



# Wednesday Weekly

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## From the Principal



### STAFFING NEWS

At this time of the year, we farewell several staff members who are either moving to other schools or pursuing other endeavours.

After a few years at WNPS supporting students with special needs, **Mrs Jeanine Wilson** will be working at Rosanna Golf Links PS next year. Jeanine has always been a great advocate for the students she has worked with and we sincerely thank her for all that she has done whilst at WNPS. **Mrs Meegan Corboy**, who has also worked with students with special needs, will take a year's leave next year and we look forward to her possible return in 2017.

Our student wellbeing counsellor, **Mrs Rose Gray** has spent the last few years working with various students and families. Rose has provided counselling, guidance and support and her work whilst at the school, has been most invaluable. Rose will continue to work at Viewbank SC next year and we thank her for all her support and services.

Finally, but by no means least, we thank **Miss Haylee Lyttle** and **Miss Jaclyn Sullivan** for all their contributions and positive influences on the students they have worked with. We wish them both the very best both professionally and personally with their future teaching career and pursuits.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS & MARKET NIGHT

What a wonderful evening was had by all in attendance last week. Our group of choristers did a great job leading the carols and there was a great sense of the festive season evident. We extend a big thank you to members of the Fundraising Committee, **Mrs Kerryn May** and **Mr Jamie Jaquinta**, together with all the helpers and volunteers, who worked hard to make the night such a huge success. Congratulations to all involved.

### PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA – THANK YOU!

Last week we celebrated and acknowledged all the wonderful contributions our parent helpers have made throughout the year. We are most fortunate to have such amazing support and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents, grandparents and community members who have helped and supported the students and staff at our school.

Many of the programs and events we hold simply could not be possible without the help of our volunteers. As a special thank you, staff provided a scrumptious morning tea for all our helpers in honour of their generous time and services. On behalf of all at WNPS, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Fundraising Committee for their selfless and relentless work throughout the year. A small, yet committed group of parents have volunteered their time to organise and deliver many activities and functions. Members of this year's PFA executive have worked tirelessly and on behalf of the school community, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to **Maria Cogger** (President), **Kara Gill** (Secretary), **Sandy Elkhouri** (Treasurer), **Sue Riley**, **Louise Iven**, **Sheridan Brown**, **Katie McGinty**, **Loretta Khoo** as well as all the general parent members, for all their hard work and endeavours throughout the year. Thank you all for an incredible job this year!

### YEAR 6 GRADUATION

A very special evening was had by all in attendance at the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony held on Tuesday evening. We had a wonderful night, with lots of dancing, laughter and a few tears. The evening celebrated a major milestone for our Graduates. Over the years, we have watched these individuals grow and develop into the fine young people they are today and we spent the night reflecting on our time at Watsonia North and celebrating the many achievements. The Graduates looked absolutely wonderful and the Year 5/6 staff, in collaboration with our amazing office gem Jill, did an outstanding job organising and preparing the event. Please come join us in farewelling our Year 6 students at our Whole School Assembly this Friday at 1:00pm in the Performing Arts Centre. Bring the tissues!

### KOOKABURRA MAGAZINE

The annual school magazine, 'Kookaburra' was distributed this week. The magazine provides a compilation of children's work, thoughts and reflections for the year. It also represents a historical record for each year at Watsonia North. Thank you to our magazine coordinators, **Zara Demeris** and **Chloe Hanley** for all their fine work in compiling the magazine.

### LAST WORDS FOR 2015 ....

As the end of another year draws close, I would like to congratulate and thank everyone for their ongoing support and contributions. Our collective endeavours continue to make our school such a wonderful place and I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to children, parents and staff for all your hard work and high commitment. The achievements of our students continue to be high and staff have once again, fulfilled their roles with rigour and dedication. The support from our community is always commendable and the pride of others. Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for the festive season and the New Year!

*Tina King* (Principal)



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Hi everyone!

Congratulations to everyone!!!! We have made it to our final column for the year. What a sensational year it has been. A little bit of historical information to share with you from this year. We have had over 180 different children attend our before care sessions and over 190 attend during after care. 160 families enrolled in Cool Care during 2015. This offers us an abundance of opportunities and experiences on a day to day basis. The fulfilment of sharing our work hours with so many, hearing a huge variety of different stories amid lots of news. There is never a dull moment in Cool Care, there is always lots of laughter and fun to be had and on a bad day you may hear one of the educators singing (or something equally as scary as that). We thank all of our families and the broader school community for their friendship, cooperation and understanding around the complexity of running a child care centre in a school ..... we have very few (if any) problems.

