Principal’s Report

**SCHOOL CONCERTS**
After today’s whole school rehearsal at the Town Hall, all is now in place for a wonderful two nights of entertainment for our school community. Fran McCormick and the staff have once again done a wonderful job nurturing all of our budding performers and these concerts should provide a very fitting end for what has been a highly successful year for the school. I look forward to sharing this highly anticipated community event with everyone over the next two nights.

**2014 STAFFING**
I can confirm that all of our processes have now been completed to determine our teaching staff for 2014. We are excited to welcome two new teachers to the school, Ashleigh Cantwell (Essendon North PS) and Daniel Vuik (Ranfurly PS), who both come with extensive experience in primary schools. Sadly, we will say goodbye to two of our existing staff, Erin Verdolini and Lewis Bainbridge, who have been highly valued members of the Willy North team.

We will also welcome back Crystal Tyson from family leave next year.

The following plan indicates which staff will be teaching at each level in 2014:

**Year Prep:** Tania Brown, Emily Millman, Kaitlyn Hayes and Mary-Ann Skidmore

**Year One:** Lisa Gammon, Melanie Hinsley, Emma Healy, Ashleigh Cantwell and Crystal Tyson

**Year Two:** Robyn Law, Virginia Irvine, Fran McCormick and Stella Stamatakis

**Year Three:** Wendy Drayton/Annemarie Honeybone, Dianna Lane/Annemarie Honeybone, Daniel Vuik and Tess Holland

**Year Four:** Chrissie Van Nieuwkuyl, Julie Kelly and James Ritchie

**Year Five:** Melissa Brown, Ana Milnes and Jamie Peters

**Year Six:** Melissa Bull, Simon Radford and Caroline Reid

**Specialists:** Vicki Symons (Visual Arts), Dean Pearce (Performing Arts), Felicity Minton (eLearning), Helen Atkins (Japanese) and Sarah Nobbs (Physical Education)

**Intervention & Extension:** Jess Kennedy, Giorgia Moss, Crissy Samaras and Vivien D’Aquino (RR)

We are very fortunate to again have Sue Ongarato continue in the role of
Inclusion Support Program (ISP) Coordinator and Sue Peterson as our Literacy Coach. You will have noted that Lewis Mulvey is not included in our teaching profile next year as he will be taking leave from the school in 2014.

The school currently has three positions advertised state wide for Education Support staff and we will have these support staff role determined before the end of the school year. I am very excited about the teaching teams we have in place for 2014 and I am absolutely confident that all of these teams will work closely with our intervention and extension staff to ensure that all students have the highest academic provision possible in 2014.

As the final part of our whole school Transition Program, all students will visit their 2014 teachers with their new classmates at 10:30am on Wednesday 18\textsuperscript{th} December.

**Parent and Community Helper’s Morning Tea**

We look forward to thanking all of our parent and community helpers next Tuesday morning from 10:45am – 11:30am in the school gym. We are expecting in excess of 60 parents at this stage. Thank you for all the RSVP replies, if you have not RSVP and would still like to attend, please send an email to Belinda Gill gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

**ENews for 2014**

Through the hard work of our teachers and class reps, we have been able to strengthen our communications practices this year by providing a regular eNews via email to all families who signed into the program at the start of the year. Due to the success of this new strategy, we will definitely be continuing with our regular eNews in 2014. Julie Noonan & Toni Burton, (Class Rep Program Coordinators) will call for class reps early next year and we will be endeavouring to get this program up and running as soon as practicable. To this end, we will utilise your 2013 consent to establish our 2014 distribution lists (if you do not wish to receive an eNews next year could you please let me know at cahill.jim.a@edumail.vic.gov.au). From 2014, all new prep parents will opt into the program for the duration of their child’s time at Willy North.

**Final Whole School Assembly**

As the gym will be set up for the Year 6 Graduation next Monday, there will be no whole school assembly next Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} December.

