Welcome Back
A warm welcome back to all students, staff and parents as we begin another busy term at Willy North. I hope everyone had a great Easter and found some time to enjoy the beautiful autumnal weather over the break.

We have started the term with a major facelift of the main building as we continue to transition to our new colour scheme. Fourteen classrooms have now been completely repainted this year, along with the central corridor of the main building. We are endeavouring to schedule all of the painting works into the holiday periods to minimise the disruption to classes, so please bear with us for a while as the old and new colour schemes co-exist side by side.

Family Life Program
Having trouble with some of those tricky ‘birds and bees’ discussions at home? Family Life Victoria will be conducting sexuality education programs for all families in Years 3 – 6 on Wednesday 29th April at our school. Participation in this program is voluntary and on a user pays basis. We’ve had great feedback from this program in previous years, so I would highly recommend these sessions to all families. A flyer will be distributed to all students in Years 3 – 6 tomorrow; please look out for these forms.

Note: Parents & children attend these sessions together.

- Years 3 & 4, ‘Where Do I Come From?’ 6:30 – 7:30pm
- Years 5 & 6, ‘Preparing for Puberty’ 7:45 – 8:45pm

Prep Information Evening
Our planning for next year gets underway next Tuesday evening with our 2016 Prep Information Session being held in the Junior Learning Centre from 7:00pm. The prep classrooms will be open in the centre from 6:30pm for any new parents who would like to tour the rooms.

If you have a neighbour or a friend who lives within our zone with eligible school age children for 2016, please pass on the details of this session. Information was delivered to Kindergartens & Child Care Centres at the end of last Term.

Swimming Survey – Program Changes
At the completion of our swimming program in 2014, we distributed a short survey to parents to gauge the level of satisfaction with the school’s swimming
program. I would like to once again thank the 75 families who responded to the survey as we were able to gather some very clear information about the program to inform our future planning.

In summary, whilst many students undertake private swimming lessons, we found out that approx. 30% of students only participate in the school program. As a beachside suburb, we believe that the school has a strong mandate to continue with the program to ensure all children are safe whilst around water.

Overwhelmingly, the feedback indicated that parents want to ensure that their children are participating in a program that is rigorous and one that supports their skill development. To this end, our wonderful PE teacher, Sarah Nobbs, spent several weeks investigating the swimming programs on offer at four alternative nearby venues. In analysing all of this information and undertaking discussions with our School Council, we have decided to continue with a two week intensive swimming program for all students in Prep to Year 4, with the 2015 swimming program being at a new venue - the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre. Whilst we recognise there will be a little more travel involved for our students in getting to and from the pool, we feel the benefits of the award winning program on offer, will further optimise the opportunities for our students in this important area.

Please be assured that the school has undertaken a thorough review of the program based on parent feedback.

We are excited about this year’s program and the new opportunities it will facilitate for our students. Please look out for further information about this year’s swimming program in early term 3.

**Reading Recovery**

We are delighted to welcome Sharon Hunt to the Willy North team as our new Reading Recovery teacher for the remainder of 2015. Sharon comes to the position with extensive experience in this area and has eagerly begun assessing Year One students who may be eligible to participate in the program. Once a priority list has been established, Sharon will begin to contact the relevant Year One parents with details of their child’s participation in the program.

It's great to have Sharon on board providing this extremely valuable intervention for some of our Year One students!

**SRI – Special Religious Education**

New consent forms were distributed today to all students in Years One to Four for participation in this year’s SRI program. The program has been limited to these year levels due to the availability of volunteers.

We request that all forms are returned to school by Wednesday 22nd April so that we can meet with our SRI coordinators to plan the program. Please note that these 30 minute weekly lessons will only proceed if there is sufficient interest from the school community. In addition to the information and links provided on the consent form, there is also a colour brochure called ‘Explore Christianity’ on the counter of the main office for any parents who would like more information about the program.

**ANZAC Day Ceremonies**

Over the next fortnight, we have about ten of our Year Six students formally representing the school at very significant ANZAC Day ceremonies. The first group of students will participate in an RSL March to the Cenotaph this Sunday at 2:30pm in Williamstown, where they will share a reading of the ANZAC Requiem and lay a wreath on behalf of the school. The second group will participate in the dawn service on ANZAC Day at 5:45am at the Cenotaph in Williamstown, where they will also share the reading of the ANZAC requiem and lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

On Monday 27th April, we will hold a special assembly at the school to mark the centenary of the Gallipoli landing. We are thrilled that we have been selected to receive a special ‘Gallipoli Oak Tree’ to mark this significant event. I’ll provide some further details of this assembly in next week’s newsletter.

