



Wednesday Weekly

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2015

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From the Principal

PREP CONCERT

Congratulations to all our Prep students for their wonderful concerts (both matinee and evening performances) which were performed yesterday. The concerts provided an opportunity for the students to apply and demonstrate their performing skills and talents which have been developed in the Music program and through weekly Prep Assembly sessions. Our young performers certainly did us proud!

The concert simply would not have been possible without the work of Mr Perry and the Prep team – **Ali Browne, Bonnie Lewis, Chloe Hanley, Jacqui Matters** and **Kerri Glowacki**. Their work, preparation and support of the students ensured a wonderful and entertaining performance. A very special mention and thank you also to the parents and carers who went to all the effort of sourcing costumes. The children looked amazing and we thank you for your efforts and contributions.

TWILIGHT MARKET AND CAROLS NIGHT

We hope you have marked the date (**Thursday, 10 December**), got the picnic rug and hamper organised and the vocal chords have been warmed. Our small, yet active team of parents and staff volunteers have been working tirelessly to ensure planning and organisation for this event. The students have been eagerly rehearsing for the night's performances and are looking forward to leading the carols. It promises to be a wonderful evening and we hope to see many families and friends in attendance.

In order to make the evening an entertaining and safe event for all concerned we ask that families give consideration to the following:

- Students must be accompanied by an adult to gain entry.
- Parents/guardians will be responsible for the supervision of children throughout the event.
- During the carols we ask that children partake in the singing with their families and refrain from playing on the playground.
- No bikes, skateboards, scooters or roller blades are permitted to be ridden on school grounds during the event.
- In compliance with Department of Education and School's Health Education Policy, this will be a smoke and alcohol free event.

Looking forward to seeing many of our parent and friends on the night.

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR - CHANNEL 7 BROADCAST

Don't miss the Channel 7 two-hour broadcast this Saturday 5 December (7 pm to 9 pm) featuring segments of this year's live Victorian State Schools Spectacular! Look out for our Choir who performed as part of the mass choir in this year's spectacular.

For the first time, the show will be streamed on 7Live, which is a one-off chance to view the Spectacular online at the same time as it is televised.

Tina King (Principal)

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2015 IS FRIDAY, 18 DECEMBER – FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND ASSEMBLY IN THE CENTRE AT 1.00PM WITH DISMISSAL AT 1.30PM FIRST SCHOOL DAY FOR STUDENTS IS THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY 2016

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Hi everyone!

Our 2016 budget was presented to School Council last Tuesday and after some careful number crunching, we are able to announce our program fees will not change for 2016. As a Community Owned service it is wonderful that we have the ability to set our own fee structure for our school family users. In comparison with other services within our local shires, Cool Care boasts the most reasonably priced session costs amongst many. It has always been our intention to offer our families a high quality program for their children along with 'user friendly' rates. We hope this meets your needs for care within the school environment.

2016 Enrolment forms are now available for collection. As mentioned previously, we would also appreciate families completing a short survey to assist us in addressing the needs for their child. The raffle prizes are ready for the complimentary hamper draw to be conducted on Thursday 17 December. A raffle ticket will be provided to families upon the return of their enrolment form and survey. We have followed this process over the past couple of years and have found this to be hugely successful for several reasons. We encourage families to return their enrolment form along with the enrolment fee of \$15.00 to secure their places. With an additional 20 places now available for all sessions, taking us up to 90 per session, we are hoping to avoid waiting lists which burdened us this year – so please, be quick to avoid disappointment.

Christmas craft and activities have commenced in Cool Care this week. The children have been waiting patiently for the 1st of December to tick over. They have voted on the craft they would like to participate in with many choices available. They also have their activity and colouring book to work through for the remainder of the term. We have erected our Belonging Tree to become our Christmas tree which hopefully will be laden with lots of handmade 'chrissy decorations'. Have a great week everyone, contact me if I can be of assistance with your care requirements. Stay Cool, Jenny

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Food for Families

ANNUAL APPEAL 2015



We're collecting food for families in need this Christmas!

The SRC has signed up our school community to collect **non-perishable food** and **toiletry items** for families in crisis in the lead-up to the festive season.

It's all part of Wesley Mission Victoria's Food for Families appeal, which helps families who are struggling with the basic cost of living by providing nutritious food and household essentials, at Christmas time and all throughout the year.

We're calling on all **staff/parents/students** to donate non-perishable food and household essentials, which will go directly towards families in need this festive season. Whether it's a single can of food, or a whole bag of groceries, your donation will mean that a local family will be able to put food on the table this Christmas.

A donation box will be located in each classroom and at the General Office. Drop your donations in the box, up until **Thursday 10 December**. If you have any questions, please contact Julianne Haldon, at the school on 9435 1285.

Wesley is encouraging people to consider donating items that are most in need by families and people experiencing homelessness. These include pasta and pasta sauces, ready-to-eat meals, baby food, breakfast cereal and essential toiletries.

