



Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

WE NEED YOU!!

If you would like to be part of the fundraising planning committee and do some great things for the students at Watsonia North and our school community, please come and see me to volunteer your services. No experience necessary – just your enthusiasm and ideas!!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP: BADGE PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

A reminder that all our student leaders will have their **Badge of Office** presented to them at a special upcoming whole school assembly to be held next Monday 16 March. Arrangements have been finalised with our special guest presenter confirmed. All welcome and parents and friends of our school leaders are welcome to stay back after the presentations for a drink and morning tea.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWC)

A reminder to all our volunteers and helpers, that the school maintains a register of parents who have a current Working With Children Check (WWC). Thank you all the people who have presented their cards to the office staff. If you have not already done so, or have not applied for the WWC check we ask that you give this your due attention. We had a very successful session last week, whereby many parents came to the office to apply on line. We will be facilitating another session on Monday 16 March following assembly – please come along to the office and **Maria Cogger** (mother of Noah) will happily assist with online applications.

EVERY DAY COUNTS – SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

ANAPHYLAXIS MANAGEMENT AT WATSONIA NORTH

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially threatening. Our school is committed to the promotion of community awareness about anaphylaxis, and an information guide has been developed for parents and caregivers. The guide provides important knowledge about anaphylaxis and its symptoms, together with our school's current Anaphylaxis Management Policy. The guide can be viewed on our school's website and is available from the school office.

We have a high percentage of students at our school who are at risk of an anaphylactic reaction. In ensuring the safety and wellbeing of these students, we implement the following actions and procedures:

- Food sharing – a “no sharing” policy is encouraged where students learn the importance of not swapping food with friends, especially those who have severe allergies.
- Hygienic classroom practices – both students and teachers are encouraged to wash their hands before and after eating. Placemats are used by students in the classrooms to avoid anaphylaxis through contamination of tables.
- Banning foods – in accordance with recommendations from the Department of Education, our school is not a “nut free” zone. Instead, other precautions are taken to protect children from an anaphylactic reaction.
- Anaphylaxis training – all staff who are responsible for the care of students, are trained in how to recognise an anaphylactic reaction, and respond accordingly. This includes regular training in the administering of an EpiPen.
- Anaphylaxis management plan – current legislation requires that schools have an anaphylaxis management plan in collaboration with parents, for any student diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Watsonia North Primary School adheres to this regulation.

If your child has a medical condition, **it is crucial that the relevant medical management form be completed and submitted to our First Aid Officer Mrs Cheryl Campher**. If you have not already attended to this, please give this matter your urgent attention.

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR



Congratulations to **Irene Laskaris** who is our new Crossing Supervisor on Sharpes Road, replacing Alan. Irene is a parent member of our school community, regularly helping out around the school and being involved in various activities. We are delighted to have her on the crossing, keeping our students and families safe!

Tina King (Principal)

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Tel: 9432 3213 24 hours

Well, after a beautiful long weekend, we are back ready for a 'fast forward' week. Events around Melbourne are still being celebrated in Cool Care. We have completed our Chinese New Year and Carnival themes and are heading toward the Grand Prix this weekend. I expect there will be many spiffy looking racing cars spotted in Cool Care this week.

I am in the process of completing our first Cool Care News publication for 2015. As we consider communication an integral part of our service, updating information is often done through written communication to our families. Aside from this column, the Cool Care News is an opportunity to share children experiences and important information with our parent/carers. If you see the newsletter sitting on our sign out table over the next couple of weeks, please take a copy – we love to share our news and gather information.

The A-Z wall pockets located on the wall near the inside entrance to the foyer (children's bag area) will often have paper work addressed to individual families waiting for collection. A reminder to parent/carers to check these pockets each time they enter Cool Care. Correspondence will be under the child's surname.

Statements informing families of their childcare transactions are placed there for collection also.

Program transaction statements are provided to families at the conclusion of each term however, if you would like one on a more regular basis, please inform me and I will make one available. As we try to be 'kind to our trees', we usually only print them upon request.

If you requiring further information on Cool Care, please contact me.

Have a great week!

Stay Cool

Jenny



STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

WNPS will be performing as part of the massed choir in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular. Not a compulsory event, places are limited and will be restricted to students who are members of the choir. This is always an exciting event and a great opportunity for our students. Please note that the **Media Release form must be completed** in order for children to participate – please speak to Mr Perry if you have questions about this.

