



Wednesday Weekly

13 May
2015

PHONE: 9435 1285 or 9435 4948

FAX: 9434 3138

COOL CARE: 9432 3213

From the Principal

After the onset of the rain and cold mornings this week, my family and I are looking forward to escaping to the warmth of the northern sun. Commencing next Monday, I will be taking two weeks leave and the Department has authorised **Jamie Jaquinta** to undertake the role of Acting Principal during this time. I have no doubt that Jamie will be well supported and he is very much looking forward to undertaking the role.

EDUCATION WEEK

Next week, our school will be celebrating *Education Week* and all families and friends are invited to attend during our special open morning and various open classroom sessions. This year's *Education Week* workshops will be with special guest presenter Eva Jo Edwards. A well-known Indigenous Educator, Eva Jo has extensive experience in presenting stories, songs, dance and history relating to Indigenous culture. Workshops are being held over two days and we are very much looking forward to Eva Jo's presentations.

Education Week programs and invitations have been forwarded to all families – if you have misplaced yours please call into the office to collect another one. The staff and children are looking forward to seeing many of you next week.

NAPLAN TESTING

This week has seen the administration of the NAPLAN tests for students in Years 3 and 5. NAPLAN assess student performance in Language Conventions (spelling and grammar), Writing, Reading and Numeracy. The tests are completed under stringent exam conditions and I congratulate all our students and staff in the way they coped and managed throughout the testing week. Results of the tests will be made available in September, providing diagnostic information about individual student performance.

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE – BLANKET DONATIONS

When a disaster occurs, causing death and devastation, it has impact upon all of us. The destruction left by the Nepalese earthquake has left many homeless and others living in fear of sleeping in their homes due to possible after effects. As a result, many are sleeping outdoors in cold conditions.

Last Monday at assembly, I asked all those in attendance to donate a blanket to be sent to the all those in need in Nepal. A heartfelt thank you is extended to all who heeded the call. We had many blankets donated and these have been forwarded to a community service organisation who is organising shipment to Nepal. Thanks also to **Trish Manna** (mother of Josephine and Natalia) who organised transportation of the blankets.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION FORMS

Parents and guardians of Year 6 students are reminded that all *Application for Enrolment* forms for Year 7 are due next Friday 22 May. Please ensure that the form is returned to your child's classroom teacher as a matter of urgency. Mr Moore will be forwarding this information to the relevant secondary schools. Families will be advised of the results of the placement applications in August.

CURRICULUM DAYS

As noted in previous editions of the newsletter, School Council has endorsed Tuesday 9 June as a Curriculum Day. Students are not required to attend school on this day and alternative arrangements need to be made for their care and supervision.

We have two other days in Term 3 which need to be noted, as on both these days, students will not be required at school:

- **Tuesday 21 July: Reporting Day (students only attend interview)**
- **Friday 14 August: Curriculum Day**

Tina King (Principal)

email: watts.jenny.j@edumail.vic.gov.au



Tel: 9432 3213 24 hours

G'day folks

Hope your weekend was relaxing and all of our Mums' and Nans' had a beautiful Mothers' Day on Sunday. The appreciative feedback we have received from many of our mums in regards to the placemats, posters and cards made by the Cool Care children last week, has been lovely to hear. I understand a special place has been found on many walls and benches at home – great to hear.

Cool Care is a little more relaxed this week, no deadlines to meet in the Art and Craft area. The children have also been introduced to several new toys we have purchased over the last couple of months. The Sylvanian Families have proven to be a massive 'hit'. As the children are the foundation of the program with a majority of the experiences centred around their requests and interests, their contributions to the "Wall of Choices" inform us of the equipment they would like us to purchase and the activities they would like to participate in. The list of ideas seems, at times, to be endless which in turn, assists us in making Cool Care a busy little hub of activity and excitement.

Cartooning workshops will commence on Thursday 28 May. As mentioned last week, these will be a Thursday afternoon occurrence for four weeks, with a fifth week option if the children are interested. (Watch this space for more information as the date approaches).

