Principal’s Report

**INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Thank you to the many parents who have been able to attend the Information Sessions held over the course of this week. We hope these sessions have provided a clear overview of the learning programs planned for this year, as well as the learning expectations we have for students at each level. For those parents who were unable to attend, the presentations from each session will be uploaded onto the school website over the course of the next week.

To follow up these Information Sessions, Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences have been planned for Prep to Year 6 on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March. Details for booking your preferred conference time will be in next week’s Newsletter. The focus of these conferences will be share observations about your child’s start to 2013 and to determine their individual learning goals.

**STOP WORK THANKS**

With only one class operating last Thursday as a result of the stop work, thirteen students were in attendance at school on the day. We are so very grateful for the strong level of community support on this matter. We understand how hard it can be to make alternative arrangements under these circumstances; our teachers and support staff have been heartened by our wonderful community support. Hopefully a resolution to these negotiations isn’t too far down the track.

**CLASS REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM**

This week you will have received an email from the school asking you to ‘opt in’ to this year’s Class Rep scheme via a reply email to wnpsclassreps@gmail.com. By opting into this program, you will be allowing the Class Rep for your child’s class to provide you with regular email updates about the classroom program and upcoming events. We are hoping that all parents will opt into this program so that we can further enhance our communication practices.

I would like to thank Julie Noonan and Jo Gumley for the many hours they have contributed over the last couple of weeks to build this important communication structure for this year.

(We are still seeking Class Reps for Year 4V and Prep S. If you would be interested in undertaking this role, please contact Julie or Jo as soon as possible).

**WRITING RESULTS**

During the second half of last year, our teachers had an intensive focus on all aspects of our school’s writing program. This involved a closer examination of the instructional practice in writing at each year level, as well as an intensive review of our assessment practices.

I am thrilled to report that students have achieved some tremendous gains in their writing marks as a result of this school wide focus. In 2011, an average of 30% of students across the school were achieving above expected standards (A and B level) in their writing, however, in 2012 this figure rose to 46% of students from across the school.
I once again commend the fantastic efforts of our teachers who have worked very hard to ensure our students are being highly engaged and successful writers. We will continue our work on this important area in 2013 with our teachers reviewing our school’s spelling program.

**ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR 2013**

This year we will be running additional support programs across the school to further assist students who require either intervention or extension in Literacy or Numeracy. During the first two terms of this year we have allocated two additional staff members each morning (four days a week) to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to provide this support. In the second half of the year, a similar level of additional support will unfold for our Prep, Year 1 & 2.

Parents in Years 3 – 6 may currently hear their children talking about working with other teachers each morning during their Literacy and Numeracy sessions. This may be in a smaller group setting within their classroom, or perhaps in another classroom. We are currently trialling a number of structures as part of this additional support to ensure that our learning programs are highly aligned to the needs of our students. New structures have been incorporated into each level of the school to enable our teachers at each year to work closer together and to collaborate further on the individual and group needs of students. We are very excited about this new additional support program and the heightened academic provision it will facilitate for students over the course of the year. I will keep everyone informed about this initiative as we progress through the year.

**CASUAL DRESS DAY REMINDER**

In support of this year’s Fete, please note that this Friday is a casual dress day for students. We ask that students wearing free dress bring along a non-perishable grocery item to donate to the Fete. Please note, students in Years 3B, 3D and 3L will be attending an excursion on Friday and will need to be in uniform. Year 3B, 3D and 3L students will therefore be able to come in casual dress on Monday 25th February and bring their grocery item on that day.

Enjoy your week
Jim Cahill
Principal

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**ASD and School Based Strategies.**

**WNPS are now members of AMAZE (formerly Autism Victoria).**

Please see below for information on the upcoming workshop.

Our Family Counsellors are running the next in their series of information sessions this coming Thursday 21st February at 10.00am.

**ASD and School-Based Strategies**

This information session is primarily for parents and carers of school-age children. It will provide strategies to make the school environment easier to cope with for a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

There is no cost for members, but **you do need to register**, as places are limited. Non-members are welcome – the cost is $20 per family.

