Principal’s Report

140TH ANNIVERSARY
On Tuesday 1st July 2014, our proud primary school will be 140 years old!
Over the last few weeks we have been looking back through the school’s historical documents and we have been able to confirm with the Education Department that Williamstown North Primary School was officially opened on the 1st July 1874. The original bluestone building was built at a cost 4,474 pounds. Whilst the school was opened to accommodate 500 pupils, within the first month the total school enrolment had swelled to 800. Students were in classes of more than 60 pupils, in very difficult conditions. The first head teacher was a man named Ulbrick who was a Dane and could speak no English. The colours adopted for the school were green and brown and the motto was ‘Labor Vincit’ which roughly translates to ‘Work Conquers All’.

I’m sure you’ll agree that the history of the school is fascinating and it will be intriguing to see what else we are able to uncover over the next term.

Unfortunately the 1st July falls within the mid-year holiday break, so we will need to mark this special occasion before the end of term 2. To this end, if you would like to be part of a special committee to help plan our 140th celebrations, please drop me an email at cahill.jim.a@edumail.vic.gov.au by the end of the week and we’ll endeavour to get this planning underway before the end of the term.

SELECTION OF CAMP VOLUNTEERS
We are so very grateful to have such a supportive parent community at WNPS. This was further demonstrated from our recent call for parent volunteers to support the Year 5 & 6 Camp to Canberra. Unfortunately we could only take half of the parent helpers who volunteered. A selection process was undertaken by the school leadership team to ensure all factors were carefully considered in selecting these parents. Our first consideration was to ensure that this opportunity was a shared opportunity and I’m delighted to report that six of the seven parents attending the Canberra Camp this year will be attending their first school camp. Secondly, we needed to consider the qualifications/experiences of the parent volunteers to ensure that the support we provide to our students throughout the duration of the camp is optimised. Consequently, one parent has been selected to participate in his second school camp.

Please be ensured that careful consideration has been given to this matter and I would like to take this opportunity of sincerely thanking all parents who expressed an interest in attending the Canberra camp.

CANTEEN THANK YOU
Speaking further of parent volunteers, a team of hard working parents willingly
chipped in to support the canteen last week in Julieanne Weir’s (Canteen Manager) absence. In particular, I would like to thank Kelly Walker who helped on each of the three days – a gold star effort here! Kelly was assisted by Leanne Sutton, Kaylynn Rasmussen, Tracey Somerville and Michelle Lopes.

Sincere thanks to all of these parents for kindly volunteering their time to ensure the smooth running of the canteen.

**Planning Week**

Next week we will be operating on a modified timetable as part of planning week. Instead of students participating in their specialist programs throughout the course of the week, these classes will be timetabled to occur on one day, thereby allowing all of the teachers at each level to be released. When teachers are released for the day during planning week, they will spend the entire day working collaboratively to plan an overview of the curriculum program for next term.

This approach to our term by term curriculum planning, helps to ensure a heightened degree of consistency in our program delivery across all levels of the school.

**Parent Concerns**

Please do not hesitate to make contact with the school if you have any concerns about your child’s wellbeing at school. Whilst our school context is an overwhelming positive one, we do have minor infractions & tensions that occur from time to time with students. In most instances, these matters are quickly resolved at school and where necessary the school will make contact with parents to communicate ongoing issues or matters of more serious concern.

When matters arise between students, we strongly advise parents not to approach parents about these concerns. When this occurs, we find that the situation becomes more intense and interactions between parents can become quite fractured. *We implore parents to not phone, email, text or confront other parents in the playground about behavioural matters at school.*

We are privileged to be part of a wonderful community school at Willy North and we will continue to work hard to ensure that school is a positive experience for all members of our school community. Thank you in anticipation of your support on this important matter.

Enjoy your week

Jim Cahill—Principal

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**After School Care**

**Dear Parents,**

The Holiday program is fast approaching. Please keep an eye out for holiday program information on the oshclub website. The closest holiday program is at Spotswood Primary School. Times, prices and activities for holiday programs can be found at oshclub.com.au

To book for the holiday program, please complete an enrolment form on the oshclub website.

We have set up a parent feedback book at aftercare. The book is located on the parent sign in/sign out table. All parents, please feel free to add feedback and/or comments to the book. We would love to hear your feedback.

It is of most importance that if you have not handed in your child’s Asthma and medical forms, that this is done as soon as possible. These are now required urgently as it is close to end of Term one.

Thank you

OSHClub Team
**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 for this week and any other Friday 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

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**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 and most welcome. So, if you can spare any of your valuable time, it would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the Reply slip in today's Newsletter.

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**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).

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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 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, 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.**

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**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.
SWAP SHOP SALE

Swap shop will open on Mondays from 3.15pm - 4.00pm in Room 23 (next to the Art room), twice a term.

