**DECEMBER:**
Monday 1st: 3/4 Unit Science Incursion
Movember Stall
Monday 8th: Concert Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 9th: Y7 2015 Govt. Secondary Transition Day
Thursday 11th: School Concert
Prep-G2 5:15pm - 6:30pm
G3 –G6 7:45pm - 9:45pm
Friday 12th: Approved late start 10:30am
Except for G4 & G5 Sailing Program Students
Monday 15th: Grade 6 Big Day Out
Wednesday 17th: Multi-Cultural Lunch Day
ALL GRADES Canteen closed all day
Friday 19th: Last Day of School for 2014
Canteen Closed all day 1:00pm Dismissal

**2015 Important Dates:**
**Monday 26th January**
AUSTRALIA DAY

**Thursday 29th January**
The office will be open from 9:00am-11:00am
for EES Payments and school uniform purchases.

**Grade 1 - Grade 6 students**
**start FRI 30th JANUARY**

**Grade Prep students start**
**MON 2nd FEBRUARY**

**Prep students do not attend**
**school on Wednesdays for**
**the month of February**

**Dates to Remember**

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**REMINDERS:**
2015 Essential Educational Supplies now due.
Last Day of School: Friday 19th Dec. 1pm Dismissal.

**Dear Parents and Families:**
PREP - GRADE 4 SWIMMING PROGRAM UPDATE:
Thank you staff, students and families for your continued support of the swimming program. We have seen very positive improvements with our students’ swimming abilities during the course of the program. Students have returned excited every day. Thank you to Mrs Soto for her thorough planning to make both swimming programs possible. I would also like to thank those parents who went to the trouble of discussing the program with me so respectfully. Everyone’s input has been valuable and will be considered for future planning.

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**Quote for the Week:**
“Knowledge is Power”
Francis Bacon.
I believe that it is important to understand the context of this powerful quote with respect to our role in working with children. The knowledge we need to have is the ability to ensure we support and facilitate children’s learning. Now that is powerful.

Have a great week.
Brendan O’Brien, Principal.
On Saturday 29th November our choir will be performing at the Williamstown Church of Christ Craft Market. They go on stage at 10.00 am. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun at the Craft Market, on the Corner of John St and Douglas Parade, Williamstown.

LIBRARY NEWS:

It’s that time of the year again where you need to return all books borrowed from the library in preparation for the New Year.

If you have trouble finding overdue books, a good place to look is under your bed or on a bookcase with other books. Perhaps you could ask Mum or Dad to help you find school library books.

Student borrowing has now closed for the year.

DON'T MISS OUT!

CONCERT TICKETS:

Seating is currently being allocated and tickets will be sent home with children the week prior to the concert.

If you have not already ordered your tickets, please do so immediately as we will NOT be selling tickets on the evening. Entry is by pre-purchase and presentation of tickets only.

PAYMENT ADVICE:

Payment advice was sent home to all families last week regarding the costs involved with the 2015 Essential Educational Supplies.

School Council has determined the cost to be $170 per child for the 2015 school year.

These supplies will be purchased by the school, through a supplier, in individual packs for each student and contain items to meet the school’s specific criteria.

Please ensure you read this information thoroughly as there are several payment options.

Payment made by Wednesday 15th December will entitle you to a $5 discount.

Please speak with our office staff if you have any questions regarding 2015 EES.

The school office and uniform shop will be open on Thursday 29th January from 9:00am-11:00am should you wish to make an Essential Educational Supplies Payment or purchase school uniform.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:

If you wish to buy school uniforms for the beginning of 2015 can you please put in an order, along with a 50% deposit, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This way it will be ready for you to collect on Thursday 29th January between 9am-11am when the office is open. If you don’t place an order now, we cannot guarantee stock will be available.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER EARLY FINISH:

Please be aware we will be having an early dismissal on the last day of school for 2014.

A whole school assembly will be held at 12:30pm and all students will be dismissed at 1:00pm. The children will not be required to bring lunch to school on this day. Please contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 or visit www.campaustralia.com.au if you are unable to collect your child from school early on this last day for 2014.

MOVEMBER UPDATE!!!!!!!!!!!

Next Monday, 1st December, to celebrate the end of Movember there will be a great Movember stall, where all things moustache will be sold. A range of crafty and foody moustaches ranging from 50 cents to $5 will be sold for your hairy benefit, so make sure you bring your coins that day!

Check out the Al-Mo’s website and keep supporting the Al-Mo’s @ moteam.co/al-mo-s