Principal’s Report

CUP DAY HOLIDAY

Please note that the school will be closed next Tuesday 5th November for the annual Melbourne Cup Day holiday. School will continue to operate normally on Monday 4th November with all classes running. We understand that many families plan for an extended getaway over the cup weekend; please ensure the school is notified in regards to this absence, by either a note to the teacher, a phone call to the office (9397 5722) or a direct email to Belinda at gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

ICAS RESULTS

Over the last fortnight we had indicated via the Newsletter that this year’s English & Maths ICAS results would be handed out to students at the last two school assemblies. Due to running out of time last week and staff absences this week, we were unable to hand out these results. I sincerely apologise to any parents who had made a special effort to attend the assembly in anticipation of these awards being distributed. We won’t hand these out at assembly next week because of the Cup Day holiday, so we will aim to hand these out on Monday 11th & 18th November.

PLAYGROUND OPENING

The new playgrounds are almost finished – as I write this Newsletter, the final section of asphalt is being laid near the back entrance of the school. We have had a sensational response to the new equipment and it has been great to watch our students challenge themselves on the many varied elements incorporated into the design. We welcome the use of the playgrounds over the weekend; particularly by school families who we know will keep an eye out for any potential misuse of the facilities or vandalism. Please note, that we cannot endorse larger gatherings in the school grounds over the weekend. We request that you do not organise parties/bbq’s etc, as this would need to be endorsed by our School Council due to public liability requirements/concerns.

Due to the very busy calendar for this term, we have unfortunately been unable to reschedule the family picnic originally planned. We will however hold a whole school assembly over the next fortnight to officially unveil the plaque that will recognise the school community’s fundraising efforts for this project.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

Earlier in term one, our Year 5 and 6 students completed a state-wide survey to measure their attitude towards several aspects of their schooling. The variables measured fall into the three broad categories of; Wellbeing, Student Relationships and Teaching/Learning. We have just received the results of this year’s survey and overall they are very pleasing. As in past years, our students
rate their general safety and connectedness to their peers very highly. Whilst most of the teaching and learning variables were around the state mean, our Year 6 students rated their motivation and learning confidence higher than our Year 5 students.

We are very proud of our senior students, they display a very positive attitude to learning each day and they are wonderful role models for our younger students. The respect they also display to each other and their acceptance of each other's individual differences continues to be a wonderful feature of our school.

**PREP PIZZA NIGHT/DISCO**

A huge thank you to all of the prep parents who were so supportive with costumes, drop offs/pickups etc for last Thursday’s Prep Disco & Pizza Night. The children had a great time bopping away at the disco and it was a delight to watch all the prep students sit down to enjoy their pizza dinner together. Congratulations to the Prep teachers for organising such a successful event for our students and a special mention to Tyrone Lewis (parent) who kept the music flowing for the disco!

**CASHTIVITY**

The Year 6 students have been using a computer app called Cashtivity during Term 3 and Term 4. The app has taught us how to set up our own businesses and about finances. On the 7th and 8th of November the Year Six students will be having a Market Day, selling the products from our businesses. All money raised will go towards our 2013 Year Six Graduation. The students will be selling items such as beaded jewellery, key rings, craft, sweets, balloonies, stationary, photo booths, drinks, baked goods, and toys, etc. We hope it will be a great success and that we will raise lots of money for out 2013 Year Six Graduation. Hope to see you there. The Year 6 Students.

Enjoy your Week
Jim Cahill—Principal

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**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Dear Parents,

OSHClub has a responsibility to keep the children safe and protected at all times. This is especially important when children are outside and need to be protected from the sun. OSHClub supports a Sunsmart policy which means: - No Hat—No Play —No Sunscreen—No Outdoor Play

All children are to wear hats outdoors at all times. If your child keeps their hat in their class room, could parents please supply a spare for their child’s bag, to be sure they have a hat at after school care.

OSHClub will supply sunscreen at the program. Parents need to notify the program if children are allergic to the product. If a child is allergic to the product OSHClub provide, then it is the parent/guardians responsibility to provide the Sunscreen appropriate for their child.

Great to see that most parents have been checking the blue lost property basket, it has actually been getting smaller. Please remember to keep checking.

Thank you- OSHClub Staff

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**Lost**

Lost on Tuesday 22nd October near the Butterfly room covered area, one 3cm cowboy boot, red with white design. Was attached like a key chain onto a backpack but the boot and key ring became separated. Sentimental value! If found please call Linda Mezzetti 0401 453 480 or return it to Matteo Mezzetti in Year 3L.
Ask WHAT when kids act up

"Asking WHY when kids misbehave generally closes down a conversation and puts them on the defensive. There's a better question to ask when kids behave poorly. Ask a question beginning with 'WHAT'!

