



Williamstown North Primary School Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Grounds Development

Over the last week we have begun to develop an underutilised section of the playgrounds, adjacent to the newer double storey portables where the Year 3 classes are housed.

A number of interactive panels have now been installed, with a focus on supporting the sensory needs of students. Funding for the first stage of this redevelopment was generated from the Election Day sausage sizzle/cake stall earlier in the year.

We hope to also completely resurface this area, add some more play components and security fencing/gates, as well as some additional garden beds in 2020. A big

thank you to Belinda Gill (Communications Officer) for all of her work with the fundraising, design and construction of this project to date.



2020 Parent Payments

As a follow up to last week's newsletter, all families should have now received a letter (mailed to the home address), providing an overview of the payments required for the 2020 academic year. If you did not receive this letter, could you please make contact with the school immediately, so that we may check the address of your primary residence on Compass and re-issue this documentation.

We're delighted that we have been able to maintain the overall cost at the same level of this year, with the \$550.00 per child covering all essential classroom supplies, Incursions/Excursions, daily access to a nurse and computer technician, as well as our ongoing Fresh Fruit Friday provision and grounds

New items added to the Calendar

School Assembly

Monday 25th November
Year 3 to Year 6 Assembly
Year 4P Performing

Calendar of Events Term 4

Thursday 21st November
Year 6 Market Day &
Year 1 Mind & Body Incursion

Tuesday 26th November
5/6 T20 Cricket

Friday 29th November
Parent /Staff Thank you
Lunch

Mon 2nd to Thurs 12th Dec
Foundation Swimming
FH & FS—leaving at 11.45am
FM & FP—leaving at 12.30pm

Mon 2nd to Tue 3rd Dec
Year 6H & 6K Beach Program

Wed 4th to Thurs 5th Dec
Year 6B & 6J Beach Program

Thursday 5th December
Year 5 EOY Excursion MSAC

Friday 6th December
Community Helpers Breakfast

Mon 9th to Tue 10th Dec
Year 5D & 5R Beach Program

Wed 11th to Thurs 12th Dec
Year 5G & 5P Beach Program

Monday 16th December
Year 6 Graduation &
Foundation—Sun Theatre &
Year 4—Sun Theatre

Tuesday 17th December
Year 3—Sun Theatre &
Year 6 Adventure Park

Wednesday 18th December
Community Carols— 7.00pm

Thursday 19th December
Foundation & Year 6 Buddies
Picnic

Friday 20th December
Last Day of Term
Early Finish—1.30pm



Compton Green



2019 Term Date

Term 4—7th October to 20th December

maintenance.

Sincere thanks to the many families who have already made this payment. Please note that full payment of this amount for each child, will ensure that all of your child's essential books/pens/pencils etc will be ready for them on the first school day next year.

Parent payments have been structured within the guidelines provided by the Department of Education & Training (DET) with the approval of our School Council. Our Parent Payment Policy is freely available on the school's website for any parents who would like more information about these payments. Please feel welcome to access this policy at: https://www.willynthps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/2019_parent_payment_policy.pdf

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to give the main office a call on 9397 5722.

Year 6 Market Day Tomorrow

Our Year 6 students have been working furiously in recent weeks as they get ready for their annual Market Day (previously called Cashtivity) which is being held on Thursday 21st November in the Gymnasium. These students have been charged with the task of selecting a marketable product, developing a business/marketing plan, producing their goods and preparing for the big Market Day itself.

Each class will visit the Market tomorrow during class time, to purchase items made by the Year 6 students. We ask that all students from Foundation to Year 5, bring from \$2.00 to \$5.00 (in coins if possible) on average to spend at the market.



The money raised from the Market Day will be used to cover all costs of materials, as well as a small amount being used to support the upcoming Year 6 Graduation, whilst the majority of the money will be donated to suitable charities selected by the Year 6 students.

It's been great to watch our budding Year 6 entrepreneurs in recent weeks as they prepare for the big Market Day and we wish them well as their first business day unfolds. Thank you in advance to all families for ensuring your child has a small amount of money to spend at tomorrow's Market Day.

Finally, a big thank you to the Year 6 teachers who have patiently supported and guided our Year 6 students over the course of the term with their highly engaging project.

Staff Thank You Lunch

A very kind band of parents are rallying behind the scenes to organise a special lunch for our wonderful staff next week, as a way of expressing their deep thanks for their many efforts throughout 2019. These parents are seeking a gold coin donation from the broader parent community to help fund the lunch. If you would like to contribute a gold coin, a box has been set up at the main office.

