Principal’s Report
Staff Training Day

Teachers had a very productive day last Friday as they participated in our final staff training day for 2014. The focus for the morning saw all teachers working together on the school’s Shared Inquiry curriculum, whilst in the afternoon the teachers explored strategies to broaden and enhance vocabulary development for our students.

During the morning session, teachers worked in their individual professional learning teams to create a new scope and sequence planner. Essentially this documents all of the shared inquiry units each term, for each level of the school. One of the drivers behind creating this new scope and sequence planner was to ensure that our students are participating in new shared inquiry units each year, thereby eliminating any repeated topics from year to year and to also ensure that shared Inquiry covered each year have a developmental flow into the inquiry units covered at the next year level.

The next part of the morning involved all teachers working together to come to agreement on the planning formats to be used when documenting our shared inquiry. This was a particularly valuable part of the day, with teachers now having developed a more consistent framework to use across the school. Teachers then worked in their professional learning teams to use the new planner for documenting their Term 4 shared inquiry units.

In the afternoon session, teachers explored the use of tier one, two and three words, as a means of analysing the vocabulary used in each student’s writing. In summary, tier one words are the more everyday words used by students, tier two words are more complex words that often require exploration to understand their meaning and tier three words are more technical words quite closely linked to specific topics/professions. Through our writing program, we will be aiming to enhance our student's use of tier two and three words as a means of further improving the standard of their writing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ashleigh Cantwell, Daniel Vuik and Sue Peterson for facilitating such a productive staff training day.
2015 Prep Enrolment Confirmations

We are currently in the process of finalising our 2015 prep enrolments. If all goes according to plan we hope to send out letters of offer to each family next week, confirming eligibility for the 2015 prep cohort. These letters will also provide details of the upcoming transition sessions during Term 4. If you have any concerns in regards to prospective enrolments, please don’t hesitate to contact the school office.

Parking around the School

We’ve had several recent approaches from neighbours in both Power St and Freyer St who have been very aggrieved as a result of school parents parking across driveways, thereby blocking in these residents. I’m sure we can all appreciate how frustrating this situation would be, especially if you were trying to leave for work in the morning, or return home later in the day to find you couldn’t drive into your own property.

Could I implore all parents to please take that extra few minutes each morning and afternoon, to park a little further from the school in appropriate parking spaces, so that we can continue to forge positive relationships with our neighbouring properties. I thank you in advance for your support on this sensitive matter.

Jim Cahill
Principal

BABBA

If you were lucky enough to secure a ticket to the Williamstown North Primary School’s ‘social event of the year’ then this message is for you!

Please remind all your guests on your table to BYO their own glass for the night and for a chance to win a food prize, platters themed from the 1970’s!

Prizes will also be awarded for the best dressed Woman, Man and Couple!

Doors open at the town hall at 7pm for a 7.30pm start but remember, ‘No ticket, No entry!’

We look forward to a fabulous night of dancing, laughter, chatter and a few glasses of bubbles with you all!
(Remember the bar will accept cash only on the night)

Many thanks from the BABBA committee

Footy Week, Footy Day

We would like to bring your attention to an exciting event happening throughout this week. Next week is footy week. There will be many exciting activities (eg. Longest Kick Contest). Remind your children to stay tuned for lunch time announcements throughout the week. The celebrations will finish with Footy Day on Friday 5th September. This is the day you can wear your team colours. All football codes accepted (eg rugby, soccer, NFL, etc). There are also many exciting things happening on Footy Day. AFL and former AFL players will be visiting the school and signing autographs. Don’t forget your gold coin donation. Be as generous as you can with the donations. There will be prizes for the top three classes that raise the highest amount of money. We would like to thank Mr Richie for organising the day. We would also like to thank Julianne in the canteen and the office staff for organising the footy lunches. Be proud, be loud and show your team colours!

Thanks, from the J.S.C.
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.

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 $1.00- $5.00. 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 home their gift. That way it will stay a surprise until Sunday.
Thank you
Davena & Rebecca

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 Offer’ sent to families.

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

Plastic is killing our waterways so
please help us keep our area safe.
Maddi Burton and Sian Rowley
would like to invite
you and your family and friends
to help them clean up The Bay
Meet at the Newport Boat Ramp,
end of North Rd, Newport
10am – 12pm Sunday 21st Sep-
tember
Please bring gloves if you have
them and long handled tongs
We will supply bags
To learn more about helping Port
Phillip Bay go to:
http://www.ecocentre.com/
Welcome to Aiko sensei

This term we are again fortunate to be hosting a Japanese university student through the Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language (TJFL) Program. Aiko Adachi, pictured here with the children from Prep H, will be assisting in Japanese classes for the next few weeks and sharing some of her rich cultural heritage with us. This program provides our children with an invaluable opportunity to interact with a native speaker of Japanese. In her spare time, Aiko loves reading, watching movies and listening to music. A big thank you must go to the Tamblyn family (Lily, 3L and Annabelle, 21) for hosting Aiko. Without their support, it would not be possible for our school to participate in such a valuable program.

Origami Club is Back!

And it's better than ever, thanks to our Peer Leaders, Alessandra D, Zara N, Olivia H and Bella D from Year 5M.

Each week the girls all plan an origami model for the younger children to make. During club time, the children rotate around four different tables to try the different models. So far we have made bunnies, bears, ice creams, flowers and more! Origami club is on Wednesday during lunchtime. Listen for the announcement. Everyone welcome, and we'd love to see some more boys coming along!
At Williamstown North PS, After School Care may now only cost you $11.45 per afternoon*

Did you know you may be able to get a 50% Government Child Care Rebate (CCR) on your OSHC fees?

This brings the After School Care fee down to a maximum of $11.45 – less if you can claim Child Care Benefit as well.

Williamstown North Before & After School Care is an Approved Child Care Provider so you are able to easily claim your rebate. This rebate is NOT means tested – so apply today!

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(Fees subject to change)

Many families receive their rebate as an immediate discount when they ask for it to be applied to their account. Call the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50 and follow the prompts. Just ask for your Child Care Rebate to be paid directly to OSHClub on your behalf as a fee reduction.

We hope to see you soon at the OSHC program – we have loads of fun every day.

* Families must be registered with the FAO and meet their criteria to be eligible for the 50% CCR.
**School Banking Day Reminder**

Don’t forget that **Wednesday** is School Banking day when students bring in their weekly deposit. Every time your child makes a school banking deposit they receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exciting School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. These reward items are currently available:

- Penguin or Shark plush toy Key ring
- Whale Shark pencil case
- Handball
- Scented pencils
- Moneybox
- Swimming bag

**Cool Australia Enviroweek**

This week Williamstown North PS is participating in the Cool Australia Enviroweek from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August. 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 nutritious foods.
The importance of Breakfast.
Food Presentation/What are food additives?
How much Fruit and Vegetables to eat (for 3-5 years of age)
How to read food labels in Supermarkets.
Dairy and nut free foods.
Foods to Avoid.
Children’s allergies.
Lifestyle, Children and Exercise.
Question Time.
Cost $12.00 per person. Studio 92 32 Walker St Newport, 11am.
Minimum 10 to proceed.