



Williamstown North Primary School

Newsletter

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Last day of Term Tuesday 20th December
Early Finish at 1.30pm

Last day for Canteen Lunch Orders and
Counter Sales is Wednesday 16th December

Principal's Report

STAFF TRAINING DAYS FOR 2017

To assist with your 2017 planning, I can confirm the following dates for next year's Staff Training days, whereby students do not attend school:

Day One: Monday 30th January (Students start back on Tuesday 31st January)

Day Two: Friday 24th February

Day Three: Friday 19th May

Day Four: Monday 14th August

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Please note that the final day for students to attend school this year is Tuesday 20th December.

Students will be dismissed from the Gymnasium at 1:30pm on Tuesday 20th December to begin their holidays. There will be a short assembly in the Gymnasium beforehand, beginning at approximately 1:10pm. Students will have their usual recess break at 11:00pm on this day and will be required to bring their usual recess snack, however students do not need to bring their lunch on the final day as it is expected they will have lunch at home after being dismissed.

As the Gymnasium will be set up for our Year 6 Graduation on Monday 12th December, and given that there will be a whole school assembly on Tuesday 20th to finish the year; there will be no whole school assembly on Monday 19th December.

The final Newsletter for 2016 will be published next Wednesday, 14th December.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2016 COUNCILLORS

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to our wonderful parents and staff who have been enthusiastic members of our School Council this year. In addition to monthly School Council meetings, these Councillors have also been members of sub-committees that have worked hard to inform the council's decision making. Their level of commitment to the school has been outstanding and we are deeply grateful for their wisdom and individual insights into helping shape the policy direction of our school.

Dates to Remember 2016

2016 Term Dates

3rd October to 20th December

Dates to Remember

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**Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th
December**

Year 6 Beach Program

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Thursday 8th December

Year 1 Celebration Day

End of Year Activity

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Monday 12th December

Prep Sun Theatre,

Year 4 Sun Theatre &

Year 3 Village Cinema, Crown

End of Year Activities

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Monday 12th December

Year 6 Graduation

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Tuesday 13th December

Year 6 Funfields &

Year 5 MSAC

End of Year Activities

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Wednesday 14th December

**Whole School Transition Day
until Lunchtime**

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Friday 16th December

Meet your 2017 Teacher

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Tuesday 20th December

**Last Day of the School Year
Early Dismissal at 1.30pm**

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2017

Term Dates

30th January to 31st March

18th April to 30th June

17th July to 22nd September

9th October to 22nd December

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Tuesday 31st January

School resumes for students

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School FETE

Sunday 19th March 2017

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On behalf of the school community we thank: Michael Lynch, Julia Kaye, Julie de Plessis, Natalie Hammond, Matt Boyall, Sally Lalande, Simon Gibbs, Stuart Toplis, Tim Hart, Wendy Emin, Giorgia Moss and Sharon Hunt.

Special thanks to Michael Lynch who has been President of the Council again this year and has always been just a phone call away for support. Thanks also to Julia Kaye, who has undertaken the important role as Treasurer and has ensured a high level of accountability and proficiency in all of the school's financial operations. Last, but not least, a huge thank you to Stuart Toplis, who will be retiring from the Council this year after five years of membership. Stuart's leadership of the Education Subcommittee has been exceptional and his shaping of the school's policies has ensured that the school's policy documentation is at a consistently high standard. This was recognised recently during our school review by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) who noted the school's exemplary documentation. Thank you Stuart for the countless hours of support you have extended to the school over the years.

