Principal’s Report

BABBA

All of those well-known songs came flooding back last Friday evening as our school community came together for our BABBA social night. The night was an outstanding success and typified the wonderfully strong sense of community we have at Willy North! The level of effort that many people had put into their costumes, 70’s food platters and dance moves all made for a very enjoyable evening!

A big thank you to all members of the organising committee for the months of planning and effort that resulted in such a successful event: Irene Alexandrou, Merryn Kinmont-Brown, Michelle Lopes, Kellie Walker, Michelle Boyall & Nikki Vitiriti. Ably "assisted" by Tim Brown, Michael Lopes, Michael Lynch, Matt Boyall.

There were a few lost items from the night, so by chance if you happened to find any of the following items could you please contact the office at school: a ring with initials H&A, and a glittery jacket.

Footy Day 2015

What a fantastic day we had last Friday for our Footy day program. It was great to see all of our students participating enthusiastically in a range of wonderful footy activities throughout the day.

The program for the day culminated with our Footy assembly, where everyone had a chance to proudly sing their team songs. The assembly was then followed up by a match between some Willy North students and a carefully selected ‘Legend’s Team’.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to sincerely James Ritchie for all of his wonderful work in coordinating such a successful Footy Week.
2014 NAPLAN Results

We are very proud to share this year’s NAPLAN results as there is much to celebrate in regards to the achievement levels of our students. As you can see from the data below, we have attained results significantly above state mean results in most areas. However, we realise that we still have more work to do in the area of writing/spelling to ensure that our students’ results are on par with similarly advantaged cohorts. The bulk of our staff training days this year have focused on our writing program and we have now developed a completely new curriculum in this area with ‘power standards’ identified for all levels of the school. Our intensive work in the area of writing is yet to come to fruition, but please be assured that our commitment to this important area will not wane until we have consistent patterns of achievement across all areas that reflect the true potential of all students.

Individual NAPLAN reports for students in Years 3 and 5 will be sent home later this week. We apologise for the slight delay with this correspondence as a result of a significant number of staff involved in the Phillip Island camp. If you have any queries in regards to your child’s NAPLAN results, please feel very welcome to make an appointment time with your child’s teacher.

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Phillip Island Camp

I was very fortunate to visit our campers at Phillip Island yesterday. Whilst the weather conditions presented a few minor challenges, it was great see our students persevering and making the most of all of the activities. By mid-afternoon on Tuesday, the activities program was modified as the rain had set in, so our students were very lucky that they had been able to participate in all of the planned activities. They will all arrive back today a little weary, but full of many stories to share about their adventures on camp. Below is a picture of one of the activity groups listening intently to their instructions just prior to having a go at the flying fox.

Congratulations Linda Campbell

On behalf of the school community I would like to congratulate Linda Campbell (Business Manager) on her promotion to Jennings Street School. Linda has been at Willy North for over thirteen years and over this period has ensured that the school’s financial operations have been managed to an exemplary level.

Linda will finish up with us at the end of this term, so if you’re passing through the school, be sure to drop by the office to wish Linda well in her new position.

Last Week of Term 3

It’s hard to believe that next week will be the last week of term 3. In addition to our regular Monday afternoon assembly, we will have a final assembly to finish the term at around 2:15 on Friday 19th September. Please note that students will be dismissed early at 2:30pm from the gymnasium to begin their term 3 holiday break.

Jim Cahill
Principal

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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.lI@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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 11th September — Amy Skalka
Friday 12th September—Majella Snelling
Wednesday 17th September—Rochelle Burbridge

Thursday 11th September—Anne Tobin  Friday 19th September—NO CANTEEN SALES

NO SUSHI AVAILABLE IN TERM 2 & 3

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.

YARRAVILLE SWIM CENTRE
TERM 4 SWIMMING LESSONS
35 ROBERTS ST., WEST FOOTSCRAY 9315 3400
enquiries@yarravilleswimcentre.com
Time to think about swimming lessons again, as the warm weather comes and people will be spending more time around water it becomes essential to have swimming skills. YSC provides swimming lessons for all ages, marine biology and surfing lessons. We have also supported 20 kinders with over $1300 in donations in the last 5 months. YSC is Your Swim Community.
SWAP SHOP SALE—Monday 15th September

Swap shop will open twice a term on Mondays from 3.15pm - 4.00pm in Room 23 (next to the Art room). All second hand clothing has been reduced. Limited numbers of brand new, unworn and old stock is available at reduced prices.

