



Williamstown North Primary School Newsletter

Number 37

4th December 2019

133 Melbourne Road, Williamstown 3016

Tel: 9397 5722

Email: williamstown.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Website: www.willynthps.vic.edu.au

Compass Link—<https://willynthps-vic.compass.education>

Attendance—<https://willynthps-vic.compass.education>

Respect — Resilience — Responsibility — Doing Your Best



End of Term—Friday 20th December Early Finish @ 1.30pm No Canteen or Fresh Fruit Friday Principal's Report

Junior School Council (JSC) – Free Dress Day

Friday 6th December has been designated as free dress day by our Junior School Council in support of West Welcome Wagon. Students who come dressed in Xmas colours or with a touch of Xmas this Friday, are asked to bring along a non-perishable food item, which will be collected to make food hampers for needy families in the west this Xmas.

Two large trolleys have been placed outside the library for any food donations this week in support of this very worthy cause. We would be grateful if you could consider adding a can or two to this week's shopping list, which could then be brought along as donations over the course of this week. Pick up day for all items will be Friday afternoon on the 6th December.

Parent Thank You Brekky

If you have helped at the school in any way this year, we would love the opportunity to thank you this Friday morning at our Parent Thank You Brekky which will be held in the Butterfly from 8:30am.

The coffee van will be onsite to make you a coffee as well as some yummy finger food treats. Please feel very welcome to join us on Friday morning. To assist with the catering we ask that you send through a quick RSVP to hunt.sharon.s@edumail.vic.gov.au



Community Carols

We sincerely hope that you have 7.00pm Wednesday 18th December locked into your phone calendar by now for our upcoming Community Carols. This will be our third Community Carols and judging from past occasions it's a really lovely way for our community to come together to finish off the school year and celebrate Christmas together.



Compton Green

New items added to the Calendar

School Assembly

Monday 9th December

Year 3 to Year 6 Assembly

Year 3S Performing

*

Incursions Performing Arts

Thurs 5th Dec—F & Year 2

Fri 6th Dec—Year 6

*

Friday 6th December

Free Dress Day—Non-

Perishable Food Item

*

Calendar of Events

Term 4

*

Mon 2nd to Thurs 12th Dec

Foundation Swimming

FH & FS—leaving at 11.45am

FM & FP—leaving at 12.30pm

*

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 2—Sun Theatre &

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



2019 Term Date

Term 4—7th October to 20th December

We encourage families to consider bringing along a picnic dinner and rug to sit on from 6.00pm, with the children performing on stage from 7.00pm. The carols are planned to last for just over an hour, with a much anticipated staff performance at the end of the show (which will be sure to get a few laughs!).

We look forward to seeing all families at our Community Carols in the last week of the school term. As this is a school family event, we request that parents refrain from bringing any alcohol onto the school site.



Class Rep Survey

It's hard to believe that our Class Rep Program and eNews has been operating for nearly six years now thanks to the hard work of Julie Noonan and more recently Toni Burton.

As Julie and Toni pass the baton onto our two new parent Class Rep Coordinators in 2020, Georgie Evanson and Nicole Harvey, we thought it would be a great opportunity to gauge some parent opinion on how the program has been running and to ascertain the extent to which it has been supporting both the learning platform between home and school, as well the social connectedness of parents.

We would therefore be extremely grateful if parents could take five minutes to answer some very simple questions about the Class Rep Program and eNews platforms, so that we may consider how this can further improved into next year.

The survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DHK393C>

School Council Thanks

Over the course of 2019, nine parents and four teachers have met on a regular basis as school councillors to make important decisions for our school. Their dedication and commitment to this role has been outstanding and as we reflect back on the year, it is very tangible to see how the school continues to improve its provision as a result of a very supportive School Council.

As they meet for the final time this evening, it is fitting to take a moment to thank the following parents and teachers for all of their hard work and sage advice over the year: Julia Kaye (President), Andrew Crichton (Treasurer and Facilities & Finance Convenor), Nicole Ah Yick (Community Engagement Convenor), Matt Boyall (Education Convenor), Heath Venn, Matthew Round, Natalie Hammond, John Curran, Andi Lott, Wendy Emin, Crissy Samaras and Virginia Irvine.