ROOM PLACEMENTS FOR 2017

Having now confirmed the number of classes and the teachers at each year level for 2017, final arrangements are now unfolding for the placement of year levels across the school for next year. The two key considerations that have informed this decision making have been the variations in the size of the classes next year and the overriding need to ensure that each year level is clustered together to ensure strong communication and connectedness. To this end, we will only have three year levels remaining in their existing locations in 2017: -

- ⇒ Foundation (Preps) in the Junior Learning Centre,
- ⇒ Year 3 in Rooms 30 – 33
- ⇒ Year 4 remaining in the double story portable (Rooms 34 – 37).
- ⇒ To accommodate the six classes in Year One, these students will be upstairs in the main building in (Rooms 17 – 22).
- ⇒ Year Six students will be downstairs in the main building in (Rooms 1 – 4), whilst
- ⇒ Year Two students will be nearby in (Rooms 5 – 9).
- ⇒ The Parent Hub will be relocated from Room 9 to Room 25 which will be the only 'spare room' in the school next year.
- ⇒ Year Five students will be housed in (Rooms 16 – 19).
- ⇒ Adjacent Rooms 23 and 24 will facilitate the school's Visual Arts program next year.

Please be assured that these changes have been very carefully considered with our students learning and social needs at the forefront of this decision making. In light of our predicted enrolment increases next year which will see the overall student enrolment somewhere between 760 – 770 students, we feel the above plan has achieved many benefits for each individual year level.

For those of you who are more visual learners, a map of these year level placements is included in the newsletter for your easy reference.

TRANSITION PROGRAM DETAILS

Our students are now all eagerly anticipating our 'In School Transition' program and the announcement of their teachers for 2017.

The first stage of this process will get underway this Friday afternoon when students at each level will have an assembly with the teachers at the next year level to discuss the nature of the learning/programs and the things that they can look forward to in 2017.

The next stage of the transition will involve all students in a morning of rotations on Wednesday 14th December whereby students will undertake a range of activities which will be indicative of what they can expect in their classrooms next year.

The final stage of this transition program will see all students, including our new Foundation students, visiting their new teachers and classmates for 2017 at 10:30am on Friday 16th December.

So much to look forward to as our planning for next year is finalised!

DONATION THANKS

A huge thank you for your support last Thursday with our Free Dress Day. This was a huge success and the 'Chocolate Toss' at next year's Fete is certainly well stocked now with blocks of chocolate for the large crowds that will be eager to try their luck on this activity.

Thank you also for the many families who made clothing donations for our Red Cross Appeal. The boxes were overflowing with donations last week – thank you again to so many generous and considerate Willy North families.

CANDY CANES

At this time of the year, it is lovely to see our students celebrating the upcoming Xmas festivities with cards and candy canes being shared. Whilst we actively support this connectedness amongst our students, we will be asking students to take home any candy canes that they are given. We have noted in the past where students have been eating candy canes and running around the school yard, it has raised safety concerns in the playground on a number of occasions. Thank you in anticipation of your understanding on this small but important matter.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Jim Cahill—Principal—Williamstown North PS



Swimming Trials for Next Year

Early next year, Sarah Nobbs will be conducting the school Swimming Trials. These trials are held to select a team to represent the school at the District Swimming Carnival. The trials will be held on Tuesday 7th February. Details about the Swimming trials were sent out via a Compass Newsfeed yesterday to the current Year 2, 3, 4 & 5 parents.



If your child is interested, you will need to complete the sheet below to make the selections. Sheets then need to be returned to the general office or to Sarah Nobbs by Wednesday 14th December.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to speak to Sarah Nobbs—Sports Coordinator.

School Swimming Team Trials 2017

Name of Child _____ Present Class (2016) _____

How old will your turn in 2017?) _____ Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____

I would like to try out for (please tick)

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25meter Freestyle | <input type="checkbox"/> 50meter Freestyle | <input type="checkbox"/> 100meter Freestyle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25meter Backstroke | <input type="checkbox"/> 50meter Backstroke | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50meter Breaststroke | <input type="checkbox"/> 50meter Butterfly | |

Parent Helpers needed to assist with the trials

Parent Name _____ Contact Number _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I will be able to help at the swimming trials. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am able to travel to and from the venue on the bus | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have a Working with Children Card | Card Number _____ |

If you have helped before, what role have you undertaken?