All second hand clothing has been reduced. Limited numbers of brand new, unworn and old stock is available at reduced prices.

Term 2—12th May and 16th June
Term 3—11th August and 15th September
Term 4—3rd November and 8th December

Prices are as follows:

Rugby tops: $5.00  Baseball jackets: $5.00  Long sleeve polos: $5.00
Girls long pants: $5.00  Track pants: $5.00  Stussy pants: $5.00
Skorts: $5.00  Winter tunics: $15.00  Summer dresses: $10.00
Short sleeve polos: $5.00  Stussy shorts: $5.00  Bike Shorts: $2.00
Bottle green socks: $1.00 (Size 5-8 only)

CASH ONLY SALES (NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE)

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

Thank you, Yogada Rafferty – Swap Shop Coordinator

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program

Would your child like to be part of our exciting School Banking Program? The School Banking program includes a Rewards Program that encourages students to get into the habit of saving regularly. Every time your child makes a deposit at school, they receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

In addition, our school receives $5.00 for every new account opened, and earns 5.00% commission on every deposit made.

Susan Brailsford, a School Banking Specialist from the Commonwealth Bank will be running two Account Opening Sessions on:

THURSDAY 20th MARCH
8.45am to 9.30am and 3.00pm to 3.45pm
Susan will be opening new bank accounts in the Prep line up area
All you need is your Drivers’ Licence

School Banking Day is every Wednesday. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Williamstown North.
WNPS Services Program 2014

Below are the services that our school currently provides. If you have some spare time and would like to be involved in one or more of these programs, please provide your details on the Reply Slip below and return it to the General Office.

WNPS 2014 SCHOOL SERVICES PROGRAMS REPLY SLIP

Parent/s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Child/ren: ___________________________________________ Class/es: _______

Daytime Phone Number/s: __________________________ ______________________

I would like to assist with the following program/s: -

  o Swap Shop
  o Canteen
  o Fresh Fruit Friday (See separate sheet)
  o Student Banking
  o Class Social Activities

  o Lost Property
  o Sick Bay Washing
  o Family Life Education
  o Cake Stalls
  o Prep & New Families BBQ/Picnic

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY – Reply Slip

A big thank you to everyone who have kindly volunteered to be part of Fresh Fruit Friday in the past. Without your assistance this program could not happen.

Please email Linda Taylor directly if you are able to assist with Fresh Fruit Friday

  taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au

We need volunteers for 2014. Please complete the Reply Slip and return it to the General Office to be part of a team that has lots of fun providing fresh fruit to all our students.

  I can assist
    o Weekly
    o Fortnightly
    o Monthly

Parent Name: ____________________________________________________________

Child’s Name: _________________________________ Class: _______

Contact Numbers: Home: ________________________________

                          Mobile: _____________________________

                          Email: _______________________________
Williamstown North Primary School
Annual Easter Egg Raffle

Over the next two weeks (15th to 28th March), we are organizing our Easter Egg Raffle and are requesting donations from all families of Williamstown North.

Anything relating to Easter that can be put in the Hampers; i.e.
- Easter Eggs/chocolates
- Soft Bunnies/toys
- Short Bread Biscuits
- Or anything else with an Easter theme.

Thank you for supporting our Easter Egg Raffle.

The more donations we receive the more hampers we can make.

Please place the items in the box in the foyer at the office.

Tickets will be sent home to each family, next week, Monday 24th March.

The cost is 50 cents a ticket, or a book of 10 tickets - $5.00
**Paint the Gardens Art Competition 2014**

On Sunday April 13, 2014 the Paint the Gardens Art competition will be held in the Williamstown Botanic Gardens. There are two divisions, open and young person (under 16).

**Entry conditions**

No entry fee.

We would prefer if you could supply your own easel.

Only one entry is permitted for each participant.

Each entry must be ready to hang (i.e. have d-rings and string attached).

All work must be 2D and no larger than 55cm by 60cm (22 by 24 inches).

All work must relate to the Williamstown Botanic Gardens.

The medium can be pencil, charcoal, pastel, watercolour, acrylic or oil.

Entries in the under 16 years of age category cannot be entered in the open competition. All work is to be original.

**Entrants must register by Friday April 11, 2014.** No late entries will be accepted. All entries will be displayed in the gardens on Sunday April 13 from 11am.

**Prizes**

*First prize*

*Second prize*

*Young person’s prize*

*People’s Choice Open prize*

*People’s Choice Young Person prize*

*Emerging artist prize*

*Special citation awards*

Hobsons Bay City Council is the major sponsor of this event as part of the Art in Public Places 2011.