At the conclusion of each year, half of the Councillors finish their tenure. Pending any potential renominations from existing Councillors, there are always vacancies on School Council at the start of each school year. Watch out for this information in the newsletter early next year if you are interested in becoming a Councillor.

I would like to take a moment to recognise the contributions of Matt Boyall, who will be retiring from the Council this year. Matt has been on Council for over five years and has made significant contributions to the school's policy development and decision making over this time. We sincerely thank Matt for the rigour and depth he has added to all School Council deliberations.

We also sincerely thank John Curran for his terrific contributions to the Council over the last two years. John has also worked on the Education sub-committee to ensure all of policies were rigorously updated to reflect the school's existing practices.

Staff Thank You Lunch

A very thoughtful band of parents put together an absolutely beautiful lunch last Friday to kindly say thank you to our wonderful teachers for all of their efforts throughout 2019.

As well as a delicious lunch, we were also treated to the school Choir singing along with a special display capturing scores of thanks that have been written by students from across all year levels.

On behalf of the teachers who enjoyed the very special lunch, we express our collective thanks to Julie Noonan for all of the organisation behind the scenes and on the day, as well as Jodie Whitehurst, Emma Bell, Toni Burton, Fiona Haddrell, June & Zoran Kolevski and Monique Milenkovic who donated all the cupcakes from the Cupcake Queen.



2020 Teaching Teams

Staffing recruitment processes are still being finalised this week and we hope to be able to publish the new teaching teams at each year level in next week's Newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Jim Cahill—Principal

Parent/Helpers Thank You Breakfast RSVP

Each year we aim to recognise the wonderful contributions of our parents/helpers by hosting a small Thank You event. For the past two years we have had a special 'Thank You Breakfast' event which was well received by parents/community members. **On Friday 6th December at 8:30am**, we will therefore be hosting our fourth 'Thank You Breakfast' for parents/community helpers who have been actively involved in the school throughout the year. We hope that parents/community helpers will find the timing of this event more accessible. There will be barista made coffee available as well as some light refreshments, so we hope you may be able attend so that we may express our thanks for your support. Details for registering your attendance at this breakfast are to Sharon Hunt hunt.sharon.s@edumail.vic.gov.au by Wednesday 4th December. Coffee van tokens will only be distributed to those who have confirmed their attendance, on the morning.

NEW at the Canteen

Home Baked Cookies

\$1.20



Semester Two 2019— (Term 4) Assembly Rotations

Term 4

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

No Canteen Lunch Orders

No Canteen Counter Sales

Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)

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

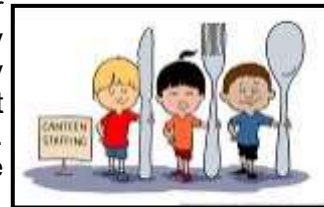


taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Parents on the roster for Friday 6th December 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 5th December—Kirsten Kent

Friday 6th December—Mel Dmytrenko

Wednesday 11th December—Rachel

Thursday 12th December—Kirsten Kent

Friday 13th December—Mel Dmytrenko

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.

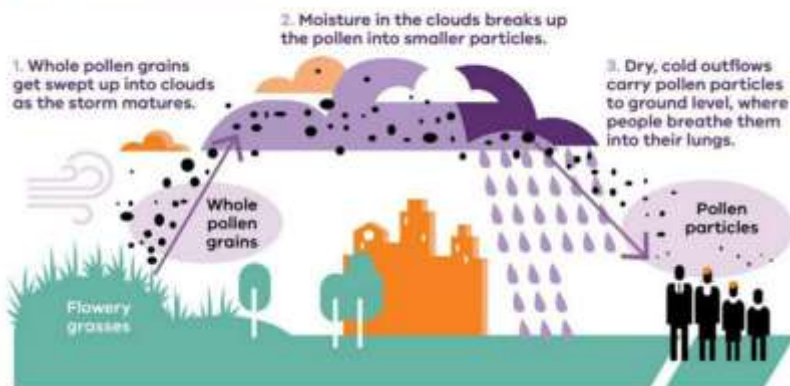
All children who ride a bike or scooter must wear a helmet which is a requirement by the Government. The school regularly reminds all children about wearing helmets for their safety.

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.**





What is thunderstorm asthma?



