



Williamstown North Primary School Newsletter

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Respect — Resilience — Responsibility — Doing Your Best



**End of Term—Friday 20th December
Early Finish @ 1.30pm**

**No Fresh Fruit Friday
No Canteen on Thursday 19th &
Friday 20th December**

Principal's Report

Student December Reports



If all goes according to plan, the upload of our student 2019 December Reports onto Compass will occur at approximately 3:30pm on Thursday 19th December. (We will send out an SMS to confirm their availability).

We hope this End of Year Report provides a wonderful opportunity for you to celebrate a terrific year of achievements for your child/ren, and if appropriate, clear recommendations for where further endeavour is required.

Please don't forget to also go to the **Learning Task Tab** on Compass, where you will also find the last Proficiency Scales for 2019. These scales, combined with the December report, will indeed provide you with a very comprehensive picture of your child's achievements at the completion of 2019.

Please note that the school will not be providing printed copies of these reports. If you have any issues accessing the December Reports or Proficiency Scales on Compass, please don't hesitate to make contact with the main office on 93975722.

Farewells

Sadly, it's that time of the year where we have to say goodbye to several members of staff. This is always a difficult undertaking as we have such a strong collaborative culture at our school.



**New items added to the
Calendar
Thursday 19th & Friday 20th
December
NO CANTEEN LUNCHES OR
COUNTER SALES**

**Friday 20th December
NO FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**

**Calendar of Events
Term 4**

**Change of Day Due to the
Extreme Temperature Now on
Thursday 19th 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



2020 Term Date

Term 1—29th January to 27th March

Term 2—14th April to 26th June

Term 3—13th July to 18th September

Term 4—5th October to 18th December

We send out good wishes with Tess Bullock as she heads back to NSW to be closer to her family. Tess has been at the school over the last four years and forged a wonderful connectedness with students, staff and parents over this time. We sincerely thank Tess for her fantastic commitment to Willy North and the genuine care/support she extended to all of her students.

Zach Schmidt and Tristan Bugler will both be on leave from Willy North next year. These two gentlemen are exceptional teachers and will certainly be missed. Pending any opportunities that may arise next year, we look forward to both Zach and Tristan returning to Willy North in 2021.

A special mention also to Tammy Voukelatos and Lisa Caulfield, who have both done a terrific job in their shared classes in 2019. We certainly look forward to their future involvement in the school down the track when new positions arise.

2019 Parent Payments

Thank you again to the many parents who have now completed their 2020 payments in preparation for the start of the 2020 school year. Whilst we can no longer process cash payments at the main office, we will be accepting EFTPOS payments until close of business tomorrow, as well as the convenience of paying by BPay at any time over the break.



Class Rep Program

This year we once again recognise the wonderful work of our parents who have diligently and reliably undertaken the role of class reps every fortnight throughout 2019.

This unique platform helps to establish a robust educational link between the school and families, so that a strong and purposeful framework of support is established for all students. We hope the distribution of the eNews each fortnight has facilitated lots of discussion at home about school and our learning programs, as well as strengthening your connectedness to the school.

Final thanks also to Julie Noonan and Toni Burton, who have once again done a terrific job in coordinating this platform for the last time. We look forward to both Georgie Evanson and Nicole Harvey who are taking over the reins in 2020. The recent Class Rep survey in the newsletter generated over 120 responses and so we look forward to harnessing this feedback as we head into next year.

2019 Principal Reflections and Thanks

What another terrific year we have all been privileged to experience in 2019 at Willy North!

As Principal, I continue to be humbled by the efforts of our staff who continue to go above and beyond each day across so many fronts. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our highly dedicated teachers and our very caring education support staff, for their very genuine efforts to nurture and support the individual needs of all of our students.

Thank You

Throughout 2019, I have once again been wonderfully supported by a fantastic office team, who all help to keep me so organised! My sincere thanks to Debbie Dorgan (Business Manager), Judy Coleman (Reception), and Belinda Gill (Communications Officer) who are an absolute pleasure to work with every day. I'm sure you have also found them to be a great help throughout the year whenever you have visited the main office!

As we come to the end of our current Strategic Plan and enter into our School Review in 2020, I would also like to sincerely thank the members of the school's leadership team who work so hard to drive our school improvement agenda. My deepest thanks to Wendy Emin, Michael Gill, Crissy Samaras, Giorgia Moss, Sarah Nobbs, Sharon Hunt and Melissa Ziebowski (currently on leave).

Behind the scenes, we have been fortunate to once again have Win Brown (Grounds Person) and Keith Field (Maintenance) supporting the school's facilities/grounds management. We sincerely thank Win and Keith for the obvious pride they take in their work and for facilitating such a high level of school presentation for all members of our school community.

