



# Wednesday Weekly

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## *From the Principal*

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) TEACHER**

We welcome Miss Elena Tsalikis to the role of ICT teacher at our school. Elena is currently replacing Rachel Mercuri who is on family leave and is very excited to be taking up this role. She will be working with all students from Prep to Year 6 to deliver the school's technology program. We welcome Elena to Watsonia North and look forward to all her work and contributions.

### **VIETNAM VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE**

Thank you to the group of students, parents and Ms Julianne Haldon, who joined me on Saturday morning to attend the Diamond Valley Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Service. The service commemorates the Battle of Long Tan and has now been adopted by all veterans. In acknowledging Vietnam Veterans Day, communities throughout Australia remember the sacrifices made by our young men and women in a conflict that spanned a ten year period.

### **HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVALS**

Despite the sub-arctic conditions, everyone in attendance had a great day at the school House Athletics Carnival on Monday. Congratulations are extended to all participants, spectators, staff and volunteers for making the day such a success. Mr O'Sullivan does an exceptional job with all the planning and organisational details relating to this event and we are once again grateful for all his efforts and contributions.

### **NAPLAN**

We are in receipt of our school's NAPLAN data, once again achieving some extremely pleasing results. The NAPLAN tests are cohort specific, offering reporting on only one component of our assessment schedule. Whilst they provide a snapshot of students' learning we use the results to determine strengths and identify areas for growth and improvement. The school results will be published next week, however students in Years 3 and 5 will be receiving their individual reports later this week. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's report, please contact your child's classroom teacher or our Assessment and Reporting Coordinator, Mrs Sarah Pollnitz.

### **SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACEMENTS**

Our Year 6 students have received notification today of their secondary school placements for next year. The table below is indicative of the various secondary schools our students will be transitioning to:

Secondary School	Number of students attending
Bundoora SC	3
Catholic Ladies College	3
Charles La Trobe College	1
Camberwell HS	1
Eltham HS	1
Greensborough SC	7
Hazel Glen College	1
Ivanhoe Grammar	2
Loyola College	8
Macleod P-12 College	3
Montmorency SC	26
Parade College	2
Plenty Valley Christian College	2
St Helena SC	1
St Monicas College	1
Templestowe HS	1
The Lakes South Morang College	1
Thomastown HS	1
University HS	1
Viewbank SC	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>

Students who have not been offered a place at their preferred school have been allocated to their designated neighbourhood school. Parents/guardians may lodge an appeal against an enrolment allocation decision. Please do not hesitate to contact our Year 6 to 7 transition coordinator, Mr Tony Moore with any queries or concerns.

*Tina King* (Principal)

**SAVE THE DATE**

We are happy to announce we are once again considering offering a learning program that is designed around the use of student's personal laptops (1:1 program). This 1:1 program will be offered to all students in Years 3 and 4, commencing in 2016. More comprehensive information will be sent home at the beginning of September in preparation for a parent information evening which will be held on **Monday, 7 September, 2016**.



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**ICAS – Digital Technologies**

Dear families of students who participated in the **ICAS Digital Technologies** test. The certificates of achievement have arrived and will be handed out in assembly on Monday 24 August.

Thank you for your support.

**Sarah Pollnitz**

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Hi everyone! It has been fantastic to receive an impressive amount of positive feedback from both the children and their parent/carers in regards to our birthday week. As mentioned in last week's column, we have now completed our reflections, taking on board the children's requests and suggestions for next time. Many photos were taken throughout that week and our photo board is currently under construction – hopefully we will have it finished by the end of the week. Our final movie afternoon for several weeks took place on Monday afternoon. Our girls spent quite a few hours planning, interviewing the children and setting up their little treats for their peers to have a wonderful relaxed afternoon. The Sandlot Kids was on the screen and surprisingly, there were quite a few children that had not seen it before. Great work girls, thanks for your efforts and kindness shown. The Travelling Kitchen is coming again next week. Next Wednesday afternoon the wonderful ladies will bring along their friendly smiles and yummy ingredients for the children to experience making Ricketty Ricotta Gnocchi. An egg free dish to accommodate any allergies for the afternoon, which sounds absolutely yummy. The children absolutely love their cooking experiences, so excitement is high with anticipation. We have a few vacancies for the remainder of the week so if you are looking for care, please call me. Have a great week!  
Stay Cool, Jenny

# PE & Sport News

## HOUSE ATHLETICS

On Monday we managed to get through our carnival with all children having a great day. The winning House for 2015 was EDGLEY. The last time Edgley had won the athletics title was back in 1995.

1 <sup>st</sup>	EDGLEY	898
2 <sup>nd</sup>	GRAY	875
3 <sup>rd</sup>	McCONNELL	802
4 <sup>th</sup>	BATESON	729

I would sincerely like to thank all of the parents who assisted at the events – your efforts were very much appreciated. Also a big thank you to all of the teachers for their work throughout the day.

A highlight was the annual parent/teacher/School Captain/House Captain 4 x 100 circular relay, with this year's winner, McCONNELL, just in front of the teachers' team.

I would like to thank CRAIG & NICOLE for their great 2015 medals which all students received. A BIG THANKS to all the parents who supported the event.

## WATSONIA ROCKETS – LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB COME& TRY DAY

26 September 9am – for more information contact [information@edvlac.com.au](mailto:information@edvlac.com.au) or 0412 547 401.

## TERM 3 DATES

- DISTRICT ATHLETICS – Tuesday, 1 September at Meadowglen from 9.30am-3.00pm. Note will come home soon for successful students.
- 5/6 HOOPTIME – Thursday, 3 September (please note new date) Coburg Stadium – ONE day only from 8.30am-2.45pm.
- 5/6 RUGBY GALA DAY – Wednesday, 9 September at Yulong Reserve, Bundoora from 9.30am-3.00pm.

**(PE & Sport Coordinator)**



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If you or someone you know would be able to answer our questions, please return the slip below to school.

From the Prep students

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# Performing Arts News

## TERM 3 PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

Our performing arts/music events continue apace! We still have: **Tuesday 25 August**, Year 5/6 Bands Night at Loyola College; **Thursday 3 September**, Year 3/4 Curriculum Concert at WNPS Hall; **Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 10, 11 and 12 September**, State Schools Spectacular final rehearsals and performance (Senior Choir). In Term 4, we have: Prep Concert at WNPS Hall, **Tuesday 1 December**, Performing Arts Concert at Montmorency SC auditorium (TBA) and Choir Tour **Friday 4 December** (plus one other date TBA).

## YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 CURRICULUM CONCERT THURSDAY NIGHT 3 SEPTEMBER

Notices for this event will be coming soon. **All Year 3 and 4** students will be involved in this showcase of the Music curriculum. Also featuring the Intermediate Choir!

## YEAR 5 AND 6 BANDS NIGHT TUESDAY NIGHT 25 AUGUST

Notices about this event were sent out last week – please ensure that your child has brought one home. **All Year 5 and 6** students are involved in this event (formerly known as “Battle of the Bands”) which will take place in the hall at **Loyola College** (just up the road). Each grade has prepared a pop song on full band equipment, and other ensembles (Descant Choir, Ensemble, and Clarinet/Saxophone students) will also be featuring. The fancy dress theme is “Something beginning with B” – it promises to be a fun night for all!

## CHOIR EVENTS

Congratulations to all participants in the **Diamond Valley Choral Festival** on **Tuesday 18 August**. This is always a popular event and a great opportunity to perform for (and listen to) choirs from other schools.

**David Perry** (Performing Arts Coordinator)



**MacLeod Village Xmas Fair**  
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