s Newsletter, all students will be bringing home their Art Portfolio in the last week of this term. If your child/ren are finishing the year early, please inform their teacher and arrange to collect their portfolio from the Art room before they finish for the year.

Artist in Residence

On Friday the 6th December the Year 3/4 students will be working with Jo Daniell, who is an Artist in Residence at the Newport Substation. I will include more information about what the students will be doing in the sessions in next week’s Newsletter.

Thank you

Julie Kelly, Visual Arts Teacher.

CRE Christmas Celebration, Thursday 5th December 2013

All the school students enrolled in CRE will be involved in this wonderful celebration of Christmas. It will be held in the school Gym. Students not currently enrolled for CRE may attend the Celebration if a note is given to the class teacher.

There are three services to cover the whole school:

9.30am-10.30am: Prep S, Prep B, 1H, 1V, 2I, 2H, 4R, 6R, 6B
11.30am-12.30pm: Prep M, Prep H, 2L, 3L, 3B, 4V, 5S, 6C
2.00pm-3.00pm: Prep G, 1M, 2M, 1S, 2H, 3L, 3B, 3D, 4M, 4R, 4V

The CRE team leaders wish to acknowledge the CRE teachers who are assisting with the class preparations:

Patti Gerkes 3B & 3D Sue Russell 1H & 1M Shaya Minns 6R & 5B
Linda Sutton 1V & 2M Tessa Clark 5S & 5P Astrid Jasper 2I & 1S
Paul Riessen 6B & 6C Liza Minns 2L & 2H Sophie Clayton 4R, 4M & 4V

This celebration will be the final event in the CRE calendar for 2013.

Williamstown Emergency Relief

Williamstown Emergency Relief plans to distribute over 150 Christmas hampers again this December, to local families across Hobson's Bay, who are in financial hardship and would really welcome donations of non – perishable food items. Please send donations to your child's classroom by Thursday 5th December.

Suggested donations are:

Christmas puddings, Tinned fruit & vegetables, Mince pies, Christmas cakes, Tea/Coffee/ UHT milk, Shortbread, Sweet biscuits, Christmas treats eg. Chocolates, Tuna or salmon, meat based tinned food, Soft drinks/Mineral water, Rice/pasta

We hope the CRE Christmas Celebration is a time of Reflection, Joy and Peace for all.

Please contact us via the office if you have any queries:

Astrid Jasper & Sophie Clayton
CRE Team Leaders—WNPS 2013
Supporters of Williamstown North Primary School

Having grown up in Williamstown we understand the importance of community and acknowledge the integral role Williamstown North Primary School plays in our wonderful suburb. We here at socksforliving.com are proud to support Williamstown North Primary and in doing so enable present and future generations to benefit from quality, student-centred education to improve their learning, being and living!

Did you know Australia’s Largest Online Sock Shop is located right here in Williamstown? socksforliving.com
School Concert Sponsors—2013

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- Funky Beats Mobile Disco
- Kamen Konstructions
- Ziggurat Shop 24 Royal Arcade
- Morton Family
- KX Pilates
- Gloria Jean's Coffees
- Alltasks IT
- Advanced Vetcare
- Coconut My Body
Community Notice Board

Cheeky Monkey Christmas Market—Sunday 8th December 10.00am to 4.00pm. Seaworks, 82 Nelson Place, Williamstown. Adult entry is $3.00 and kids are Free.

After School Care

Dear parents,

Bookings are now open and can be made for 2014. Please log onto soshclub.com.au to create an account.

End of year is fast approaching. School will finish at 1.30pm on Friday 20th December. After care will be open at 1.30pm on this day.

Please remember to supply your child with a hat for After School Care, it would be great for younger children to have a spare in their school bag. If your child cannot use the Coles brand of sunscreen at After care, please supply Leanne with a note to add to your child’s enrolment form and provide your child with their own specific type.

oshclub Fees 2014

After School Care Fees Range from $8.85 to $11.45 per session
(Maximum fee of $22.90 will apply to families who haven’t applied for or are eligible for the 50% Tax Rebate)

Before After School Care Fees Range from $6.25 to $9.25 per session
(Maximum fee of $18.50 will apply to families who haven’t applied for or are eligible for the 50% Tax Rebate)

Please ensure you apply for the 50% tax rebate as it IS NOT MEANS TESTED and most families are eligible!

Fees range from family to family depending on their Childcare Benefit Discount and 50% Tax Rebate eligibility.

Bookings made within 24 hours of the session starting will be charged an additional $1.65 late/casual fee. ($3.30 if you don’t have the 50% Tax Rebate)

KNITTING CLUB NEWS

Thank you to all the students who have participated in Knitting Club this year. It has been fun to watch our beginner knitters learn this very popular craft. During the year we have loaned to students, knitting needles and knitting bags, for use during participation in Knitting Club. As Knitting Club is winding up for the year, we are asking students to return these items to Miss Irvine in Year 2I, so that we can use them again next year. Parents, please ask students to look under beds and in school bags, and discuss the importance of returning these items.

We are looking forward to running Knitting Club next year with a new and improved format. Thank you to Miss Irvine who has coordinated and supervised our lunchtime knitting in the Butterfly Room this year. I am hoping that Santa will bring me lots of wool for all the fabulous things I want to knit in 2014!!

Best wishes,

Virginia Millard.