Cool Care will open at 1.30pm on Friday afternoon to accommodate the school early finish. We have vacancies available if anybody requires care on Friday afternoon. The cost in addition to our normal session fee is \$7.50 per hour per child, a total of \$15.00 for the 2 hours prior to the 3.30pm - 6.00pm session. Any children on our Friday afternoon roll will be expected if they have not been cancelled. ***IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE NOT ATTENDING FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND WOULD NORMALLY DO SO, PLEASE ADVISE US SO WE ARE NOT STRESSING ABOUT YOUR CHILD MISSING IF THEY DO NOT TURN UP. IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE HUNTING DOWN CHILDREN ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM AS THERE ARE MANY EXTRA PEOPLE IN THE SCHOOL AND MOBILE PHONE CONTACT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT.***

Enrolments for next year are coming in at a steady pace. If you are needing care for next year and have not yet enrolled, please do so prior to school finishing this year, as I believe we have many new families to the school intending to use our program. The families that have already enrolled will now be included in our end of year hamper raffle. A complimentary raffle ticket has been provided to all our families who have submitted their enrolments and survey - families not returning to the

## Last day of School

Friday 18 December 2015

Dismissal at 1:30 pm

FAREWELL TO YEAR 6 GRADUATES

STARTING AT 1.00PM

FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS FOR NEXT

YEAR IS THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY 2016

## Canteen News

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season. Thanks again to all our helpers this year!

A reminder that the canteen is open this Friday, and every lunch order gets a free fruit stick.

**SLURPEE's – ONLY \$1.00 ON FRIDAY!**

Merry Christmas from Di & Karen

## Medical Forms Reminder

Would families who have students on an Anaphylaxis, Asthma and other specific medications please complete the forms that will be sent home this week and return them by Week 1,

Term 1 2016. Thank you,

**Cheryl Campher  
(First Aid Officer)**



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school have also been provided a ticket in thanks for their patronage (some for 7 years)! Friday afternoon is always an afternoon with many mixed emotions. We love to see the Year 6 children ready to move on to their next adventure albeit a sad day to bid them farewell. Of course there are often children moving on for many other reasons too, good luck to you all.

Cool Care will commence next year on the first day of the school year, Thursday 28 January. Before and After school care will run normally from that time on – before care 7.15am – 8.45am and after care 3.30pm – 6.00pm.

Wishing you all a sensational holiday break, best of luck and health and happiness throughout the festive season, with us looking forward to hearing all of the children's stories and excitement on their return for 2016.

If you have fees outstanding to finish off the year, please call past and finalise your account at the Centre, or, if paying by bank transfer, credit card or EFTPOS, it would really helpful if fees can be paid no later than Wednesday evening to ensure the receipts are in Cool Care by close of business Friday afternoon.

Don't eat and drink too much ... have heaps of fun, enjoy your holidays.

Until 2016, STAY COOL

Jenny and Cool Care Educators

## PE & Sport News

### PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR!

- Thursday, 4 February – WNPS Swimming Trials at Yarra Plenty Swim School (1.00pm start)
- Friday, 5 February – Round 1 Interschool Summer Sport – commencing at 9.30am (away at Bundoora PS)
- Wednesday, 17 February – Watsonia District Swimming Carnival at WaterMarc Greensborough (10am – 12.40pm)
- 18-20 May – Year 5/6 Camp to Phillip Island Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sports Coordinator)



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## Food for Families

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**Thankyou to everyone for your amazing kindness and generosity in supporting the Food for Families Annual Appeal.**

We filled 38 boxes of donations, which is an incredible effort!!

It is fantastic that we have been able to make a difference and support people in our community struggling with the cost of basic day to day living, also, helping those people experiencing homelessness, especially at Christmas time, and throughout the year as well.

**Thank you again for your wonderful support!**

SRC 2015



### WELL DONE, 2015 WNPS CHOIR!!

I would like to congratulate all the choir members who worked so hard in 2015. We had a record number of 70 members in the combined choirs, which gave us a fantastic sound at all our performances and competitions. The choir is an integral part of the school, and they are well regarded by the community as well as by audience members outside the community: **It wouldn't be WNPS without the choir!**

### 2016 CHOIR

It's time to start thinking about choir for 2016. For our current Year 2s, next year will be their first experience of singing in a choir: remember that for all of Term 1, all students in Years 3 and 4 are in the choir. This culminates in an impressive performance at the end-of-term assembly. We already have some exciting activities planned for 2016 – it's good to be in the choir! **Invitation letters and application forms for students in Years 4 and 5 have been issued.** Upcoming events are:

Banyule Superchoir Workshop Day (3<sup>rd</sup> year running!) – late in term 1 (date TBC)

Choral @ Montsalvat: Sunday 1 May

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)



# fundraising committee

## SMASHING OUR GOAL

It is with great excitement that we announce that the fundraising team have raised **\$14,000** this year! This money will go directly into purchasing educational equipment for the school. On behalf of the committee, we thank all of the volunteers who have helped at our various events and the staff of WNPS who have supported us throughout the year.

Special mention to the ladies in the office – we could not have done it without you!

We would also like to thank all the WNPS community for their wonderful generosity this year. Your willingness to give is truly heart-warming! Finally, to the girls on the team, it has been an honour to work with a group of such kind-hearted, generous women. Thank you for your hard work and unrelenting commitment.

*We wish you all a Merry Christmas and catch you all in 2016.*

Kind regards, Maria Cogger (Coordinator)

# GOAL!

\$12,000

**\$14,000** Christmas Carols

\$ 9,621.64 So Drive

\$ 8,557.79 Father's Day Stall

\$ 8,059.12 Disco

\$ 6,432.24 Trivia Night

\$ 2,182.31 Mother's Day Stall

\$ 1,378.30 Easter Competition

\$ 1,295.80 Easter Raffle

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