Principal’s Report

Olympic Parade

A big thank you to the many parents who forwarded lovely emails to the school after our Willy North Olympic Parade last Friday. It was certainly a lot of fun and our students really enjoyed representing their nominated countries as they marched around the running track on Tasmania! This event certainly helped to set the scene for Rio, with everyone now closely tracking Australia’s achievements over this fortnight. A huge thank you to the many staff who came together to organise the event – they even managed to ensure the weather was absolutely perfect!

Hobsons Voice – 10th Anniversary

Last Sunday we very proudly watched our Glee Club perform at the 10th Anniversary of Hobsons Voice, which was staged at Williamstown Town Hall. Our students sang three songs absolutely superbly, without accompaniment, with their voices resonating beautifully throughout the hall. These students were wonderful ambassadors for the school and should be very proud of their performances. A huge thank you to Dean Pearce (Performing Arts teacher), for his meticulous preparation of these students as well as his support for most of last Sunday. Thank you also to Kellie Murdoch (Education Support Staff) for her tireless support of our students on the day.
80’s Social Night

The much anticipated 80’s Social Night certainly lived up to expectations as 350 parents enthusiastically rocked the night away at Willy Town Hall last Friday evening. The scene was set for a big night with most attendees embracing the 80’s clothing theme with gusto! The photos below capture a little bit of the action:
The evening was an astounding success thanks to the tireless planning of one of our hard working parents, Irene Alexandrou. On behalf of everyone who attended, we deeply thank Irene for the many hours of planning behind the scenes to bring this wonderful event to fruition. The following people were also directly involved over a nine month period assisting Irene in different areas of organizing the event. Grace Donnelly, Nicki Tamblyn, Sharon Hunt (teacher) and Julie Noonan. Special mention for help on the day from: Ruth Wallace (town-hall), Renae Cadman (door entry), David Treeby (parent of Cash in 1D) took 250 photos (more photos to come in a few weeks). Irene also received some great help from three Grade 4 girls: Annabelle Tamblyn, Eva Donnelly and Maggie Lynch. Special thanks also to Deb Dorgan (Business Manager) and Belinda Gill in the Office, who were a great help in the lead up to the event. Proceeds from the night will fund a special school project, information to follow. Finally, we extend our thanks once again to Williams Real Estate for their generous support of the evening.

On a slightly unfortunate note, there was some unforeseen damage to the photo booth which was set up in the foyer of the town hall. The school has not budgeted for this damage and at this stage is liable for the replacement of this photo booth. If anyone can assist with this matter, we would be grateful to hear from you so that this mystery can be solved!

Welcome Melanie Maycock in 6A

We warmly welcome Melanie Maycock to Willy North who will be teaching in 6A for the next several weeks. Melanie will be working closely with the Year 6 team to ensure all aspects of the classroom program continue to tick along seamlessly. Annemarie Honeybone is taking some unexpected extended personal leave, however she will be eager to be back on deck with her students in a couple of weeks.

Crossing on Melbourne Road

We’ve had several parents anxiously approach the office over recent weeks to share that some parents and children are crossing Melbourne Road at various points leading up to Newport. Navigating four busy lanes of traffic to cross Melbourne Road is extremely dangerous. Putting families at risk to save a few seconds here and there is certainly perilous. We urge all students and parents to use the manned crossing outside the school to ensure everyone arrives safely at school each day!

Enjoy the Week! Jim Cahill—Principal, Williamstown North Primary School
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 12th August are; Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Ray Price, Mel Maskey, Helen Gibbs, Malour Guy & Zohreh Basiri

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 11th August—Dawn Bridgman

Wednesday 17th August—Renae Cadman— & Help Needed

Thursday 18th August— Sandra Ensabella

Friday 19th August—Julie Noonan

Uniform Shop News Primary School Wear (PSW) is our official Uniform supplier. Uniforms can be purchased at the store located at Unit 1, 128 Bertie Street Port Melbourne. Items can also be purchased online. Email portmelbourne@psw.com.au. 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/
Williamstown North Primary School

Provisional Prep enrolments for 2017 have commenced and we are hoping to finalise 2017 Prep enrolments by the end of July. If you haven't yet enrolled your child, please undertake this next week. A copy of the ‘Enrolment form’ and ‘Preliminary Information sheet’ can be collected from the General Office or downloaded from the school website.

