



Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

Curriculum Day

Parents and carers are reminded that Friday 6 March is a Curriculum Day. Students are not required to attend school on this day and alternative care arrangements must be made.

PFA – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parents' And Friends' (PFA) Association plays a key role in promoting the interests of our school and facilitating communication between all members our school community. A key role of PFA members is to encourage and support the participation of parents in school life. Working in cooperation with the School Council, the PFA raises and expends funds for the benefit of the school.

Throughout last year, a committed group of volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure the aims and objectives of the PFA were achieved. We would like to congratulate and thank the following members of the PFA executive for all their efforts throughout 2014: Caryn Pentecost (President), Cara Wilkins (Secretary), Christine Ward (Treasurer), Melissa Cromie (School Council Representative). The executive team was capably assisted by several committee members and parent volunteers and we thank these individuals for all their time, efforts and generosity.

On Tuesday 3 March at 2:30 pm, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the PFA will be held in the staffroom. At the AGM all office bearer positions will be declared vacant and we are encouraging individuals to attend and consider nominating for the various vacancies. Without your involvement and support this group would simply not function. If you do not wish to volunteer for an executive role, please come along and offer your services as a general member of the committee. I will be on an active recruitment drive over the course of the week, seeking volunteers to work with the PFA – if you are able to assist, please come to the AGM or leave your name at the office.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP: BADGE PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

The opportunity for students to develop as leaders is a priority at Watsonia North. A Student Leadership position is an opportunity for personal growth and a tremendous way for students to play an active part in school activities. Congratulations to all students who have been elected to the various Student Leadership roles within the school. All student leaders will have their **Badge of Office** presented to them at a

special upcoming whole school assembly. Arrangements are currently being finalised and notification will be received next week. We are looking forward to this special event.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our whole school photos were taken today with students and staff looking very sharp. We are hoping to receive delivery of the photos before the end of term. Late orders can be placed post photo day, but please note that they may incur a \$20 surcharge and must be lodged directly with MSP Photography.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Each year at this time, half of our School Council retires and an election is held to fill these vacant positions. Nominations closed on Monday and since the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies, I am pleased to announce the following people have been duly elected:

- Jamie Jaquinta (DET Member)
- Kerryn May (DET Member)
- Sarah Pollnitz (DET Member)
- Greg Dyer (Parent Member)
- Clive Fox (Parent Member)
- Nicole Llewellyn (Parent Member)
- Ann-Marie O'Brien (Parent Member)

Congratulations to these individuals and we look forward to their continued involvement on School Council. The Annual General Meeting of School Council will be held on Tuesday 24 March. At this meeting the School Annual Report will be presented followed by a meeting of the Council.

PARENT/TEACHER "MEET & GREET"

It was wonderful to see so many parents/guardians in attendance over the last two days, meeting classroom teachers, sharing knowledge about students and setting learning goals for the year. Continuous and sustained home/school partnerships ensure educational growth and success for children and I thank all those involved in these important meetings.

CAMP RUMBUG

What a wonderful time was had by all the campers last week. The weather was most favourable and over the three days we got to enjoy many activities and having time to socialise and experience new things. The camp provided a wonderful opportunity for children and staff to really get to know each other. All the participants are to be congratulated on their exemplary behaviour, willingness to try new things and level of enthusiasm.

There were many favourable moments and highlights with the flying fox, canoeing and mud run amongst the favourites. As always, Mr O'Sullivan's planning and organisation of the camp was exceptional and his capable offsider, the wonderful Jill Lewis, was a great support donning the first aid flag hat for the duration of the camp.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the wonderful staff who gave up their time to attend and make the camp such a success – Ruth Reidy, Kerry May, Scott Eastwood, Julianne Haldon, Tony Moore, Mark O'Halloran, Trent O'Sullivan, Jill Lewis, Sue Elsworth, Di McConkey, Jacque McCluskey, Meegan Corboy and Jamie Jaquinta. We all had a wonderful time and Team Rumbug 2015 was simply awesome!

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWC)

The Working with Children (WWC) Check is part of Victorian law and provides a minimum checking standard set for those who work with children, either on a paid or voluntary basis. The WWC Act 2005 creates a mandatory minimum standard for individuals performing or volunteering in children related work. Under the WWC Act 2005, schools need to ensure that people in roles that have direct, unsupervised contact with children have a WWC check and this includes parent helpers and volunteers. Generally, parents who assist in the day to day activities at our school do so under the guidance and supervision of staff, **however we strongly encourage all parent helpers and volunteers to have a current WWC check.**

There is no cost involved for volunteers in obtaining the WWC Check and applications forms are available from various Post Office outlets. To assist parents in applying for the WWC, we have organised for one of our parents, Maria Cogger to assist parents in applying for the WWC. **Maria has expertise in this field, and will make herself available on Tuesday 3 March from 9:00 am to 10:30 am to assist with application forms and any general inquiries.** Please call into the office during this time to fill out an application form.

The school maintains a register of parents who have successfully applied and obtained a WWC check. This being the case, we ask that you bring your card to the office so that we may obtain a copy and file for our records and future reference.

