Principals’s Report

Dawn Service

Over the last week, the school has been actively involved in a number of community events to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing. Five of our senior students were fantastic ambassadors for the school last Saturday morning at the Dawn Service at the Cenotaph in Williamstown. Despite the 5:45am start, both Sophie W and Noah M from Year 6 did a beautiful job of reading the ANZAC Requiem in front of several thousand people, whilst Ryan Z, Shannon W and Olivia H laid another wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph on behalf of the Williamstown North Primary School Community. My sincere thanks to these students and their families for representing the school at this very significant community event.

On Monday 27th April, we held an extended whole school assembly to mark ANZAC Day. Our Glee club did a fabulous job of singing a very moving version of 'The Spirit of the ANZACS', with another highlight being the presentation of the Gallipoli Oak to the school community. This very special tree will be planted in the large stretch of lawn at the front of the school – we have our fingers crossed that this tree will thrive in this position and be a lasting memento of the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing.
Traffic Update

With the road works now complete in Station Road, please be aware that the Hobson’s Bay City Council and the local police are monitoring these changed conditions very closely. The council will be monitoring the parking arrangements whilst the local police will be carefully observing the speed zones during the busy drop off and pick up times.

To further improve the safety of our students, a truck ban will be enforced on Station Road from Monday 4th May. The truck ban is responding to growing community concerns in the area. Further signage will be placed at both ends of Station Road to divert trucks to Melbourne Road and Ferguson Street. (These truck restrictions will not apply to local trucks such as delivery and waste disposal vehicles, as well as emergency vehicles.)

Please be assured that we will continue to liaise closely with the Council to ensure we are doing everything we can to make the streets around our school zone as safe as possible – particularly in light of our growing enrolments.

Family Life

We’ve had a terrific response to our Family Life Sessions planned for tonight with about 45 families booked in for both sessions.

The Year 3-4 program, ‘Where Did I Come From?’ will get underway at 6:30pm and run for about an hour. The Year 5-6 program, “Preparing for Puberty’, will start at approx. 7:45pm and also go for about an hour.

Please note that Rooms 17 and 18 will be used to accommodate both of these programs this evening.

Athletics & Tabloid Sports

We were very fortunate that the overcast and gloomy conditions held yesterday for our annual Athletics Day for our Years 3 – 6 students and our Tabloid Sports program for students in Years P – 2. It was terrific to see students giving everything a go and participating with that wonderful Willy North spirit & enthusiasm. Both the Athletics and Tabloid Sports ran very smoothly and we were extremely grateful to the many parents who very kindly volunteered their time to offer assistance. Congratulations once again to Sarah Nobbs (PE Teacher) who did a superb job organising the Athletics Day program to ensure everything ran like clockwork. A big thank you also to all of the Prep to Year 2 teachers who this year collaboratively planned and organised all of the fun and engaging tabloid activities.
Mother’s Day Stall

On Thursday 7th May we will be holding our annual Mother’s Day Stall, which will provide all students from Prep to Year 6 with the opportunity to purchase a small special present for mum. We recommended that children (particularly in the junior classes) bring along $5 for the stall in an envelope with their name clearly marked on the front of the envelope.

A huge thank you to two of our wonderful parents, Helen Parker and Pamela Fernando, who have been busy sourcing lots of special treats over the last few weeks for our students to purchase at the stall.

Attitude to School Survey (ATSS)

All students in Years 5 and 6 completed a state wide survey today from the Department of Education and Training (DET) called the Attitudes to School Survey. This survey aims to measure students feelings whilst at school, with a particular focus on their wellbeing & safety, their levels of connectedness to their peers/school as well as their engagement with their learning.

In term 3 we will receive a report from DET which will show how students at Willy North feel in comparison to all other schools in Victoria. Empowering our senior students to have a ‘voice’ at school is an important focus for our school and to this end we do analyse this feedback closely and modify our programs accordingly. I will share an overview of these results in the newsletter as they become available.

Jim Cahill—Principal

AfterCare—Newsletter

Student Free Day is on Monday 18th May. Please remember to book your child into OSHC by logging onto the OSHClub website (choose After Care Tab)

There are also some children that have been signing the in / out sheet at OSHC. Please be aware that this is a legal document only to be signed by parents or legal guardians. Children are not to sign in / out on these sheets.

Children at After School Care will be collecting old blankets for the RSPCA, Lost Dogs home. We have a box located at the sign in / out area to collect these. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

If any parents have old clothes, bags etc. that children could use for dress-ups these would be greatly appreciated.

A big thankyou to Rizza (Evelyn & Nathans mother) for donating some cardboard and cardboard tubes to the program.

Thank you

OSHclub Staff
GRADE 3-6 ATHLETICS DAY

We had a great day at the Newport Athletics Track, with the weather holding to make it good for all competitors and teachers on the day. It was great to see all the students dressed in their colours, whilst running, jumping and participating in the Tabloid rotations. A huge thanks to the Willy High students for assisting on the day as well as the parents giving up their time to help out. The teachers did a magnificent job running each of the events to make sure they went smoothly. Well done to all involved.