A 'thank you' slip was distributed to all students last week, whereby they can write a message of thanks to a special teacher who has really helped them throughout the year. In past years these have been displayed at the lunch and in the main corridor for everyone to read. These heartfelt messages have been really appreciated by our teachers and education support staff in past years. Another box has been set up in the main offer area for students to easily return these slips when they are completed.

ICAS Certificates

Many students in Years 3 – 6 have once again participated in ICAS Assessments this year in English, Maths and Science. Unfortunately we have only just received the remaining certificates and with only two senior assemblies left for the year, we simply won't have scope to present these 200+ certificates at an assembly.

Students will be presented with these certificates at year level assemblies over the next fortnight; be sure to keep a look out for these in the schoolbags shortly.

Transition

The first stage of our whole school transition program will begin this Friday afternoon, with students across all year levels attending an assembly facilitated by the teachers currently teaching at the next year level. These teachers will discuss some of the key aspects of the programs at these year levels, as well as some of the major activities that students can anticipate at their new year level. Students will also have the opportunity to ask questions about their new level and to discuss any matters that they may be unsure about. For many students, there is much excitement and positivity about their future class, whilst other students can be quite anxious and nervous about these future changes. Through the several stages of our transition program over the coming weeks, we aim to ensure that all students are well supported and equipped to confidently begin

2020! The whole school Transition Program will be held on Thursday 28th November from 9.15am to 1.00pm. With the final stage happening on Wednesday 18th December at 10.30am.

Enjoy the rest of the week
Jim Cahill—Principal

Teacher/Staff Thank you Lunch!

A small parent committee has organised this event on Friday 29th November to represent parents in thanking the teachers and support staff for all that they do for our children.

We are asking for parents and children to support the event in two ways:

- ⇒ This week each child will bring home a slip of paper asking them to write and/or draw about something they have enjoyed about school this year. These messages will then be displayed outside the staff room for all to enjoy! A box has been set up at the front office for notes and we would be most grateful if these could be returned by **Thursday, 28th November**. If you lose your note, any slip of paper is fine!
- ⇒ **Bring a gold coin donation to school from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd November** to help cover the cost of the food, drinks and decorations for the lunch. Please drop your donation in to the Donations Box set up at the front office.

We thank you for your support!

Semester Two 2019— (Term 4) Assembly Rotations		
Term 4		
Monday 25 th November	Year 3 to Year 6	Year 4P
Monday 2 nd December	Foundation to Year 2	Year 1Bu
Monday 9 th December	Year 3 to Year 6	Year 3S
Monday 16 th December – Year 6 Graduation	Unavailable	No Performance

REMINDER

Friday 20th December

Last Day of Term

Early Finish—1.30pm

Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)

Fresh Fruit Friday needs parent volunteers. Please email Linda Taylor directly, so she can add you to the roster—

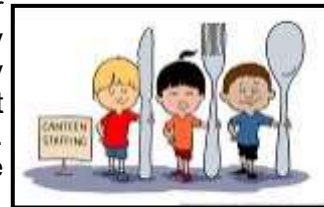


taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Parents on the roster for Friday 22nd November are: Kim Pannone, Rachel Burgess, Ray Price, Narelle Rabbidge, Bindi Wood, Sheena Hickman and Keryn Van Shaik

Canteen

Julianne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of time parents or family members can volunteer. Contact Julianne via the General Office. New parents or family members are most welcome.



Thursday 21st November—Kirsten Kent

Friday 22nd November—Mel Dmytrenko

Wednesday 27th November—Rachelle Burbridge

Thursday 28th November—Kirsten Kent

Friday 29th November—HELP NEEDED

Uniform Shop News

Primary School Wear (PSW) is our Uniform supplier. Uniforms can be purchased at their outlet located at Unit 1, 128 Bertie Street Port Melbourne, or online.

Email—portmelbourne@psw.com.au.

Trading hours are

Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm,
Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm.



Early Release

All children collected from school before 3.30pm must be signed out at the Office. With an 'Early Release Pass' to hand to the supervising teacher. If a child is signed out at Recess or Lunch time, your child will be called to the Office and the Early Release Pass will be given to the supervising teacher.

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.

- Do not talk to strangers and never accept a ride, 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 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 friends, rather than travel alone.

Working With Children Cards

Cardholders who are required to renew their WWCC will no longer need to go to Australia Post to lodge a paper form and present their current card. Cardholders will go to the WWCC website to complete their renewal application online and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the fee using a credit card when using the **online renewal process**, cardholders will be notified by SMS, letter or email 28 days before their WWCC 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 WWCC 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 fee.

