Principal’s Report

Art & Technology Show

Every two years we excitedly showcase and celebrate the artistic talents of our very capable Willy North students at our biennial Art Show. For the first time this year, we will extend the exhibitions to include some of the very impressive work our students are undertaking with the aid of their computers. Our wonderful Visual Arts teachers, Vicki Symons and Emily Millman, have been saving pieces of stunning artwork throughout the year and I can definitely assure everyone who can attend the show are in for a real treat! Melissa Ziebowski (eLearning Leader) has also been working closely with many students from across the school to compose animations and media inspired artwork.

The Art & Technology Show will be launched next Thursday 8th September in the gymnasium from 5:30 – 7:00pm. If you are unable to attend the opening, the show will also be open after school on Friday 9th September from 3:45 – 5:00pm. We are seeking a gold coin donation from all attendees to help cover the costs of staging the show.

I hope all families will be able to attend this year’s Art & Technology Show, so please make sure you have next week’s show times saved into your phone calendars!

Father’s Day Stall

A huge thank you to a dedicated band of parents who very kindly facilitated a Father’s Day stall just for our Years 2 and 4 students yesterday, to ensure that they didn’t miss purchasing a treat for dad for this weekend’s Father’s Day. Please note that all other year levels will be able to attend the Father’s Day stall tomorrow (Thursday 1st September). Students are asked to bring along no more than $5 dollars to spend at the stall; this will ensure that there are plenty of gifts for everyone to select from!

Welcome Renee Powell

On behalf of the school community, we regrettably farewell Allie Gripper (Year 3 teacher) who will finish at Willy North at the end of this week to begin her maternity leave. Allie has worked tirelessly all year to nurture and support her Year 3 students and I know that they will all be a little sad come Friday.
We are delighted to confirm that Renee Powell has been selected to replace Allie for the remainder of 2016. Renee has worked extensively at the school during 2016 as a casual relief teacher, covering daily and extended absences. Renee knows the school’s practices and many of the students very well and is very familiar with the strong team planning structures within the school. Renee will shadow Allie for the remainder of this week to ensure a very seamless transition for the students in 3G.

**Confirmation of 2017 Prep Enrolments**

Confirmation letters will be sent to all families at the end of this week, confirming students who have successfully received a placement in next year’s prep cohort. Also contained within this letter, will be all of the important details regarding the Prep Transition program that will unfold in term 4.

Upon current numbers, we will welcome almost 100 prep students to Willy North in 2017. Our draft planning for next year has this group of students accommodated across five classes, with each class having 19 – 20 students.

Our 2017 planning is certainly now in full swing with our hard working Prep teachers liaising extensively with the Pre School settings in the coming weeks in order to gather as much anecdotal information about our new students as possible.

We will be very excited to welcome our future prep students next term as they begin their transition to their primary schooling years!

**Sunsmart Reminder**

We’ve had a taste of some beautiful early spring weather over the last week and it has certainly been lovely to feel a little more warmth in the air. You may have noticed that nightly weather reports have also started to now make mention of the climbing UV radiation.

Our Sunsmart program will get underway from this Friday with all students expected to wear their sunsmart hats at recess, lunchtime, during sports and definitely whilst attending excursions. Students who do not have a hat from this Friday will be directed to undercover areas to undertake restricted play options during recess and lunchtime. Students who do not have a hat for sporting programs or excursions will unfortunately not be able to participate/attend. Could all parents, over the next few days, ensure that their child/ren have one (preferably two) named hats ready for the higher UV days ahead during Term 4 and Term 1 of 2017.

Enjoy the Week!
Jim Cahill—Principal, Williamstown North Primary School
Art and Technology Show preparations are moving along very smoothly. We are looking forward to showcasing the Arts and Technology skills of our Willy North Students on Thursday 8th September (twilight event) and after school Friday 9th September (3:45pm-5:00pm). Every child in the school will have at least one piece of work on display and some of our senior students will be showcasing their musical talents with live performances.

Entry into the Art Show will be by gold coin donation or $5.00 per family and lucky door-prizes will be awarded.

So far we have some great lucky door-prizes that have kindly been donated. Thanks to local photographer (and ex-student) Harrison Moss for donating a set of 3 photographs from his Williamstown photographic documentary “A Sheltered Harbour” and Brian Davies (parent who runs the fabulous art supply warehouse Atelier Art Supplies) for an art hamper. Any other door-prize donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Winners will be drawn and announced at Monday’s assembly (12/9/16).

It is always a fun night and we look forward to seeing lots of the Willy North community there. Lock it in your diary.
Asthma Club at WNPS!!

