



Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

CURRICULUM DAY – TUESDAY 9 JUNE

School Council has endorsed Tuesday, 9 June as a Curriculum Day. Staff will be undertaking professional development relating to the teaching of spelling, looking at current research and relating it to current school practices. Students are not required to attend school on this day and alternative arrangements need to be made for their care and supervision.

NAPLAN TESTING

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students is being held next week.

Testing will take place over three days:

- Tuesday 12 May – Language Conventions & Writing
- Wednesday 13 May – Reading
- Thursday 14 May – Numeracy

The results of the test will provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

SCHOOL CROSSINGS

At Monday's assembly I shared with all present, an email I received from a concerned member of the community who has no direct connection with the school. The concern directly related to children and sometimes parents/guardians accompanied by children, not using the designated school crossing in Cameron Parade. As a concerned citizen and motorist who uses Cameron Parade, she expressed grave concern for these individuals' safety as well as the safety of others. I cannot stress enough the importance of using the crossings and for parents to be setting a positive example for children. We have fought hard to retain the crossing supervisors for the safety and wellbeing of our students and it is disheartening to think that individuals are putting themselves and others at risk.

MOTHERS' DAY

Best wishes to all our Mums and Grandmothers for a wonderful day on Sunday. Hopefully we will all take the time to remember and acknowledge our very special someone who supports and encourages us. We are in gratitude to our wonderful Fundraising Committee and all the volunteers who have assisted with the Mother's Day stall this week. The stall is being held from Wednesday to Friday, with many gifts already bought this morning.

It is always wonderful to hear children's thoughts as to why they think their mum is so special. Below are some reflections for you to enjoy.

My mum is special because she says "yes" to everything!

My mum is wonderful because she cooks our dinner, cleans the house, helps us with our homework and she is awesome.

My mum ties my hair up nicely in plaits and makes me look good for school. I really love her because she makes me nice lunches ... I just really love her.

My mum is the best because she helps me a lot and is so supportive.

My mum is nice and she smiles a lot. She makes me happy.

What I love about my mum is that she makes these delicious treats.

My mum is the best because she takes me to piano lessons and drives me around. She is my taxi and is the most supportive mum in the world.

My mum helps me save up money to buy things and sometimes she buys treats for me.

My mum is nice and she makes me laugh just by looking at me.

My mum is wonderful because she helps me with my homework and supports me in everything I do. She creates a friendly and supportive environment for us at home. Hunter

Tina King (Principal)

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Welcome everyone to the latest news in Cool Care. Monday morning was lots of fun with many of the children dressed up to celebrate Book Week. We felt very safe with half the cast of the Avengers on set, a couple of Bat Girls, fantasy land with Alice characters and quite a few children from The Tree House. There are a couple of photos on display in the Centre showing the vast array of colours and the 'cast of thousands'. During our group chat Monday afternoon, the children were 'a buzz' with details and excitement from the parade during the day. They all looked fantastic! A couple of Lucky Lunch winners to announce from the past couple of weeks. In the coming weeks, we have 'employed' Toonworld to come in on a Thursday afternoon to offer the children Cartooning Workshops. When questioned, Thursday afternoon children showed the strongest interest during our afternoon chat sessions. We are hoping this will provide the children skills to create their own little cartoon characters. Stay tuned for more news from Thursday 28 May when our workshops commence. At this stage we will be busy cartooning for 4 weeks.

A huge thank you to families for their regular fee payments. As bank to bank transfer appears to be a preferred form of fee payment for many, (in the hope of reducing unnecessary administration duties), a request please, for families to send me an email advising that fees have been paid. As there can often be a couple of days delay between the monies being deposited into the school bank account and the receipt making its way down to Cool Care, an email of advice would be greatly appreciated. If making payments for the current week, payments should be made during the middle of the week to ensure they reach Cool Care before the end of the school day Friday afternoon. Thank you. Mothers' Day is at the forefront this week. The children are using tender loving care to

make a special treat this week. We wish all of the wonderful women in our lives a sensational fun filled day with family and friends on Sunday. Have a great day sitting around being waited on with your feet up!! Enjoy your week – we may have to rug up with the change in the weather!

