Principal’s Report

BABBA

We are looking forward to a fabulous night on Friday as our community comes together for our big social event of the year – BABBA!

The organising committee, under the wonderful leadership of Irene Alexandrou and Merryn Kinmont-Brown, have worked tirelessly to ensure everything is in place for the evening and we can be assured that everything has been meticulously planned.

Wendy and I are a little nervous about judging some of the costumes and food on the night, but we’ll do our best to ensure the judging is within the spirit of the evening. It should be a really enjoyable night and we look forward to sharing the evening with our wonderful parent community.

Father’s Day Stall

We need a little help from the mums this week to ensure that our students bring a small amount of money to school this Thursday for our annual Father’s Day Stall. Gifts will range from one dollar up to five dollars, and our stall organisers have scouted far and wide to ensure there is a good range of gifts to please all dads!

On behalf of all of the dads out there, sincere thanks to both Davena Toplis and Rebecca Sciberras (parents) for coordinating all aspects of our Father’s Day Stall.

Year 3 & 4 Phillip Island Camp

Excitement is building as our Year 3 and 4 students prepare for their annual camping experience, with this year’s destination being to Phillip Island. We have our fingers crossed for some lovely spring weather, but in the event of inclement weather the camp is extremely well equipped with indoor activities. I am really looking forward to visiting the camp next Tuesday to join in the some of the sessions with our students. In anticipation of another great Willy North camp, I would like to thank Daniel Vuik (Year 3 PLT Leader) and Chrissie Van Nieuwkuyk (Year 4 PLT Leader) for the many hours they have put into organising the camp – we can certainly be very confident that everything will run like clockwork.
Chess Master Class

In response to parent feedback from a newsletter item earlier in the term, we have organised an external provider, Northern Star Chess, to run a trial lunchtime chess program for eight weeks in term 4. Lessons will be open to all students in Years 3 – 6 and participation in the eight week program will be at a cost of $8 per session ($64 for the term).

A ‘master class’ has been organised for any interested students at lunchtime on Friday 12th September. Notes for participation in the program will be distributed at this class. This lunchtime program can only accommodate twenty students, so participation will be determined on receipt of payment- hopefully everyone who is interested will get a spot in the program.

After this trial program in term 4, we will then consider the ongoing viability of running this program at our school in 2015.

Festival of Performing Arts (FOPA)

Congratulations to the Glee Club for a wonderful performance at last week’s Festival of Performing Arts which was staged at Carranballe College. Our Glee Club students sang their three songs beautifully and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

A big thank you to Dean Pearce (Performing Arts teacher) for supporting our school’s involvement in this year’s FOPA program.

Staffing News

We wish both Virginia Irvine and Caroline Reid safe travels for their long service leave during the last two weeks of this term. We particularly wish for a beautiful day for Caroline’s wedding in Ireland!

We are delighted that Jennifer Crane will be covering 2I and Paul Croot will be teaching 6C during the last two weeks of the term. I am very confident that both Jennifer and Paul will ensure that the classroom programs will continue to proceed smoothly during the final two weeks of term.

Best wishes also to Lisa Gammon, who will be taking leave for all of term 4. I know that Lisa will certainly be missed by her students. However, we are excited that Lewis Mulvey will be returning early from his South American adventures to teach 1G for the remainder of this year.

Making a Difference

In last week’s newsletter, I provided an overview of the staff training day with some details about our Shared Inquiry program at Willy North. One of the lovely aspects of this program is when our students can take their learning further in some way and make a tangible difference. To this end, we received an email this week from the Melbourne City Mission, thanking our Year One students for their generous soup donations. In addition to the rich literacy and numeracy skills covered in preparing the ingredients and making the soups, our students were also purposefully engaged in knowing that their efforts were assisting homeless young people around Melbourne.

We hope that through relatively simple activities such as preparing soup, we can empower our students to continually reflect our how their learning can enrich their own life, or the lives of other people in their family or community.
Fete Meeting

Our next Fete planning meeting is tonight (Wednesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} September) at 7pm in the staffroom. All parents are very welcome to attend.

Footy Week

This week we celebrate footy week to mark the beginning of the upcoming AFL finals. We have lots of exciting activities and visitors throughout the week, culminating in a whole school Footy Day this Friday. As the weather has turned cold again this week, the hot footy week lunches have certainly been going down a treat – gold star to Julianne in the canteen!

Below is a photo of some of our students who participated in a special Football Clinic at Etihad Stadium a couple of weeks back.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to extend a big thank you to James Ritchie (Year 4 teacher) for the many wonderful sporting opportunities he has coordinated for our students over the last several weeks.