WHY.............?'
'Why on earth did you do that?'
Most of us have said this to our kids at some stage.
They hurt a sibling and we say, 'Why?'
They argue and fight at the meal table and we say, 'Why?'
They deliberately come home from an outing later than agreed and we say, 'Why?'

This is a natural reaction. But often kids can't articulate why they have done the wrong thing. Boys, in particular, will usually reply, 'I dunno.' They know something isn't right, but articulating it is another matter.

Besides, asking WHY is pointless.

Even if they give you a reason for their poor behaviour ('cos she hit me first', 'I'm not hungry anyway', 'I was late because I lost track of time') where do you go from there?

Asking WHY when kids misbehave generally closes down a conversation and puts them on the defensive.

There's a better question to ask when kids behave poorly. Ask a question beginning with 'WHAT'!

Okay, your first reaction to misbehaviour maybe 'What the.....' but hold that thought in. Better to ask questions such as:

- **WHAT** were you thinking when you hurt your sister?
- **WHAT** were you doing when you decided to stay out late?
- **WHAT** was happening when you argued with your friend?
- **WHAT** should you have done when you didn't want to eat and decided to annoy your sister?
- **WHAT** will you do next time when you feel like acting like that?
- **WHAT** do you think your brother meant when he said that you were......?
- **WHAT** will you do now to make it up to your brother?

These types of questions are **reflective** and **restorative**. They require children to reflect on their thinking, their behaviour and the situation at hand. This opens up conversations that lead to learning.

Effective discipline helps children learn better ways of behaving. Some of the questions lead children to the important aspect of repairing or **restoring** relationships they may have damaged through their behaviour and so take some responsibility for the way they acted. Taking responsibility and making amends is another vital aspect of discipline.

Importantly, asking **what** when kids' misbehaviour impacts on others leads them further down the road from **self interest** to **social interest**, where they consider the well-being of others. It's also in line with the types of questions teachers are asking your children when their behaviour adversely affects others.
Rosters…
Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)
The parents on the roster for Fresh Fruit Friday this week Friday 1st November are: - Martin Ray, Pamela Fernando, Helen Parker, Larissa Deeth, Mette Nielsen, Julie Noonan, Jodie Moore, Helen Dixon, Melinda Maskey and Andrew Savoia.
If you are able to help out weekly, fortnightly or even once a month, please contact Linda Taylor at, taylor.linda.11@edumail.vic.gov.au. This is a very happy and social group.

Canteen—NEW HELPERS MOST WELCOME
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, so, if you can spare any of your valuable time, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thursday 31st October—Help Needed
Friday 1st November—Majella Snelling & Mel Maskley
Wednesday 6th November—Help Needed
Thursday 7th November—Help Needed
Friday 8th November—Kellie Walker & Tracey Somerville

Please remember that Lunch Orders are only available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

No Lunch Orders are available on the Last Day of Each Term.

Uniform Shop News
Primary School Wear (PSW) is now our official Uniform supplier. For Term 4, they will supply uniform items from the Uniform shop on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 9.15am. Alternatively, uniform items can be purchased on-line by visiting www.psw.com.au. Kara Kreis is now employed by PSW, and for all enquiries, please contact Kara on 0413 008 185.

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

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 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 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.

Working With Children Checks
As from the 1st July 2013 the process for applying for a Working With Children Check has changed. Due to the continual changes to the forms they are no longer available at School or the Post Office. The only way to apply for a Working With Children Check is online. These forms are available at http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Reminding Parents, if you wish to assist in the Canteen, Fresh Fruit Friday, Sport, Swimming, Excursions or Camps, you must have a current Working With Children Check. If you have a current WWCC and have not provided a copy to the office, please bring your WWCC to the school office, where a copy will be placed on file. Working With Children Checks remain valid for 5 years.
Movember is a special time of year, when men’s health takes centre stage. The time of year where the moustache comes out from hibernation, and we wear it with pride to support a good cause. Yes it’s a bit of fun, and often Movember is seen just as a bit of a laugh, but beneath the fun lies a meaningful initiative. Movember raises not only money to aid the research and treatment of prostate and testicular cancer, but also raises awareness of the mental and physical battles that males often face, but not acknowledge.

This year at Williamstown North, we are calling out to all Fathers, Grandfathers and Uncles in the school community to join the teachers in the Willy North Mo’s team.