Did you know that we have over 70 children managing their asthma at our school?

To help us educated and care for this special group of children the Asthma Foundation of Victoria are coming to WNPS to run Asthma Club! This is a government funded initiative that makes asthma education engaging and fun.

Keep an eye on the school newsletter for more details.

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2016 Father’s Day Stalls

The Father’s Day stall for (Prep, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6) will be held on Thursday 1st September.

We have some fabulous gifts for sale, ranging in price from $1.00 to $5.00. All of dad’s favourite interests will be covered, from sport, music, cars, fashion and technology.

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

Thank you

Helen & Rachelle—Coordinators of the Fathers Day Stall

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FCGC MON 19TH SEPT - FRI 30TH SEPT

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

COME ALONG AND JOIN FCGC GYMNASTICS
FOR AN EXCITING TWO WEEKS OF FUN!

. FULL DAY PROGRAM
. HALF DAY PROGRAM
. SKILLS SESSIONS
. OPEN GYM
. GYMNASTICS TRAINING

Please note: all School Holiday Program participants must currently be enrolled at school (excludes open gym sessions)
**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 2nd September are; Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Ray Price, Leah Foley, Sandra Ensabella, Nova Ward, Zohreh Basiri

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**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 1st September—Sandra Ensabella**  
**Friday 2nd September—Lakshmi**  
**Wednesday 7th September—**  
**Thursday 8th September—**  
**Friday 9th September—**

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**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.

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**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, 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.**

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**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 WWC website, or contact the Customer Support Line on 1300 652 879 8.30am – 5.00pm weekdays except public holidays. 
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 Prepchildren will commence Friday 21st October through to Friday 11th November (4 Fridays)

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

For our School Zone go to www.willynth.vic.edu.au / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now coming to a close and Williamstown North Primary is excited to announce that out of the 242 students registered, almost 100 students have successfully completed the challenge to date.

The Challenge is open until **Friday 2nd September** to all children who have already been registered. Please remember that there is a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by the closing date.

**Instructions:**
1. Please use your child’s given **username** and **password**.
2. You need to make sure you have entered in all the books completed to be verified by the coordinator.

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

⇒ Children from **Prep to Year 2** are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ **30 books** with their parents and teachers.

⇒ Children from **Year 3 to Year 10** are challenged to read **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: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

Happy Reading….

**Premiers Reading Challenge Coordinator**
Crystal Tyson
Prep to Year 2 Coordinator
[tyson.crystal.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:tyson.crystal.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)

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**After School Care**

Dear Parents,

The Holiday program is fast approaching and the Spotswood Holiday program does fill up quite quickly. Please log onto oshclub.com.au to complete an enrolment for the activities that you want your child to attend.

Please make sure all your after school care enrolment details are up-to-date. Some families need to add emergency contacts to the enrolment as this is a required section and must be completed.

Unfortunately our “Play on Footy” sessions have been cancelled for this term due to low numbers of students participating. We will try this program again in Term 4.

Children at after care will be collecting old/used printer/fax ink cartridges and toners to be recycled for Planet Ark. The box is located next to the parent sign in/out area. All parents are welcome to drop off old cartridges. We can take Brother, Canon, Kyocera and Konica Minolta cartridges.

Please check the blue Lost Property basket as it is getting quite full.

Thank you

Oschclub Staff—0422 236 845
Williamstown Cannons

Williamstown Cannons are looking for boys & girls who are interested in playing basketball for the Summer 2016/2017 season which starts beginning of term 4.

Registrations are open now!

Children born between 2000 to 2011 are welcome to register.

Specifically we’re in search of girls born 2006 & 2007 to fill a beginners team.

For further details please email registrar@williamstowncannons.org.au or check out details on our website at www.williamstowncannons.sportingpulse.net
Come and try!  
FREE Basketball Session!  
Saturday 8 Oct  
(9.30 to 10.30am ★ 10.30 to 11.30am)

Are you aged 5-10 years old? Then come along to Whitten Oval and see how much fun you can have playing basketball.

Get a taste of our Aussie Hoops and Pink Ball programmes with fun games and drills. We’ve got plenty of room, so bring your friends!

Register Now!  
and see you on court

www.westgatebasketball.com.au

Victoria University Community Sports Stadium  
Whitten Oval, 417 Barkly Street, West Footscray

18-27 November 2016  
ART & INDUSTRY FESTIVAL

The western suburbs of Melbourne are recognised as the industrial heartland of Australia. The Art & Industry Festival celebrates and investigates this area, which is in the process of change.