Our request for unwanted well-loved chapter books has resulted in our library increasing slowly. Thank you to the children who have contributed. A reminder please, if you find you have books at home the children may no longer be reading and they are 'too good' to throw out – we are looking at rebuilding our little library and would be very appreciative of any you may not want anymore. Donations can be left or brought to the Centre, thank you.

We will be spending some time over the next couple of weeks during our Group Chat time discussing 'Cool Care through the eyes of the Children'. Our intention is to create a Wordle display centred around the 5 Outcome areas within the *My Time Our Place - Framework for*

School Age Care in Australia. The Framework has been designed for use by school age care educators working in partnership with children and their families. We believe it is imperative the children have a clear understanding of this Framework - group chat is an opportunity to include everyone. The Wordles will be displayed on Cool Care Belonging Wall in the foyer.

Busy, busy, best go and get organised, have a great week. Stay cool, Jenny!



WANTED

ICE-CREAM CONTAINERS FOR THE FIRST AID ROOM PLEASE!

CURRICULUM DAY – TUESDAY 9 JUNE
STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL
ON THIS DAY

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.

Cheesy Meatballs

The kids can easily whip up these finger-licking-good cheesy meatballs.



INGREDIENTS

500g extra lean beef mince | 1 brown onion, coarsely grated | 1 medium carrot, peeled, coarsely grated | 1 small zucchini, ends trimmed, coarsely grated | 1/4 cup (60ml) reduced-salt tomato sauce | 1 tablespoon barbecue sauce | 1 cup (80g) coarsely grated light cheddar | 1/4 cup (40g) plain flour | 3/4 cup (70g) dried (packaged) multigrain breadcrumbs | 2 teaspoons canola oil

METHOD

Step 1: Combine the beef, onion, carrot, zucchini, tomato sauce, barbecue sauce, cheddar and flour into a medium bowl and use your hands to combine.
Step 2: Roll tablespoonfuls of the mixture into balls and place on an oven tray. Place the breadcrumbs on a plate. Roll each meatball in breadcrumbs to lightly coat. Cover with plastic wrap and place in the fridge for 30 minutes or until firm.
Step 3: Heat the oil in a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Add half the meatballs and cook, turning occasionally, for 5-7 minutes or until golden brown and cooked through. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towel. Repeat with remaining meatballs. Serve immediately.



CHANGE OF YEAR/GRADE SELECTIONS

As we have composite grades in Year 3/4 and Year 5/6, we are modifying the selections in *tiqbiz* so that you will only receive one notification instead of potentially 2 or 4!

THIS CHANGE HAPPENED ON MONDAY. You will now need to make new *tiqbiz* selections for your child's year/grade (if they are in Year 3/4 or 5/6).

To do this:

- Go into the *tiqbiz* app and click the menu button in the top left.
- Click "find&tick"
- Type in our name, and click when it appears.
- Tap to select the grades/years you require (the selections will be: "YEAR 3/4" and "YEAR 5/6")
- Once you have completed the changes you needed to make, return to the inbox.

If you would like assistance with this, please visit the links below to watch the videos.

For Apple users: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCTVsuzYR9A>

For Android users:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2KEZgWpe3Mg>

If you haven't already joined – make sure you do, so that you will get the latest school news! More information is available from the school office.

PE & Sport News

SPORTS RESULTS – ROUND 3

SPORT	WNPS	Watsonia Heights
Football	117	31
Soccer	6	1
Softball	21	2
Netball A	28	7
Netball B	9	3

THIS WEEK – ROUND 4

FRIDAY, 15 MAY – 9.30am start: WNPS v Bundoora PS (home).

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY – THIS FRIDAY

Our House Cross Country will be held from 11.15am until 12.30pm at Binnak Parklands (straight after Interschool Sports).

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Banyule Flats – WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY.

