



# Wednesday Weekly

5 August  
2015

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## From the Principal

### Curriculum Day

Friday 14 August 2015

Families are reminded that **Friday 14 August is a Curriculum Day with children not required to attend school on this day.** Alternative arrangements need to be made for the care and supervision of children on this day.

This is a common curriculum day whereby staff from our school will be undertaking professional development with colleagues from Viewbank Primary School. Please note that this is the final student free day for the year.

### TRIVIA NIGHT

What a terrific night was had by all those in attendance at the trivia night last Saturday night. A fun night was had by all, with eight full rounds of trivia requiring memory retrieval of all sorts. There was great atmosphere and people in attendance certainly put their hands in their pockets to support the school. A sincere thank you to everyone who attended – without your support and generosity the night simply would not have been the great success it was. We raised approximately \$4,500 which will go towards purchasing technological equipment and resources for our students.

A successful fundraising event like this just does not happen without thorough planning and organisation. Congratulations to our committed Fundraising Committee who have worked tirelessly to source

donations, seek appropriate venue and attend to organisational details like ticketing, setting up, cleaning up and so on. A heartfelt thanks to **Maria** (President), **Kara, Sandy, Sue, Katie, Loretta, Sheridan** and **Louise** for all their hard work, commitment and dedication to making the night such a success. Special mention and thank you to our helpers who assisted with packing up and cleaning up: **Wes, Andrew, Tanie** and **Jenny**. Finally, a big thank you to all the sponsors for donating goods and services and in particular our major sponsor **Barry Plant Real Estate**.

### STAFFING NEWS

Next week we will farewell **Mia Clark** (Year 3/4 M23) who has resigned from her position at Watsonia North to take up a job opportunity within the tertiary sector. Mia's resignation comes after much professional deliberation and consideration. Family commitments and the demands of juggling professional responsibilities were key deciding factors in Mia's decision to leave Watsonia North. Mia has been a wonderful staff member who has contributed so much whilst at the school. I know you will join me in wishing her every success with her new position.

Experienced teacher **Jaclyn Sullivan** has been appointed to take the class for the remainder of the year. Jaclyn has worked extensively at our school this year, and is known to all the students through her work as a classroom relief teacher and recently as the school's ICT teacher. We are in the process of recruiting for the ICT vacancy and will advise once the successful candidate has been appointed.

*Principal's Report continued .....*

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## YEARS 1 & 2 CONCERT



### "The Meow-da-sea"

Excitement is mounting as we await with anticipation, this year's production by the Year 1 and 2 students. Rehearsals have been well underway, with a full dress rehearsal taking place this week. The concert is being held at Parade College next Tuesday evening commencing at 6:30pm and we look forward to seeing our young performers up on the stage.

## PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Thank you to the many families who have completed the Parent Opinion survey. All sealed returns will be forwarded to the Education Department for analysis, with results expected early next term. Parent opinion about how our school is progressing is crucial in meeting current and future needs and School Council will review the results once made available.

## VIETNAM VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia conducts Commemorative Services in what is known as Vietnam Veterans Week. This is a lead up to a State Service at the Shrine on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. The local Sub-Branch, Diamond Valley Vietnam Veterans, is holding a service at Greensborough Memorial Park commencing 11:00am on Saturday 15 August and we have been invited to attend. A representative group from our school will be in attendance and we will lay a floral tribute during the service.

## SCHOOL VALUES

As a school community we continually endeavour to provide the best possible educational opportunities for our students within a safe, stimulating and dynamic learning environment. It is widely acknowledged that education is as much about building character as it is about equipping students with specific skills. It is further recognised there is an expectation on schools to help students understand and develop personal and social responsibilities.

At Watsonia North we strongly recognise the importance of respectful behaviour and relationships in maintaining a high quality school environment. Our school's core values influence how we communicate, work together and make decisions. Our school values provide the moral fibre that guide our culture:

### Excellence

Commit to learning and strive to achieve your personal best  
(Aim high, never give up)

### Integrity

Consistency in your words, actions and relationships  
(Always strive to do the right thing)

### Respect

For yourself, each other and the environment  
(Be considerate)

### Responsibility

For your words, actions and care of the environment  
(Be in charge of your own actions)

### Understanding

Of diversity and individual differences  
(Treat everyone equally)

*Tina King* (Principal)

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## PE & Sport News DIVISION SOCCER FINALS

On Monday the Boys & Girls' Soccer teams played in the Division Finals at Cartledge Reserve, Ivanhoe. Both teams played outstandingly throughout the day, and had close defeats in all matches. A BIG THANK YOU to MR CLIFF WHITESIDE for all of his training and coaching, and also to MRS MAY and MISS DAVIES for being team managers, AND thanks to all the parents for coming along and supporting the teams.

## HOUSE ATHLETICS

WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOURS!

Wednesday, 12 August: 9.45am-2.00pm at Meadowglen Athletics Track.

## DISTRICT ATHLETICS

TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER: 9.45am-2.45pm (more information to follow).

**Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)**

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Hi Everyone .....  
This month Cool Care comes of age!! August marks the month that Cool Care began all those many years ago. 1994 to be exact, which means we are

turning 21 this year. The week began literally with many explosions. We invited the SCIENTWISTS into Cool Care on Monday afternoon. The children were introduced to many exciting 'science things'. Static electricity, flying saucers, slime, bubbles, spurting ping pong balls, spongy water and more. It was an excellent incursion for the children offering them an opportunity to tap into the field of science and technology. Tuesday afternoon we put on our dancing shoes (and pyjamas) for the Cool Care PJ disco. Two of our girls worked hard to ensure the music, treats and games provided an afternoon of mass excitement and activity. Well done, once again a child initiated and implemented experience that was 'top notch'! Today we mix it with the best extra-terrestrial ever - yes, that is right - we are welcoming little ET into Cool Care. Movie afternoon! To the girls, thank you both for spending so much time preparing and making sure everything was ready for your friends. The Talent Quest has many entertainers on the set list for tomorrow afternoon. We have dancers, gymnasts, comedians and singers. We are also hoping we may have a 'special guest' entertainer - watch this space next week for a little more news! To finish the week off, PARTY TIME!! Friday afternoon our 21<sup>st</sup> birthday party and games afternoon, and then I think I may take a couple of weeks off to recover. Nah, just joking, it is going to be a fabulous week celebrating with all of our little friends as we have done for many, many years.

The final Pupil Free Day for this year is on Friday 14 August. We have opened our bookings for this now and will accept bookings until the end of this week. As we need 20 children to attend to operate, please book in before we close this Friday 7/8 to be included in our numbers.

Okey dokey, off I trot to complete more birthday preparations.  
Have a great week!  
Stay Cool  
Jenny



## Maths PD at Watsonia North – *Our teachers are always learning .....*



Last Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 July, Watsonia North teachers had the opportunity to work with the very inspiring Mathematics' consultant, **Michael Ymer**.

Michael worked with each Area team, reviewing their planning documents and suggesting ways to improve and refine them. Teachers discussed the things they felt were important to teaching a successful Mathematics lesson, one which draws all students in at the beginning, enables each student to have success and relates to their lives in some way. These rich lessons cover a range of content, are differentiated to cater for a wide range of abilities and contain open-ended tasks. Michael provided teachers with the tools necessary to plan and implement these lessons and teachers came away from his session very motivated and inspired.

After spending considerable time with each team, Michael's feedback was that our teachers are very dedicated to achieving the best outcomes for the students in their care, professional in their approach to continue refining their craft, and support each other effectively in their teams.

We are planning for Michael to run a Parent information evening early in 2016 and recommend your attendance to hear Michael's suggestions for fostering a love of Mathematics at home.





You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem

these for awesome educational resources for our school.

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**Kids Disco**  
**FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST**  
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Year 3 to 6 from 7.30 to 9.00pm  
Entry only: \$5.00  
Entry & Glow Showbag: \$10.00  
**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO ORDERS  
TAKEN FOR GLOW SHOWBAGS AFTER MONDAY**



Brochures were distributed for the latest Scholastic Book Club last week. Please note that these orders are due **TOMORROW**.

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## TERM 3 PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

Take a deep breath ... we have: **Tuesday August 11**, Year 1 and 2 concert at Parade College; **Tuesday August 18**, Diamond Valley Choral Festival (choirs); **Tuesday August 25**, Year 5/6 Bands Night at Loyola College; **Thursday September 3**, Year 3/4 Curriculum Concert at WNPS Hall; **Thursday, Friday and Saturday September 10, 11 and 12**, State Schools Spectacular final rehearsals and performance (Senior Choir). And that's just for starters! Looking ahead to Term 4, we have: **Prep Concert at WNPS Hall, Tuesday, 1 December** Performing Arts Concert at Montmorency SC auditorium (TBA) and Choir Tour (TBA).

## STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR REHEARSAL

Note that Senior Choir members attending the State Schools Spectacular rehearsal on **August 19** have been given a permission form. We will be travelling by train into the city and returning after home time – please attend to this asap. It promises to be a fun day!

## PETER AND THE WOLF

This beautiful classic orchestral story is one that we use with all Prep grades. Most of our students will remember the story and the music from Prep Music classes. Families have an opportunity to hear the music **live**, in a concert by the Heidelberg Symphony Orchestra at 1pm and 2.30pm on Sunday July 26. Tickets are only \$10! More details at [http://heidelbergssymphony.com.au/childrens\\_concerts.html](http://heidelbergssymphony.com.au/childrens_concerts.html)

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)



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- Market stalls to browse
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- Parade hosted by Damien Woolnough, Style guy for *The Australian Women's Weekly*

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If I could travel back in time I would...

Good morning everyone - we are here to talk about the Doodle 4 Google competition.

Rach ... what would you do if you could go back in time?

I would play basketball with Michael Jordan. Vic what would you do?

I would probably ..... be a dinosaur!

What would YOU do if you could go back in time? What would YOU change? What would YOU see? Who would YOU meet?

Anyway, if you are interested, you can put your entry in the box that is in the library. If you would like a template to help you out, they are also available in the library.

Here's what you have to do ....

1. Draw the Google logo with different pictures of what you would do if you could go back in time. But you can't copyright, so you can't do SpongeBob or Dorg or characters like that.
2. You need a title for your picture and it has to be 5 words or less.
3. You need to write a statement about why you drew your picture and explain what you drew in 50 words or less.
4. PARENTS/GUARDIANS' PERMISSION IS REQUIRED - FORM TO BE SIGNED IS FOUND IN THE LIBRARY OR COME TO S3 AND PICK ONE UP.

Here are some examples of past doodles:



2013 winner - Year 1-3



2013 winner - Year 4-6



Your picture has to be on an A4 white piece of paper and it also has to be landscape. Your picture has to be in the box by 13 August. Thank you!