CHINESE NEW YEAR

Monday saw the first day of the Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival. In Chinese astrology, each year is associated with a zodiac animal sign. Similarly to its western counterpart, the Chinese zodiac is divided into 12 animals with each having a time-length of one year instead of one month. This year it is the Year of the Monkey with the next cycle of the monkey being in 2028! There are many traditions and festivities associated with the celebration of the Spring Festival and we wish all our families who are celebrating the Chinese New Year a safe and prosperous year ahead.

INFORMATION NIGHT & NEWSLETTERS

A reminder to our families, that all year levels have scheduled an information evening for this Thursday 11 February where newsletters and general information will be presented. Staff will provide key information relating to organisational aspects, curriculum programs, area initiatives and events. Information outlining extra money requests for the year will also be distributed at the session. We have staggered the times in an attempt to cater for parents/guardians who have children across year levels as follows:

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FEBRUARY PARENT/TEACHER MEET AND GREET

Parents and care givers are invited to attend a Parent/Teacher ‘meet and greet’ session scheduled for the week beginning Monday, 22 February. This initial meeting is designed to be a sharing of information about students between parents, students and teachers. Please note that these sessions are not the forum for updates on academic progress, rather an opportunity to share information about your child and how to best meet their social, academic and emotional needs. Learning Improvement Plan goals for students in Years 1 to 6 will be a feature of the discussion. Information will be distributed shortly providing information relating to dates for the meetings and procedure for bookings using the online booking system. If you are having problems accessing the site please contact the office who can assist you. I strongly encourage all parents to make themselves available for these sessions.

STUDENT FREE/CURRICULUM DAYS

Each year, government schools are provided with student free days for staff to participate in professional development, school planning, curriculum development and student assessment and reporting purposes. The Watsonia North School Council has approved the following dates for curriculum and planning purposes with students not required to attend school on these days:

- Friday 4 March 2016 – Curriculum Day
- Monday 11 April 2016 - Curriculum Day
- Monday 11 July 2016 – Curriculum Day
- Tuesday 21 June – Student Reporting Day (students only attend nominated interview time – see note below)

We ask that parents and carers make note of these dates in order to make suitable care arrangements for their child/children.

Parents/guardians are also advised that the mid-year Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday 21 June and children will not be required to attend school on this day. They will however, be required to attend the interview with their parent/s or guardian/s and teacher.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

An information pack will be sent home on Friday regarding School Council Elections for this year. The School Council plays a crucial role in setting the future directions of the school, and I urge parents to consider nominating. Nominations forms are available from the office commencing Monday 15 February.
SCHOOL INJURIES AND INSURANCE

The Department does not hold accident insurance for school students, with parents and guardians generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare and if you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. There are insurers that provide accident insurance policies for students. The Department however, cannot advise parents and guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase, as individual families are likely to have differing needs. Parents’ decisions may be affected by other insurance cover they hold, the extent to which their children participate in sports or other physical activities at school, and the particular disposition of their child/children.

Tina King (Principal)

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:
INDIVIDUAL, CLASS 7
FAMILY PHOTOS:
WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY

Canteen News

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who have volunteered to help out in the canteen. We are still looking for assistance for Fridays – if you can help, please fill out the form below and return it to the canteen, so that we can distribute a roster as soon as possible.

Cheers – Di & Karen!

CANTEEN ASSISTANCE

Yes, I can help out on Fridays (between 11.45am and 1.30pm) as follows:

☐ Once per term  ☐ Twice per term

Your Name: .................................................................

Phone Number: ...........................................................

Child’s Name: ......................................................... Rm: ........

KEYBOARD/PIANO LESSONS 2016

Please provide an email address for invoices for Keyboard lessons to be sent. We will not be using normal postal service, unless you don’t have an email/computer. Please send an email to: daviddobell@dodo.com.au with your child and school’s name.

Thanks, David Dobell (0412 107 542)
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:

PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE OPTION

** IMPORTANT!**

Eldest Child’s Home Group in 2016: Home Group (eg J8): ………

I am currently receiving the Wednesday Weekly by email and would like to continue to do so – I have confirmed my eldest child’s room number in a reply email to Jill.

I am currently receiving the Wednesday Weekly by email, and do not wish to continue. I would like a hard copy of the WW sent to my child each week.

I would like to start receiving the Wednesday by email.

To confirm your email address, please send an email by Friday, 12 February to:

lewis.jill.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

In the subject heading please state ‘Wednesday Weekly’ and your family name and eldest child’s home group:

For example:
Subject: Wednesday Weekly – Jones Family J8

WNPS will continue to use our school app, called ‘tiqbiz’. The app is used to communicate electronic information to our school families.

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 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!

PE & Sport News

2016 Online Registration Process for 12 Years & Under Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) and Netball

SSV Teams

In 2016, registration to trial for most SSV 12 Years and Under Team Vic teams to compete in School Sport Australia Championships, is done through an online process managed by the School Sport Unit. Please note that registrations will be open from 25 January until 16 March 2016.

The School Sport website has all the information that you need, including a short video to watch, image of the pathway, information document and frequently asked questions. For more information, visit the website: https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au

or come and speak to me regarding this new process.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS
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INTERSCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS
RND 2: WNPS v Greensborough PS (away).
Games start at 9.30am until 10.45am.

Trent O’Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Italian Language Classes will commence at St Damian’s Primary School, Settlement Road Bundoora on THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY and will run for 2½ hours from 3.30 to 6.00pm. Students from Years Prep to Year 12 are welcome. Tuition fee for the year is $200 per student. Our teaching includes the Strands of Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking and an appreciation of the Italian Culture.

If you require further information, please phone 9898 4707 or visit: www.lauroraschool.com.au

Enrolment forms are available from the WNPS office

Advertisements in the Wednesday Weekly are included in good faith; however, neither Watsonia North Primary School, nor the Department of Education can endorse or accept responsibility for the goods or services offered in these advertisements.
CLOSED THIS THURSDAY
Please note that the Uniform Shop will be closed tomorrow but will be open on FRIDAY INSTEAD (8.30 – 9.30am) FOR THIS WEEK ONLY. Thank you for your cooperation.
Jodie Park (Uniform Shop Coordinator)

Soccer
SealPony Soccer is a developmental & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5–10 to the game of football (soccer). It focuses on teaching the basic/intermediate skills.
Time: Every Sunday Morning
Starting Date: 13th of March 2016
Address: Heidelberg
* Fun games & activities * Great giveaways
For more information, call Joe (0415-388-028)
E-mail: jyamen@optusnet.com.au

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH 2016
LOWER PLENTY PRIMARY SCHOOL
CAR BOOT SALE
TO BOOK A STALL CALL: LPPS
(03) 9436 2888
$20 EARLY BIRD
$25 AFTER 27/2/2016
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Safer Internet day 2016 – Yesterday 9 February
Safer Internet Day is organised in February of each year to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially among children and young people across the world. Consider the eSafety Health checklist

eSafety health check

Treat your password like your toothbrush—don’t share it with anyone and change it regularly.

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When cyberbullying gets you down, report it: esafety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying

Revisit your privacy settings to protect your personal information.

Don’t act in the heat of the moment—stay calm and chill.

OMG! pics can spread quicker than a virus—reconsider the types of pics you send.

What you post online stays online—think about your digital reputation.

*explore safely

esafety.gov.au