Term 3—15th September    Term 4—Monday 3rd November and 8th December

Prices are as follows:

$5.00 items: Rugby tops, Baseball jackets, Long sleeve polos, Girls long pants, Track pants, Stussy pants, Short sleeve polos, Stussy shorts & Skorts

Winter tunics: $15.00, Summer dresses: $10.00, Bike Shorts: $2.00, Bottle green socks: $1.00 (Size 5-8 only)

CASH ONLY SALES (NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE)     Please bring small change and BYO bag

If you have any school clothing you no longer need or want, the Swap Shop would greatly appreciate your donation. Clothing must be clean and in reasonably good condition. Please only donate Polo and Rugby tops that have the school logo. Any donations of clothing can be dropped off at the office.

Thank you, Yogada Rafferty – Swap Shop Coordinator

Illustration workshop

Looking for inspiration for your Friends of Altona Libraries' Illustration Competition entry? Heath McKenzie is known for books such as What do werewolves do when it’s not Halloween? Sausage curts, A year without marmalade, the Evil genius series, plus much more. His fusion of digital with hand drawing is sure to get your brain and fingers pumping.

Check out Heath’s work at http://heathmckenzie.com/
Please book for those participating.

Friday 26 September
Laverton Community Hub (which is easily accessible by car, bus or train)
95-105 Railway Avenue

Session one
Ages: five to eight years
11am to 12pm

Session two
Ages: nine to 12 years
12.30pm to 1.30pm

Bookings will open 10am, Friday 12 September
via library website or
phone 1300 HOB LIB / 1300 462 542
National Relay Service 133 667.
WILLIAMSTOWN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

big5sports

COOL CRICKET

Have fun learning how to play cricket with all your friends in the Big 5 Sports COOL CRICKET program. Learn all the basic skills required to play the game in a safe environment.

Simon Helmot
High Performance Cricket Coach

"As a primary physical education teacher, I believe it is important that every child has the opportunity to participate in a structured sport specific program such as Big 5 Sports."

ENROL ONLINE AT WWW.BIG5SPORTS.COM.AU

or fill out the enrolment form & send with a cheque or credit card details to: Big 5 Sports PO Box 357, Richmond 3121

Enrolment forms will not be processed without payment. Do not leave enrolment forms at the school office.

ENROLMENT CRICKET TERM 4 2014

When: Thursdays, Term 4 2014
Classes commence: 16/10/14
Classes conclude: 04/12/14
Time: 3:40pm - 4:40pm Year Levels: P-4
Venue: Williamstown North Primary School
The cost per student per term is $111

Williamstown North Primary School

Year Level: ..........................................................

Name(s): ...........................................................

Address: ..........................................................

Date Of Birth: __/__/___

Phone (Home): ............................................. Mobile/Work:

Email Address: ................................................

Parents Consent: I hereby authorize Big 5 Sports and Dance Oz to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Big 5 Sports and Dance Oz from any liability incurred by my child at a Big 5 Sports or Dance Oz Program.

Parents Name: ................................................

Parents Signature: ............................................

Medical Conditions: .......................................... At the completion of the after school class does your child:

Go to aftercare [ ] Get collected [ ]

Credit Card Payment: [ ] Visa [ ] MasterCard [ ]

Card Number: ................................................ Card Security Code: _______

Amount: $ .............................................. Expiry Date: ___ / ___

PO Box 357, Richmond 3121 Ph: 9421 5333 Fax: 9421 0303 info@big5sports.com.au
Williamstown Fruit & Vege Swap - 13th September
Got too many lemons and not enough parsley? Or maybe your kids won't eat all that excess silverbeet. Why not bring along your excess produce and swap it for something you can use. A Fruit & Veggie Swap is a concept that allows gardeners to share their produce with others. If you don't have a garden, you can still participate. You can swap other items including: recipes, egg cartons, worm tea, plant labels or even coffee grounds!
Come along to the Williamstown Fruit & Vege Swap and find out more.
Saturday, 13th September 10.30 - 11.30 am
Library Deck (weather permitting) or inside Foyer.
The Williamstown Fruit & Vege Swap is supported by Transitions Hobsons Bay - a community group working towards a sustainable future.
http://transitionhb.groupsite.com/main/summary