Williamstown North PS Holiday Program

Dear families,

Bookings are now open for the **NEW Holiday Program** at Williamstown North PS OSHClub!

The program will open on the 16th January, 2017 and will run until 27th January 2017.

The program will operate from 7.00am until 6.15pm and will involve a variety of activities, incursions and excursions.

The brochure outlining what will be on offer each day will be available online by the 16th December. Excursion days may be limited. Book early to ensure you don't miss out!

If you already know the dates you require care, please log into your account at www.oshclub.com.au and make a booking, or if new to OSHClub, please contact us to set-up an account and make a booking.

With Thanks

Holiday Program Team—0422 236 845

Rosters... Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)

This is a very social and interactive group who volunteer an hour of their time each Friday morning from 9.00am to 10.00am. **Fresh Fruit Friday continues to need parent volunteers. If you are available on a Friday, please email Linda Taylor directly, so she can add you to the roster—taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au.**

Fresh Fruit Friday parent roster for this Friday 9th December are: - Kim Pannone, Larissa Deeth, Ray Price, Leah Foley, Sandra Ensabella, Nova Ward, Julie Du Plessis and Lana Hutton

As this is the last Fresh Fruit Friday for the Year, we would like to thank all the lovely parents that assisted with FFF throughout the year.

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 are most welcome. If you can spare any of your valuable time, it would be greatly appreciated and we would love to hear from you.

Thursday 8th December—Dawn Bridgeman

Friday 9th December—Melanie Dmytrenko

Wednesday 16th December—Sandra Ensabella (LAST CANTEEN DAY FOR THE YEAR)

Uniform Shop News

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

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 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, 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.**

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 \$102.70 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/>

Community Fete

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White Elephant Stall

It was a great start to our Jim's Storage White Elephant stall with lots of great items received over the weekend. There will be many more collection open days scheduled for the new year, so in the meantime keep collecting these donations over the holidays. Think books, toys records, small household items bric-a-brac, puzzles, bicycles, scooters, sporting goods.



Spring Planting

To the gardeners amongst us, now is the time to gather your plant and flower cuttings in readiness for March. Think herbs, cottage perennials and succulents. For tips go to Burke's backyard website to get some inspiration for this weekend!



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Calling all Crafters

We are looking for a small group of mums and dads to join the craft stall. You don't need to be a craft guru, just interested in helping out and getting involved! If you would like to help a little or a lot please contact Rebecca Rowley at rebecca@javrow.com.au



Thinking of Volunteering? Only one more role to fill!

Thank you to Fiona Hadrell who has kindly volunteered as our Fete Day Support Coordinator.

We're still looking for a Raffle Coordinator, so if this sounds like you please contact our Fete Coordinator, Shane on wnpsfete@gmail.com.

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- * Glitter Tattoos
- * Nail Painting/Art



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Any other ideas for services we could provide would also be welcome!

If you can help out for a couple of hours on the day of the Fete, please contact

Belinda McShane—0408844422
Leisha Campbell—0414219266
Vicki Hawkes—0411871726



Jam and Chutney Stall

WNPS Fete 19th March 2017

"Spread the Jam"

Can you make Jam/Chutneys or Sauces?

Would you like to make some over the school Christmas holidays for our fete in March 2017

Please contact.....

Sheena Hickman 0418 500 056

tjbhickman@bigpond.com

Caroline Geddes 0402 942 846

shayne.y@bigpond.net.au

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Duration: 12 nights

How many: One student per family

Homestay fee: Payment of \$480 towards your expenses
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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



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: _____

Please return the completed form to the school office, or email to Helen Atkins:
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Thank you for your cooperation.

Calling all Crafters!

I am looking for a group of Mum's and Dad's to help me making items for the craft stall at the fete. Please email me if you are interested. You don't need to be a craft guru (I am far from it!) – There are plenty of simple things to be done as well!

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Call for bits and bobs for the craft stall

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