The final assembly for 2014 will take place at approximately 1:00pm in the school gym on Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} December. **All students will be dismissed directly after this assembly at 1:30pm to begin their summer holidays. Please ensure you have arrangements in place to accommodate this early dismissal time.**

**Concert Late Start—No Canteen Lunch Order**

If your child is having a late start on either Thursday 12th or Friday 13th December due to the Concert, they are unable to have a lunch order. On either if these days, children are asked to arrive at school at 11.00am.

**Christmas Hampers**

Thank you to all families that donated an item for the Christmas Hampers. The Hampers are on display in the office area. Thank you to Kate Smith who spent 5 hours making these hampers look fabulous. The prizes will be drawn next Wednesday 18th December and winners will be notified at the end of the school day.

Enjoy your Week

Jim Cahill—Principal
Rosters…

Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)
Thank you to the many dedicated parents that assisted with Fresh Fruit Friday through out the year. You did a superb job and we hope to see you again next year.

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. 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 12th December—Kaylynn Rasmusen
Friday 13th December—Tracy Somerville

Concert Late Start—NO LUNCH ORDERS.
Thank you to the parents that assisted in the Canteen throughout the year.

No Lunch Orders in 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
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.
2013 CONCERT: something for everyone

2013 CONCERT HQ:

The annual school Concert is an extraordinary celebration and a defining tradition at Williamstown North Primary School. Our school community look forward to the Concerts every year, and this year promises to be no exception. Students' items reflect the enormous efforts by students, teachers and parent helpers—just wait to you see our wonderful students in full costume on stage. Prep parents be ready.

As the newsletter goes to print, CONCERT HQ is full of activity: students and teachers are putting the finishing touches to their items; audio crew setting up and testing a range of equipment; costumes are being fitted; the visual systems during the concert are checked; and final staging plus front of house procedures are checked. The excitement is mounting as the 2013 CONCERT is about to begin, drum roll please...

Important reminders:

- Starting time for the Concert is 6:30pm sharp. All patrons must enter the town hall via the main front entrance, please allow sufficient time to be seated.
- Our Ushers will be closing the doors at 6.30pm, therefore, late patrons will be shown to their seats during a break between items. It is anticipated that the 2013 CONCERT will finish at 8:40pm.
- If patrons do not have a ticket, they will not be allowed entry into the ballroom.

Seating and important arrangements for students

1. Students in Years 1—6 will sit in the balcony with their class. Prep students will sit at the front of the main ballroom near the stage. Additionally, selected Year 5 and 6 students will sit at the back of the ballroom.
2. We encourage the children to bring a drink of water in a plastic container, clearly named. This will be stored in the supper room during the Concert.
3. The children should be wearing their costumes to the Concert.
4. Instrumental students, guitar students and comperes please arrive by 6.00pm. All children in Prep M and Prep H, Year 6R and 6B please arrive by 6.15pm. These students must meet their teachers at the assemble point area and then proceed directly to the supper room. Due to renovation work, access to the supper room is via the front of the Town Hall, along the link way and around the back of the Town Hall and enter through the back-door entrance to the supper room.

2013 CONCERT Drop off points for students

Drop off process:

- All children are to be dropped off in their respective year groups in the Town Hall car park, from 6.00pm (see plan). Staff will be there supervising. The car park is closed to traffic.
- Parents then enter the town hall via the main/front entry doors.
- Please allow sufficient time to be seated. It is a full house on both nights.
- Our team of Ushers—wearing black concert t-shirts will direct you, also a 2013 CONCERT help desk will be located in the front foyer.
- Students must be seated by 6:20pm. Your assistance is appreciated in this regard.
The following arrangements will be in place to collect your child after the Concert:

- Year 5 and 6 students sitting at the back of the ballroom exit first and proceed to their respective collection point—at front of the Town Hall.
- All patrons, must then exit the ballroom, via the main entry doors/front doors of the Town Hall, proceed directly to the designated students' collection point.
- All students, will exit the Town Hall via three different exit doors and walk to their designated collection points and meet their parents.
- Parents to collect students from locations outlined in the map below.
- When exiting the ballroom please do not obstruct the foyer area or entry/exit doors.
- Our team of Ushers will direct you.
- If parents do not have a ticket, unfortunately, you are not permitted to enter the ballroom and stand at the back area during the Concert. Entry and exit doors must not be obstructed. We ask you to wait outside at the collection points.
- At the collection points, please stand well away from obstructing the exit doors for students.
- If you have multiple children, please make appropriate plans.
- Please refer to the map below—Due to the Town Hall renovations, this is the most updated map, therefore, for our purposes, it will act as WNPS collection points.