Little Athletics – 2014/15 season
INTERESTED IN JOINING WILLIAMSTOWN LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE?
REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN
(at/via: www.lavic.com.au)
Register & pay by midnight on Wednesday, 15 October 2014 to be eligible to win a new GoPro high-definition personal camera.
HOW TO REGISTER?
All registrations must be made online via Little Athletics Victoria's online registration portal (www.lavic.com.au) Click on the red McDonalds Registration Program button – right hand side of the website page.
Further information on who we are as Williamstown Little Athletics Centre, what we offer, how we operate, how much it costs, and our competition dates can be found on our website at www.willylac.com.au
BUT IF YOU DO WANT TO KNOW MORE...
We invite all new families and prospective members to come along to our Information Session on Saturday, 4 October 2014 at 10:00am at Newport Park Athletics Track (The Strand, Newport) and/or our Come & Try/Bring a Friend Day on Saturday, 11 October 2014 at Newport Park Athletics Track. See our website at www.willylac.com.au for further information.
CONTACT US
Feel free to contact us at williamstown@lavic.com.au if you have any queries.
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

Dear Amaze Member,

**Rescheduled Siblings Family Information Session: Wed 17 September (10am-12pm)**

If you ever find yourself wondering how the sibling of your son or daughter with ASD is coping, this session is for you.

Unfortunately we had to postpone the Siblings Family Information Session that was scheduled for August. It will now run on **Wednesday the 17th of September**.

We will look at the impact of having a sibling with ASD, what parents can do to support siblings, as well as relevant resources and services.

Join us at the Optometrists’ Association in Carlton (2 doors up from Amaze).

Amaze members can attend for FREE

Non-members can attend for the small fee of $20.

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**Enrich Your Home With A WEP Exchange Student**

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

**Find out more!**

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

**Sylvia Kelly**  Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs

**Phone:** 1300 884 733

**Email:** info@wep.org.au

**Online:** www.wep.org.au
INDOOR TENNIS PROGRAM FOR KIDS

Hot Shots Tennis Academy is running an indoor modified tennis coaching program for ages 4-8 years.

**FREE TRIAL DAY WILL BE HELD ON:**

**Saturday 13**\(^\text{th}\) **September**

**10.45am or 11.15am (30 minute sessions)**

Register for your free trial at www.hsta.com.au

New Registrations on the day will receive a **FREE WILSON TENNIS RACQUET**!

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 also 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)

**ENQUIRIES: 0432 698 093**
Around the world  September 2014 school holiday program

Monday 22 September  
Mystery movie  
Sit back and relax while watching a mystery movie! Movie rated PG. (mild animated violence).
Ages: Nine to 12 years  
Please book for all attending.
2.30pm to 4.30pm  
Attona Library

Wednesday 24 September  
Minecraft - The Survival Games  
Compete and defeat your opponents in the Survival Games Arena.
Ages: seven to 10 years  
Please book for those participating.
10am to 11.30am  
Attona North Community Library

Thursday 25 September  
Bollywood dancing  
Watch a short performance by Bindaas Bollywood Dance Group then join in the action in a fun workshop.
Ages: Family friendly  
Please book for all attending.
2.30pm to 3.30pm  
Attona North Community Library

Illustration workshop  
Join exciting illustrator Heath McKenzie for a hands on drawing workshop.
Ages: five to eight years  
11am to 12pm
Ages: nine to 12 years  
12.30pm to 1.30pm
Leverton Community Hub

Event bookings:  
Bookings will open 10am, Friday 12 September.  
Events can be booked at any library branch, via the library website or phone 1300 HOB LIB / 1300 462 542.  
National Relay Service 133 067.

http://libaries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Hobsons Bay Libraries

Minecraft: The Survival Games  
To celebrate the release of the Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1, compete and defeat your opponents in the Survival Games Arena and be crowned the next champion of the games.
Win great prizes on the day. Food and drink will be provided to boost your endurance levels.

Signed permission must be given by a parent/guardian on the day of the event for all participants. Please book for those participating.

Ages: 11 years plus  
Thursday 2 October  
2.30pm to 4pm  
Attona North Community Library

Bookings will open 10am, Friday 12 September. via the library website or phone 1300 HOB LIB / 1300 462 542. National Relay Service 133 067.

http://libaries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au