Stay Cool (but warm), Jenny

PE & Sport News

SPORTS RESULTS – ROUND 2

SPORT	WNPS	Greensborough
Football	96	25
Soccer	10	2
Softball	14	3
Netball A	50	3
Netball B	36	2

THIS WEEK – ROUND 3

FRIDAY, 8 MAY – 9.30am start: WNPS v Watsonia Heights (away).

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Banyule Flats – WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Our House Cross Country was cancelled yesterday due to the inclement weather. An alternative date will be announced shortly.

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sports Coordinator)

FOUND AT SCHOOL IN THE PREP
READER BOXES
1 CAR KEY, WITH TWO REMOTES
("LANDCRUISER")
PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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YEAR 1 & 2 UPCOMING CONCERT "COSTUME CREW"

WNPS family members and friends – interested in helping to create or resource costumes and for the **UPCOMING YEAR 1 & 2 Concert in Term 3?**

The "Costume Crew" will be meeting soon – let Mr Perry know of your interest by sending an email to music@wats-north.vic.edu.au



All school families should have received information about our new school app, called '*tiqbiz*'. The app has many possibilities for electronic communication to families, but to start with, we are trialling the 'push notifications and alerts' feature. So far, 178 users have already signed up!

The app is available on iPhone, iPad, iPod, Android Phone, Android Tablet and Windows phone devices. If you don't have a mobile device, there is also an app available for computer, both Mac and PC.

To access the app, you will need to download *tiqbiz* from the app store, register a free account, then find Watsonia North PS, and tick our school.

When you are ticking the school boxes, please make sure you tick on "Whole School" **AND** the specific Year level/s that apply to your family.

You will receive all the information with a push notification, much like a text message directly to your device. Any last minute changes or reminders, we'll be able to reach you to keep you completely informed and up-to-date.

We hope you will enjoy using this great communication tool!

Please find a flyer attached, which will assist you with the downloading of *tiqbiz*.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jill Lewis in the office.

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Dear families WNPS are holding our Mother's Day stall in the library on:
Wednesday 6th May / Thursday 7th May / Friday 8th May ~ 9am to 11am
Please send \$5 with your child on these days if they would like to buy a gift
(all gifts are \$5 each)



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NETBALL School Holiday Program



Monday 29th June, Tuesday 30th June
& Wednesday 1st July 9.30am - 3.00pm
Lunch menu included \$170 for 3 day program
Enrolments close Friday 19th June

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OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Watsonia North Primary School's values are an important part of our 'Start Up' programs each year, ensuring that the students follow and understand their meaning and implementation. Each week at assembly, a number of Student Achievement Awards are handed out for students that exhibit our school values of excellence, respect, responsibility, integrity and understanding.

The Value of EXCELLENCE

A range of students this week were asked what 'excellence' means to them. Their responses were:

J12: Excellence is



- being your best and helping other people (Lucas)
- trying to get my letters where they are supposed to be on the lines and being your best (Mia)
- if you don't understand a piece of work and you can't do it, don't give up. Have a go! (Gian)
- about aiming high and not giving up (Lucy)
- about never giving up when things are hard to do – always aim high
- trying your best (Joana)
- challenging yourself (Jessica)

J17: Excellence is

- trying your best to get better and better (Elizabeth K)
- if you do something wrong, you just try again (Neve)
- trying your best and never giving up (Emily P)
- helping others when they need it (Fletcher)

M24: Excellence is

- aiming high, never giving up. Stay on task. Always do your best and focus (Ruchini)
- working hard and never giving up (Luke)
- people who work hard in their classroom and do not get distracted by other people. (Justin)
- people, teachers and students working hard and helping people (Maggie)
- aiming high and never giving up and to work hard. It is very important to have EXCELLENCE in yourself. (Anika)
- helping each other and looking after people (Abby)

J8: Excellence is

- when you do good things for the school and other people (Marco)
- showing good behaviour and doing the right thing (Rachel)
- being good in the classroom and working hard (Ellen)
- using good manners to adults and working very hard (Balin)
- a school value and it means you have done really well in your work (Ryan D)

S4: Excellence is

- Excellence means to be a nice, caring and helpful person, being honest and using your own initiative and to always be on your best behaviour, at home and at school (Christina)
- Excellence means being a good role model to others and never do the bad thing. This is a really important Value,

