



Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

**Last day of Term 3 – Friday 18 September
School finishes at 2:30pm**

WHAT'S YOUR STORY: 2015 VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

We will be cheering on our choristers this coming Saturday, who will be performing in this year's State Schools Spectacular. The Spectacular is being held at Hisense Arena with two shows scheduled with the matinee performance at 1:00pm and the evening show commencing at 6:30pm. Limited tickets are available for purchase through Ticketek. I have been attending the spectacular for the past 5 years and am always in awe of the many talents and great skills our students have.

YEAR 3 TO 6 CURRICULUM CONCERTS

The concert spectacular for Years 3 to 6 has concluded with two wonderful performances from our Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 students. The curriculum concerts provide an opportunity to showcase the teaching and learning from the music program and the Orff Schulwerk and Musical Futures approach to music education. Audience members were treated to an array of musical delights in song, dance and instrument and we congratulate and commend all students who were involved. We also congratulate David Perry, the Year 3 to 6 team, Des and Jill who have all worked tirelessly to support students with the performances.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Fundraising team and the many helpers who helped run the Father's Day stall. Hope all our dads had a special day on Sunday and enjoyed the treats children bought from the stall.

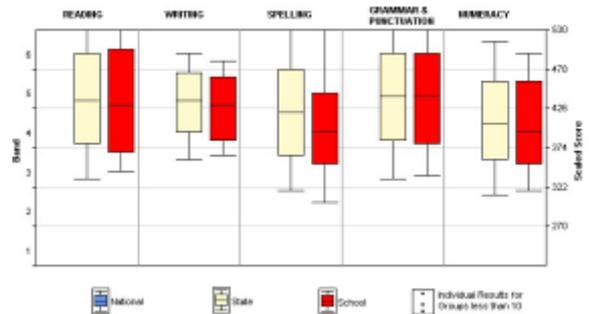
2015 NAPLAN DATA

The NAPLAN tests are one component of the Assessment Schedule at our school and provide a snapshot of students' learning. We are in receipt of our school's NAPLAN data and once again, I congratulate all involved on the wonderful results achieved. A range of assessment practices are undertaken throughout the year, providing a detailed profile of children's progress over a period of time. Whilst we do not treat the NAPLAN results in isolation when making judgements on student progress, however they do provide an aspect for consideration.

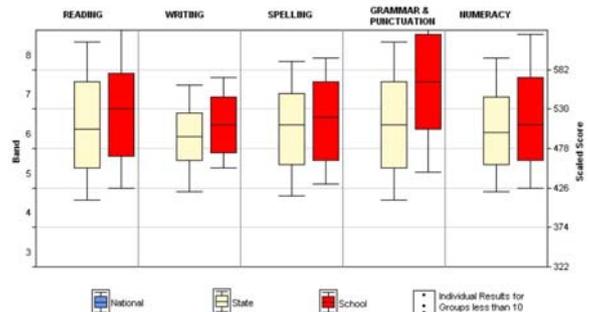
Students in Years 3 and 5 have received their individual NAPLAN reports. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's report, please contact your child's classroom teacher or our Assessment and Reporting Coordinator Mrs Sarah Pollnitz. There is no doubt that the work we have undertaken over the last few years to raise academic rigor and improve outcomes, has certainly been of benefit to our students. The School Summary Report (as indicated in the table and graphs below) demonstrate our school's achievements in the key learning areas assessed by the NAPLAN against state means. Analysis of the data shows that our school is performing favourably in comparison to state means with certain areas, especially with our Year 5 cohort, exceeding state means. Staff will use this information to guide and extend teaching and learning practices and programs within the school.

	YEAR 3		YEAR 5	
	STATE MEAN	SCHOOL MEAN	STATE MEAN	SCHOOL MEAN
READING	441	438	510	529
WRITING	432	428	491	509
SPELLING	420	407	505	518
GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION	444	448	511	565
NUMERACY	411	405	504	521

WATSONIA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
School Summary Report
National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Tests 2015
Year 3 - Gender: All, LBOTE: All, ATSt: All



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Year 5 - Gender: All, LBOTE: All, ATSt: All



Tina King (Principal)

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Hello everyone! Thank you to our families for their feedback regarding our little Fathers' Day gifts. The children had a lot of fun decorating their little fully compostable pots and planting a spring onion plant each. The little pots were purchased from Bunnings and are fantastic if the children want to plant little seedling size plants. These can then be planted directly into the ground with little mess and the cardboard pot will disintegrate allowing the roots of the plant to grow down. Also fantastic if the children want to plant at home and hand them out to the friends or family as there is very little mess transporting them. The children's keenness in the gardening environment is quite remarkable and their knowledge is amazing. Keep up the good work little guys, you are our gardening gurus now but the world's in the future!! We hope all of our dads and special friends enjoyed a lazy Sunday on the 6th. School will finish at 2.30pm on Friday 18 September as the last day of school for this term. If you know you are not requiring care on that afternoon (and you have a permanent booking), to avoid cancellation charges, please advise me before the end of this week so your child can be removed with no charge. If you are requiring care with school ceasing early, please contact me for a casual booking. The cost for the hour prior to 3.30pm will be an additional \$7.50 per child outside of our normal afternoon session fee.

