

Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

On behalf of the selection panel, I am pleased to announce that **Mr Jamie Jaquinta** has been provisionally appointed as Assistant Principal at Watsonia North. As per Departmental guidelines and procedures, providing there are no appeals during the 14 day provisional period, Jamie will officially commence at our school at the beginning of next term. Jamie has worked extensively at Laburnum PS taking up various roles, including acting Assistant Principal responsibilities. As recently as this year, he was seconded to Templestowe Heights PS to undertake the acting Assistant Principal role. We are most excited to have Jamie at our school and look forward to a 'meet and greet' visit on Thursday morning.

STAFFING

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks and gratitude to **Mrs Kerryn May** who has acted in the Assistant Principal role this term. As a long standing member of staff and leading teacher, Kerryn is a familiar face to many. She embraced the AP role with great commitment, demonstrating outstanding leadership and support to staff, students and parents. I know Kerryn is looking forward to returning to teaching responsibilities in S2, however she will continue to work with and support all across the school - I couldn't stop her even if I tried! Thank your Kerryn for all your great work and support whilst in the AP chair.

As Kerryn returns to the classroom, **Ms Anne Davies** will finish teaching responsibilities in S2 at the end of the week. Anne has once again demonstrated her loyalty and commitment to the school by stepping in and lending a hand when we were in need. We congratulate her on all the fine work she did to support the students in the classroom and across the Year 5/6 area.

Several staff have been working in the school, taking over teaching responsibilities for teachers who are currently on leave. We thank **Mrs Brenda Zass** (3/4 M19), **Miss Gabby Gasparroni** (Prep J18) and **Mrs Sharon Park** (Literacy) for all their hard work and commitment.

BANYULE AND NILLUMBIK NETWORK PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE

Last week, Kerryn May (in her role as Acting AP) and I joined several colleagues for the bi-annual Principal Class conference across the two networks. This year's conference was held at the Yarra Valley Lodge with several prominent key note

speakers. The welcome key note address was delivered by Mary Delahunty who shared her insights and experiences into leadership. There were several workshops focussing on positive psychology and mindfulness, with Wayne Craig (former Regional Director) closing the program with a presentation on Powerful Learning. As Regional Director, Wayne led the *Powerful Learning Strategy* which improved student outcomes across the Northern Region and shared his vision for the next stage of the work. The conference was professionally rewarding, offering great opportunity to network and hear from inspiring and motivating presenters.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school policy requires all students to be in full uniform at all times. It has been noticeable recently that a number of children have been coming to school either fully or partially out of school uniform. In some instances, a small portion of children are taking liberties with clothing items by wearing attire that is not part of the school's prescribed uniform items. With the school holidays around the corner, it is timely to take note and review which of your child's clothing items are not in compliance with the uniform policy. We will be closely monitoring this next term to ensure students are in correct uniform attire.

We understand that sometimes there are circumstances beyond your control that contribute to children being out of uniform. Please ensure that if your child is out of uniform that you provide them with a note so they are not questioned about this by their teachers. If children don't bring a note to school, they will receive a '**Request for Parent/Guardian Explanation for Being Out of Uniform**' slip and parents/guardians will be asked to complete this, providing an explanation.

END OF TERM

As the end of another term is imminent, I would like to congratulate everyone on all the accomplishments and achievements throughout this term. Our students and staff have continued to work hard and apply themselves to their learning and teaching respectively, with the parent body continuing to provide extensive support. The end of term assembly will be held in the centre this Friday commencing at 2:00pm – all welcome.

A final reminder that school finishes at 2:30pm this Friday.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday period.



Tina King (Principal)

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Tel: 9432 3213 24 hours

Hello all!

We are currently participating in our final drawing challenge for the term. This challenge is being organised and implemented by two beautiful grade 3 ladies. They have challenged the children to draw 'what they want to be when they get older'. At this stage we have some very interesting professions. I wonder what else the children may have in their future plans?