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sports Coordinator)



Rachel Dunne Fuga (DFTA)

Ph: 0432 949 499

25 years of teaching expertise
Former Australian Champion

****JUNIOR HIP HOP 4.30pm WEDNESDAY****

**** ADULT "EASY" TAP 7.30pm TUES****

www.dancestreet.com.au

All ages - Toddlers thru Adults

DANCE, HIP HOP, TAP & SINGING



BUNDOORA FOOTBALL CLUB U/8s WANTED!

If you turn 8 before 30 April 2016 and have been to Auskick before – join our U/8 Team!

Contact Maria McRae 0413 960 129

www.bundoorajfc.com.au

NOTE: Still room for U/10s as well!



FINN FITNESS™
OUTDOOR GROUP SESSIONS!

Binnak Park, Watsonia North (Sharpes Road entrance)
WEDNESDAY: 2.15 – 3.15pm & FRIDAY: 9.30 – 10.30am

Casual: \$12 a session (book a spot)

JODIE FINN – 0476 271 493

Personal Training also available!



Trophies & Awards

- Trophies
- Awards
- Engraving
- Name Plates/Labels
- General Signage
- Safety Signs

Craig Martin

Ph: 9466 4512

www.greenhillengravers.com.au



Neighbourhood Watch Grimshaw

Creating Safer Communities

PO Box 127 Watsonia 3087

Email: nhw.grimshaw@gmail.com

Website: www.nhw.com.au

CLASS ACTS \ CHERYL CRITCHLEY MEETS REBECCA CATANIA

I study ... English, maths, computers, physical education, art.

Best subject \ Physical education because I love participating in all sports, especially soccer, softball and rounders.

Least favourite subject and why \ I enjoy everything and so I don't really have a least favourite subject.

Most embarrassing school moment \ We had a special assembly in celebration of all the students ... chosen as a leader. There was footage of me in my first years of school through to my final year. I was so embarrassed because everyone ... saw my chubby cheeks and shots of me in ... *Alice In Wonderland* where I was dressed as the Red Queen.

My big achievement was ... being selected by my peers to be school captain for 2015.

To achieve it I had to ... present a speech about myself telling my peers how I would lead if I was selected to be school captain. I think that it is really important to just be myself and have fun along the way.

What my achievement meant to me \ I got the role of school captain, which opens up so

many opportunities for me and has had a big impact on me in a good way already.

My school encourages students to achieve by ... inspiring us to be the best we can be.

Do students spend too much time on technology? Maybe sometimes, but ... playing outside and swinging from a tree can have its benefits.

"NO TECHNOLOGY AFTER LIGHTS OUT"

How should schools and parents restrict technology use? No technology after lights out. Also, it is important to put it away when eating at the table, and when talking to someone.

At what age should you get a mobile phone? It depends on each family. My mum says I can get a phone when I can pay for one.

How would you encourage children to become more active? I would ask my friends to walk to school, and encourage others to do so. Sport is another way to keep fit during the day and have fun.

Should primary pupils walk to school? Absolutely. Walking to school is a great way to get active and stay fit.

Should they use social networking? Yeah,

it's a good way to keep in touch with friends who have moved to new schools.

Sport or theatre? I believe both are equally great because where sport is active, theatre is more creative.

Do parents do too much for their children now? My parents do a lot for me and I appreciate it, so I like to treat my parents to a lovely brekkie on Mother's and Father's days.

What chores should kids do at home? Make their bed, keep their room tidy and make a simple meal from time to time.

What chores do you do? Hang up the washing, clean my room, wash the dishes and I love making desserts.

If I had \$1 million, the first thing I'd buy would be ... invest it, earn \$1 billion and then buy a house for my mum and dad. My mum has always said, "Invest Bec, invest!!".

If I were prime minister, the first thing I would do would be ... help all the families who have suffered from Black Saturday and the cyclones.

ccritchley@theweeklyreview.com.au



Performing Arts News

YEAR 1 & 2 UPCOMING CONCERT "COSTUME CREW"

WNPS family members and friends – interested in helping to create or resource costumes and for the UPCOMING YEAR 1 & 2 Concert in Term 3?

