Staff Training Day Friday 22nd August—Student Free Day

Principal’s Report

Staff Training Day Reminder

Please note that children are not to attend school this Friday 22nd August as teachers will be participating in their final staff training day for 2014.

Reading & Writing Together is Magic (RWTIM)

What a terrific night we had last Wednesday evening for our annual Reading and Writing Together is Magic evening. Thank you to the many parents who forwarded “thank you” emails to the school - we very much appreciated your lovely feedback.

The consistent message from your emails was that many students (particularly in the more junior classes) were a little tentative or nervous at first, but they all felt really proud of their achievements afterwards. Not only does RWTIM provide a purposeful forum for writing, but as you saw last week, it supports our students to also develop their public speaking skills.

Thank you to all parents who were able to participate in last week’s RWTIM and a big thank you to Giorgia Moss (RWTIM coordinator) and a wonderful team of teachers and Education Support Staff who assisted with all of the planning and preparation.

Book Fair

As part of our Book Week program last week, we had a great response to our Book Fair. It was fantastic to see the excitement of students as they purchased their much coveted books.

Sincere thanks again to many parents who waited patiently in queues to get into the Book Fair! Our teachers and Education Support Staff worked tirelessly to move everyone through the Book Fair as quickly as they could. A gold star also to Sue Smith (Resource Centre coordinator), for her wonderful management of the Book Fair.
Rotary Club Funding

We were delighted to learn earlier this week that the Rotary Club of Williamstown has very kindly supported our funding application for new line markings in the junior play area. The grant of $3000 will enable us to upgrade the current markings with an artistic range of graphics on the asphalt thereby providing several new games for children to play during recesses and lunchtimes. We hope to have this work done early next term, after a large section of asphalt is replaced over the next school holidays.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Williamstown for their support and a special thank you to one of parents, Adrian Butera, for being such a supportive advocate for the school in regards to this application.

Year 6 Transition to Secondary Schools

In line with the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) state-wide timeline, all students in Year 6 will take home a letter today to confirm their secondary school placement. From Monday 25th August, Secondary schools may then begin to make contact with parents in regards to the transition processes ahead.

Special thanks to Caroline Reid (Year 6 teacher) for the many hours put into coordinating this important transition process. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact the school

Jim Cahill
Principal

Mobil Bright Future Grant Morning Tea – An Invitation

Recently two students, Felix Mountford 3D and Georgia Seward 5P, joined me in attending a special morning tea celebration at Newport Gardens Primary, which was held to acknowledge the 2014 Mobil Bright Future Grant recipients.

That morning we heard about how other schools are utilising their grant and shared our proposed plan to purchase a range of numeracy books to help students with their learning of mathematical concepts.

Titles such as, Me Base Ten Invents Mathematics, Sir Cumference and All the King's Tens, A Place for Zero (introducing place value), Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi, The Greedy Triangle(geometry), Sir Cumference and the Off-The-Charts Dessert (data), Each Orange Had 8 Slices (fraction) just to name a few. Felix and his classmates in 3D along with some of the other Year 3 students and teachers are certainly familiar with some of the titles and are using them to learn about maths already.

Both Felix & Georgia enjoyed some delicious treats and a drink along with the other visitors, they also had their photo taken with the Altona Refinery Manager, Andrew Warrell. This has recently been published in their Community Bulletin, you might find a copy in your letterbox.

Our staff is currently undertaking the job of selecting and ordering these resources. On behalf of the students, teachers and our community we would like to thank Mobil for their support in the area of Numeracy this year.

2014 Father’s Day Stall

The Father’s Day Stall this year will be held between 9am – 1pm on Thursday 4th September. We have fabulous gift ideas ranging in price from $1 - $5. All Dads favorite things are covered from sport, music, cars, fashion and technology.

Don’t forget to send along a bag for your child to carry their gift in, that way it will stay a surprise a little longer. Thank you

Davena & Rebecca
**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 will need parent volunteers throughout the school year. If you are available on Friday, please email Linda Taylor directly to be added to the roster—taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au.**  

NO FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST STAFF TRAINING DAY  

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 21st August—Anne Tobin**  
**Friday 22nd August—NO CANTENE—STAFF TRAINING DAY**  
**Wednesday 27th August—Tracey Sommerville/ Ellie Campbell**  
**Thursday 28 August—NEED HELP**  
**Friday 29th August—Di Diblasi**  
**Wednesday 3rd September—Helene Kuoppa**  
**Thursday 4th September—Anne Tobin**  
**Friday 5th September—Kellie Walker**

NO SUSHI AVAILABLE IN TERM 2 & 3

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**Uniform Shop News**  
Primary School Wear (PSW) is now our official Uniform supplier. For all uniform enquiries please contact Kara on her mobile: 0413 008 185, between 9.00am and 5.00pm weekdays (excluding weekends and school holidays). **Opening times are:** Mondays and Thursdays 8.30am to 9.30am  
**Internet orders** can be placed on the website: [www.psw.com.au](http://www.psw.com.au)

**School Banking**  
School banking day is Wednesday. Don’t forget to send in your child’s bank book.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.**

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**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.


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We are now finalising our Prep Enrolments for 2015. If you have not completed an enrolment form and lodged it with the school, please do by next Monday 25th August. If you have any enrolment questions or concerns regarding enrolments, please contact the general office on 9397 5722.

All enrolments will be confirmed in writing by the end of Term 3

**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.

The ‘2015 Prep Parent Information Night’ is only for Parents of confirmed Prep enrolments.

Tuesday 25th November 2014, 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 2015 Prep children will commence week beginning Monday 13th October, Week 2 of Term 4.

All details outlining transition will be included with the ‘Letter of Enrolment’ sent to families.
2014 / 2015 REGISTRATION DAY


Saturday 30th August

10am - 12 noon

Fearon Reserve, Osborne Street
Williamstown

Under 17, 15, 13 & 11 players welcome!

Cost $100 for U11, 13 & 15
Cost $125 for U17
(Covers playing fees and clothing)

CYMS also runs a Milo In2Cricket program

Available on registration day or later online
Cost $70

For more information contact Michael 0407 051 450

Please bring proof of age with you
Next week Williamstown North PS will be participating in the Cool Australia Enviroweek from Monday 25th to Friday 29th. All students will be involved in the Waste Warrior and Foodie challenge. We are requesting that all students take action by having a rubbish free lunch box, eat fresh, seasonal and local food and fill up water bottles from the tap for the entire week.
HEALTHY EATING WORKSHOPS
Presented by Tania Sangiorgio
Ph. 0411-176075 after 4pm.
Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies, Certificate in Fitness Instruction/Nutrition and Personal Training.
Certificate 1V in Workplace Training and Assessment. Post Graduate Certificate in Human Nutrition at Deakin.
Saturday 6th September at 11.00am till 12pm.
Studio 92 32 Walker St Newport
Session Outcomes: At the end of the session you will learn:
The importance of parent/ educator role modeling in nutritious foods.
The importance of Breakfast. Food Pyramid.
Food Presentation/What are food additives?
How much Fruit and Vegetables to eat. (3-5 years of age)
How to read food labels in Supermarkets. Children’s allergies.
Dairy and nut free foods Children’s lunch Boxes.
Foods to Avoid. Lifestyle, Children and Exercise.
Question Time.
Cost $12.00 per person. Studio 92 32 Walker St Newport, 11am.
Minimum 10 to proceed.