We look forward to your generous support.
SRC – 2015

About Food for Families:

This is the 24th year of Wesley Mission Victoria's annual Food for Families appeal. The non-perishable food and household essentials collected mean that families and individuals experiencing crisis and homelessness can put a meal on the table at Christmas time and all throughout the year. Last year, Wesley collected almost 48 tonnes of donations, providing food for 20,000 families of four throughout the year ahead. This year, with your help, our aim is to collect even more.

Most Needed items

For a list of most needed items, visit:

<https://wesley.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Food-for-Families-Suggested-Items-List.pdf>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT!

fundraising committee



Christmas Creative Art Competition

Prizes to be won!!!

From Thursday 26 November to Thursday 17 December - there are two separate sheets for you to colour! Please bring your finished entry/entries and the \$2.00 entry fee (which includes both pages) to the office by Thursday 17 December.
Enquiries 9435 1285



OUR INQUIRY

Hi – our names are Aisha and Larissa. For our inquiry, our question has been “How does rubbish affect animals?”

We have found out a lot of information and rubbish does affect animals in many ways, such as:

- Birds eating plastic made from a Slurpee cup.
- Chip packets going down the drain and fish eating it or getting tangled in it.

We want you to not litter, so we can save animal’s lives and also, we want you to pick up rubbish whenever you see it! THANK YOU!

SCHOOL BANKING

Thank you to all our wonderful super savers – this year, our school has received a whopping \$881 in commission (our school receives 50c per deposit). I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas – don’t forget to keep saving over the holidays!

Thanks, Leanne Brook (School Banking Coordinator)



The WNPS staff and students would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to LEANNE who has volunteered her time FOR MANY YEARS to process our school banking – we think Leanne does an AMAZING job!

**CHANNEL SEVEN BROADCAST OF
2015 State School Spectacular
SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER - 7pm to 9pm**
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This is a great opportunity for your family and friends across Australia to stream the show on any device available to them (smart phone, tablet and laptop).

Leadership @ WNPS

Term 4 - Week 9: Monday 30th Nov - Friday 4th December

House Captain Nominees for 2016

- The Physical Education Teacher and Year 5/6 Teacher representative convene a meeting with the House Captain nominees on Monday 30th November at 12:30pm.

House Captain Nominees 2016

- Application forms due Thursday 3rd December to the School Office by 3:30pm.

House Captain Selection Panel

- On Thursday 3rd of December the House Captain Leadership Selection Panel, which consists of the Physical Education Coordinator and a Year 5/6 Teacher representative will meet to shortlist the applicants.
- Successful applicants will be notified Friday 4th of December.

Leadership @ WNPS

Term 4 - Week 10: Monday 7 Dec – Friday 11th Dec

House Captain Nominees 2016

- Successful House Captain applicants will present their speeches to the Year 4 and Year 5 students in their respective houses on Friday 11th December at 9:30am in the Year 5/6 classrooms.

Voting for House Captain 2016

- Voting will commence on Friday 11th December immediately following the House Captain applicants speeches.

House Captain Nominees 2016

- Votes will be counted on Friday 11th December and successful House Captains and Vice-House Captains will be presented to their respective houses on Friday 11th December.

Leadership @ WNPS

Term 4 - Week 11

House Captains and Vice-Captains 2016

- The WNPS House Captains and Vice-Captains are presented to our school community at assembly on Monday 14th December, 2015

Future Leadership 2016 @ WNPS

- Student Representative Council (SRC), Green Team and the Wellbeing Team representatives will be elected in 2016.

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PE & Sport News

2016 WATSONIA NORTH SWIMMING TRIALS

Each year Watsonia North sends a team to participate in the Watsonia District School Sports Association swimming carnival. The carnival is held early in Term 1 and swimming trials for this event will be held. Children aged 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 are eligible to participate in 50 metres freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly and freestyle relays. Students need to be **CONFIDENT** swimmers using the correct stroke technique. Backstroke is the only event where swimmers start in the water, otherwise they start with a dive entry at the deep end of the pool. Please note the following events/age groups will run at District level, for example – age groups as follows (candles on the cake in 2016):

- 9 or 10 year old boys – freestyle
- 11 year old boys – freestyle
- 12 or 13 year old boys – freestyle

If students are interested, the Christmas and summer holidays are a great opportunity to start training for 2016.

THIRD IN STATE – HOOPTIME STATE FINALS!

What a performance by our 5/6 Girls' Hooptime team. Teams travelled from all over Victoria to attend the All Stars Girls' and Boys' State Finals day held at Dandenong Basketball stadium last week.

The WNPS girls won their 4 group games throughout the day and finished on top of their pool and went straight to the State quarter finals.

The girls were successful in the quarter final. The semi-final was an outstanding game with the game being **all tied up at full time**. Unfortunately, the girls were defeated in overtime.

A big thank you to all the parents who drove the girls and scored throughout the day, and to Mr Eastwood for his wonderful coaching.

State Hooptime Semi-Finals is a wonderful effort – well done girls – you are all superstars!

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sports Coordinator)



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