**Farewell Sue Ongarato**

After five years of outstanding support and leadership as our Inclusion Coordinator, we sadly farewell Sue Ongarato as she leaves to undertake a new consulting role with the Catholic Education System. Sue has been instrumental in forging the Inclusion Framework at Willy North. Supporting students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families is a complex and demanding undertaking. Sue has been heavily committed to this role at Willy North and as a result of her wonderful work; the school is widely recognised as a leader in this field. On behalf of the school community, I would like to express our deep thanks to Sue for her outstanding work at Willy North and we wish her ongoing success for the next stage of her career.
Visual Arts

As part of ‘Art In Public Place”, Monique Harkin will be “busking” and singing outside Coles on Sunday morning between 10.00-12.00. This is Monique’s second appearance. Well done Monique.

Good luck to the 24 Willy North students who have entered this environmental art competition (Art in Public Places). All art work will be displayed at the Williamstown Library, then moved to the Louis Joel Centre for another exhibition. Please refer to the flyer below for further information.
“Finding Out About Williamstown North Primary School”

An Information Session for prospective 2016 Prep Parents will be held on **Tuesday 21st April** from 7.00pm to 8.00pm at the school. A tour of the Prep Classrooms will be held from 6.30pm to 7.00pm prior to the start of this session.

Provisional Prep enrolments for 2016 will commence on **Wednesday 22nd April**. ‘Enrolment Form’ and the ‘Preliminary Information Sheet’ will be available at the Information Session, or from the General Office from **Wednesday 22nd April**. A copy can also be downloaded from the school website from **Wednesday 22nd April**.

If you have any enrolment questions, or concerns regarding enrolments, please contact the school office on 9397 5722.

**Additional School Tours will be conducted on**
- **Thursday 30th April** – 9.30am
- **Wednesday 20th May** – 11.30am
- **Wednesday 3rd June** – 9.30am
- **Wednesday 17th June** – 10.00am
- **Tuesday 21st July** – 11.30am

Please contact the school office to register for a tour.

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**Please Provide the following information when lodging your enrolment**

1. Enrolment Form and Preliminary Information Sheet
2. **Proof of Age** - (Child’s Birth Certificate)
3. **Certificate of Immunization** (School Entry Form)
4. **Three documents for “Proof of Residential Address”**. (Drivers Licence, a Rates notice and a third document with your **full name & residential address**).

**Enrolment Policy**

Please note that in line with the “School Ceiling” endorsed by the South Western Regional Director, only families who reside within the defined school neighbourhood are eligible to seek enrolment. A map defining the school neighbourhood is available on the school website.

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**CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT WILL BE MADE IN WRITING BY THE END OF TERM 3, 2015**

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The ‘2016 Prep Parent Information Night’ is only for Parents of confirmed Prep enrolments. **Tuesday 24th November 2015, 7.00pm to 8.30pm**.

Kay Margetts from Melbourne University will speak on “School Readiness” and “School Expectations”.

**Transition Program**

Our Kinder to School Transition program for our 2016 Prep children will commence week beginning **Monday 12th October, Week 2 of Term 4**.

All transition details will be included with the ‘Letter of Enrolment’ sent to families.

For our School Zone go to [www.willynth.vic.edu.au](http://www.willynth.vic.edu.au) / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map
Williamstown Football Club is now a stand alone club. Please support your local VFL side by becoming a member today!

