From the Principal

INFORMATION NIGHTS & PARENT/TEACHER “MEET & GREET”

Thank you to the many families who attended the information sessions held by each year level last week. We had many parents and guardians present and for those who could not make it, the area newsletter for the term has been sent home with your child. Parents and caregivers now have an opportunity to attend the Parent/Teacher ‘meet and greet’ session scheduled for next week. 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. Bookings can be made online by visiting www.schoolinterviews.com.au and entering the booking code: 6XCCE. Please follow the instructions on the screen and if you are having any difficulties, contact the school office staff. The online booking site will close at 4:00pm on Friday 19 February.

STUDENT FREE/CURRICULUM DAYS - REMINDER

In case you missed the dates in last week’s edition of the Wednesday Weekly, we ask that parents and carers make note of the dates below as students are 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)

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

An information pack was sent home last 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 and must be lodged by 4:00pm on Monday 22 February at the office.

Tina King (Principal)
Hello everyone,
The colour red is certainly noticeable in Cool Care now, following the Chinese New Year celebrations last week. I also visited the Atrium of the casino over the weekend, and have processed some photos of the magnificent display of the 12 zodiac animals for the Chinese Calendar. The beautiful red lanterns on display are also wonderful. Throughout the city the brilliant colours of the New Year and also Valentine’s Day were sensational. No wonder Melbourne continuously ranks highly in the most liveable and friendly city awards each year.

Our boys have now commenced their drawing challenge. Future décor designers are hard at work designing their own Bean Bags. Lots of colour and variety amongst them. The boys will continue their challenge for the remainder of this week with careful judging and announcements happening over the next couple of weeks.

Donna and Jes have won themselves many little Wizard and Witch friends to help execute an exciting week of Harry Potter experiences. Monday afternoon they used the generosity of nature and collected themselves a ‘wand like’ stick to decorate to create their own spells and magic. The ‘Prefects’ were chosen out of the sorting hat for each house, Griffindor, Hufflepuff, Slytherin and Ravenclaw. On Wednesday afternoon we will be sorting the children into one of the houses to participate in the Harry Potter trivia quiz. During this week and through into next week, there are many other activities planned finishing the fortnight off with a movie afternoon. The older children will be viewing The Philosopher’s Stone and the younger children have chosen their own form of magic in Shrek. This will be on Friday 26 February. If your children attend on a regular basis, it may assist collection time if parent/careers touch base with us about the activities planned and timeframe connected to each one to ensure the children are able to participate in the Hogwarts fun.

Pupil Free Day is coming up on Friday 4 March. Cool Care will operate on the proviso we have minimum of 20 children requiring care for the day. Bookings are now open and will close next Wednesday 24 February, which will allow us time to organise staffing and plan for the day. The cost for the day is $50.00 per child and we will operate from 7.15am to 6.00pm. If interested in care for the day, please advise during this booking period. Any other Cool Care queries, please contact me.

Have yourselves a wonderful week!
Stay Cool, Jenny

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**PE & Sport News**

**LAST WEEK’S RESULTS**

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**INTERSCHOOL SPORT THIS WEEK**

**Round 3: WNPS v Watsonia PS (home).**
Cricket at Warrawee Park, basketball and bat tennis at WNPS – NO ROUNDERS TEAM.
Games start at 9.30am until 10.45am.

Trent O’Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)
MASSED SINGING
This year we are introducing massed singing as a regular activity across the school. Massed singing is a great activity and a strong tradition at schools like Melbourne High, where they have had special singing assemblies for over a century. We kicked it off at this week’s assembly with a special rendition of the “Moose Song”, and will continue to make this a feature at most assemblies. Many parents in the audience appeared to really enjoy it – be sure to let us know what you think!

CHOIR
Senior Choir is in the final stage of recruiting!
Application forms were issued to 2015 choristers and to students who may be interested in becoming part of our school choir. More application forms are available at the Music Office and Front Office. We had a great turn out last week and this week, with over 25 children from Years 5 and 6 attending. There is still time, but get in quickly! Please call Mr Perry if you are keen for your child to be involved this year. Parent helpers: If you would like to assist in coordinating choir uniform in 2016, or in any area of the WNPS choir program, please contact Mr Perry on music@wats-north.vic.edu.au.

RECORDER
Is your child in Year 3? They will need a recorder! This is a separate item to be purchased and most families do this through the school. We sell recorders for $9 and a note for this has been sent to all families of Year 3 students. There is also the opportunity to take up group recorder lessons with Tony Barnden for a lower than usual price – please indicate on the form at the bottom of the recorder if you are interested in this. Thanks to families for organising this aspect of your child’s education – most students in Years 3 to 6 have now sorted out their recorder and have it ready for use in class.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
Did you know that children learn clarinet, drumkit, flute, guitar, keyboard, piano, recorder, saxophone and violin at WNPS? Some children have been learning for several years, since they were preps! These lessons are separate to the classroom Music sessions and are elective rather than compulsory, and involve an extra cost. Lesson times are at a set time during the school day, although some families arrange for the lessons to take place before or after school. Application / information forms are available at the Front Office or the Music Office.

VIOLIN
Group classes for beginner students in Prep and (possibly) Year 1 will be starting next term. This is at a fixed price of $120 for ten weeks, and the school organises your violin for you. Please think about whether you would like your child involved in this – I have already had families approach me to express their interest!

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)
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