Be a part of the first Art & Industry Festival as we consider our industrial heritage in an ever-changing world.

Over ten days, the festival is a time to explore our unique locality, which is home to craft breweries and breweries, designers, oil tanks and treasured heritage buildings.

Visit a local brewery and an art studio. Discover our industrially inspired art events, which reflect a manufacturing history of producing electricity, petrol, blueprints, glass, matrices and trains.

For more information contact info@artandindustryfestival.com.au

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**Williamstown Yarraville Cricket Club**

2016 / 2017 REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday, 3 September

10 am - 12 noon

Fearn Reserve, Osborne Street

Williamstown

All players welcome!

Cost: U11 - $120
U13 - $130
U15 - $150
U17 - $160
Seniors - $260 (Students - $160)

(Covers playing fees and selected clothing)

CYMS also runs Milo In2Cricket & T20 Blast programs
Available on registration day or later online
Cost: $80 - In2Cricket
$100 - T20 Blast

For more information contact Michael 0407 051 450
Please bring proof of age with you

www.williamstowncyms.vic.cricket.com.au

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**Spotswood Football Club**

Come and Try Session

Wednesday 31st August from 5:30 - 7:00pm

**NEWPORT COMMUNITY HUB OPEN DAY**

Join the party in Paine Reserve as we throw open the doors to celebrate the opening of the Newport Community Hub.

Enjoy a range of free and fun activities including live music, roving performers, art and craft, story time, face painting, fruit and vegi swap, herbarium, mending (byo), robot and LEGO play zones and much more.

Date: Saturday 3 September

Time: 10am to 1pm

Where: Newport Community Hub
15 Mason Street

Visit: libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
for more information

Spotswood FC will be entering Girls' Teams in under 12, 15 and 18 age groups for season 2017.

For more information, email Lorey @ joradmin@spotswoodfc.com.au
**Williamstown Cricket Club**

**Junior Registration Day**

- **Teams:** in2Cricket, T20 Blast, Under 11, 13
- **Date:** 4 September
- **Time:** 10:30am – 12:00pm
- **Location:** Williamstown Cricket Ground, Morris Street, Williamstown
- **Fees:** $100
- **Contact:** Cam Smith 0423 401 659
- **Email:** williamstown-cricket@kcv.org.au
- **Web:** [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au) (Williamstown CC, Morris St)

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**Keilor Basketball Association's**

**Slam & Jam Basketball Camp**

- **Dates:** Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th Sept 2016
- **Time:** 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
- **Cost:** $50 Per Day or $130 for 3 Days

**P U N K B R E A K F S T**

**Tuesday 27th September 2016**

Please join us at the beautiful Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club for a morning of light entertainment and enlightening guest speakers to help raise awareness and support Breast Cancer Research.

All proceeds from our fabulous breakfast will go to The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute and The National Breast Cancer Foundation. Enjoy the atmosphere of the Motor Yacht Club and enjoy the view of the Melbourne City skyline. Treat yourself to a gorgeous morning in Williamstown!

- **Date:** Tuesday 27th September
- **Time:** 6.45am to 9:00am
- **Location:** Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club, 260 Nelson Place, Williamstown
- **Cost:** $55.00 per head includes a glass of champagne on arrival and a full breakfast. Raffle, silent auction, and door prizes to be won. Early Bird discount of 10% applies if bookings a table of 10 by the 17th of August.

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**Forum on Equity in Education with Maxine McKew**

**Tuesday 13 September 7.30pm**

Sponsored by Newport ALP Branch

Our goal is to develop a world-class 21st century education system based on excellence, opportunity, choice, equity, and innovative ideas. Is this what you want? What should we do? What can we do about it in an education system? How do we improve equity in our local communities?

The panel has concluded that Australia must aspire to have a technology system that is as world-class as the Australian education system and must make a focus for how we want to ensure that our cities and towns have the right education system for the challenges of the future.

**Newport Branch Australian Labor Party invites you to a forum with guest speaker Maxine McKew, Honorary Fellow at the Melbourne School of Education, former member for Bayside, journalist and ABC presenter, with panelists Wendy Morris, member of the ALP Policy Committee and David Hughes, educational policy specialist, to discuss how education can be improved for our kids.**

**COME TO LISTEN AND MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN.**

**Join us at the Sacred Heart Primary School hall, Newcastle St, Newport.**

**Tuesday 13 September at 7.30pm.**

Small gold coin donation to cover catering costs.

Please RSVP to Pauline at newportalp@outlook.com.au