Adult Membership $55 (Valid for 15 years+ as of 1/1/15)
Concession Membership $40 (Entry based on proof of concession card)

Contact Details 9391 0309
www.williamstownfc.com.au
Membership forms available at the school office.
Rosters... Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)
This is a very social and interactive group who volunteer an hour of their time each Friday morning. Thank you to the many dedicated parents that assist with Fresh Fruit Friday. Fresh Fruit Friday continue to need parent volunteers. If you are available on Friday, please email Linda Taylor directly to be added to the roster—linda.taylor@edumail.vic.gov.au. Volunteers this week are Julia Hacket, Arlene Lawrence, Mel Maskey, Camilla Thompson, Zohreh Basiri, Kim Pamnone, Larissa Deeth,

Canteen
Julianne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of the time parents or family members can volunteer to help in the Canteen. Julianne can be contacted via the General Office. New parents or family members are always needed and most welcome. So, if you can spare any of your valuable time, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thursday 16th April—
Friday 17th April—Tracey Somerville

Uniform Shop News Primary School Wear (PSW) is our official Uniform supplier. Uniforms can be purchased at the new store located at Unit 1, 128 Bertie Street Port Melbourne. Items will also be available for purchase online. Email portmelbourne@psw.com.au. Trading hours for Term One and Term Four are Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm, Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm and closed on Sunday and Monday.

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 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.

Working With Children Checks From early April 2014, cardholders who are required to renew their WWC Check will no longer need to go to Australia Post to lodge a paper form and present their current card. From this time, cardholders will go to the WWC Check website to complete their renewal application online and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the fee using a credit card. The online renewal process Cardholders will be notified by SMS, letter or email 28 days before their WWC Check is due to expire. It is important for cardholders to keep their contact details up to date so that they receive this important reminder.

After receiving a notification, individuals continuing to do child-related work should go to MyCheck on the WWC Check website and apply to renew their Check. Cardholders will be asked to register with MyCheck if they have not already done so. Once logged in to MyCheck, cardholders will be prompted to confirm or update their personal contact and work details, complete the online form and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the non-refundable $102.70 fee. More information, an FAQ guide to online renewals will be available in 'Publications' under 'Resources' on the WWC Check website. Or contact the Customer Support Line on 1300 652 879 8.30am – 5.00pm weekdays except public holidays. http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/
The First Step ASD Support Group

Movie Fundraiser Night!

To celebrate Autism Awareness Month, The First Step ASD Parent Support Group is having a movie night fundraiser! You are all welcome to join us to support a wonderful group of parents caring for children on the autism spectrum.

Where: The Sun Theatre, Yarraville

When: 22nd April 7pm. Please join us from 6.30 pm in the function room for a pre-movie drink and chat

Tickets: $20 each and includes the movie and a show bag of goodies

We will also have some great door prizes to give away on the night to some of our lucky guests!

Buy your tickets from the School office. Alternatively you can pay by PayPal with email address annabrasier@bigpond.com and the tickets will be mailed to you.

If you have a product or service you would like to donate as a door prize or a show bag filler we would really appreciate it!! Please contact Victoria on 0413 031 914 or Jody on 0421 186 629 with the details.

The movie: X + Y
A teenage math prodigy on the autism spectrum learns to cope with change, intimacy & high-pressure competition at the International Mathematical Olympiad in this deeply affecting, sensitively handled drama. Rated: M

*Drinks available for purchase at bar prices
FOOTBALL STAR ACADEMY

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Providing your child the opportunity to learn the skills of football...

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- Soccer Tours
- Holiday Camps
- One on One
- Goalkeeper Coaching
- Birthday Parties

SIGN UP at footballstaracademy.com.au
or call FSA on 1300 372 300.

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LIME LIGHT DRAMA SCHOOL

Enrolment Form

Your child tried a free class today and would like to complete a term
Please call Olivia (Dip Ed Drama teaching) on 0407 537 305
All teachers have a working with Children Check

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List persons who may collect your child and their contact details
List any medical conditions we should be aware of and treatments that should be followed

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WILLIAMSTOWN NORTH PRIMARY

DANCE FUN
Shake, move and let the beat enter your feet with Kelly Sports. Our trained dance coaches can get your child’s hips swinging, heads bumping, feet rocking and bodies shaking to all of modern contemporary music’s classics. Sign up fast as places are limited and let our coaches beat ignite your child’s dancing feet.

WHEN: Wednesday
COMMENCING: 15/4/2015
CONCLUDING: 17/8/2015
TIME: 1:00pm – 2:00pm
YEAR LEVELS: P – 4

Mighty Multi Sports
Don’t miss out on this brilliant autumn action, with our Mighty Multi Sports. This program allows your child to experience a fun, energetic and highly active multi-sport program over 10 lively weeks! These include: Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Footy and Mini Games. This program will not only provide an essential base for your child’s motor skills but help build awareness and co-ordination all in an enjoyable environment.