**How to Enter**

kim.sawyer@unimelb.edu.au or PO Box 934, Williamstown 3016

**Name**

**Own easel (yes or no)**

**Medium**

**Title of Work**

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**Community Notice Board**

**Piano/Recorder/Music-Theory**

**Music for Children in Yarraville** is offering piano, recorder and music-theory lessons to children aged 6 and over. Lessons are $35 per half hour and run by local musician/composer/educator Amelia Barden (BA Mus, Grad Dip Mus Tech). “My aim is to give children a solid and joyous foundation to music-learning.” For more information please contact Amelia on 0434 143 195. And for the parents… Amelia will also be running a mixed adults choir in Yarraville as of next term, and is currently seeking local men and women who are ready to open their mouths! Go on, don’t be afraid, it’s awesome fun!! Free introductory session on Thursday 27th March at 7.30pm. Please ring or text for more information 0434 143 195.

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**Hairhouse Warehouse Williamstown**

**Retail Special!**

Mention you are from Williamstown North Primary and receive 10% off on all products (excluding electrical & packs)

**Black Mira Curl $179.95** **Selected GHD $199.95!!**

**Hair Special!!!!**

Haircut/blow-dry and receive a FREE HYDRATING TREATMENT

Full Cut and Colour service and receive a FREE BLOWDRY

Appointments available Monday and Wednesday

Call 93971655 to secure your booking

**In Store Beauty Therapist**

**March Special**

45 minute facial

Includes exfoliation, head neck and shoulder massage, mask, hand massage and moisturizers

$50! Save $30

Call 93971655 to make an appointment

**In Store Nail Technician**

**March Special**

Shellac Manicure and Pedicure

$40! save $35

No drills or MMA used at our Nail Bar

For bookings phone Jo 0412877211

**Eyebrow Threading available Mondays 10.00am-4.00pm**

**$15 OPENING SPECIAL**

Julie HairHouse WareHouse

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**PARK PLEASE competition**

If you are a child living near Dennis Reserve in Williamstown, we want you to write about why the disused Williamstown Ladies’ Bowling Club site should become a park without fences.

Hand written pieces of less than 100 words by local kids who want the site made into park land with grass and trees will be eligible for two prizes of Sun Theatre gift vouchers: one for ages 5-8 and the other for ages 9-12.

Please include child’s name, age and a contact number.

Entries close Monday 28th April 2014, to PO Box 545 Williamstown 3016.

Winners will be notified and we will be compiling all of the entries into a book to present at the Williamstown Literary Festival.

More information?

Please call Bonnie Gelman on 0423 504 520.

https://www.facebook.com/openspaceindennisreservewilliamstown

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Hair Special!!!
It is safer to be late to school, to work, to an after school activity or any other pressing engagement, than to put your child, yourself or another at risk of injury or worse.

SAFETY OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

For the most part, the school community respects the need for safe behaviours outside the school boundaries. However, as the year continues to unfold, there has been some lapses in judgement that had the potential to cause risk to others or resulted in undue congestion on the roads and frustration/anger from other drivers.

This is a reminder and an urgent request for all to be more safety aware.

DRIVERS MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRIVING AND PARKING SAFELY
--- AT ALL TIMES --- ESPECIALLY AROUND THE SCHOOL.

Always obey parking signs and the rules regarding school crossings & pedestrian crossings.
Cars driven and/or parked illegally or inappropriately, is a recipe for an accident.

Please Note:

- It is illegal and dangerous to double park – even for a short time
  This blocks the line of sight for other drivers and often causes congestion
  – and subsequently endangers children and others

- It is illegal and dangerous to stop in a ‘No Stopping’ zone – even for a short time
- It is illegal to overstay your time in a signed (timed) parking area

- You can be fined for making a U Turn in close proximity to the school crossing(s) and using the staff car park driveway to do so

- Please, AVOID making a U Turn anywhere in the vicinity of the school boundaries, especially whilst the crossings are supervised.
  It is a potentially dangerous action
    - That often causes traffic congestion and undue frustration from other drivers, which can lead to angry and impatient actions
    - It also interferes with the clear line of sight for crossing supervisors

- Please do not park or stop in a way that means you need to back the vehicle out into the road
  ----------- this creates a very hazardous situation

- Please keep bike lanes clear
  - do not stop and block this space (even for a short time) or overtake another vehicle by using this space

- The staff car park (and its driveway) is not a drop off or pick-up zone.
  Neither is the rubbish skip driveway – not even for a short time

There is no acceptable time frame or excuse for dangerous and thoughtless parking.
There is no excuse for irresponsible driving.

Pedestrians must take care also.

- It is safer to make the effort to walk a little further and use the crossings
- Know you can be fined for crossing a road within 20 metres of a crossing

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Young children do not have a well-developed sense of danger.
They are also spontaneous.
Young children also do not have well-developed peripheral (side) vision or spatial sense.
All this makes it difficult for them to properly judge safety issues.
The membership team and staff at Amaze would like to invite you to World Autism Awareness Day at Luna Park on Sunday 6th April.