More information: an FAQ guide to online renewals will be available in 'Publications' under 'Resources' on the WWC website, or contact the Customer Support Line on 1300 652 879 8.30am – 5.00pm weekdays except public holidays.

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

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, ribstic 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.**





Docklands Sports Club

GRAND OPENING

JOIN US FOR THE LAUNCH OF
DOCKLANDS SPORTS CLUB

THE CENTRE OF SPORTS & RECREATION
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24 Nov 2019 at 11am - 1pm
Ron Barassi Snr Park,
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Competitions & giveaways
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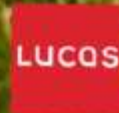
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Hay fever is an Allergic Reaction

Your nose acts as a filter. The tiny hairs and mucous that line the nasal passages trap dust, pollens and other microscopic particles. A person with hay fever is allergic to some of the particles trapped in the nose when you breathe in, such as pollen.

An allergic reaction means the immune system treats a harmless substance as if it is dangerous and launches an 'attack'. The nasal passages become inflamed producing excess mucous. This causes extremely itchy eyes, runny nose, sneezing and headaches. It also exacerbates asthma and eczema.

You should take your child to the GP if they are experiencing frequent hay fever symptoms or needing antihistamines regularly.

Download The Melbourne Pollen Count App.

[The School of Bio-Sciences at the University of Melbourne](#) provides a daily pollen count and forecast of grass pollen levels in the air around Melbourne for the week ahead.

If forewarned, hay fever and asthma sufferers can take preventative measures such as avoiding high pollen areas or taking appropriate medication before venturing outside. The app will also alert you to any risk of Thunderstorm Asthma.



Have a spare



*and like to learn about//
other cultures?*



Wanted!

HOST FAMILY



SAT 15 FEB TO SAT 7 MAR 2020 (3 WEEKS)

In Term 1 2020, WNPS has an opportunity to host a Japanese university student who will work in our Japanese classroom to assist with class activities, demonstrate Japanese culture and interact with the children in Japanese. But we need your help to find a family to host the student over her 3 week stay.

The host family will receive a weekly allowance to cover expenses. Please provide 3 meals per day (Breakfast, packed lunch & dinner).



Female
student,
20 years
old



If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact
Helen Atkins, Japanese Teacher, via the office, or by email:



atkins.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

HOST FAMILIES WANTED 2020

Japanese University Students Visiting WNPS

The students are studying Childhood Education at University in Japan. They will be visiting our school to observe classes and run some fun activities with the children to share their Japanese culture.

Dates: 25th February (Tuesday) to 7th March (Saturday) 2020

Duration: 11 nights

How many: One student per family (Total 15 students)

Homestay fee: Payment of \$440 towards your expenses

Please provide 3 meals per day (Breakfast, packed lunch & dinner)



If you have any questions, please contact the program coordinator, **Midori**:

Tel: **03 9572 3381** or **0418 540 865**

E-mail: **midori@japan-link.com.au**



Host Family Application Form

Parents' names: _____

All children's name(s), age and gender (M/F):

Email address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Address: _____

Other household members' name(s)/gender: _____

Pet(s): _____ Method of transport to school: _____

Prefer to host a male or female student (please tick ✓): ☐ Male ☐ Female

Please return the completed form to the school office, or via email to Helen Atkins:

atkins.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your cooperation.





NEWSLETTER

FOR STUDENTS WHO ATTEND THE AFTERCARE PROGRAM

BBQ

Friday 13th December 2019.
Open for every one.
vegetarian included.

OSH Clubs' big
BBQ

BBQ



Open for
every one!!

NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

EXCURSION

INCURSION

Monday 06 January

IN + \$17.00

THE MAD SCIENTIST

INCURSION - SILLY SCIENCE

Bring out your inner scientist. Discover, learn and be engaged as we dive into some exciting hands on silly science.



Monday 13 January

MESSY MONSTERS

IN-SERVICE

Get set for a monster day of fun as we design and create our very own messy monsters!



Tuesday 07 January

HAPPY NEW YEAR

IN-SERVICE

Its time to celebrate the beginning of a new year, join us for a day filled with new year fun.



Tuesday 14 January

IN + \$26.00

COOKING UP A STORM

INCURSION - JAMIE OLIVER'S LEARN YOUR FRUIT & VEG

Get your hands messy & get cooking with Jamie Oliver's Learn Your Fruit & Veg Program.



Wednesday 08 January

EX + \$30.00

STRIKE IT LUCKY

EXCURSION - ZONE BOWLING HIGHPOINT AND MEAL

Strike it lucky today at ten pin bowling and enjoy a hotdog and curly fries. (Don't forget your socks!)