To our wonderful parents and broader school community, my deepest thanks for your enduring support again throughout 2019. Through your amazing support at this year's Fete, we managed to recarpet twenty classrooms this year and install a new projector in the Gymnasium (which was used for the first time at Monday night's Year 6 Graduation). We look forward to galvanising this support again in 2020 as we head into an exciting year of the Arts and also charting a new Strategic Plan for the school.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and I hope that the time you spend with the family over the coming weeks is filled with much happiness and joy.

Community & School Engagement Activity Calendar

| | Year 2020 |
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| Term One 29th Jan to 27th March STD – Tuesday 28th January * 28/01/2020 Teachers Resume * 29/01/2020 Students Commence STD – Friday 28th February | New Families Morning Tea (1 st Day) Foundation/New Families BBQ/Picnic (Monday 17 th February) Foundation Photo Day (Thursday 27 th February) PLT Information Sessions Year 3 Intensive Swimming Program (Monday 2 nd to 13 th March) Year 4 Intensive Swimming Program (Monday 2 nd to 13 th March) Year 3 & 4 Athletics (Monday 23 rd March) Year 5 & 6 Athletics (Wednesday 25 th March) Foundation to Year 2 Tabloid Sports (Thursday 26 th March) |
| Term Two 14th April to 26th June STD – Friday 22nd May | Japanese Day Years 1 Intensive Swimming Program (Tue 15 th to Fri 24 th April) Years 2 Intensive Swimming Program (Tue 15 th to Fri 24 th April) Year 6 Canberra Camp (Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th April) Foundation 2021 Parent Information Night (Monday 4 th May) Education Week (May) Mother's Day Stall (Thursday 7 th May) Foundation to Year 2 Showcase, Group 1 Parent Social Night (Saturday 13 th June) |
| Term Three 13th July to 18th September | Book Fair (26 th & 27 th August) Reading & Writing Together is Magic (Wednesday 26 th August) Year 3 Phillip Island 3 Day Camp (Mon 31 st Aug to Wed 2 nd Sept) Year 4 Phillip Island 3 Day Camp (2 nd to 4 th September) Father's Day Stall (Thursday 3 rd September) STEAM Expo Footy Week (September) |
| Term Four 5th October to 18th December STD – Monday 2nd November | Year 5 Howqua Camp (Monday 5 th to Friday 9 th October) Year 2 'Camp In' (Thursday 15 th October) Year 1 Big Night In (Friday 23 rd October) Foundation Spooky Pizza Party (Thursday 29 th October) Foundation to Year 2 Showcase, Group 2 Years 3 - 6 School Musical Foundation Intensive Swimming Program (16 th to 27 th November) Year 5 Beach Program (Week 9 – 30 th November) 'Community Helpers Thank You' by the School (Wed 2 nd Dec) 'Teachers Thank You Lunch' by the Parents (Friday 4 th December) Year 6 Beach Program (Week 10 – 7 th December) Year 6 Graduation (Monday 14 th December) |

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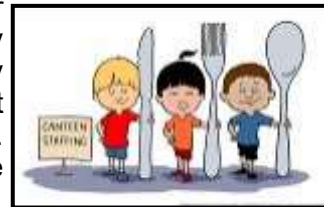
Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)

Thank you to all the parents & helpers that assisted with FFF this year. Your assistance has been very much appreciated.



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 19th December—CANTEEN CLOSED

Friday 20th December—CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday 29th January 2020—TBA

Thursday 30th January 2020—TBA

Friday 31st January 2020—TBA

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.



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.

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.

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.**





“Healthy Children Have Better Learning Outcomes”

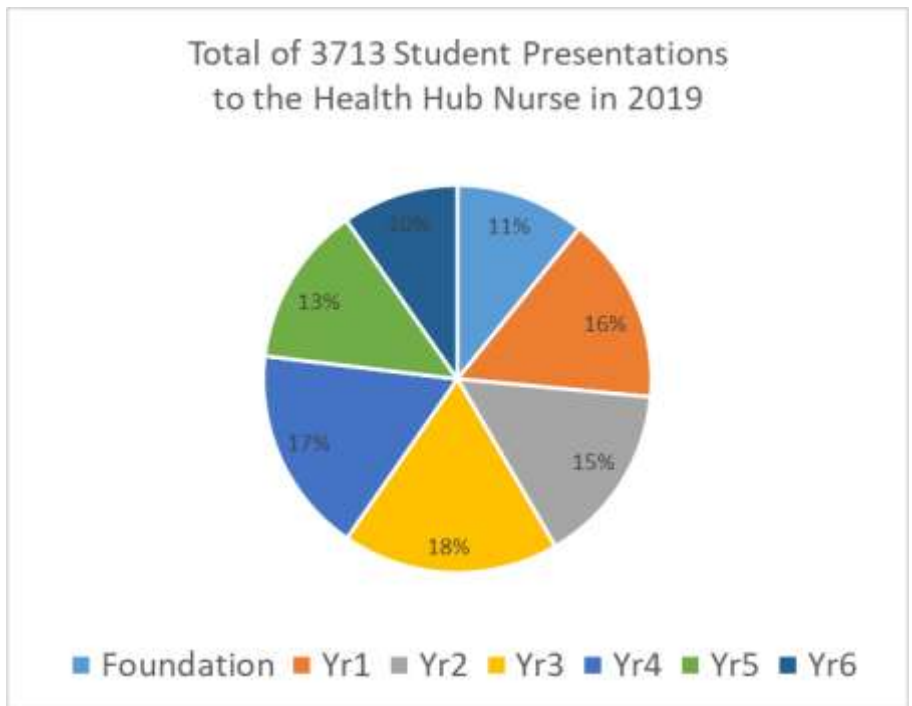
The Health Hub has been capturing a range of comprehensive data on student presentations over the last three years. This data helps us to make considered school-wide decisions that impact positively on student health, wellbeing and resilience.