The day will combine a sensory-friendly visit to Luna Park followed by a dove release in O’Donnell Gardens in St Kilda.

You and the broader ASD community will be offered exclusive access to Luna Park from 9.00am to 11.00am.

We are working closely with Luna Park to make the event as ASD and sensory friendly as possible:

- Quieter than usual— with the sound turned down or off
- Lighting will be subdued
- Staff and volunteers will be ASD-aware and supportive of those attending
- A quiet area will be provided indoors
- Rides can be stopped in case of need
- From 9am–11am Luna Park is exclusively for our WAAD event and closed to the general public
- Greatly discounted entry price

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FRENCH CLUB!

Fun French for Kids

Wednesdays 3.45pm – 4.45pm
Williamstown Community Centre
14 Thompson St

Limited places available
Our club is starting its 4th year!

- French the fun way through games, stories, songs and activities - a learning program designed especially for 5-12 year olds
- Native speaker and experienced teacher of French
- Enable your child to develop an ear and a feel for foreign language early

Ph. 0432 719 034
jim.callahan@lcclubs.com.au
www.lcclubs.com.au

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Ride for Rainbow

Presented by: BayFIT

Pamphlet featuring various events and activities at Luna Park, including rides and a dove release.
The Good Guys®

Jamie’s Ministry of Food Australia
Mobile Kitchen

The Good Guys welcome Jamie’s Ministry of Food Mobile Kitchen to Hoppers Crossing.

The Good Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation who have partnered with Jamie Oliver and The Good Guys to deliver Jamie’s Ministry of Food throughout Australia.

Jamie’s Ministry of Food Mobile Kitchen
The Mobile Kitchen will be located next to Youth Resource Centre, 86 Denman Road, Hoppers Crossing.
Cycle 1 Commences Friday 28th February 2014, Cycle 2 Commences Friday 4th April 2014.
The Mobile Kitchen is Open 7 days a week.
For full course details and enrolment requirements log onto: jamiesministryoffood.com

Feb De Ceasar
161 Old Geelong Road
Phone: (03) 9974 7172

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Car Boot Sale
22nd March
Louis Joel Car Park

Enquire about a car space now! $20 per car space
Proceeds to the Uganda Sewing Project
Phone Kim on: 9398.2511 to book your space or to make enquiries
Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?
Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2014/2015 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.
Pick up a nomination form online at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.
Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

Closes Friday 2nd May 2014

To acknowledge the contribution and spirit of the work undertaken by school crossing supervisors throughout Victoria an award will be given to a selected school crossing supervisor for their commitment and dedication to the supervision of school crossings.

The recipient of the award should model enthusiasm and successful outcomes.

This award is open to all school crossing supervisors employed in this role stationed at a permanent crossing or a relief school crossing supervisor.

Nominations for the award must be employed as a school crossing supervisor at any Victorian Council who should demonstrate –

- Professional demeanour and presentation (uniform and equipment)
- Working knowledge of road rules relating to school crossings
- Welcoming, caring, supportive and encouraging to all users of the school crossing
- Helpful – Informative and clear on correct use of the crossing
- Involvement in the school community
- Attendance – no time off (other than illness)
- Punctuality

Municipalities and members of the community will be invited to forward nominations for the award. Nominations will close on Friday 2nd May 2014.

Send completed forms via mail or email: schoolcrossingsvictoria@gmail.com
School Crossings Victoria INC PO BOX 3032 Mornington 3931
For more information visit www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au

Nomination Form for School Crossing Supervisor

Name of Nominated person ________________________________________________________________
Municipality they are employed by ________________________________________________________
School __________________________ Person/Organisation nominating _______________________
Contact email __________________________________________ Contact address _______________________
Contact phone number __________________________

In 25 words or more please tell us:
Why you believe the nominated person should be awarded the School Crossings Victoria “School Crossing Supervisor of the Year” award.
____________________________________________________________________________________
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AUSKICK Registration Day will be Sunday the 30th March which is being held at the Bayside Ovals, Bayview Street, Williamstown, from 11.00am until 1.00pm.

If you have already registered online then this is the chance to collect your backpack, which is packed full of goodies! Please make sure if you have paid online and are just picking up your pack, or are picking up a pack on behalf of someone, you print out and present you receipt in order to collect your pack. If you are unable to make it, please send me an email and you can arrange to pick it up form my place or on the 1st day of Auskick which starts on Saturday 26th April (9.00am-10.30am) until Saturday 30th August (last day).

We are still in need of Coaches for Grade Prep and Kinder, so if you can assist us please let me know ASAP. If you are able to help out on Registration Day please drop me a line also. We will have the sausage sizzle going and a few footballs flying around on the day, so you are more than welcome to stay and have a kick and a bite to eat.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Tyrone Lewis—Williamstown Auskick Coordinator

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