We have had a sensational term. Amongst our experiences, we have participated in two afternoons of AASC, a week of 20th birthday celebrations and footy week this week. The 'Gurus' have been busily gardening, preparing our plots for next term's veggies, cultivating grasses adding nitrogen and nutrients to the soils. The drawing challenges have been fantastic with the children showing off their skills, creativity and imaginations, presenting many colourful and 'stupendous' entries into the little competitions. The foyer pin board in the Centre has been covered with bright colours, with past entries on display. Thank you to all the children for supporting their mates in the extravaganzas the children initiate and implement. Not only is it wonderful to see the children excitedly planning, it is also fabulous to see the growth in their confidence and understanding toward others, as they conduct their activities. We are very proud when given ongoing positive feedback from the AASC coaches and other visitors to Cool Care in reference to the well-mannered and respectful children at Watsonia North Primary. Congratulations to all involved - keep up the great work!

Several families have enquired about Cool Care enrolment for next year. The 2015 enrolment forms will be available during the first week of December. It will be necessary for all families needing care next year to re-enrol prior to next year commencing. Anybody who may have friends or family with children commencing with us next year, I will have 2015 information available at the first Prep Transition session on Thursday 23 October, or alternatively, please provide them with my email address (watts.jenny.j@edumail.vic.gov.au) for further information.

Trusting you all have a well-earned holiday break over the next couple of weeks.

Call me anytime if you have any Cool Care queries.

Until next term,
Stay Cool, Jenny



POLLUTION – DID YOU KNOW?

We all know that spring is here, with the trees growing and flowers blooming. Some facts about spring are:

- The weather becomes warmer and heats the ground up. This tells the plants to grow.
- Fruit trees blossom and these flowers turn into fruit.
- Lots of animals have their babies as the warmer weather comes in.
- There is still a lot of rain which is also good for the plants to grow.
- People are going outside and doing lots of activities.
- The birds are more active.

by The Green Team



Alice In Wonderland DVD Front Cover Competition



The 3/4 & 5/6 productions of Alice In Wonderland are currently being cut, edited and razza-ma-tazzed.

We are launching a DVD Front Cover Design Competition for all students at WNPS. Be creative, let your imagination hop wild and enter as many times as you like. The winner will be chosen as the front cover of the WNPS Years 3-6 Alice In Wonderland 2014 DVD.

Requirements:

- Entries must be A4 portrait.
- Black and white only - outline (no colouring in - that's so we can all colour in the winning design).
- Must include words; Alice In Wonderland, Years 3/4, Years 5/6, 2014, Watsonia North PS, school logo.
- **Entries to S3 by tomorrow, Thursday 18 September 2014. Slip in down the rabbit hole (box) outside S3.**

Suggestions:

- Add a few characters from the show (King, Queen, Cards, Flowers, Cheshire Cat etc).
- Add key phrases or lines ("Off with your head!").
- Choose a background or setting (in the forest with flowers).
- Think about what was the most important part of the concert to you and make that the focus of your design.
- But in the end K.I.S.S Keep.It.Simple.Silly (don't overdo it) and HAVE FUN!!!! Good Luck!!!

GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER: 8am-2pm
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**LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – FRIDAY, 19
SEPTEMBER: 2.30PM FINISH
FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 – SCHOOL
BEGINS MONDAY, 6 OCTOBER**



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FATHERS' DAY STALL

On behalf of the Parents and Friends Association, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable school holidays. We have three events planned for Term 4. The School Disco in October, the Election Day BBQ on 29 November, and the Twilight Carols in December.

We are seeking donations for the door prizes at the disco and the raffle at the twilight carols. We also need volunteers to help as the events cannot occur without you.

As mentioned last week, please contact me if you are interested in information about joining the PFA in 2015.

Regards, Cara Wilkins (PFA Secretary)

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY THIS FRIDAY!!!

**WEAR YOUR FOOTY
COLOURS ON FRIDAY,
19 SEPTEMBER (LAST
DAY OF TERM)**

**SHOW
YOUR TRUE
COLOURS!**

Get ready with your Footy Colours for the last day of term.

On Friday 19 September wear the colours of your favourite footy team.

This could be an AFL team, a soccer team, a Rugby or Rugby league team.

Your gold coin donation on the day will go towards the Footy Colours Foundation and to the Year One building Inquiry to assist them to purchase a cubby house for the PREP-2 playground.