The risk of experiencing Thunderstorm Asthma increases if you have:

- diagnosed asthma
- undiagnosed or mild asthma
- **seasonal hay fever** without asthma

[Download the Melbourne Pollen Count App.](#)

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

EpiPen Jr – **UPDATED IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION Dec 2019**

Due to manufacturing delays there is currently a critically low supply of EpiPen® Jr 150mcg Adrenaline AutoInjectors (Epi-pens) in Australia. The shortage is expected to continue until 31 January 2020.

Whilst the use of an expired EpiPen is not ideal, research suggests that recently expired devices retain potency. Therefore, if no other EpiPen is available, use of a recently expired EpiPen to treat anaphylaxis is advised, as stated on the ASCIA website.



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.



Willy FRENCH CLUB!



Fun, effective and supportive language learning. Proudly in our 9th year.

Ideal foundation experience for young learners, as well as consolidation and socialisation for those from Francophone families.

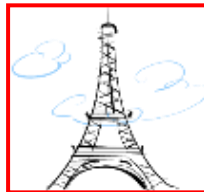
Wednesdays
3.50pm—4.50pm

**Williamstown
Community
Centre**

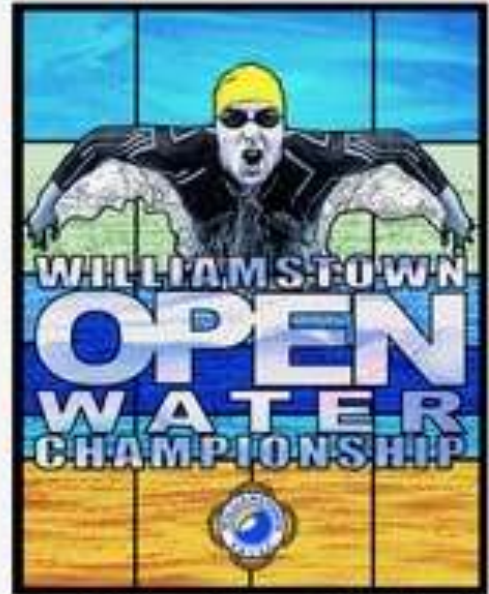
**14 Thompson St
Williamstown**

Jim Callahan
0432 719 034

jim.callahan@lcfclubs.com.au



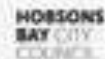
Sat. December 14th - 2019



400m - 800m - 1.2km - 2.5k - 5k - 10k

Register: wowchallenge.com.au

Call: 0448 581 306



Williamstown's Leading
Osteopathy, Physiotherapy,
and Lifestyle Clinic

OSTEOPATHY / PHYSIOTHERAPY / MASSAGE / PILATES



Just for you

RELAX

Book a 45 minute
massage, get an
extra 15 mins free

REVIVE

Mat Pilates
power pack:
5 classes for just \$50

VALID UNTIL _____

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

williamstownhealthandlifestyle.com.au | 9397 8877
95/99A Douglas Parade, Williamstown

Williamstown
health+lifestyle

LOOKING FOR A GREAT GIFT IDEA?



WRITE THE WORLD NOTEBOOKS

**\$10 NOTEBOOK
= \$10 TO CHARITY**

100% of purchase price donated to effective charities tackling global poverty as recommended by The Life You Can Save | Printed on FSC certified paper | Charity and environmental credentials printed on the inside cover of each notebook | Twelve gorgeous designs in stock



BUY ONLINE AT

WWW.WRITETHEWORLDNOTEBOOKS.ORG

Come & Try Bowls

The Williamstown Bowling Club is currently conducting a program to introduce the pupils of North Williamstown Primary School to the game of Lawn Bowls. Your child may have already been a part of this program or maybe part of it in the future.

The sport of Lawn Bowls is an ideal sport for the whole family to participate together in a safe, contact free equal playing level environment .

We would be pleased to welcome any member of your family or friends that would like to try this fascinating sport.

If interested, please contact the club for further details on 93975238 via email on contact@williamstownbowlingclub.com.au



COME AND TRY!
ALL WELCOME

**FOOTSCRAY
WATER POLO**

EVERY SUNDAY
8:15-9:30AM
(EXCEPT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)
MARIBYRNONG AQUATIC
CENTRE

for more info email:
footscrayswimmingandwaterpolo@gmail.com