BANYULE SUPERCHOIR WORKSHOP

The Senior Choir is participating in this all-day workshop **next Friday 13 March** at Montmorency Secondary College. We started this event last year and it was a great success. SIX schools (including us), both primary and high schools, will be putting together two pieces and learning a few things about choral singing on the way. We have had schools contacting us to ask how they can participate! Our special guest presenter is Sue Johnson, founder and long-time member of the award-winning choral group, *Coco's Lunch*. **Please return permission and bus forms ASAP!**

CHORAL @ MONTSALVAT

We have been invited back to perform at one of the loveliest venues in our part of Melbourne – Montsalvat in Eltham. This performance is on **Sunday 3 May** and promises to be a great day. More details to come but ... keep the date free! **Senior AND Intermediate Choirs will be performing.**

Parent helpers: If you would like to assist in co-ordinating choir uniform in 2015, or in any area of the WNPS choir program, please contact Mr Perry on music@wats-north.vic.edu.au

INTERMEDIATE CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Who is in the Intermediate Choir? Why, every student in Years 3 and 4! That is, until the end of Term 1, when students can decide whether or not to continue for the rest of the year. Last year we had a record **47 students** continue with Intermediate Choir – can we beat that record in 2015? All students in Years 3 and 4 will be receiving written information **next week** about the process for applying for Intermediate Choir. **All students in years 3 and 4 will be performing two songs at the end of term assembly on Friday March 27**, showing their prowess as choral singers – they are sounding in very fine voice!

RECORDER

Is your child in year 3? *They will need a recorder!* **All students in Years 3 to 6 require their own recorder** for Music lessons. This is a separate item to be purchased and most families do this through the school. We sell recorders for \$8 and a note for this has been sent to all families of year 3 students **as well as to students in years 3 to 6 who are new to the school**. Second hand recorders are available for \$2 (no case is included) but families will need to take responsibility for cleaning these before use.

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)

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PE & Sport News

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

ROUND 4

Sport	WNPS	St Marys
Basketball Boys	23	11
Basketball Girls	15	12
Bat Tennis Boys	36	5
Bat Tennis Girls	33	20
Rounders	26	11
Cricket	58	85

INTERSCHOOL SPORT THIS WEEK

Round 5: WNPS v Watsonia PS (away).
ALL SPORTS PLAYED AT Watsonia PS
 (please note – NO ROUNDERS TEAM).

DIVISION SWIMMING

Well done to all of our swimming team who attended the Division Swimming Carnival at Northcote Pool last week. Two of our students will now be swimming today at Region Finals – good luck to both of them, we hope they make it to State!

Trent O'Sullivan
(PE & Sports Coordinator)



SECOND HAND BOOK SALE THIS WEEK

As we still have lots of second hand books left, this week we will be selling all these fantastic books to everyone in the school.

BIG SALE

Now they will be going at the sale price of

20 cents each!!

So everyone come along to the library at lunchtime tomorrow (**Thursday**) and grab some amazing bargains!!

Judy Leigh (Library)



PRIMARY SCHOOL ENCOURAGEMENT SWIM MEET – SATURDAY, 21 MARCH 2015 (1.30-4.30pm) at WaterMarc, 25m Indoor Pool

This event is open to all primary school children in the local area. There is no cost to participate, and all you need are your bathers, goggles and towel to have a go. If your child is interesting in participating, you can register them by providing the following details to:

competitions@dveaquatic.org.au

Entries must be in by 7pm Sunday, 15 March. If you have any queries, please email (as above) or call **Ken Houghton** on:

0404 480 511

PFA EASTER RAFFLE



We are asking families to donate an Easter egg for the Easter Hampers – please drop your egg/chocolates at the office.

Raffle is DRAWN on FRIDAY, 27 MARCH and tickets are on sale until 4pm Wednesday, 25 March 2015.

All tickets \$1 each!

Additional books available from office!

Thank you, PFA



Heidelberg United Football Club

Now Recruiting Junior Girls



United We Stand

We are currently recruiting girls for the following teams:

U12s, U14s and U16As

At Heidelberg United, our focus is on encouraging respect and fair play and providing junior girls with a pathway to our Women's Premier League Teams.

Training: Olympic Park, Heidelberg West (next to Northland Shopping Centre). For more information, please phone Stacey on **0439 886 819**.



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Year 7 OPEN NIGHT
TUESDAY 17 MAR
SCHOOL TOURS: 5.30pm
PRINCIPALS ADDRESS: 6.00pm

WEEKLY COLLEGE TOURS
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
9.30AM

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CATHOLIC LADIES' COLLEGE
A YEAR 7 TO 12 CATHOLIC GIRLS COLLEGE *girls flourish here*

COLLEGE TOUR will be held on **TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2015**
Tours leave the Sr Una McAllister Centre at 9:00 am, followed by Morning Tea at 10:15 am.
Applications are welcome for students who are currently in Year 3, 4 and 5 for placement in Year 7 in 2019, 2018 and 2017 respectively.
Further information is available on our website www.clc.vic.edu.au or by telephoning the College Registrar, Mrs Helen Cattapan, at the College on 9430 2076.



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NORRIS BANK TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY



Free Open Day
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Tennis Programs Victoria has recently been appointed the new coaching provider at the Norris Bank Tennis Club, McLeans Road Bundoora. We would like to invite all people and ages to our open day on **Sunday 22 March from 2pm to 4 pm**. People will be able to try out our programs for free such as Hot Shots, Cardio Tennis, Fastest Serve, and there will also be free prizes and giveaways on the day. A free sausage sizzle will also be available for everyone.

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