I am Fran McCormick
see you at the Concert.
Year 3&4 Update...Ichijininaiyashou!

This semester the Year 3 & 4 children have explored different elements of the Japanese language through the story of Hachiko, the faithful dog who, even ten years after his master’s death, still waited outside Shibuya Station in Tokyo for his return. To this day there is still a bronze statue of Hachiko outside the station, and it serves as a very popular meeting spot (the equal to meeting under the clocks at Flinders Street in Melbourne). So we learnt how to tell the time in Japanese and the children sang about meeting all around the clock, at iconic places all around the world!

The children of Year 3D made their own clay figures of Hachiko.

In learning to tell the time, the children also consolidated their number knowledge and they can now apply the number rules to count all the way to one hundred in Japanese!

On the right you can see the children of Year 3B are proudly showing off the number line they made as a class to represent the Japanese numbers from one to one hundred. A great team effort!

Another Year 3 & 4 highlight was when local artist, Claire Teisen, visited us to tell the traditional Japanese folk tale of Urashima Taro. Claire created a miniature underwater world with origami figures, painted paper and pop up structures to tell this legend of the fisherman’s adventures at the Sea King’s palace. After the storytelling, the children were led through a step-by-step process to create their own paper characters out of beautiful Washi paper.

The children of Year 3L are highly engaged in making their paper figures.
Art News

Visual Art Award

Congratulations to Year 3D they have been awarded the Class Art Award this week. They received the award for using fantastic listening skills during the discussion part of the Artist in Residence workshop. They then went on to show great creativity and thoughtfulness while working on their Story Collages. Great work!

Artist of the Week

Harriet in Year 3D received the Artist of the Week Award this week. She received the award for showing great focus and effort, resulting in her producing a very funny cartoon drawing during last Friday’s workshops.

Further Art News

As our Specialist Program has officially finished for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to send out a huge THANK YOU to all the parents and community helpers who have assisted in the art room and with the Art Show over the course of the year. Thank you also to the families who have donated materials to the art room this year. Your support in both these areas has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you
Julie Kelly, Visual Arts Teacher.

CRE Christmas Celebration

What a day of celebration! It was lovely to see the students, teachers, parents and friends enjoy the Christmas services. The CRE team would like to thank the students for their enthusiasm and participation as we celebrated Christmas together remembering that it is Jesus’ Birthday. Special thanks to Pastor David White for leading the services (Graduate of WNPS).

Thank you also to Rev Lynette Leach for the piano accompaniment and Christchurch Newport for providing the bibles for presentation to Year 6 Students.

Thank you to Mr Cahill, Mrs Emin, and Miss Ana Milnes for the Bible readings. The CRE team appreciate the support of the school community throughout the year and especially in preparation for the Christmas Celebration.

Thanks again to the CRE team:
Ann Hodges & Luna Den Elzen (Prep classes), Sue Russell, Linda Sutton, Liza Minns & Astrid Jasper (Year 1 & 2 classes), Patti Gerkens, Rodger Duff, Sophie Clayton. (Year 3 & 4 classes), Paul Riessen, Shaya Minns & Tessa Clark (Year 5 & 6 classes).

We look forward to offering CRE again next year. If you are interested in assisting, teaching or finding out more please contact the CRE team leaders below or www.accessministries.org.au.

Christmas food items have been forwarded to the Williamstown Emergency Relief to make up Christmas Hampers. Thank you to all who donated.

