



Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

WHAT DO THE CAREERS OF TOMORROW LOOK LIKE?

Last Monday it was great to see so many parents in our classrooms taking the opportunity to see our teachers and students embark on what we do at Watsonia North each and every day. Part of the challenge in today's educational landscape is to prepare your children for an ever changing world, and to provide them with the knowledge and skills to be successful and thrive when they eventually join the workforce. The reality is that the world your children will be shaping and leading is vastly different to the one we live in today. In order to prepare them, it is essential that teachers and parents are also continually learning and enhancing their knowledge and skills and are lifelong learners themselves. Communicating, collaborating, self-managing, researching and using digital tools and resources is also an integral part of preparing for the careers of tomorrow. In a Professional Learning Community; children, teachers and parents harness technology to tap into resources across geographical boundaries, communicate with experts outside the school, and safely connect and collaborate with students, parents and the local community.



MRS KING'S HOLIDAY

Only a few more days, and Mrs King's holiday will all be over. We have received regular updates about her wonderful holiday in Port Douglas – I believe it has been 29 degrees and bright sunshine (hopefully she brings the weather back with her!). I know she is looking forward to seeing everyone, and will be very relaxed and rested after her break, ready for the remainder of Term 2. We can't wait to see her photos and welcome her back to school on Monday.

CHILDREN'S ILLNESS AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In Australia, our influenza 'flu' season typically runs from May to October, usually peaking in August. At various times throughout the year including flu season, it is important to remind children that one effective measure in protecting ourselves and others from illness is good personal hygiene. Staff and parents are encouraged to remind children to:

- cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- throw used tissues in rubbish bins
- wash their hands with soap and warm water after coughing or sneezing
- reduce the spread of germs by avoiding touching their eyes, nose and mouth

Whilst we encourage and support regular school attendance, it is important to note that if a child is sick, then they should not be sent to school. Children who come to school unwell are unable to focus on their learning and run the risk of infecting others.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

A reminder to all students, staff and parents, that the bringing of any unnecessary or particularly valuable personal items to school is strongly discouraged. Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, special toys and sporting equipment. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Acting Principal's Report continued

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week is currently being celebrated across Australia providing a time for all Australians to reflect upon our shared histories, cultures and achievements. This important week provides an opportunity for us to come together to acknowledge the important contributions that Australia's first people have made towards shaping our nation. During the workshop with Eva Jo last week, the students investigated such things as aboriginal life and artefacts, the meaning of the symbols and colours of the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Island and Australian flags and in our upper school, explored and discussed the stolen generation.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Throughout this term we have been conducting weekly school tours for prospective families. The tours have been very well attended and there continues to be a high level of parental interest in visiting and finding out about our wonderful school. Many of our visitors have selected to visit due to the high recommendation and positive feedback they have received from current Watsonia North families.

To assist with the management of our student intake for next year, we request that families, who wish for their child to attend our school, lodge an enrolment form with us as soon as possible. **Please note that priority for enrolment will always be given to students for whom we are the closest school.**

Jamie Jaquinta (Acting Principal)

PE & Sport News

SPORTS RESULTS – ROUND 5

SPORT	WNPS	Watsonia PS
Football	78	24
Soccer	6	0
Softball	No softball	
Netball A	32	5
Netball B	24	1

THIS WEEK – ROUND 6

FRIDAY, 29 MAY – 9.30am start: WNPS v Norris Bank (home). Football at Binnak Park, Soccer at Loyola College, Netball and Softball played at WNPS.

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE at Bundoora Park (1.00-2.45pm).

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)



INTERMEDIATE CHOIR CAPTAINS

We had a very large number of candidates for the position of Intermediate Choir Captain – EIGHT in all – and all of them very capable Year 4 students. In order to make the final decision for the Choir Captain role, Ms Haldon and I held lunchtime interviews with all candidates. After careful consideration of the outcomes of these interviews, the following students have been appointed as Intermediate Choir Captains. Congratulations to:

Soprano Captains: Caitlin Cartwright and Mia Sapardanis

Alto Captains: Elena Tsiounis and Luke Yuan

EDUCATION WEEK CONCERT

Congratulations to all our performers at the Monday concert last week (Education Week). We heard from representatives of the recorder, violin, and clarinet/saxophone programs, as well as the Choirs and the first performance of our new Ensemble. Thanks to the performers and all who attended.

MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA EXCURSION

A reminder that ALL students in Years 1 and 2 will be travelling to the city to see the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra on **Wednesday 3 June**. This is always a great excursion and one that the students will always remember. Details were sent home **last week** and we ask all families to attend to this **as soon as possible** – please contact the Front Office if you need to make **other payment arrangements**.

YEAR 1 AND 2 CONCERT

In Term 3 we will be holding our biennial Year 1 and 2 concert. The format has changed slightly but it still promises to be an exciting occasion! I am putting out the call for families who are interested in participating in the "Costume Crew" – want to make costumes, props or scenery? Or help out in the backing band? Please contact Mr Perry via the school.

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)

email: watts.jenny.j@edumail.vic.gov.au



Tel: 9432 3213 24 hours

Hi everyone! With the weather closing in we are finding our outdoor play time is lessening unfortunately. We need to get ourselves moving when the children arrive and get outside a little earlier. We treasure our group time chatting together with the children, sharing lots of stories, show and tell, SCUMPS, birthday celebrations and general chatting. Ah well, the weather rules in the end. Sad to say, our winter programming needs to kick in!

Yet another drawing challenge has been and gone. Three of our students will be busily sorting through all of their entries, discussing their choices and choosing their winners. Announcements should be made next week! Some of our boys have excelled yet again. The boys executed amazing leadership, placing the children in their groups, providing a very active sports session on Monday afternoon. The boys mixed it all up changing from inside sports to outside sports very smoothly. From where I stood – and it certainly wasn't in the middle of their game – the amount of exercise the groups participated in, was fantastic. One of the boys produced his 'fitbit' band at the end of the games telling me he had taken 2000 steps throughout the games. Great job boys – we look forward to many more child initiatives and implementing experiences throughout the remainder of the year.

Even though a little late for some children, I have handed out the Student Awards for leadership to all children who have provided organised activities for the group this year. There has been a mix of Drawing Challenges, Movie Nights and Sports Nights – also a mix of age groups – well done everyone, we love that you are all prepared to 'have a go'. Keep up the great work. I know I definitely learnt a lot from our discussions and the collaborative experiences.

Bookings for the Pupil Free Day for Cool Care on Tuesday June 10 are now open. A minimum number of 20 children is required for the program to operate. If you would like care for your children throughout this day, the cost per child is \$50.00 for the day. Cool Care will open at 7.15am and close at 6.00pm (as usual). Both a morning and afternoon snack, lunch and all activities will be included in the cost. Family Centrelink benefits for those eligible are available. **Bookings will close this Friday at**

6.00pm. Due to organisation requirements, bookings will not be accepted after the close off time. Please advise me within this timeframe if you are requiring care. As our regular program will not operate on this day, there is no charge for our usual Tuesday families.

Toonworld commence our "Cartooning Spectacular" this Thursday. As mentioned in previous weeks, we will have four weeks (from 28 May to 18 June inclusive) learning lots of things about the art of Cartooning. The children will be broken in to two age appropriate groups with 30 minutes each to develop their skills. We also have the option of an additional week if the children would like to continue.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss Cool Care or drop past for a chat.

Stay Cool, Jenny ☺

CURRICULUM SURVEY

Thank you to the families that completed the Curriculum Survey. Curriculum Leaders are using the information collected from parents, students and staff to assist us to develop curriculum for Inquiry learning. We will share the results of the survey with the school community when we have completed our project.

We really appreciated the effort that families went to in completing the survey.

Thanks, Curriculum Coordinators



SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, 1 August!!!

WNPS are hosting a Trivia Night to raise funds for the school, this will be a fun night with great prizes to be won! Contact Maria on maria.cogger@gmail.com or phone the school office.

The tickets are limited –

to get in quick you will need to:

1. Gather 10 people to fill a table
2. Give your table a name
3. Collect \$ 100 (\$ 10 from each person)
4. Purchase a table for \$ 100 on 17 June at 9.00am at the office
5. Don't worry if you can't make up a table – come on your own, and we will organise for you to join a table!



BUNDOORA FOOTBALL CLUB U/8s WANTED!

If you turn 8 before 30 April 2016 and have been to Auskick before – join our U/8 Team!

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