Wednesday 15 January

EX + \$37.00

DOWN ON THE FARM

EXCURSION - BUNDOORA PARK FARM

Explore the bygone era as you take a tractor ride through the wildlife park and get up close to the animals at Coopers Settlement in Bundoora today



Arrive by 8.30am

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Thursday 09 January

LET IT GROW

IN-SERVICE

How does your garden grow? Get your hands dirty as we explore the outdoors and have some gardening fun.



Thursday 16 January

IT'S A RECORD BREAKING DAY

IN-SERVICE

Up for a challenge? Join us for a day of record-breaking fun and challenge each other to set and break our very own records!



Friday 10 January

PASSPORT TO FUN

IN-SERVICE

Bring all of your energy as we stamp our passports for a trip of fun. Where will your passport to fun take you?



Friday 17 January

ALIEN ADVENTURE

IN-SERVICE

Making alien spaceships and playing space games is just a few spacey things we are going to do today.



NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

EXCURSION

INCURSION

Monday 20 January

IN + \$17.00

GAME DAY

INCURSION- COMMANDO CHALLENGE

Teamwork, focus and resilience are key with these colourful activities, encouraging and cheering each other throughout. Working in mixed teams, children will complete blind folded obstacle courses, parachute missions, balance beams and much more.



Monday 27 January

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SERVICE CLOSED



Tuesday 21 January

EX + \$37.00

SPORT AND MOVEMENT

EXCURSION - GOCLIMB COBURG

Today we will enjoy indoor rock climbing, ninja course and sky high at GoClimb Coburg



Tuesday 28 January

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY!

IN-SERVICE

Let's wind up the school holidays with a party! Food, games and a whole lot of fun!



Please arrive by 8.30am

Wednesday 22 January

LET'S GET CREATIVE

IN-SERVICE

Let your imagination run wild and get creative in the artist's studio today.



Thursday 23 January

CHINESE NEW YEAR

IN-SERVICE

Join in all the fun of the Chinese new year.



Friday 24 January

AUSTRALIA DAY

IN-SERVICE

Learn about the land we live on today as we adventure around Australia!



Junior Adventures Group continues to pioneer the OSHC sector, building stronger communities and brighter futures for more than 70,000 children, 50,000 families and more than 450 schools across Australia.

Our Values

- Considerate - Be there for others
- Passionate - Bring energy and determination
- Courageous - Challenge ourselves

The values we share guide our behaviour as we work towards our vision to **build brighter futures together.**

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- OSHClub endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes



We are a child safe organisation



What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smartphones) at home.



Healthy Eating

OSHClub follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at <https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au>

Activity Changes

If an excursion or incursion (due to unforeseen circumstances) is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.



Before making your booking & cancellations

All children must be enrolled with OSHClub prior to booking via oshclub.com.au. Bookings made within 5 days for a Vacation Care session will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 7 days notice is required for cancellation of a Vacation Care booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. Please note that bookings cannot be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the service directly, the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or by emailing oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au.

Child care subsidy

Our services are registered with Centrelink, so you will be able to claim Child Care Subsidy on your fees. For further information please visit <https://www.education.gov.au/new-child-care-package-frequently-asked-questions>.



Children with additional needs

We support all children including children with additional needs. If you would like to provide additional information about your child and his/her needs or require inclusion support funding, please contact us 6 weeks prior to program commencement on 0422 236 845 for staffing purposes.

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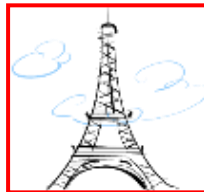
Wednesdays
3.50pm—4.50pm

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Community
Centre

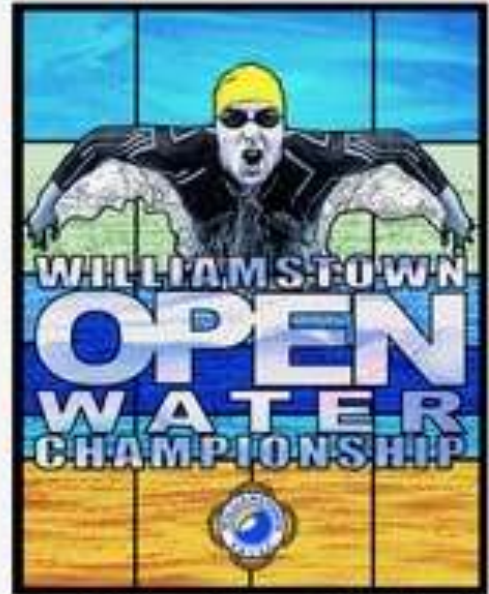
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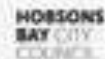
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