*Thank you for your support,
Student Representative Council*



Performing Arts News

RECORDER ENSEMBLE

What a great impression our recorder students gave last Tuesday at the Melbourne Recital Centre. Our ensemble performed in the foyer, playing three of our own pieces and a shared piece with Murrumbena Primary School, to an appreciative audience of recorder fans waiting to see the feature concert – Genevieve Lacey (recorder) and James Crabbe (accordion). We were also lucky to be invited to the Lacey/Crabbe concert and spent a wonderful morning soaking up the culture of the Melbourne Arts Precinct!

CHOIR

The Diamond Valley Choral Festival is on again! Save the date – we will be performing on the evening of **Wednesday 22 October** at Ivanhoe Girls Grammar. Please keep this date free as it promises to be a great evening, as always.

CLARINET

We are offering group lessons in clarinet again to students in Year 4. If you would like your child to take up the opportunity of learning beginner clarinet in a group, the school is offering 10 weeks tuition and clarinet hire for \$120. Please pick up a form from the Music Office if you are interested.

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)

Canteen News



Term 3 is now over and like always, it was a cold term! We will be glad to see the warmer, sunnier days ahead in Term 4.

The canteen will be OPEN EVERY DAY THIS WEEK – and to celebrate the last day of term, we will be giving away a FREE FRUIT STICK with every lunch order this Friday. Also – SLURPEES WILL BE \$ 1.00 ONLY ON FRIDAY!

Happy holidays – stay safe and we look forward to an eventful Term 4!

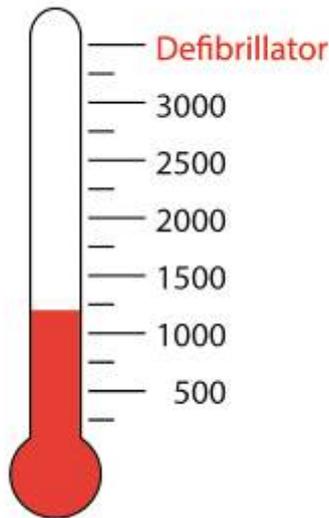
Cheers, Di and Karen



In 2014, St John aims to teach **100,000** Victorian school children First Aid.



THANK YOU TO THE WONDERFUL FAMILIES THAT HAVE ALREADY GENEROUSLY DONATED MONEY TOWARDS A DEFIBRILLATOR FOR OUR SCHOOL! Some families have donated \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 AND \$100!! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Keep those donations coming in! So far, we have raised \$1184! FYI – we currently have: 62 asthmatics, 20 students who are anaphylactic, 16 students with allergies, and 9 students with a medical alert!



We have applied to Leader Newspapers for a chance to obtain a grant of \$1000. The paper has contacted us and will be running a story in next week's Diamond Valley News.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT for our school to be eligible to receive this grant!

Families and friends of WNPS will have the opportunity to vote for our project. For those tech-savvy people, please FACEBOOK-IT and/or TWITTER-IT – the project with the most number of votes will win the \$1000. You will need to register to vote on the website below and will be given 10 votes to allocate to one or more projects – preferably all ten votes to WNPS! Winner announced 27/10/14. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au/current-ideas>

Keep watching the site and register to vote – voting opens on 6 October and you can vote up until 17 October!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

GENDER EDUCATION

Kate Wilde conducted several fabulous Gender Education sessions and a Family evening for the Year 5/6 students. For your information, she referenced several books for families as excellent resources:

BOYS:

- The *"What's Happening to My Body"* Book for Boys - Madaras & Madaras
- *"Secret Boys Business"* - Anderson, Angelo & Rose Stewart
- *"The 'S' Word"* - by James Roy

GIRLS:

- *"Secret Girls Business"* - Anderson, Angelo & Rose Stewart
- *"More Secret Girls Business"* - Anderson, Angelo & Rose Stewart
- *"Girl Stuff"* - Kaz Cooke



Next Term we will be having another collection of donated clothes. Take the time during the holidays to go through your clothes, shoes and toys to sort out what you don't need any more. Bags will go home at the start of next Term. This is your chance to **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!!**

Thanks, The Green Team

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