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

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.

CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT WILL BE MADE IN WRITING BEFORE THE END OF TERM 3, EARLY SEPTEMBER

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

On Thursday 3rd 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 early September

For our School Zone go to www.willynth.vic.edu.au / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map

Sick of spending hours at the gym? Why not try Metafit? 30 minutes of speed power & strength. Suitable for all fitness levels & abilities. Children welcome.

Williamstown North Primary School Deals

Intro offer - Buy 1 session ($12) & receive a free session for yourself* or a friend OR 10 class pass $85. *New clients to HIIT You Fit. Please mention this ad.

WILLIAMSTOWN - Mon, Wed & Fri 9:15am
Mon & Wed nights, Sat morning – Metafit & Kettlebell AMPD

ALTONA – Mon, Wed & Fri 6:15am      Tue & Thurs 9:15am

www.facebook.com/HIITYouFit           www.hiityoufit.com
www.instagram.com/hiityoufit          karen@hiityoufit.com
Call/text Karen on 0419 379 416
RWTIM is our annual Community Literacy event, where all students in Prep to Year 6 have written and published pieces of poetry and/or snapshots to share with their family.

To indicate your attendance; please use our online booking system. This will open on Monday 1st August and close at 4.00pm on Monday 15th August.

“Reading & Writing Together Is Magic” will be held on Thursday 18th August starting at 6.30pm, and concluding at 7.30pm. All families are invited to attend, however children attending, must be accompanied by an adult.

Children from Prep to Year 6 are allocated in groups to a classroom, with siblings kept together. Our senior students host the evening as part of their Leadership development. Prep to Year 6 students proudly read their poems and/or snapshots to the audience with great confidence.

The evening commences with each child taking turns to read their piece of published work and at the conclusion, each child will receive a ‘RWTIM Ribbon’ for attending the night.

To assist with the organisation, it is vital that you register your attendance, and names of your child/ren who will be participating on the night.

Please go online www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the Online Booking System Event Code – 9ta2x on or before, Monday 15th August to book your child/ren’s attendance. The online booking system will close at 4.00pm on Monday 15th August.

All families will be provided with details of the room your child/ren will be reading in, by Wednesday 17th August.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT ON THE NIGHT

Book Fair – Australia! Story Country

The Book Fair will be located in the Library/Resource Centre.

Families will be able to purchase a wide range of books on the following dates and times.

Thursday 18th August – 3.00pm to 4.30pm

5.30pm to 6.15pm (sharp)

After RWTIM until 7.30pm (sharp)

Friday 19th August – Before School from 8.30am to 9.00am
Keeping your children safe online

Search safely
We all use search engines to find information online, and so do our kids. From researching school assignments or being entertained – chances are your kids are using search engines to explore online, but with that open access comes the risk of seeing inappropriate material.

Six tips to searching safely
To help you support your kids and have confidence online, check out these six tips for finding the right stuff.

1. Use child-friendly search engines
As soon as your child starts exploring the internet, steer them in the direction of child-friendly search engines. These provide kid friendly content by screening out from search results inappropriate sites and material.

Try Google Safe Search for Kids, GoGooligans, KidzSearch, KidsClick, KidRex and Swiggle. We recommend typing in some words first to test if any undesirable content appears in the search results, but remember some search engines contain advertising and there is always a risk that inappropriate material could still slip through.

2. Use safe search settings
Your home computer usually has a preferred browser to navigate the internet and most of these like Google, Bing and Yahoo! 7 have safe search settings to filter out inappropriate, explicit and adult-oriented content from search results. While not foolproof, they can help when kids stumble across inappropriate content when searching seemingly innocent words and phrases. Also consider opting for the safety mode on popular services such as YouTube and iTunes. The UK Safer Internet Centre provides useful information about the safety features offered by Apple, Safari, Google Chrome, Microsoft Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox.

3. Protect devices
Searching the internet can place your computer at risk from viruses and other types of malware. Ensure that all devices are installed with security software that is regularly updated. Teach your kids not to accept files or open email attachments from people they don't know and trust in real life.

4. Bookmark preferred websites
You can help minimise the risk of your kids accessing unsuitable websites by bookmarking preferred sites accessible from their web browser. This way, they can go directly to favourite websites without having to first conduct a search to locate them online.