Jim Cahill
Principal

After School Care

Dear Parents,

• The Holiday program is fast approaching, please log on to OSHclub.com.au to make your holiday program booking, places are limited and do fill quickly.
• Children with Asthma now require ventolin/medication to be left at the program. Please see Leanne in regards to this.
• Children need to be booked into Before and After care online at OSHclub.com.au. There have been a number of children not booked online, so they are not guaranteed a place. You could be called to pick them up as this puts the program over child numbers thus impacting on staffing. It is illegal for the program to be understaffed, so if your child is not booked, there is no guarantee they can attend the program on that day. Parents will be called to collect their child straight away.

Thankyou

OSHclub Staff
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.

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

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, 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.

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.

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
**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY - FITNESS AND AQUATIC CENTRE FOOTSCRAY**

**PROGRAMS INCLUDE:**
- Multi-Sport Junior
- Multi-Sport Intermediate
- Multi-Sport Senior

**AGES 6-15 WELCOME**

**www.staff.vu.edu.au/sportscamps** | Phone: (03) 9919 4370

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Please visit our website for more information: [www.staff.vu.edu.au/sportscamps](http://www.staff.vu.edu.au/sportscamps)

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**PLEASE NOTE ALL CAMPS RUN FROM 9:00am – 3:30pm**

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Please return the completed application form (BOTH SIDES) and payment by mail or scan & email to:

**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY SPORTS CAMPS**

College of Sport and Exercise Science

PO Box 14428 Melbourne, VIC 8001

Email: richard.bak@vu.edu.au & corey.pendry@vu.edu.au

Phone: (03) 9919 4370
Aspect’s Positive Behaviour Support Workshops are FREE for eligible Parents and Carers of children and young adults who are aged 6-25 years of age, who are living at home and diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

“The following workshop locations are currently open for registrations:

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Registrations for all workshops are taken online via [http://www.autismspectrum.org.au/content/events-and-workshops](http://www.autismspectrum.org.au/content/events-and-workshops)

Please note: You may search for a specific workshop location by entering the location into the ‘Search Keyword’ field. Registrations for all workshops will close if minimum numbers are not met 1 week prior to the start date of the workshop.

It is strongly advised that you register early as places are limited & minimum numbers must be met at least 1 week prior to the commencement date for a workshop to proceed as scheduled.”
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

Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club (WS&LSC) runs a fun Nippers Program for children aged 5-14 years. Nippers are taught about surf awareness and surf safety through the Surf Life Saving Education Program by certified and qualified coaches.

The program is conducted on a Friday afternoon at Williamstown beach. The season begins in November and runs through to March, stopping for Christmas and January.

To participate in the nipper program, families are required to join the WS&LSC (New Family membership starts from $270). Membership gives you access to the clubhouse toilets and showers, the boards, the gym, discounted hall hire and the swimming pool oversummer.

Williamstown S&LSC is a thriving club and very successful Nippers club and a great way for kids in the area to meet new friends in the community all while having fun down on the beach.

Information sessions
Saturday 13th September 2.30 – 4.30pm
Sunday 14th September 2.30 – 4.30pm
Saturday 4th October 2.30 – 4.30pm

Come down and find out more from the friendly volunteers about how the Nippers Program works and what club membership means to you and your family.

New & Existing Members Welcome Day
Sunday 5th October 2 – 5pm

On Wednesday Sept 24th Jacqueline Harvey, author of the popular Alice-Miranda and Clementine Rose books will be visiting Enchanted Years (30 Ferguson St, Williamstown) as part of her national book tour. Jacqueline will be reading from and signing copies of all her books including the latest mystery “Alice-Miranda At Camp”. This is a FREE event but bookings are essential. To book call Laura on 9397 1154 or email enchanted-years@gmail.com
Summer Season 2014/15
Registration
(Starts late Oct 2014)

If you would like to play basketball in Summer 2014/15, please register online.

http://www.foxsportspulse.com/
search for Williamstown Magic Basketball

New players are very welcome
For more information -
Girls All, Dale on 0400 208 426 or
girlsregistrar@williamstownmagic.asn.au

Boys  U10-14  Mick on 0430 504 300
      U16-18+  Ruth on 0433 037 270
boysregistrar@williamstownmagic.asn.au
INDOOR MODIFIED TENNIS PROGRAM FOR KIDS
Hot Shots Tennis Academy is running indoor tennis coaching for ages 4-8 years.

FREE TRIAL DAYS WILL BE HELD ON:
Saturday 6th and 13th September
10.45am or 11.15am (30 minute sessions)
Register for your free trial at www.hsta.com.au
Location – Williamstown High School Gymnasium Corner Melbourne Road and Pasco Street Williamstown
Sessions will run on Saturday mornings starting in Term 4 2014.
Benefits of indoor tennis coaching – no wind, no rain, no sun which helps fast track the development of tennis for young children.
Tennis can assist in developing various skills including: hand-eye coordination skills, body coordination, balance, and speed, and more importantly its loads of FUN!!!
New enrolments for Term 4 receive a FREE Tennis Australia Hot Shots T-Shirt.
We also run tennis lessons for all ages at St Stevens Uniting Church Tennis Club 179 Melbourne Road Williamstown (rear of church)