St Mary’s Parish Williamstown ~ Sacramental Preparation Classes 2014

For children in the Parish who attend schools other than St. Mary’s Primary School

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation will not be celebrated in St. Mary’s Parish next year. Preparation Classes will be conducted for this Sacrament in 2015.
Pre-requisites: The Sacrament of Baptism; Reconciliation & Eucharist

Reconciliation: Classes for Year 3 students and older commence early in Term 2, 2014

First Eucharist: Classes for Year 4 students and older commence early in Term 3, 2014

Parents are asked to register their children by Sunday 15th December, 2013

Please email Sr. Patricia with your details: Email patricia.stone@sosj.org.au or contact St Mary’s Office (9397 6066) to leave a message for Sr. Patricia
Important Changes to School Banking Reward Redemption

Dollarmites Moneybox Rewards will no longer be available in 2014.
The Commonwealth Bank has removed the rule of only one moneybox per student per year for 2013. A student can redeem more than one moneybox this year if they have saved 10 tokens.

In 2014 the Commonwealth Bank will be introducing two new reward items for the students to choose from each term. These new items offer students a wider selection of items to redeem from.

The maximum tokens that can be carried over into 2014 is nine (9).

Any students currently holding 10 or more tokens must redeem them for their chosen reward before the end of Term 4, 2013.

All items from 2013 are still available as well as a limited number of USB sticks from 2012. Please complete a rewards card for 2013 rewards to avoid missing out on items or losing tokens at the end of 2013.

If you have questions please email either:

Our School Banking Co-ordinator Leanne Sutton - leanne@e-counting.com.au or
Susan Brailsford – Commonwealth Bank School Banking Specialist -
Phone 0422 116 040 or email susan.brailsford@cba.com.au

Thank you for supporting our School fundraising efforts and teaching your child how to save. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your deposit book each Wednesday.

Williamstown North School Banking Volunteers
Williamstown North Primary School
2013 Christmas Raffle

We are having another Christmas Raffle. Over the next two weeks we are requesting if all families can ‘donate’ an item, or two for our Christmas Raffle. Please send items to school from Monday 25th November, to Friday 6th December.

Your donated item/s can be left in the box/basket located at the general office.

Items provided do not have to be a ‘Christmas’ theme. You can provide items such as: -
- e.g. ladies’ products, men’s products, children products, red, green or colorful item’s, canned food, packet food, candles, writing material, toys, deodorants, books, tea, coffee, mugs, BBQ equipment, gardening gloves, gardening tools, golf balls, nuts, chocolate, moisturizer, hand cream, soaps, serviettes, biscuits, kitchen accessories, bowls, tea towels, oven mitts, jams, socks, sauces, condiments etc. Think creatively.
  No perishables please.

Thank you for supporting Willy North’s Christmas Raffle.

The more donations we receive the more hampers we can make and the more chances you have to win a prize.

Please place your donation in the box/basket located at the office.

Tickets will be sent home to each family.
A book of 10 tickets - $5.00 (50 cents a ticket).
Parent and Community Helpers’ Morning Tea

Are you one of those special people who have helped us out in some way this year?
You may have –

- listened to the children read
- made resources for the classroom
- assisted on an excursion or camp
- been a guest speaker
- helped in the garden
- cleaned up the lost property bin
- covered books
- cut up fruit for Fresh Fruit Friday
- assisted in the Uniform Shop
- worked in the canteen
- worked with Parents and Friends
- been on School Council
- taught CRE
- helped on Sports Days/Athletics/Tabloid Sports/Swimming
- assisted in the classroom or with a special event
- been on the Sick Bay washing roster
- helped in grounds maintenance
- been a Class Representative

However you have helped us, we are happy that you did, and to show our appreciation we’d like to invite you to our special ‘Thank You Afternoon Tea’, to be held in the Gym, on Tuesday 17th December, from 10.45am to 11.30am.

If you are able to attend, click on the link below and reply, by Tuesday 10th December.

https://willynthps.wufoo.com/forms/parent-and-community helpers-morning-tea/

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Ordering a replacement WWC Check card online

Following the successful implementation of the online application form in July this year, the Working with Children (WWC) Check Unit plans to launch an online replacement card service later this year.


How to use 'MyCheck'

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SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

MONDAY 9th December from 2.30PM – 3.15PM
(Prior to ASSEMBLY at the Canteen)

CASH ONLY SALES (NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE)
Please bring small change and a carry/plastic bag

All second hand clothing has been reduced. Prices are as follows:

- Rugby tops: $5.00
- Baseball jackets: $5.00
- Long Sleeve Polos: $5.00
- Girls long pants: $5.00
- Trackpants: $5.00
- Stussy pants: $6.00
- Skorts: $4.00
- Winter Tunics: $15.00
- Summer Dresses: $10.00
- Short sleeve polos: $4.00
- Stussy shorts: $5.00
- Bike Shorts: $2.00
- Bottle Green Socks: $1.00 (Size 5-8 only)

**LIMITED STOCK AVAILABLE OF NEW ITEMS IN LARGER SIZES EG. 12, 14 AND 16**

If you have any school clothing you no longer need or want, the Second Hand Uniform Shop would greatly appreciate your donation. Clothing should be in reasonably good condition and clean. Any donations of clothing can be dropped off at the school’s reception.

Thank you, Yogada Rafferty – Second Hand Uniform Shop Coordinator