The Thursday afternoon children this week will be 'kicking back' a Movie afternoon. These little cherubs have been excitedly planning this event for quite some time. They have given a great deal of thought to the appropriate film that has finally been chosen (I need to keep it a secret, sorry) and the little snacks they have selected for their friends. They discussed allergies and food intolerances, sugar and fat levels – believe me it was a massive process and both children have been extremely considerate during the process.

We trust all is well and the term has been kind to you all. Please call me if you have any Cool Care queries

Have a great week

Stay Cool Jenny

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TERM 3 PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

We made it! Congratulations to all students in Years 1 – 6, and particularly the choir, for their involvement in the year level concerts and other events this term. Year 3/4 students were the most recent performers, giving a wonderful concert last Thursday 3 September at the WNPS hall. Their focus and musicality was clearly on show, and I am very proud of all of you!

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

We have reached Production Week! Notes have been issued to all participants in the Spectacular, who will be rehearsing and performing at Hisense Arena this Thursday, Friday and Saturday September 10, 11 and 12. Tickets are still available, and anyone can attend – please order your tickets through Ticketek.

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

In Term 4, we have: Tuesday October 13 – Café Concert at WNPS Hall; Tuesday December 1 – Prep Concert at WNPS Hall; Thursday November 19 – Performing Arts Concert at Montmorency SC auditorium; and Choir Tour Friday December 4 (plus one other date TBA). Don't forget the Twilight Night in December, either, featuring a lot of singing from all our students.

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)



Little Athletics 'Come & Try'

Saturday 26 September 2015



When Saturday 26 September 2015, 8.00am
Where Willinda Park 1 Beatrix Ave, Greensborough Melways Map 20 K4
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Northern District Softball Association (NDSA)



is having a "Come and Try Day" THIS Saturday, 12 September, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, at the Mill Park softball diamonds.

Located on Morang Drive, Mill Park, next to the Mill Park Leisure Centre. Girls and Boys of all ages

and abilities are welcome! No experience is necessary and equipment is provided. Come have some FUN! Additional details at

www.northerndistrict.softball.org.au

Brochures are also available from the school office.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

**LAST CHANCE!
APPLICATIONS CLOSE
ON WEDNESDAY, 16
SEPTEMBER**

PE & Sport News DISTRICT ATHLETICS 2015

Well done to all of the WNPS students who competed at the District Athletics Carnival. Students who finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an "A" event will now go on to compete at the Division Carnival on WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER at Meadowglen. WNPS finished SECOND overall for the day – a great result!

5/6 HOOPTIME

Last week, seven Hooptime Teams travelled to Coburg Basketball Stadium to compete at the Victorian Hooptime Championships. All students had a great day – the All Star Girls (Team 1) won on the day and will progress to the second round of Hooptime and the Boys All Stars lost a close final by 3 points. Thank you to the teachers and coaches and parents who supported the event and helped score throughout the day!

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)

Farewell to Watsonia North Primary School

I will be 'retiring' from my position as 'Lollypop' lady on Macorna Street on the last day of Term 3 (Friday, 18 September). I would just like to say thank you to all the wonderful students and parents from WNPS – you have been tremendous over the years and I will truly miss you all! From Trish



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PLAY JUNIOR CRICKET

Welcome all Boys and Girls – all levels Milo Cricket for 5-9 year olds \$75 – 8 week program running every Sunday morning from 18 October – 13 December

T20 Blast for 7-10 year olds \$99 – 10 week program running Sunday mornings, dates to be confirmed.

Junior Cricket for 8-17 year olds \$100 for the season – season runs from October to February. Juniors train on Thursday and play Friday nights. To find out more, contact Junior Coordinator, **Lauren Cleary on 0402 224 409**



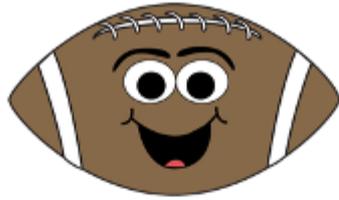
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FOOTY COLORS DAY

On the last day of term, **Friday 18 September**, we will be having an out of school uniform day. We would love everyone to join in the fun by coming dressed in your favourite football team colors.

Please bring along a gold coin donation to help contribute towards the refurbishment of the 5/6 Retreat Area. This is a school priority that we would like our community to support *and raise money for*. We will be having a whole school picnic lunch and football parade commencing at 12.15pm on the day. Football activities will be happening at lunchtime for students to participate in.



Parents are more than welcome to come along and join us for the parade. Looking forward to a fantastic Footy Colors Day! SRC 2015



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