Tina King (Principal)



Coming up on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 March (first weekend of the school holidays). If anyone in the school community would like to join the school team- students must join with an adult who must be with them at all times – please follow the prompts when using this link. Diamond Valley 2015 – Watsonia North PS. Join team \$20 per participant that includes a Relay for Life top Please join our team for 2015:

https://secure.fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TRR/1718867569?pg=tfind&fr_id=1900&lcmd=next&lcmd_cf=

Performing Arts News

CHOIR

Senior Choir has almost finished their recruitment drive! Application forms were issued to 2014 choristers and to students who may be interested in becoming part of our school choir for 2015. More application forms are available at the Music Office and many have already been returned. I urge all children in years 5 or 6 who are interested in singing to consider joining, as there are a lot of exciting plans this year! WNPS will be performing as part of the massed choir in the **Victorian State Schools Spectacular**. Not a compulsory event, places are limited and will be restricted to students who are members of the choir. Preference will be given to children in older year levels. This is always an exciting event and a great opportunity for our students. Parent helpers: If you would like to assist in co-ordinating choir uniform in 2015, 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! All students in years 3 to 6 require their own recorder for Music lessons. This is a separate item to be purchased and most families do this through the school. We sell recorders for \$8 and a note for this has been sent to all families of year 3 students as well as to students in years 3 to 6 who are new to the school. Second hand recorders are available for \$2 (no case is included) but families will need to take responsibility for cleaning these before use. Many families have indicated an interest in the group recorder lessons with Tony Barnden – we are hoping to start these this week!

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)

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Hi everyone

Gung Hoy Fat Choy – Happy “Year of the Goat” New Year to you all – Cool Care is celebrating this wonderful event. We are in the process of creating ‘the most attractive, colourful Dragon in the whole wide world’! Last week we introduced the Year of the Goat with a large range of activity sheets and a blank Dragon for the children to create. The resources chosen by them has resulted in a spectacularly bright and cheery fellow. Following discussion with the children, this week we introduce lanterns too. Some of our Chinese students educated us with their personal stories on how their families celebrate. Thank you for sharing your wonderful experiences with us.

We have welcomed many little Prep smiling faces this week. Very exciting to have another group of ‘Coolcarers’ to continue on the 20 year tradition of care at Watsonia North. Being a community owned service, licensed through the sponsorship of School Council, we feel extremely honoured and proud to provide care for our school community. We pride ourselves on building strong and respectful relationships with our stakeholders welcoming aunties, uncles, grandparents, siblings, neighbours and friends and sometimes pets into our friendship network! Please come in and visit us if you would like to more about Cool Care – we love to show our visitors around.

Further to my message a couple of weeks ago in regard to bookings and waiting lists, as we have had many changes since the school year commenced, I am in the process of sorting through the lists endeavouring to place more families on a permanent basis. Having correct contact numbers and email addresses is imperative for many reasons when your children are using Cool Care. Please ensure you keep me up to date if these change.

A Pupil Free Day will take place on Friday March 6. Cool Care operates a program on Pupil Free Days on the proviso we reach a minimum attendance of 20 children. If you would like to book or need more details regarding costs and operating details for this day, please contact me. Bookings are now open and will close this Friday at 6.00pm.

Have a great week – remember to be Sunsmart during your outdoor activities!

Stay Cool, Jenny



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PE & Sport News

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS ROUND 3

Sport	WNPS	Streeton
Basketball Boys	24	12
Basketball Girls	42	12
Bat Tennis Boys	33	11
Bat Tennis Girls	18	30
Rounders	20	20
Cricket	73	99

INTERSCHOOL SPORT THIS WEEK

Round 4: WNPS v Watsonia Heights PS. Cricket played at Central Park – Glenice Street. All other sports played at Watsonia Heights. Games start at **9.30am until 10.45am. Next week** – WNPS v St Marys at home (Thursday 5 March).

WNPS DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done to the Watsonia North Swimming Team who competed at the District Carnival held at Watermarc on Monday.

WNPS finished SECOND overall – a fantastic result! Students who finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their events will now go on to compete next Wednesday, 4 March in the Division Carnival held at Northcote (10am-2pm). All of our relay teams made the Division Finals. A BIG THANK YOU TO MRS REIDY, for her marshalling duties, and all of the parents for their support at Watermarc.

WNPS DIVISION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

4 MARCH at Northcote: 10am-2pm.

Trent O’Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)



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INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 18th March 2015

Activities held between 5pm – 7pm



WATSONIA AFL AUSKICK

Friday Nights UNDER LIGHTS is back at WATSONIA AUSKICK in 2015

Starting Friday 24th April 2015 at 6pm

Register at:

<http://www.aflauskick.com.au>

Select Watsonia as your centre

If re-registering please make sure your details are up to date

As Back Packs are being sent to the registered address

To find out more please call

Tennille Logan Phone: 0458761004



WATSONIA SCOUT GROUP

Did you know Scouts is for boys AND girls?

Why not join Scouts if you are between 11–15?

Thursday night at 7pm

If you join now you will be eligible to attend the 2016 Jamboree in Sydney!

Come and try for three nights for free!

<http://www.watsoniascoutcentre.org.au/> or call Mark on (03) 9435 2374



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