



Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

CURRICULUM DAY THIS FRIDAY!

Parents and carers are reminded that Monday 6 March is a Curriculum Day. Students are not required to attend school on this day and alternative care arrangements must be made. A reminder also that Monday 9 March is the Labour Day Holiday

PARENTAL ASSISTANCE

A successful school is one where teachers and parents work together to enhance the learning of the students. At Watsonia North we have been fortunate to have the assistance of a large number of parents, grandparents and friends. Once again, we are asking for your help and letters requesting parental assistance were forwarded to families last week. We do understand that, for a number of reasons, ways in which parents are able to help varies considerably. We know and appreciate the help many parents give to School Council, Parents & Friends Association, Canteen etc. However, we would like to give everyone the opportunity to help in the school's programs in some way. Your children will certainly benefit from your involvement.

A reminder to all our volunteers and helpers, that the school maintains a register of parents who have a current Working With Children Check (WWC). Thank you to all the people who have presented their cards to the office staff. If you have not already done so, or have not applied for the WWC check, we ask that you give this your due attention. We had a very successful session yesterday, whereby many parents came to the office to apply online. We will be facilitating another session on **Monday 16 March** following assembly – please come along to the office and **Maria Cogger** (mother of Noah), will happily assist with online applications.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PFA)

The PFA plays a key role in promoting the interest of our school and encouraging the involvement and support of our parents in school life. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank and congratulate the outgoing executive members who have worked tirelessly to raise funds for the school:

Caryn Pentecost: President

Christine Ward: Treasurer

Cara Wilkins: Secretary

Melissa Cromie: School Council Representative

We also extend our gratitude to all the general members and the many parents and friends who assisted with various events and activities throughout the year. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the PFA was held yesterday with a disappointing number of people in attendance. It appears that the good work of this association will not proceed unless more people volunteer to assist. Imagine how disappointed the children would be if we could not run the mother's and father's day stalls. So the call out is there for parents to come forward and volunteer to be part of the fundraising committee. We always seem to have a large number of parents who are willing to help with particular events and fundraisers, however we need a governing committee to oversee the year's fundraising and planning. This is not an onerous commitment and a great way to meet others. I have had a couple of people expressing interest in being involved on the fundraising planning group however we need a few more.



WE NEED YOU!

If you would like to be part of the fundraising planning committee and do some great things for the students at Watsonia North and our school community, please come and see me to volunteer your services. No experience necessary – just your enthusiasm and ideas!!

Principal's Report continued

STAFF CAR PARK – CHILDREN’S SAFETY

A reminder to all parents and visitors that **parking in the staff car park or entering/exiting the staff car park when picking up and dropping off children, is strictly prohibited.** This is necessary for children’s safety and we seek your compliance with this request. Parents and visitors should use the pedestrian gates in Sharpes Road or Dundee Street when entering or exiting the school grounds.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP: BADGE PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all students who have been elected to the various Student Leadership roles within the school. All student leaders will have their **Badge of Office** presented to them at a special upcoming whole school assembly to be held on **Monday 16 March**. Arrangements have been finalised with our special guest presenter confirmed – all welcome! Parents and friends of our school leaders are welcome to stay back after the presentations for a drink and morning tea. We are very much looking forward to this special event.

BANYULE DIVISION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We wish our 25 representatives all the very best as they compete in the Divisional Swimming Carnival today. The competition standard will be very high and I am sure our competitors will rise to the occasion.

WEEKEND TO END WOMEN’S CANCER WALK

Congratulations to **Sarah Linssen** and her amazing team who walked 60kms on the weekend in order to raise awareness and funds for the Peter McCallum Cancer Centre. This is an amazing feat with the team raising over \$16,000. It’s wonderful to know that we have such committed and selfless individuals in our community doing wonderful things for the benefit of others.

Tina King (Principal)



Coming up on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 March (first weekend of the school holidays) – if anyone in the school community would like to join the school team (students must join with an adult who must be with them at all times), please follow the prompts when using this link. *Diamond Valley 2015 – Watsonia North PS – Join team* \$20 per participant that includes a Relay for Life top Please join our team for 2015:
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STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

WNPS will be performing as part of the massed choir in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular. Not a compulsory event, places are limited and will be restricted to students who are members of the choir. Preference will be given to children in older year levels. This is always an exciting event and a great opportunity for our students. Please note that the **Media Release form** also needs to be completed in order for children to participate – please speak to Mr Perry if you have questions about this.

BANYULE SUPERCHOIR WORKSHOP

The Senior Choir is participating in this all-day workshop on **Friday 13 March** at Montmorency Secondary College. We started this event last year and it was a great success. Five schools (including us), both primary and high schools, will be putting together two pieces and learning a few things about choral singing on the way. Our special guest presenter is Sue Johnson, founder and long-time member of the award-winning choral group, *Coco’s Lunch*. Please return permission and bus forms ASAP!

CHORAL @ MONTSALVAT

We have been invited back to perform at one of the loveliest venues in our part of Melbourne – Montsalvat in Eltham. This performance is on Sunday 3 May and promises to be a great day. More details to come but ... keep the date free! Senior AND Intermediate Choirs will be performing.

PARENT HELPERS

If you would like to assist in coordinating choir uniform in 2015, or in any area of the WNPS choir program, please contact Mr Perry on:
music@wats-north.vic.edu.au

RECORDER

Is your child in Year 3? *They will need a recorder!* All students in Years 3 to 6 require their own recorder for Music lessons. This is a separate item to be purchased and most families do this through the school. We sell recorders for \$8 and a note for this has been sent to all families of Year 3 students **as well as to students in Years 3 to 6 who are new to the school**. Second hand recorders are available for \$2 (no case is included), but families will need to take responsibility for cleaning these before use.