The "Costume Crew" will be meeting soon – let Mr Perry know of your interest by sending an email to music@wats-north.vic.edu.au



EDUCATION WEEK

Please note that all choir members and Clarinet and Violin ensembles will be performing at school next Monday morning straight after assembly as part of Education Week. Choir uniform will not be required.

CHORAL @ MONTSALVAT

A wonderful day was had by all who attended the Montsalvat event on **Sunday 3 May**. Photos of the event (courtesy of our parent photographers!) were published in last week's Wednesday Weekly and a couple have been posted on the wall outside the Music office – come and have a look! Congratulations to all choristers who did a magnificent job representing Watsonia North PS and showcasing our Music program.

BOROONDARA EISTEDDFOD

Please note that this excursion, originally for Intermediate Choir (Year 4 members) and Senior Choir on Monday 18 May, has been **cancelled**. We will look at other competitions later in the year as a replacement.

MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA EXCURSION

ALL students in Years 1 and 2 will be travelling to the city to see the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra on **Wednesday 3 June**. This is always a great excursion and one that the students will always remember. More details will be sent home **this week**.

YEAR 1 AND 2 CONCERT

In Term 3 we will be holding our biennial Year 1 and Year 2 concert. The format has changed slightly but it still promises to be an exciting occasion! I am putting out the call for families who are interested in participating in the "Costume Crew" – want to make costumes, props or scenery? Or help out in the backing band? Please contact Mr Perry via the school.

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)



We'd like to say a big

THANK YOU

Our Book Fair last week was the most successful Fair ever!! It was wonderful to see so many families there, and we managed to sell \$6825 worth of books in four and a half days – a truly amazing effort! We received \$1777 as commission, and as a result we have already obtained 50 new books for the library and will be able to purchase many more in the near future.

Again this year we enjoyed the inspirational ideas from Mr Eastwood and the 5/6 students, which certainly aided in the promotion of the Fair. We were all entertained by the dress-up day, competitions, activities, assembly items and displays. Great sales work! Thanks everyone for all your time and effort! In addition special thanks to the following people who offered valuable assistance in the running of the Book Fair: Clive, Gabi, Liz, Olga, Mel, Brenda, Wendy, Sharon, Jodie, Nicole, Jane, Kara, Sharon, Debra, Jenni, Fiona, Rachael, Gayle, Debbie, Sheridan, Venetia, Sally, Julie-Anne, Fiona and Jenny.

Thanks everyone for another fantastic Fair! Judy Leigh, Library

**CURRICULUM DAY – TUESDAY 9 JUNE
STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL
ON THIS DAY**



Tony Janakievski
B. Bus (Acc), CPA
Partner

Certified Practising Accountants

T & J Partners Pty Ltd
ABN 53 164 876 119
P.O. Box 455
BUNDOORA VIC 3083
M: 0413 872 436
E: tony@tandjpartners.com.au

T & J Partners Pty Ltd
is a CPA Practice



Wollert Community Market & Cafe

4th Saturday of every month

455 Epping Road, Wollert

8am – 2pm



Stall holders welcome, phone 0420 585 285

*December Twilight Market Ltd, December



Maths & Physics Tutoring

Grade 5 to VCE

WITHIN LOCAL AREA

Contact: 0437 771 704

Achieving results since 1998



www.gwpdental.com.au
1158 Plenty Road (Cnr of Greenwood Drv)
Bundoora Vic 3083

GREENWOOD PLENTY DENTAL CARE

"Your Family Dentist"

Dr. Tharma Balasundaram

WNPS FAMILIES & FRIENDS:

Scale & Clean \$90 (Incl Consultation) | Kids' check-up \$35

Bulk Billing Medicare Child Dental Benefits!

ASK ABOUT OUR WHITENING SPECIALS!

Phone: 9466 7843

E-mail: contact@gwpdental.com.au

Offer ends 30 September 2015