Principal’s Report
ANZAC Day Reminder
A reminder that the school will be closed on Monday 25th April for the annual ANZAC Day holiday.
To commemorate this special day, the Williamstown RSL has organised a memorial service on Sunday 24th April. Our School Captains will proudly carry the Willy North banner down Ferguson St on Sunday to the Cenotaph for the service which will get underway at 3pm.

Canberra Camp
How fortunate our Years 5 & 6 students are to be enjoying such lovely conditions in Canberra this week. All is going very well as they engage with the rich activities program planned across some of our country’s most significant buildings/venues. The photo below captures a group shot at Holbrook on the bus trip up to Canberra.

Please note that we expect our campers to return at around 5pm on Friday,
pending the traffic conditions on the way back from Canberra.

Prep Information Evening

We warmly invite all new and existing parents who will have a child eligible for next year’s prep cohort to our Information Evening tonight (Wednesday 20th April) in the Junior Learning Centre. Parents will be able to see the prep classrooms from 6:45pm, with the presentation beginning at 7pm.

Enrolment forms for 2017 will be available on the evening or from the office from Thursday 21st April onwards. All 2017 enrolments are strictly limited to our designated zone and under the directions of the Department of Education there can be no exceptions to this practice.

Hobsons Bay Art Award

Last Friday evening we were delighted to hear that Williamstown North Primary School was awarded First Prize in the School section of the 5x7 Hobsons Bay Art Society Art Competition. This is the second year in a row that Willy North PS has won this competition. Heartfelt congratulations to the 24 talented students who worked really hard to complete their art work based on the theme MY SPACE. The feedback from the judges included the following comments – “conceptually strong, innovative use of techniques and media, a lot of different themes explored”. Sincere thanks to the families who turned out for the opening and announcements of awards and Robyn Law who attended on behalf of the school. Our prize is a hundred dollar voucher kindly sponsored by Atelier Arts. The art will be on display at the Lois Joel gallery (Altona) before being returned back to us in the next few weeks.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to recognise and thank Vicki Symons (Visual Arts Teacher) for the wonderful opportunities she continues to facilitate through the ART program for our students. The above award is testament to the calibre of the work being created by our students each day at school. How exciting it will be to see this work come together for our Art Show in September.
**Michael Carr-Gregg Presentation**

We’ve had a terrific response to our upcoming evening with Michael Carr-Gregg on Monday 9th May. Michael’s presentation will focus on anxiety and resilience in children and will run for approximately 90 minutes.

Please note that there are limited tickets available for this presentation and we ask that all forms are returned to school by Monday 2nd May to assist with our planning arrangements.

**Green Thumbs at Work!**

It was terrific to see our vegetable gardens being transformed last week as a result of the generous support of Bunnings Warehouse Altona North. Now all we need is some good soaking rain to get these seedlings growing!

A huge thank you to Dale Evans (Year 6 teacher) for liaising with Bunnings and organising the rejuvenation of these gardens last Thursday with our students. The Year 6 Sustainability Leaders along with several students from prep, grade 1 and grade 4 replanted four garden beds with winter vegetables to support the schools push to become more sustainable. The garden beds were planted with celery, lettuce, silver beet, carrots and spring onion and will be looked after on an ongoing basis by our Sustainability Leaders as well as prep and grade 1 helpers.

**Swimming Reminder**

Don’t forget to pack the bathers and towel for those students in Years P – 4 who will be participating in our annual intensive swimming program starting next Tuesday 26th April at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre. This program runs for two full weeks, concluding on Friday 6th May.

We often find that participating students tend to become increasingly fatigued as the program unfolds, so you might want to limit any after school commitments over the next fortnight and ensure early nights! A huge thank you again to Sarah Nobbs (PE Teacher) for the extensive planning that has gone into organising this very important program for our students.

Enjoy the rest of your week

Jim Cahill – Principal
PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
Williamstown North Primary School

“Finding Out About Williamstown North Primary School”

An Information Session for prospective 2017 Prep Parents will be held on **Wednesday 20th April** from 7.00pm to 8.00pm at the school. An opportunity to tour the Prep Classrooms will be available from 6.45pm to 7.00pm.