Follow this link to join the Willy North Mo’s - [http://au.movember.com/team/1076753](http://au.movember.com/team/1076753)

Together let’s make a positive impact on the future health of your sons, grandsons and nephews!

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**CONCERT 2013 11th & 12th December, Williamtown Town Hall at 6:30pm**

**Ticket information**

The process for ordering your Concert Tickets is below.

1. Return the ticket order envelope to the class teacher via your child, and **not directly to the office**. Payments made via EFTPOS will be accepted at the office.

2. Seats are allocated on a first served basis and are numbered for seating priorities at the office.

3. Concert tickets are **$18.00 per person** and students performing do not need to purchase a ticket.

4. All families are offered a maximum of **two tickets per night**. Please note, due to increased student numbers, only two tickets per family per night can be offered. We request that one parent attends on each night of the Concert.

5. **Ticket sales end on Friday 8th November.**

6. Families requesting two separate envelopes, or who have any ticket inquiries, please call the ticket organisers on the following numbers: - Melissa Eastwood 0402 029 793 or Jan Zahra 0408 314 062.

7. Tickets will be distributed on Monday 2nd December 2013, via the eldest child in each family.

I am Fran McCormick, catch you next time.

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**Community Notice Board**

**Position Available**—Admin membership temp position. Start ASAP!! 10.00am to 4.00pm, 3 days per week (sorry has to be 4.00pm) Pier 35 Port Melbourne, Ski Racing Australia. Contact memberships@skiracing.com.au or 9682 4593

**Market**—Date: Sunday 17th November 2013. Raising money for Sidhi Astu Orphanage. Location: Yarraville Senior Citizens Centre, 48 Fehon Street, Yarraville Time: 11.00am-3.00pm.

**STS Student Exchange**— are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Our volunteer host families provide room and board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Call us today to start your adventure 1800 263 964 or email stsf@people.net.au
Willy North Concert 2013

11th & 12th December at 6.30pm
Williamstown Town Hall
Dear Williamstown North School Community,

Would like to become a Community Patron Sponsor of the annual Williamstown North Primary School 2013 CONCERT?

To be a Community Patron Sponsor, the school is looking for donations of $50, $100, $150, or $200, as the School Concert is a non-profit event.

Our school Concert is a major event for the Williamstown North Primary School Community and tickets are much sort after. We anticipate that all tickets will be sold—with over 1,300 people attending the two Concerts.

We will acknowledge Community Patron Sponsors in the following areas:

- School Newsletter;
- Logo/Advertisement of your company put up on a Multimedia 12’ X 9’ Screen by the stage;
- Verbal acknowledgement on the night from our Principal;
- Acknowledgement/advertising on the programme;
- Logo/Advertisement of your company on our promotional T-shirts worn by all staff in the lead up to the Concerts;
- Continuous advertising on the Schools Website from 1st December through to 1st February 2014.

If you could consider supporting this wonderful Williamstown North Primary School annual event, and become a Community Patron Sponsor, please contact Melissa Eastwood—the Sponsorship Coordinator on 0402 029793 or email: smeastwood@optusnet.com.au. Sponsorship payment details are as follows: cash, cheque—made payable to Williamstown North Primary School—or EFTPOS payments can be made at the office. Seating for Community Patron Sponsors will be pre arranged.

The final date to secure your sponsorship of the 2013 CONCERT is 25th November 2013. This allows sufficient time for all printing and promotional items to be finalised.

Please include a digital copy of your logo for advertising purposes.

The school community values your commitment to, and sponsorship of, the 2013 CONCERT.

Yours sincerely,
Melissa Eastwood and Fran McCormick

An update from 2013 CONCERT HQ

CONCERT 2013 HQ is open for business. The Concert is held over two nights, Wednesday 11th December and Thursday 12th December. This is due to the high demand for tickets and the inability accommodating everyone in the Williamstown Town Hall on one night. The Concert is duplicated over these two nights, and students are required to participate on both nights. We request that a parent or another adult accompany his/her child each night.

The aims of the WILLIAMSTOWN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL CONCERT are:

- To provide all students with an opportunity to perform;
- To unite the school community and celebrate a successful 2013 school year;
- To reflect on our student achievements/experiences/milestones;
- To encompass all area of Performing Arts through a Multimedia Concert;
- To showcase a range of performing arts talents across the school; and
- To create a positive, inclusive, vibrant and creative arts culture within the school.

Auditions for Comperes takes place in this term. The audition process has explicit guidelines, and is conducted by a team of teachers. The students are supported and encouraged through the process. Auditions for the comperes are open to students in Year 6.