Having access to a Registered Nurse on site ensures that all students who are injured or unwell at school receive the highest level of professional assessment, care and referral.

This year the Health Hub has built links with local community businesses to support student and staff wellbeing, including osteo and physiotherapy, dentistry, optometry, psychology and dietetics.

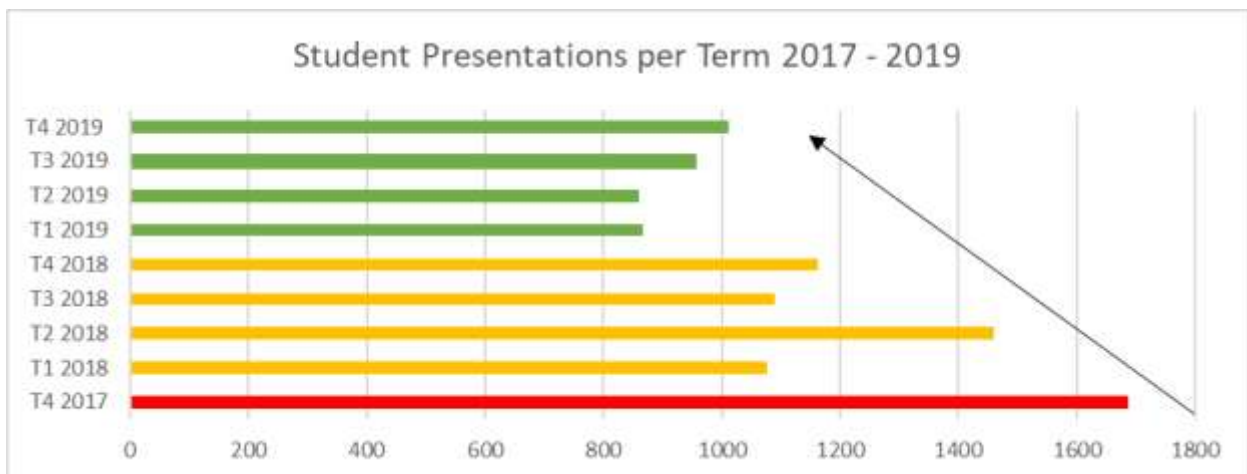
Preventative programs have been promoted across the seasons and Hobson Bay City Council saw record numbers of Willy North families receive the flu vaccine.

Mental health continues to be a key focus area with the Hub facilitating relaxation and mindfulness, positive body image and identity, connectedness to peers and counselling.



Thank you to the families who have made voluntary contributions to the Health Hub in support of the continued provision of holistic health care to the whole school community.

Kind Regards,
Olivia—Health Hub Registered Nurse





READING CORNER

The Friends of Williamstown Botanic Garden's Reading Corner will be running weekdays in the January school holidays from 6th – 17th January from 9.30am to 2.30pm weather permitting.

AUTHOR READING

We are delighted that prize-winning local children's author, Claire Saxby, will be in attendance and reading on Wednesday, 9th January from 11am. **All welcome!**



Golden Fish

Synchronized Swimming Club



Come and Try Days

Mon 13th to Thurs 16th January 2020
4pm to 5pm

Come and have a go!

Cost - \$10- per day (includes nose clip)
Victoria University Aquatic & Fitness Centre
Building L, Victoria University Footscray Park Campus,
Ballarat Rd Footscray
RSVP Michelle 0410 659 551 email - goldenfishsynchro@gmail.com

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and Wednesday 22nd January
2020

Where: Shorten Reserve, Footscray
Time: 10am-2pm (30min break
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for both

Age: All girls under 16

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Start Date: 26th Feb, 4.15pm – 5.15pm Contact: Sean 0422109667

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