Welcome back to all students, parents and staff. I trust that everyone had a wonderfully relaxing and restful break and a lovely Easter with family and loved ones. We have a busy yet exciting term ahead of us and here are some of the programs and activities that have been planned:

- Just Get Active Sessions
- Book Fair
- ANZAC Day Ceremony
- Choir workshops and excursions
- NAPLAN Testing (Years 3 and 5)
- House and District Cross County events
- Education Week celebrations
- Year 5/6 Inter School Sports (winter fixture)
- Camp Phillip Island (Year 5/6)
- Cybersafety workshops (students, staff & parents)
- Girls Soccer Day
- Student Mid-Year Reports and Reporting Day

This week we welcomed a new staff member to our school, who will be working in the ICT program. Bonnie Lewis was working in this role throughout Term 1 and has now commenced her family leave (we are all eagerly awaiting news of the baby’s safe arrival). This has created a vacancy for the term and I am pleased to announce that Ms Taya Urquhart has been appointed to the role. Taya will take over Bonnie’s ICT teaching responsibilities, and commencing Term 3, we will welcome back Rachel Mercuri who is returning from family leave in a part time capacity. We welcome Taya to our school and look forward to all her contributions and involvement throughout the term.

Prior to breaking up for Easter and the school holiday period, Daniel Wicking, who is a part of our grounds maintenance staff, was involved in a very serious accident. Many of you have seen Daniel working around the school, either emptying the bins or keeping our grounds areas neat and tidy, especially the court yards and the synthetic turf area. Daniel was crossing Grimshaw Street at the pedestrian crossing near the Andrew Place shops and was unfortunately hit by a vehicle. Word quickly spread of the accident as several of our students and families witnessed or were in the vicinity when it happened. Daniel sustained some very serious injuries with all ribs either broken or cracked, fractures to the spine and neck, a broken leg and pelvis. Despite these extensive injuries, Daniel survived and is recovering slowly in hospital. Many members of our school community have expressed concern in relation to Daniel’s condition and despite the pain and long recovery process, he is doing quite well. Later this week, along with a few other staff, I will be visiting Daniel in hospital and will certainly let him know that he has the well wishes for a speedy recovery from many of his friends and acquaintances at Watsonia North.

In order to ensure a healthy UV exposure balance, the school’s SunSmart policy stipulates that students must wear hats and apply sunscreen when playing or working outside from September through to April. This being the case, we are asking students to continue wearing their hats and apply sunscreen for the first three weeks of this term.

We have commenced accepting Prep enrolments for next year and I urge anyone who has a child beginning school next year to lodge an enrolment form as soon as possible. The need to monitor and manage our enrolment numbers continues to be a priority, thus the need for a waiting list for students wanting to enrol at our school. Offers of placement to students for whom we are not the closest school, cannot be made until we have confirmed our intake of eligible students.

We are running weekly school tours throughout this term, so please refer your neighbours, family or friends to the school’s website for further details.

Tina King (Principal)
Welcome back – we hope you all had a great holiday and a happy, yummy Easter! HOT MILO is back (Terms 2 and 3 only). It is $1.50 per mug and very popular. It can be purchased at snack time and lunch time from the canteen or you can add it to your lunch order.

“TASTY TUESDAY” is still only $5.00 and you can choose a HOT MILO or a SLURPEE for your drink choice. For those who don’t know already – “Tasty Tuesday” comprises:

- A SAUSAGE ROLL
- A MINI MUFFIN
- A RASPBERRY FRUIT TWIST

AND

- A HOT MILO OR SLURPEE

It is available EVERY TUESDAY!

Please note that the canteen has MULTIGRAIN BREAD and BROWN ROLLS only (no white bread/rolls).

Also, Banana Milk is no longer available.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR NEW PRODUCTS COMING SOON! Have a great term!

Thanks, Di & Karen

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YEARS 6 JUMPERS & JACKETS HAVE ARRIVED – YAY 😊

As we have had jumpers go missing in the past, they will NOT be sent to the classrooms – collection is from the Uniform Shop ONLY! You can collect them this THURSDAY (14 April) from 8.30-9.30am or FRIDAY, (15 April) from 8.30-9.00am. If you have already sent payment, please send your child to the Uniform Shop on the days listed above.