[Click here to register now.](#)

Information sessions are held at 28 Drummond Street (the optometrist, 2 doors up from Amaze).

The information sessions are run by our highly experienced and caring Family Counsellors, who have extensive experience working with families and individuals coping with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

If you have questions, please contact our InfoLine on 1300 308 699.

Kind regards

**The Amaze Membership Team**

T 03 9657 1600 | F 03 9639 4955 | E [mailto:member@amaze.org.au](mailto:member@amaze.org.au)

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**Students visit local Aged Care Home**

Two students from Year 4I and 4R visited Southern Cross Nursing Home at the end of 2012. They gave the residents Christmas cards which had been made during CRE lessons. The students enjoyed talking with the residents, who were most grateful for their kindness and visit.
Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF) - Helpers Needed

This week, Friday 22nd February we would like any parent that can assist with FFF duty to meet in the staffroom at 9.00am. A roster is being finalised, however more assistance is required. If you are able to help out weekly, fortnight or monthly, please complete the Reply Slip in today’s Newsletter. If you would like to be part of this lovely group on a Friday morning, please contact Linda Taylor at, taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au. This is a very friendly 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 parent or family members are always needed, so, if you can spare any of your valuable time it would be greatly appreciated.

Please remember that Lunch Orders are only available on Wednesday, 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. Thank you for your patience in regards to replacement stock deliveries. We are experiencing some minor delays due to changing over suppliers. Orders can be placed at the Office and will be filled as soon as stock comes in.

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 child/ren 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 wishing 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, ribics 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.**
Getting kids to school ON TIME!

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

“Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you’re not even dressed yet!”

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or pre school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents.

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.

How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

✔ Establish a morning routine.

Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven’t fully prepared for the day.

✔ Identify and remove distractions such as television.

If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✔ Teach some of the basics of time management.

The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✔ Arrive at school ten minutes early.

Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latecomers, whether young or old.

✔ Model a good routine.

It’s pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get you breakfast in bed. And pigs might fly as well!

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Welcome back to Japanese for 2013.

This term we are again fortunate to be hosting a Japanese university student through the Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language (TJFL) program.

Hiroi Yamazaki, pictured right, will be assisting in Japanese classes for the next four weeks and sharing her rich culture with us. It is an invaluable opportunity for our children to interact with a native speaker of Japanese.

Hiroi is a sports enthusiast and plays volleyball with her university in Japan.

She is quickly acclimatizing to the busy schedule in the Japanese Room and is already proving to be very popular with the children of all year levels.

A big thank you must go to the Parker Family (Hayden, Prep G) for hosting Hiroi. Without their support, it would not be possible for our school to participate in such a valuable program.
Dear Parents/Guardian,

Our Canteen lunch days are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and our Canteen is managed by Julieanne. We rely on parents to assist in the Canteen from 9.00am to 2.00pm on these days for counter sales and to prepare lunches. For parents new to the school, it is a great way to meet other parents and become familiar with the school. Children also enjoy seeing ‘mum or dad’ or even ‘nan’ helping.

The tasks are quite easy and for new helpers, there are people there to ‘train’ and support you.

Any amount of time is appreciated. Parents may nominate how often they can assist, and for 2013 whether it be for a couple of hours, or a full day.

We have a ‘Toddler Play Area’ in the foyer of the Gym for parents who have pre-school age children. (Young children are not allowed in the Canteen area due to health and safety requirements).

If you can assist for any length of time, please complete the “Reply Slip” and return it to the School Office by Monday 25th February. Please note: our Canteen Manager, Julieanne, is there to assist with all tasks on lunch order days so volunteers do not work unassisted. All Canteen helpers are required to have a Working With Children Card. Please see the Reply Slip in today’s Newsletter.

CANTEEN HELP FOR 2013

Canteen Lunch Days are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Volunteer helpers are needed for counter sales and preparation of lunches. Please see the Reply Slip in today’s Newsletter.