Sarah Nobbs, Sports Coordinator
Provisional Prep enrolments for 2016 have commenced. The ‘Enrolment Form’ and the ‘Preliminary Information Sheet’ are available from the General Office. A copy can also be downloaded from the school website.

If you have any enrolment questions, or concerns regarding enrolments, please contact the school office on 9397 5722.

**School Tours will be conducted on**
- Thursday 30th April – 9.30am
- Wednesday 20th May – 11.30am
- Wednesday 3rd June – 9.30am
- Wednesday 17th June – 10.00am
- Tuesday 21st July – 11.30am

Please contact the school office to register for a tour.

**Please Provide the following information when lodging your enrolment**

1. Enrolment Form and Preliminary Information Sheet
2. Proof of Age - (Child’s Birth Certificate)
3. Certificate of Immunization (School Entry Form)
4. Three documents for “Proof of Residential Address”. (Drivers Licence, a Rates notice and a third document with your full name & residential address).

**Enrolment Policy**

Please note that in line with the “School Ceiling” endorsed by the South Western Regional Director, only families who reside within the defined school neighbourhood are eligible to seek enrolment. A map defining the school neighbourhood is available on the school website.

**CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT WILL BE MADE IN WRITING BY THE END OF TERM 3, 2015**

The ‘2016 Prep Parent Information Night’ is only for Parents of confirmed Prep enrolments.

Tuesday 24th November 2015, 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

Kay Margetts from Melbourne University will speak on “School Readiness” and “School Expectations”.

**Transition Program**

Our Kinder to School Transition program for our 2016 Prep children will commence week beginning Monday 12th October, Week 2 of Term 4.

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

For our School Zone go to [www.willynth.vic.edu.au](http://www.willynth.vic.edu.au) / slider tab – Enrolments / WNPS Zone Map
Canteen

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 30th April Anne Tobin, Friday 1st May Carolyn Wilkinson, Wednesday 6th May Kathy Trevaskis, Thursday 7th Julia Hackett, Friday 8th May Tracey Sommerville

Uniform Shop News

Primary School Wear (PSW) is our official Uniform supplier. Uniforms can be purchased at the new store located at Unit 1, 128 Bertie Street Port Melbourne. Items will also be available for purchase online. Email portmelbourne@psw.com.au. Trading hours for Term One and Term Four are Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm, Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm and closed on Sunday and Monday.

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 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.

Williamstown High School

Information Evening

Tuesday May 5 2015

6.30PM – 8.30PM

At the Williamstown High School Bayview Campus

Williamstown High School is holding an Information Evening on Tuesday 5 May 2015 between 6.30pm – 8.30pm at the Williamstown High School Bayview Campus.

You are most welcome to come along and attend the session, join a guided tour and peruse displays.

School Tours will operate every Thursday at 9.15am, until the end of May.

Please go to our website www.willihigh.vic.edu.au to register your tour place.

Williamstown High School

Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program

for Students of Exceptional Academic Ability

In 2016 Williamstown High School will provide a Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program for Year 7 students who have exceptional academic ability. This program offers students the opportunity to undertake challenging learning experiences that are tailored to meet the needs of students of outstanding academic achievement. There is a greater emphasis on higher order thinking and learning skills and independent learning and research. Extension leads to in-depth study and the integration and application of knowledge at a higher level.

Enquiries and applications to enter the program should be directed to the school on 9399 9228. Applications for the Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program close Friday 1 May 2015. The test will take place on Saturday 9 May 2015.
WILLIAMSTOWN BLUE LIGHT DISCO

15th May 2015
7:30PM - 9:30PM

Cost: $7
Newport Baptist Church Hall
Mason Street, Newport

For more Information contact:
LSC Scott Sutton
9392 3230

Call Helene on 0418 388 436 to celebrate your Birthday at the next disco

Come dressed in your finest bushfolk gear, see a live performance from Newport Piddle & Folk and join them for some bush-themed activities.

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Saturday 2nd May, 10am-2pm

Yarraville Club, 135 Stephen St, Yarraville

7 Rounds, BYO lunch or buy at premises

$10 entry, pay on the day ($5 for Hobsons Bay Yarraville Juniors Chess Club Members)

Further information:

Tony 0408 306 063
Willy French Club for Kids

French Club is in its 5th year. We are a small group of children from different schools who meet to role-play, sing and play games to develop our French language skills.

Francoise is our real French teacher and she is highly experienced and cares about our children.

Wednesdays 3.50-4.50pm Williamstown Community Centre

Enquiries welcome
Jim Callahan 0432 719 034

Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2015

Many girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Sweden, Argentina, Finland and Austria are hoping to come here to study for 3, 5 or 10 months from July this year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them and can afford an extra member at the family table. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279 and let me know of your interest.

Yours sincerely,
Klaus Schumann, WEP Community Coordinator