WHEN: Monday
COMMENCING: 13/4/2015
CONCLUDING: 22/6/2015
TIME: 3:40pm – 4:40pm
YEAR LEVELS: P – 4

COST: $100
VENUE: Williamstown North Primary School

ONLINE ENROLMENT
www.kellysports.com.au
To enrol, please visit http://www.kellysports.com.au or fill out the below enrolment form & send with a cheque or credit card details to: PO BOX 71, Moonee Vale VIC 3055. Do not leave enrolment forms at the school office.

ENROLMENT FORM

☑ Dance Fun ☐ Mighty Multi Sports

School: ____________________________ Year Level: ____________________________
Name: ____________________________ Room No: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________ Post Code: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________ Mobile/Work: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________ Medical Conditions: ____________________________

At the completion of afterschool clinics, does your child?
☐ Go to after care ☐ Get collected

Parents’ consent: I hereby authorise Kelly Sports to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Kelly Sports Essendon from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Kelly Sports programmes.

Parent/Caregiver name: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________

Amount Paid: $ _________ Direct deposit: Bsb: 633 000 Acct: 142172618 Please quote child’s surname as reference

Credit card payment: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card Number: ____________________________ Expiry Date: __________/________

Printed by: ____________________________ Date: __________/________/________
ONLY $50 Earlybird at Williamstown North Primary School

Shooting Soccer

- **When:** Thursday
- **Time:** 3:40-4:40pm
- **Classes commence:** 23rd Apr
- **Classes conclude:** 11th June
- **Where:** Williamstown Nth PS
- **Who:** Prep – Year 4

Have Fun & learn the basics of soccer including Dribbling, Passing and Kicking Goals!

Netting Netball

- **When:** Thursday
- **Time:** 3:40-4:40pm
- **Classes commence:** 23rd Apr
- **Classes conclude:** 11th June
- **Where:** Williamstown Nth PS
- **Who:** Prep – Year 4

Participate, Play and Learn to Defend, Bounce, Pass, Shoot Goals!

Cost: $70 per program. The program consists of 8 sessions.

To receive the Earlybird price of $50 you need to Pay before 10th April 2015

ENROL ONLINE AT [WWW.BIG5SPORTS.COM.AU](http://WWW.BIG5SPORTS.COM.AU)
Alternatively, circle the sport, complete the form and return it via post or email.
Please do NOT leave enrolment forms at the school office.

School: ____________________________
Year level: _______________________
Name: ___________________________
Address: _________________________
Date of Birth: ____________________
Phone (h): ______________________ (m)
Email: __________________________

Medical Conditions: ____________________________
At the completion of the after school class does your child:
- [ ] Go to Aftercare
- [ ] Get Collected
- [ ] Credit Card Payment (please tick) Visa  [ ] Master Card  [ ]
- Card Number: _______________ Expiry Date: _______________
- Cardholders Name: __________________________

Parents Consent: I hereby Authorise SportingKids Pty Ltd and its coaches to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, I also release SportingKids Pty Ltd and its coaches from any liability incurred by my child at a SportingKids Program

Parents Name: ____________________________
Parents Signature: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________
Willy French Club for Kids

French Club is in its 5th year. We are a small group of kids from different schools who meet to role-play, sing and play games to develop our French language skills.

Francoise is our real French teacher and she is highly experienced and cares about our kids.

Wednesdays 3.50-4.50pm Williamstown Community Centre

Enquiries welcome
Jim Callahan 0432 719 034
jim.callahan@lcfclubs.com.au

AUSKICK 2015

Williamstown Auskick Kicks Off this Saturday 18th April at the Bayside Ovals, Bayview St Williamstown, from 9am-10am (Kinda & Prep) and until 10.30am for Grade 1-6

If you have already registered online then you should have, or will be posted you backpack this week, which is packed full of goodies!

If you have not Registered as yet, you need to do this online at http://www.aflauskick.com.au/register/ or alternatively we do have a manual form you can fill out to register on Saturday morning (Cash Only $85) but you will not get your backpack until the following week.

We are still in need of Coaches for Grades Prep and Kinder, so if you can assist us please let me know ASAP. If you are able to help out on Saturday mornings on the BBQ or Canteen please drop me a line also.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.