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)

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Tel: 9432 3213 24 hours

G'day folks

Thank you to the families that responded to our offer of a Pupil Free Day program for this Friday – I regret to advise however, we did not receive enough to attain the minimum requirement of 20 children to operate therefore, Cool Care will not operate on Friday 6/3.

Now we have settled into the year, a request for families to familiarise themselves further with the protocols and procedures set out in the Parent Booklet. The Parent Booklet is provided to all families at the time of enrolment and outlines the operating policies of our service. It is constructed from the School Council Cool Care Policy and assists stakeholders with understanding the operation of Cool Care. If unsure of needs and parent/carer responsibilities, please contact us for further explanation.

As we will not operate on Friday this week, fee payments would be appreciated by close of business Thursday, if possible please. Families will not be charged for the Pupil Free Day. Electronic fund transfer, cheque, cash or credit card payments are all available to assist families in finalising their accounts. Credit card payments should be made directly to the School office please.

Monday afternoon we received a Spot Check Compliance Visit from Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. The assessor spent the afternoon with us reading through our policies and viewing our operations. We are pleased to report we met all required compliances. We strive to offer our families a high quality service and apparently we are doing that!

Monday afternoon proved to be a busy afternoon in many ways, with the children experience their first Travelling Kitchen incursion for the year. Emma and Jodie had organised a sweet treat for the children to make this time around. Mini Choc Berry Cheesecakes were on the “Kids Master Chef” menu. Bearing in mind we had many Prep children and also other new Cool Carers that had not participated in one of our cooking afternoons. They coped like ‘chefs to a kitchen’ without a hitch and I would like to say that the finished product was quite sensational! We hope to enjoy the company of the Travelling Kitchen once a term for the remainder of the year.

Finally, I am excited to announce we have been placed on the following Facebook page, sharing our Chinese New Year display. Please go to this link to have a look. We have been included as the ‘service of the week’ from all services around Australia!

<https://www.facebook.com/toonworld.tv>

Time for me to go – a reminder there is no Cool Care this coming Friday 6/3. Stay Cool, Jenny



Thank you to **Loretta Khoo** (one of our Prep parents) and the team at Barry Plant for their support in providing our advertising boards for our upcoming 2016 Prep Information Evening on Thursday, 19 March 2015.

PE & Sport News

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

ROUND 4

Sport	WNPS	Watsonia Heights
Basketball Boys	58	18
Basketball Girls	53	20
Bat Tennis Boys	36	2
Bat Tennis Girls	24	21
Rounders	14	24
Cricket	53	83

INTERSCHOOL SPORT THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY 5 MARCH (not Friday)

Round 5 – WNPS v ST MARYS (at home): Games start at 9.30am until 10.45am.

DIVISION TENNIS

A big congratulations to JULIAN DROHAN, RICKY KATSIGIANNIS and EMMISON ZEALLEY who represented WNPS at the Banyule Tennis Championship. All players had fantastic results throughout the day, with Julian finishing 3rd overall and Emmison, 4th. Great work by all!

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)



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EASTER RAFFLE

Our annual PFA Easter Raffle will be drawn at the end of term assembly on Friday, 27 March. **We are asking families to donate an Easter egg for the Easter hampers. Please bring an egg (any size and shape) to the school office by Friday, 20 March.**

We also welcome any donations of goods or services.

Raffle tickets will be distributed to families shortly.

Thank you from PFA



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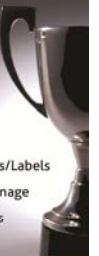
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APRICOT MUESLI BARS



INGREDIENTS

200g butter, diced | $\frac{3}{4}$ cup honey | $\frac{3}{4}$ cup ($\frac{1}{2}$ 395g can) sweetened condensed milk | 2 cups rolled oats | 1 cup shredded coconut | 1 cup sunflower seeds | 1 cup dried apricots, finely chopped

METHOD

Step 1: Preheat oven to 160C. Line a 30cm x 24cm sponge roll or baking tin with baking paper.

Step 2: Melt butter and honey in a pot over a low heat, or microwave on high for 1½ minutes. Mix in condensed milk then remaining ingredients until evenly combined.

Step 3: Tip mixture into prepared tin and press evenly with the base of your hand or the back of a spoon to fill tin. Bake for 30 minutes until golden. Allow to cool slightly in tin before cutting into 8cm x 4cm bars. Drizzle with melted chocolate if desired. Once fully cooled, store in an airtight container.



SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

COACHES' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Be reasonable in your demands on player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Avoid over-playing the talented players. The "just-average" players need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Develop team respect for the ability of the opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Accept decisions of all umpires or referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Do not criticise players in front of spectators but reserve constructive criticism in private or in the presence of the team.
- Do not criticise the opposing team or supporters by word or gesture.
- Set a good example in personal appearance.
- Emphasise that the winning of a game is the result of "team work".
- Make every sporting activity serve as a training ground for life and as a basis for good mental and physical health.
- Emphasise that good sports are good students and are both physically and mentally alert.
- Place the welfare and development of the individual team, and of the child, above win and loss records.

PLAYERS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Play for the "fun of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing equipment is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.

SPECTATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Students play organised sport for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
- Applaud good performance and efforts by your team AND the opponents. Congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the officials decision. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach the children to do likewise.
- Never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivating.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to play according to the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.

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