I am Fran McCormick, catch you next time!
Art News

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be bringing home the fantasy masks that have been on display in the corridor. They will bring them home either today or tomorrow, Thursday the 31st October, so they can use them for Halloween.

This week in Visual Art lessons, students from all year levels will be using design and construction skills to create a hat or fascinator. All classes will be gathering in the Gym at 12.40pm this Friday to show off their creations at our Williamstown North Primary School ‘Fashions on the Field’ parade.

Programs being held at the Louis Joel Gallery throughout Term 4 are the following classes

Children’s Art - Tuesday with Helen Pollard. To book phone Helen 0415 039 791

Children’s Art - Saturday mornings with Sandra D’Lisio. To book phone Sandra 9398 5279

Artist of the Week

Congratulations to Year 6C who have been awarded the Art Class Award this week. They received the award for consistently showing such a fantastic attitude and level of enthusiasm during Visual Art sessions all year. Well done Year 6C!

Lucinda Campbell in Year 3L received the Artist of the Week Award at Assembly on Monday. She received the award for showing great creative skills, when designing and constructing her Spring Carnival fascinator. Great job Lucinda!

Thank you
Julie Kelly, Visual Arts Teacher.

LUNCHBOX OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Archie Stewart in Prep H for his Nude Food Lunchbox!

Please donate your old books (children genre). Your old books will help the INDIGENOUS LITERACY FOUNDATION. The books will be used to raise money at the Williamstown Library Book Swap on the 8th November.

Where to donate?
Donation display/box will be placed in the office area.

Finishes: November 6
Positive Behaviour Support WEEKEND Workshop

For Parents and Carers of Children and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder

(see eligibility criteria below)

In response to demand for a weekend workshop, Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based Autism specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshop in Melbourne’s CBD.

More than 1200 families have participated in Aspect’s Positive Behaviour Support workshops. Post workshop evaluations showed an effectiveness of the workshops, with participants reporting decreases in challenging behaviours and increases in confidence and capacity to support their children and young adults.

When: Saturday 30th November & Sunday 1st December 2013
Where: Rydges on Swanston - 701 Swanston Street, Carlton, VIC 3000
Time: Saturday 9am-4pm & Sunday 9am-3pm (8:30am arrival for registration each day)
Cost: $95 per person
Registration: Register & Payment online at www.autismspectrum.org.au

Access the workshops registrations section of our website through the ‘Events’ link on our home page

Eligibility to participate in this 2 day Workshop:

- Parents or carers of children and young adults aged between 6 and 25 years, diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- The individual with ASD must be living at home
- Participating families are encouraged to invite professionals or service providers working with them to attend the workshop

Families participating in this 2 day workshop will:

- Develop an understanding of autism and how an ASD impacts upon learning and behaviour
- Learn how to be proactive by creating an autism friendly environment at home
- Learn how to write an autism specific behaviour support plan for one of their child’s behaviours
- Learn how to write a plan to respond confidently when challenging behaviour occurs
- Learn how to teach new skills to promote their child’s independence and quality of life

Enquiries:

Contact Amber Day – Workshop Administrator or Heather Kirkhope - Service Coordinator
Phone: 03 9377 6600 or email aday@autismspectrum.org.au

Please note:

Minimum registration numbers must be met for this workshop to proceed. Please register ASAP as places are limited.

This workshop is partially subsidised by the Department of Human Services. Registration fee covers costs towards morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, workshop materials & assists with other expenses of running a weekend workshop.

Rydges on Swanston is also pleased to offer a 10% discount off the best available rate at the time of booking accommodation should you wish to stay at the venue for the weekend of the workshop. For accommodation enquiries please contact Rydges directly on (03) 9347 7811.
School Banking Update: Redeem your tokens for a moneybox this year!

In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be two new reward items for students to choose from each term.

With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year.

In an effort to ensure your child doesn’t miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmite moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that they still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.

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School Banking - Missing Deposit?

To the parents and carers of our school banking students,

On Wednesday the 11th September we received a School Banking deposit for the amount of $20.00. The deposit slip was not completed by the student and subsequently the account number details were not captured for processing.

If your child deposited $20.00 to their account on Wednesday, could you please present your bank book to the office so that the receipt can be verified and account number details obtained to allow us to process the deposit to your child's account.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Many thanks

Leanne Sutton, School Banking Coordinator
Mob: 0424 221 752  Leanne@e-counting.com.au
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Family Dental Clinic
The recently opened Yarraville Family Dental Clinic is offering parents of school-aged children no out-of-pocket costs for their child's check-up.
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