Hobson’s Bay Relay for Life—Saturday 16th March at 4.00pm and Sunday 17th March at 10.00am. Relay For Life is an opportunity to get together with your community to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost and fight back against cancer. There are several ways you can participate - join an existing team, create your own team, or come along and give support on the day. For further information please contact the committee at hobsonsbay@relayforlife.org.au or go the website. www.relayforlife.org.au 1300 65 65 85.

Altona Magic Soccer Club—is looking to attract new players of all ages and skill levels for season 2013. We encourage children from 5 to 16 years of age to come along and join the fun. Junior preseason training commences on Tuesday 5th February (6.30pm start). We are having a family day on Sunday 24th February at noon, Paisley Park Complex, corner Ross Road & Mills Street Altona. For more information, please contact the Junior Coordinator John on 0409 349 878.

Child Minding—Naomi Cheney. I live in Russell Place, Williamstown and have been baby sitting and a Nanny for the past five years. I have had lots of experience looking after children from age 6 months - 12 years old. If you require a baby sitter, or a Nanny, I look forward to hearing from you. Contact me via my mobile no: 0420 719 243.

Williamstown Apex Club is holding a Twilight Trivia evening on Thursday 28th February at Commonwealth Reserve, Nelson Place, Williamstown. We'd like to invite your school community to attend (and were provided your address from Hobson’s Bay Council). There will be a sausage sizzle with drinks available from 6pm. Trivia starts at 7pm. Cost is $20 per team up to five. BYO rugs, chairs, etc. Further information: facebook.com/Williamstown.Apex or telephone 9397 5419 or 0425 747 477.

Looking For Volunteer Host Families—World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon. Find out more! Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family. Sylvia Kelly Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs Phone: 1300 884 733 Email: info@wep.org.au Online: http://www.wep.org.au

Spotswood Football Club—Recruiting Now! Spotty is on a Footy Drive. Register and meet the coaches on Sunday 17th March from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Sausage sizzle available from 11.30am. Auskick for 5 to 10 year olds. Junior football, 8 to 18 years of age. Senior football, 18 year and above. For more details go to www.spotswoodfc.com.au

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School Services Program 2013

Below are the services that the school currently provides. If you have some spare time and would like to be involved in one or more of these programs, please provide your details on the reply slip below and return it to the General Office.

SCHOOL SERVICES PROGRAMS REPLY SLIP FOR 2013

Parent/s Name: ________________________________________________
Child/ren: ___________________________________________ Class/es: ________
Daytime Phone Number/s: __________________________  __________________

I would like to assist with the following program/s: -
- o Uniform Shop (Term1)/Swap Shop  o Lost Property
- o Canteen  o Sick Bay Washing
- o Fresh Fruit Friday (See separate sheet)  o Family Life Education
- o Student Banking  o Cake Stalls
- o Class Social Activities  o Prep & New Families BBQ/Picnic
- o Mother’s Day Breakfast  o Father’s Day Breakfast
- o Mother’s Day Stall  o Father’s Day Stall

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY – Reply Slip

A big thank you to all the people who have kindly volunteered to be part of Fresh Fruit Friday in the past. Without your assistance this program could not happen.

We need volunteers to assist in 2013. Please complete the Reply Slip and return it to the General Office to be part of a team that has lots of fun in helping to provide fresh fruit to all the students each Friday morning.

I can assist  o Weekly
- o Fortnightly
- o Monthly

Parent Name: ________________________________________________
Child’s Name: ___________________________________________ Class: ________
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- Mobile: ___________________________________________
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## I WOULD LOVE TO HELP IN THE CANTEEN

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### Preferred Time:
- ☐ 9.00am - 10:00am (Sort money, check orders, organise change)
- ☐ 9.00am - 11:30am (Organise ‘non-perishable’ items for orders, assist with recess sales)
- ☐ 12:30pm - 1:30pm (Pack lunch baskets, assist with lunch time sales)
- ☐ 9.00am – 2.00pm (All of the above)

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## Welcome back to Commonwealth Bank School Banking for 2013

Williamstown North Primary School participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to help our children develop essential saving skills and to raise funds for our school.