Thank you

Jodie Park (Uniform Shop Coordinator)

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PE & Sport News

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
WINTER FIXTURE
All games start at 9.30am and finish at approximately 10.50am on FRIDAY mornings.

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FINALS: FRI, 17 JUNE
Please note Friday, 17 June has been allocated as District Finals to be played at WNPS. Back up Finals day – Wednesday, 22 June, if needed.

VENUES FOR INTERSCHOOL SPORT
- Bundoora PS – Football played at Telfer Reserve, Soccer on High School oval, all other sports played at BPS.
- Greensborough PS – Football played at War Memorial Oval, Soccer and Softball at Whatmough Park, Netball played at GPS.
- Watsonia PS – Football at AK Lines, all other sports played at WPS (NO SOFTBALL TEAM).
- Watsonia Heights PS – Football played at Central Oval, Glenice Street. All other sports played at WHPS.
- Watsonia North PS – Football played at Binnak Park, Soccer at Loyola College, Netball and Softball at WNPS.
- St Marys PS – Football and Soccer played at Whatmough Park, all other sports played at SMPS.
- Streeton PS – Soccer played at Central Oval, Glenice Street. All other sports played at SPS (NO NETBALL B – MIXED)
- Norris Bank PS – Football played at Bundoora Park, Snake Gully Road. All other sports played at NBPS (NO SOFTBALL).

THIS WEEK – ROUND 1
WNPS v Greensborough PS (away). Football – War Memorial Park, Soccer and Softball – Whatmough Park, Netball – Greensborough PS.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS IN PREP TO YEAR 6
All students in Prep to Year 6 are expected to wear correct footwear, (ie RUNNERS) to ALL Physical Education sessions. Please refer to your Parent Information Letter for the day of your child’s specialist session of PE (this was sent home to all school families last term). Thank you for your cooperation.
Trent O’Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)

YEAR 5/6 CAMP INFORMATION NIGHT
THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 5.30-6.30pm
IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

We still have some beautiful candles from Jsala for sale from the Relay for Life. They are $10 and all proceeds go straight to the Cancer Council.
Please visit Sarah Linssen in M24 to purchase one of these lovely candles.

On behalf of the SRC, we would like to thank everyone who supported the Cancer Council for the Relay for Life. We raised a tremendous amount of money …… drum roll please ……..

$3055.15!

This will help fund ground-breaking research into new and better ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer. The families who attended did a wonderful job in contributing to our final lap count of 2740. This is equal to 1096km – this could get you from Melbourne to Sydney with 200km extra!
With the whole school helping decorate the stars on our campsites, we are excited to say that we won BEST DECORATED CAMPSITE! Thank you on behalf of the SRC.
CHORAL @ MONTSALVAT
Long-term choir families will remember this event, to which we have been invited for many years since 2010. On Sunday May 1, the WNPS choirs (Senior, Intermediate, and Descant) will be performing in the Great Hall Gallery in the beautiful surrounds of Montsalvat. Notices for the Montsalvat performance have been issued to families (including Intermediate Choir families – please see below). Please make arrangements to attend this event, so that we can give another outstanding performance for which we are so well-known! Early bird orders need to be in BEFORE next Monday 18 April!

CHOIR UPDATE
In order to give all Year 3/4 students more time to prepare our two songs (it has been a very short term!), we have carried over the Intermediate Choir performance to the morning assembly on Monday 18 April. However, application forms have already been issued to students in Year 3/4, along with a notice for the Montsalvat performance (see above). We had around 50 students in the Intermediate Choir in 2014 and 2015 – will we set a new record in 2016? Please note that choir uniform letters are also available for new members of the choir, particularly those in Year 3. Application forms continue to be available to those who wish to join Intermediate Choir.

SAVE THE DATE
This year’s excursion to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra will take place on Thursday 5 May. This is for all students in Years 1 and 2. Please save the date and keep a look out for permission forms coming in the first week of next term.

YEAR 3 TO 6 PRODUCTION
Our production will swing into action this term, involving all children in Years 3 to 6. Venues and dates will be confirmed in the next couple of weeks, but we are looking at a couple of dates in mid-August. There will be one evening for Year 3/4 students and one for Year 5/6 students. As usual, we are asking for parent support in areas of costume, props and other roles. Please speak to Mr Perry at the school if you have other questions about this.

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)
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