5. Check the website’s safety
Check a website’s safety rating before visiting it by using online search tools that help identify malicious websites. If you are worried about a game or social networking site used by your child then check its safety rating. It’s simple to do this: just type in the phrase “is this website safe” into your browser, choose from one of the search results and then enter the website’s URL address into the search field.

6. Talk about safe searching
Talk to your child about safe searching, as well as the kind of websites they can view. Realistically, you can’t supervise their internet use all the time so build trust by explaining any rules and be open to their suggestions about usage. If your child has been exposed to undesirable content, whether accidentally or on purpose, talk them through what they have seen. Encourage them to speak to you about anything they find upsetting while playing games, visiting websites or social networking.

Art & Technology Show

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Thursday 8th September
Williamstown North Primary School Gym

We are proud to showcase the many creative talents of the students at Williamstown North Primary School.

We’d love to see you there.

ENTRY by Gold coin donation.
2016 LAMONT BOOK FAIR

Next week, on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th August, the school Library/Resource Centre will be the venue for our annual Book Fair. A variety of books will be available for purchase.

This will be an excellent opportunity to promote books and reading, as well as a terrific opportunity for our school to earn books for our library through commissions in sales- last year we earned $4,000 worth of quality books for our school!

PREVIEW SESSIONS
Throughout the week of the Book Fair, all classes will have an opportunity to preview the books. Your child will fill out a special Wish List indicating which books they liked the best, along with their prices. This list will help you quickly identify the book/s that your child would like, or, it can be used to place an order if you are unable to attend in person. (Please note that you are under no obligation to purchase from the fair.)

BOOK FAIR OPEN TIMES:

Thursday 18th August (RWTIM day)
  After school- 3:00pm - 4:30pm
  Prior to RWTIM- 5:30pm - 6.15pm
  After RWTIM- until 7.30pm

Friday 19th August
  4. Before school- 8.30am – 9.00am

PURCHASING BOOKS
There are two easy ways to purchase this year:

1. In person at the Book Fair- payment welcomed via cash, eftpos or credit card (PayPass available). Orders for books that have sold out can be made and paid for at the Book Fair.

2. Return an order form to school by Tuesday 23rd August. Order forms will be included in the newsletter next week and your child will also bring home an order form after their preview session next week. Orders must be in a clearly labelled envelope along with your cash payment or credit card details.

N.B. NO CHEQUES OR ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE THIS YEAR

We hope you are able to attend this year’s Book Fair!

Vivien D’Aquino
Book Fair Co-ordinator
My Lamont BOOK FAIR ORDER FORM. Please complete this section below along with the payment section.

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Contact Phone Number

Cash Payment Included - $
Would you like to work from home while caring for your own children?

Have you considered a career in Family Day Care?

Hobsons Bay City Council’s Family Day Care Service is currently recruiting Home Based Educators in Williamstown, Newport and Altona North.

Family Day Care is an education and childcare service that provides small group care for children aged birth to 13 years, in a safe home environment. All Educators are supported, resourced and mentored by the Council’s professional coordination team.

For more information please contact the family day care coordination unit on 9932 1227 or email fdc@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or go to the Council’s website at http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
2016 SPORTSPERSON’S LUNCH

Dane Swan
2011 Brownlow Medallist
2010 Premiership Player
All-Australian 2009-2013

Brendan Fevola
2-Time Coleman Medallist
3-Time All-Australian
204 AFL Games - 623 Goals

Billy Brownless
1991 All-Australian
198 AFL Games - 441 Goals
AFL Media Personality

Brad Johnson
6-Time All-Australian
364 AFL Games - 558 Goals
3-Time B&F Winner

Debbie Lee
Women’s Football Operations Manager at Melbourne FC
VU Western Spurs Coach

Matt Campbell
Master of Ceremonies
AFL Commentator
79 AFL Games - 26 Goals

Des Dowling
Comedian
Actor
Writer & Producer

Friday 19 August - 12.30pm

VENUE: Seaview Williamstown Events Centre
Burbank Oval, 73 Morris St, Williamstown
Entry via Battery Rd

LUNCH: Buffet Lunch

DRINKS: 4-hour beverage package included

RSVP: Tuesday 16th August - Call 9391 0309 or email
rkfourey@williamstownfc.com.au to book!

$120 per person
or
$1,000 - Table of 10

Bookings are Essential!

Proceeds go to the Les Twentyman Foundation