The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular saving. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved **10 tokens** they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items during 2013: Money box; Wallet; Handball; Knuckles Game; Torch; Calculator and Headphones.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5.00 when children make their first deposit at school and a 5.00% commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

### Taking part in School Banking is easy.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youth saver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one from either the local branch or contact the School Banking Coordinator.

If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can open one at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! Alternatively, if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online. Another option is to download a paper-based application form from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Please note this option may take up to 2 weeks before a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book is sent to your home address to start banking at school.

### Wednesday is our Banking Day;

- Please ensure all yellow wallets are handed into your child’s teacher FIRST THING IN THE MORNING to ensure their deposit is processed;
- All money should be securely enclosed in the Velcro pocket and deposit slips MUST be completed;
- Save from as little as $0.50c per week;
- Your child’s book will be sent home the same day;
- Each deposit earns a SILVER TOKEN, when 10 tokens are collected they can be redeemed for exciting rewards!

Any questions please call Leanne Sutton, our School Banking Coordinator on 0424 221 752 or Susan Brailsford, School Banking Specialist @ The Commonwealth Bank 0422 116 040 [susan.brailsford@cba.com.au](mailto:susan.brailsford@cba.com.au)
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In 2011, the Willy North Primary School Fete went down in history as the BEST EVER!!! But this didn’t happen by accident… it was because of all the wonderful support from our sponsors and volunteers.

This year, we want to make our fete bigger and better than the last and we are calling on all our wonderful families to help make our fete the best yet!

So, how do you get involved?

Firstly, make sure this date is on your calendar:

**Sunday, 24th March 2013**

Secondly, check out the following forms which show how many people we need for each stall. Simply fill out the stall and time you want and return to the office.

If it’s easier, you can e-mail your details, including the stall and times you want to volunteer and your phone number.

Remember, first in best dressed for stall allocation, so get in early!

And last but not least, show up on the day to help make this fete a fantastic success!

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Any other queries, please e-mail me on:

domtoniburton@yahoo.co.uk

Thanks so much for your help!

Toni Burton

Volunteer Roster Coordinator

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2013 School Fete
Williamstown North Primary School Fete - 2013 Volunteer Form

Please Return to the School Office or email to: domtoniburton@yahoo.co.uk

Name  ______________________________________________________________
Phone  ______________________________________________________________
Email   ______________________________________________________________
Child Name ______________________________________  Class ________________

**Special Roles:**
- I can help fill lolly bags prior to the Fete for the Children's Activity stall  ☐
- I can help with First Aid  ☐

**Parent Volunteers:**
I can help out at the following times:

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Williamstown North Primary School Fete - 2013 Volunteer Form

Please Return to the School Office or email to: domtoniburton@yahoo.co.uk

Name ______________________________________________________________
Phone ___________________________________________________________________
Email ___________________________________________________________________
Child Name _______________________________________
Class _______________ 

Special Roles:
I can help fill lolly bags prior to the Fete for the Children’s Activity stall  □
I can help with First Aid  □

Parent Volunteers (Cont):
I can help out at the following times:

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CALLING ALL HOME COOKS

Williamstown North Primary School Fete preparations are now underway. We have 400 jars to fill with jams, preserves and chutneys. If you have a couple of hours to spare over January and February this is a great way to contribute! Please call Kathryn on 0408 537 814 or email Kathryn.Boll@bigpond.com. Jars and sugar will be delivered to you.

Your help is needed

GARDEN STALL – WANTED

The green thumbs of the garden stall are interested in any unwanted clean empty plant pots (plastic, ceramic, or terracotta).

We would also be grateful for any old fish bowls/metal buckets/teapots/watering cans, that you might have lying around the house, or in the shed.

We can’t wait to turn these items into useful objects to sell at the 2013 Fete.

For details of where to drop off these items, or for any questions, please contact

Virginia vmfk@intemode.on.net

Grocery Stall—Donation of food each week

The Grocery stall at the FETE needs your donations. This week is CANs Week. A bag has been placed in your child’s class to place your donated CAN item.

On Friday 22nd February there will be an ‘Out of Uniform’ day, where children who are out of uniform can bring a non-perishable grocery item for the FETE.