Provisional Prep enrolments for 2017 will then commence on **Thursday 21st April**. The ‘Enrolment Form’ and ‘Preliminary Information Sheet’ will be available at the Information session. From Thursday 21st April, a copy can be collected from the General Office or downloaded from the school website.

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

**Additional School Tours will be conducted on**
- **Wednesday 27th April** – 9.30am
- **Monday 9th May** – 11.30am
- **Tuesday 24th May** – 9.30am
- **Friday 10th June** – 10.00am
- **Tuesday 19th July** – 11.30am
- **Wednesday 3rd August** – 10.00am

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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, 2016**

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The ‘2017 Prep Parent Information Night’ is only for parents of confirmed Prep enrolments.

On Monday 21st November 2016, 6.45pm to 8.00pm, Kay Margetts from Melbourne University will speak on “School Readiness” and “School Expectations”.

**Transition Program**

Our ‘Kinder to School’ Transition program for our 2017 Prep children will commence week beginning Monday 10th 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
Rosters… Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)
This is a very social and interactive group who volunteer an hour of their time each Friday morning from 9.00am to 10.00am. Fresh Fruit Friday continues to need parent volunteers. If you are available on a Friday, please email Linda Taylor directly, so she can add you to the roster—taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au. Parents on the roster for Friday 22nd April are; Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Ray Price, Shadi Momeni, Leah Foley, Sandra Ensabella, Nova, Angelique P, Zohreh Basiri and Carolyn Watt

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 parents or family members are always needed and are most welcome. If you can spare any of your valuable time, it would be greatly appreciated and we would love to hear from you.

Thursday 21st April—Shadi Momeni
Wednesday 27th April—Carolyn Wilkinson & Sandra Ensabella
Thursday 28th April—Samantha Cross
Friday 29th April—Julie Noonan

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 can also be purchased online. Email portmelbourne@psw.com.au. Summer Trading hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm, Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm and closed on Sunday.

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, ribstic 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 Cards Cardholders who are required to renew their WWCC will no longer need to go to Australia Post to lodge a paper form and present their current card. Cardholders will go to the WWCC website to complete their renewal application online and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the fee using a credit card when using the online renewal process, cardholders will be notified by SMS, letter or email 28 days before their WWCC 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 WWCC 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 WWCC 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/
A big thank you to all the everyone who have kindly volunteered to be part of Fresh Fruit Friday in the past. Without your assistance this program could not happen.

We need more volunteers to assist in 2016. 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 from 9.00am to 10.00am.

I can assist  
- Weekly  
- Fortnightly  
- Monthly

Parent Name: __________________________________________
Child’s Name: __________________________________________  Class: _________
Contact Numbers:  
Home: ________________________________
Mobile: ________________________________
Email: ________________________________
The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Williamstown North Primary is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all children from birth to 16 years in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition, but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by the closing date of the Challenge.

If you would like your child to participate in the Challenge this year, please return the consent form, signed and dated, to your child’s classroom teacher by Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April.

\textbf{Instructions:}

1. Return you signed Consent Form to your child’s teacher by Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April.

2. Your child will be registered by the school and given a \textit{username} and \textit{password}.

When you receive your login details, you are able to enter the details of the books your child has read as often as needed.

Please note; it is the Student/Parents responsibility for entering the correct amount of books in order to complete the Challenge. Please see below for your child/ren’s specific book requirements:

- Children from \textbf{Prep to Year 2} are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ \textbf{30 books} with their parents and teachers.

- Children from \textbf{Year 3 to Year 10} are challenged to read \textbf{15 books}.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: \url{www.education.vic.gov.au/prc}

\textbf{Premiers Reading Challenge Coordinators}

Crystal Tyson \hspace{1cm} Bethany Johnstone
Prep to Year 2 Coordinator \hspace{1cm} Year 3 – 6 Coordinator

\textbf{Mother’s Day Stall}

The Mother’s Day Stall is a school activity that gives the children a chance to shop for their mum, without her being there to see what they have bought! The stall gives the children a chance to shop, learn about money and feel independent all within a safe school.

The Mother’s Day Stall this year will be held on Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} May in room 9. We have a great range of gifts for mum and grandma from $1.00 to $5.00.

So don’t forget to send along money and a bag for your child to carry their gift in, that way it will stay a surprise.

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