



Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome back to students, staff and families. I hope you have all enjoyed a well-earned break and opportunity to relax with friends, family and loved ones. Melbourne's spring weather provided opportunity to enjoy our great outdoors. There were many events taking place throughout the month of September and I know many families enjoyed these activities – from the Melbourne Show to the AFL Grand Final. Oh yes, the Grand Final - congratulations to the victorious Hawks. There was great jubilation and celebration in our household and the celebrations will continue for a while yet!

I trust that everyone is looking forward to the challenges and highlights of the final school term. We have many events and activities happening and we ask that you continue to consult the Wednesday Weekly in order to be kept informed. Staff and students have returned looking very refreshed and I hope everyone is looking forward to an exciting and busy term ahead.

Please remember that our Sunsmart Policy stipulates that all children and staff are required to wear a hat outside in the playground from September through to the end of April. Children found not wearing a hat will be required to sit in an undercover area as a precaution against exposure to UV. It is also strongly advisable that sunscreen be applied prior to children coming to school. A sunscreen roll-on should be placed in your child's bag for reapplication throughout the day. We seek your assistance and cooperation in implementing our SunSmart Policy.

PLANNING FOR 2016

Planning for next year is well underway and to assist with the process, we need to have an accurate student enrolment figure. Our school funding is based on the total number of enrolments which in turn determines our grade structure and programs on offer. In consolidating our indicative student numbers for 2016, it is important that families inform us if their child/children will be leaving Watsonia North at the end of the year (other than Year 6 students). If this is the case, could you please complete the slip below and return it to school as soon as possible.

CHILDREN'S PLACEMENT FOR 2016

In the coming weeks, staff will be preparing grade lists for 2016. If parents/guardians would like staff to consider information relevant to the placement of their child for next year, please personally contact Jamie Jaquinta (Assistant Principal) or myself by Friday 23 October. **All considerations must be in writing** and it will not be possible to consider any such information beyond this date.

Information that parents/guardians provide regarding placement for next year should refer to the following only:

- Information relating to specific teaching and learning needs, particularly those identified in the child's Individual Learning Improvement Plan;
- Information about a child's social and emotional needs, for example, issues regarding placement with other children.

Please note that **specific teacher requests are not accepted** due to the difficulty it creates in trying to meet everyone's requests and the negative effect it has on teacher status and morale. At Watsonia North we are fortunate to have an excellent team of staff who offer high quality teaching in all areas and programs. Parents can have confidence that the placement of a child with any teacher is a positive and well considered placement.

Tina King (Principal)

CHILDREN NOT RETURNING IN 2016

Names of children not returning:

..... Rm

..... Rm:

Reason for Transfer:

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School your child/ren will be transferring to:

.....

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

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Hi everyone!

Gee, we've definitely been thrown into our last term of the year with a blast from Mother Nature. A very hot start to the term for everyone, the children noticeably struggling with the hot weather, coming to Cool Care of a morning appearing to lack a little sleep and the afternoons tired from their hot day - lots of water and rest the best 'fixer' without a doubt. We hope you all had a restful holiday break.

The children have returned to school with many stories to tell, great to hear of their adventures. They have also brought with them many ideas to share with their mates in Cool Care. Our birthday display is being dismantled and we are working on a brightly coloured display of 'doodles'.

Interest was expressed last term on pattern colouring. Using resources available, the children have chosen several patterns to commence this little journey with - be it singularly or with a buddy - ready to create!

We expect this process to take quite some time, adding to the range of experiences available to children whilst they are with us. We are excited to announce we have added to our valued staff team this term. We welcome JES MAYA to our little team. Jes has commenced working with us in both before and after care during our busy weeks. Jes brings with her a vast range of knowledge and experience in the childcare sector, good luck Jes, we trust you will enjoy working with our team and of course, our beautiful Cool Care children.

The Melbourne Show was on the top of the list of adventures the children had over the holidays. Much chatter about the rides, their fun with the animals in the nursery and their show bags. As an extension to the children's fun at the show, the art and craft area is busy with the children making their own show bags and creating the items they may choose to have in them. The last couple of afternoons have resulted in many fantastic brightly coloured little bags full of very treasured 'junk'. Heaps of fun!!

We also re introduce our Joke Board this term. The Joke Board was a big part of Cool Care several years ago. This provides the children an opportunity to share their jokes, riddles and perhaps their knock knocks. We would also love our parent/carers to contribute to this for us all to share during our group chats. Come along everyone and bring in your favourite limericks perhaps - we are waiting! Also placed on our 'Children's Table' is a suggestion sheet for all to participate in. Parent/Carers, children and educators are encouraged to contribute to Cool Care on a regular ongoing basis. Please let us know if you have any suggestions - we are always looking for new innovative ideas. 4th term promises to be busy. 2016 enrolment forms will be available from 27 November. The Travelling Kitchen will once again spend an afternoon with us making a yummy treat, the Gardening Gurus will be expertly planting and nurturing some salad items to share with our families, along with wonderfully colourful flora in our Cool Care garden. Cool Care Drawing Challenges will continue - boys, your organisation skills have already impressed beyond expectation - well done.

Sending you our best wishes for a sensational term, please contact me if you have any Cool Care queries. Hold on to your hats, the term is going to speed past Stay Cool, Jenny

SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS

Students should have received an individual letter for special group photos. Each student is given a specific 'Shoot Key' and parents can go online, view and order photographs.

The cut-off date for all orders is **WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER.**

Once ordered, photos can be returned if you are not completely happy with them and this needs to be done directly with **MSP Photography, 7/9 Mirra Court Bundoora within 14 days of receiving them.** Photos returned after the 14 day period will not be eligible for a refund.

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Performing Arts News

2016 CHOIR

It's time to start thinking about choir for 2016. For our current Year 2s, next year will be their first experience of singing in a choir: remember that for all of Term 1, all students in Years 3 and 4 are in the choir. This culminates in an impressive performance at the end-of-term assembly. We already have some exciting activities planned for 2016 – it's good to be in the choir!

TERM 4 PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

On **Tuesday 13 October** we are holding the Café Concert in the WNPS Hall. This is for students learning an instrument at WNPS from Years Prep to 5. Please check with Mr Perry or at the Front Office if you did not receive a notice. There are two sections: **6.30 to 7.30pm** and **7.30 to 8.30pm**. I spoke at Monday's assembly about students feeling "nervous" leading up to the performance – please remember that this is a natural reaction and the best thing is to get up and play in spite of any fears they may have. In nearly twenty years of teaching Music I have had to calm down plenty of nervous student performers of all ages, so I know what I am talking about!

On **Thursday 19 November** the Performing Arts Concert will be held at Montmorency SC auditorium. This is for any Year 6 performer who wishes to present a solo item (duets are also acceptable but please discuss with Mr Perry first). Instrumental ensembles will also be performing – please stay tuned for more information.

Tuesday 1 December will be the Prep Concert at the WNPS Hall. Information will be forthcoming over the next few weeks.

Choir Tour: **Friday 4 December** (plus one other date TBA).

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)

PE & Sport News

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Year 5/6 Girls Hooptime Finals: Tuesday, 13 October at Mill Park Stadium
- Region Athletics: Wednesday, 14 October at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium
- Year 5/6 Girls Division Softball Finals: Thursday, 22 October – venue TBA
- Year 5/6 Boys & Girls Division Basketball Finals: Friday, 23 October at Viewbank PS

Trent O'Sullivan (Sport & PE Coordinator)



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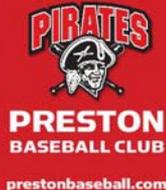
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