Doing a New Year CLEAR OUT??

Wondering what TO DO with UNWANTED gifts & UNUSED presents?

The SCHOOL FETE needs YOU!

The Spinning Wheel stall will be running hot again at this year’s school fete in March, and we’d love to take any unwanted gifts or left over presents off your hands.

Any NEW items will be gratefully accepted but we’re especially looking for:

Toys, books, games, toiletries, perfume, jewelry, bags or back packs, sporting gear, accessories, electrical goods, art and craft supplies, stationery items...

Anything that SOMEONE ELSE would be EXCITED to WIN as a PRIZE!!

Donations will be gratefully accepted in the box provided near reception.

Enjoy having a bit of a clear out, and remember to HANG ON to any USED or SECOND HAND items for the collection for the White Elephant stall later this term.

FETE—Off and Running
**ELEPHANT STALL—FOR THE FETE**

**White Elephant Stall - Fete**

The White Elephant Stall raises a significant amount of money to do much needed work around the school, by selling good quality toys, books, puzzles, bicycles, sporting goods, CD's, DVD’s, bikes, scooters and small household items. Items that sell well are clean, working and intact; we do not accept items that are broken or have parts missing.

We will start collecting **THIS THURSDAY** and would love it if you could look through your garage, book shelves and kids’ toys and pull out some things for the White Elephant Stall.

Please bring your items to the green container which is located behind the portables at the rear of the staff car park. For safety reasons, it is best to enter from the school yard, not the car park.

**White Elephant Stall Collection Times:**

- Tuesday 8:30am - 9:15am and
- Thursday 3.15pm - 4.00pm

To prevent vandalism and theft, donations of goods must be made only when the container is attended; **under no circumstances are goods to be left at the container whilst it is unattended.**

There will also be two Saturday collections before the Fete - keep an eye on the Newsletter for further updates. Thank you for your generosity.

Please contact Liz Hunter on 0413 284 201 for further information.

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**FETE 2013**

**Souvlaki Stall Can you help?**

We need someone to run a Souvlaki Stall.

We have everything sorted but we need someone to put their hand up and take charge on the day.

*If you think you can help, call Ruairi on 0410 233 555 or Michael on 0425 779 168*

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**After School Care**

Dear parents

Unfortunately our Sports Program has been cancelled for this term. Hopefully this will return in Term 2.

There are a number of children with health and allergy requirements at the program. We ask all parents and guardians to please make sure updated Action Pans are given to the OSHClub coordinator.

If your child requires an Epi-pen, please have one available to leave at the program. If you would like a copy of the OSHClub Anaphylaxis policy, please feel free to ask the coordinator.

Have a great week.

OSHClub Staff.
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**Time:** 4pm – 5:15pm  

**Cost:** $30 per fairy or pixie

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- **Fantastic Fairy Wands** - No little fairy would be complete without their own magic wand. Decorate a beautiful wooden wand with dazzling ems, sequins and glitter. (Warning high voltage once activated with fairy dust!)

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**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL AND PLACES ARE LIMITED**

Payments must be prepaid to secure your spot and can be made by cash, eftpos or direct debit.

**Ph:** 9041 6969  
**Web:** www.fairyland.net.au  
**Email:** fairymail@fairyland.net.au  
**Address:** 314 Melbourne Rd, Newport, 3015

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Brings to you a FREE Single Parent Family Fun Day

**Sunday 7th of April 2013.**

12 noon – 5.00pm

The wonderful Logan Reserve in Altona has plenty to offer, Melways reference is 54 H11

**Free BBQ and Drinks**

**Free kids activities and games**

**Free face painting, Membership Specials**

**+ So Much More!!**

**ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL!!**

Please RSVP to Moush on 0430 504 119  

or info@singleparentsactivekids.org

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**THURSDAYS 5:30PM – 6:45PM**

**Term 1 Course:** Feb 21st – March 28th

**TO BOOK:**

Ph: 9939 6320 or 0425 731 569  
E: admin@artzcollective.com.au  
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