The CRE team wish all students, families and staff a joyful Christmas.

Sophie Clayton & Astrid Jasper—CRE Team Leaders
Dear Amaze Member

Sensory-Friendly Movies this weekend - Turbo

Village Cinemas are screening sensory-friendly movies this weekend! ‘Turbo’ will be showing on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th December at 11.00am, at six locations in Victoria!

- **Airport West,**
- **Fountain Gate,**
- **Geelong, Knox,**
- **Southland,**
- **Eastlands – New Location**

Tickets are just $6 each. **Please note:** whilst these are sensory-friendly screenings, you will need to determine if the content is suitable for you and your family. Check out the trailer here: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADuKkRTiCfI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADuKkRTiCfI)

Book tickets online (Note: this process has recently been changed)

1. [Click here](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADuKkRTiCfI)
2. Click on the “By movie” tab and choose your venue (from those listed above)
3. Click on ‘Date’ and choose ‘Show all sessions’ then scroll to find ‘Smurfs 2’
4. Select sessions with the blue **SFF** logo beside them

About Sensory-Friendly Screenings

- House lights are kept up
- Sound is reduced
- Customers are able to get up and move around if they need to
- Start times are set to avoid busy times
- Staff are aware of the needs of people with ASD

For individuals with ASD, the movies can be a sensory and information overload, and for parents, it can be anything but a relaxing experience! Village Cinemas have been offering selected sensory-friendly screenings around once a month since July 2012 and the response from those attending has been fantastic.

So try them out – and tell all your friends about them too!

Kind regards

Cath, Emily, Maria & Fran

The Amaze Membership Team

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Commonwealth Bank School Banking Competition

We have a 1st Prize Winner!

You may have read in the newsletter During Term 4, the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program ran a competition where any student banker who made two or more deposits from 21 October to 30 November was automatically entered into a competition to win great prizes.

Williamstown North, **we have a 1st Prize Winner !**

**Congratulations Riley in Year 2L for winning an Apple iPod touch 16GB.**

Thank you to all our student bankers for supporting the School Banking program during 2014.
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Accommodation - Short Term. Self Catering, Fully Furnished two bedroom house at Courtis Street, Williamstown, (between Power Street and Melbourne Road) Contact: 9397-5044 Suitable for: Weekends, Holidays, Visiting friends/relatives that you don’t have the room for. Alternative family accommodation while you renovate/repair.

As we draw towards the end of 2013 the Western Bulldogs would like to invite your school to our Christmas Open Training Session on Wednesday 11th December from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Spread the word, tell your students, their families and friends and get everyone to come along for an afternoon of Christmas activities. There will be appearances from the Bulldogs mascot Woofer, gifts for young Bulldog fans, autograph opportunities, and even a visit from Santa himself. More information about our Christmas Training special can be found at http://www.westernbulldogs.com.au/news/2013-12-04/christmas-open-training-next-wednesday

Interested in playing outdoor soccer in 2014? Altona City Soccer club, on Millers Rd opposite Cherry Lake, caters for boys, girls, women and men of all age groups with an even greater focus in 2014 on adopting the Nationally recognised curriculum and coaching program. No need to register or pay up front. Simply come and try. It all recommences in January / February 2014, Under 5s to 7s in March. Huge pre-season tournament planned as well as new strips, bag, tracksuit and spray jacket (all to keep) with no increase in fees. We are always looking for coaches that believe in the curriculum, development and fun. Keep an eye out on our website for more information www.altonacitysoccerclub.com.au, call 9398 3974 or join us on Facebook.
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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**Yarraville Festival**

**SUN 16 FEB 2014**

**Teddy Bear Picnic**

Fels Park, between Tarrengower and Simpson Street

Bring along a picnic blanket, some finger food and your favourite teddy bear!

Stories with Dharma from Everlasting Books, Songs & Dancing with Amanda from hey de ho Music!

10am Sunday, 16th February 2014

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**Japan Culture and Art Festival 2013**

15th DEC SUNDAY 2013

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