



# Wednesday Weekly

3 December  
2014

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## From the Principal

### STAFFING NEWS

We congratulate **Mrs Kay Bridgman** who has attained a position at Geelong Grammar (Toorak Campus) for 2015 and beyond as a Reading Recovery and Literacy Support teacher. Kay commenced her teaching career at Watsonia North and has served our school community for over 22 years. This is remarkable and we would like to thank Kay for her dedication, commitment and outstanding service, not just to our school, but the government educational sector. Kay has impacted many lives, assisting children in overcoming hurdles and building key skills and learning in literacy. She has also significantly impacted and influenced teacher capacity by supporting colleagues in developing teaching practices related to the teaching of literacy. Kay has been an enormous contributor to our school and we will miss her!

### Election Day BBQ

Thank you to the parents, grandparents and students who willingly gave up their time in order to assist with the BBQ last Saturday. The combined efforts of all involved raised over \$1,000 dollars and special thanks to Wendy Thornbury for coordinating the event. Your efforts and support are greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

### School Crossing Supervisor – Sharpes Road

Many of you have expressed concern as to the absence of our regular crossing supervisor in Sharpes Road. **Alan Burrows** has suffered a mild stroke and after a brief stay in hospital, is recuperating well. We are not certain as to his return date, but rest assured that all is now well with Alan.



### TWILIGHT MARKET AND CAROLS NIGHT

We hope you have marked the date (**Thursday, 11 December**), got the picnic rug and hamper organised and the vocal chords have been warmed. Our small, yet active team of PFA and staff volunteers have been working tirelessly to ensure planning and organisation of 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 you on the night.

*Tina King* (Principal)

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Ho Ho Ho!! Christmas in Cool Care has begun. We have our 'Christmas Belonging Tree' erected in the foyer and decorations are slowly but surely being hung. The children are seriously into their Christmas Books and craft. There are paper chains to be made and many other colourful 'little guys' to be chosen from. The children's 'Wall of Choices' has had a large amount of contributions over the past couple of weeks with the voting quite intense and 'serious'. The choices will be ticked off the list as they are completed with the art and craft area abuzz with excitement.

Registration forms for 2015 are now available. We are also asking families to complete a short review for us. We appreciate that everyone is snowed under with paperwork at the moment however, we hope parent/carers may be able to put a little time aside to sit with their children to provide us with some feedback. Planning and implementation of experiences in Cool Care is strongly based on child initiated activities. We are always keen to receive input from all involved to provide accordingly. The inaugural hamper raffle is yet again up and running and the winners will be drawn on Wednesday 17 December. Prizes will be allocated during the last two days of the term. To ensure you are entered in to our complimentary raffles, please return your forms to receive your ticket prior to this date.

Monday 8 December, Cool Care will hold its final disco for this year. Two of our students are our Year 6 organisers. The boys have worked hard to put this afternoon together for their mates. Children have been 'interviewed' for their favourite songs with the boys deciding the appropriateness in a very mature manner. Well done boys, we are all looking forward to Monday afternoon. We still have a few vacancies if your child/ren are registered and they would like to attend. Give me a call! The following Monday, 15 December,

we are anticipating a Movie afternoon. Stay tuned next week for more details. School Council has approved our indicative budget for next year with the good news that our program fees will remain the same as this year. We are thrilled that we are able to offer our families a very reasonably priced high quality program, keeping the costs down and making our service financially accessible to our community. Please contact me for a 2015 registration form .... our sessions this year have been extremely busy, so I encourage users to return their completed form and registration fee of \$15.00 to secure their bookings for next year.

Have a super week. Enjoy our finally warmer weather ... returning your forms back to me as soon as possible please!  
Stay Cool  
Jenny



**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2014 IS FRIDAY, 19 DECEMBER – FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND ASSEMBLY IN THE CENTRE AT 1.00PM WITH DISMISSAL AT 1.30PM**



## **LAST DAY FOR UNIFORMS! THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER**

Uniform shop re-opens **ONE DAY PRIOR** to school starting – **WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2015 from 10.00am to 12.00pm**  
**THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY – 8.30-9.30am as normal**

I would like to thank **DEBBIE** very much for all her help in the uniform shop over the year – it is **GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

Also, thanks to **IRENE** for helping us when needed! Without these two ladies, the Uniform Shop wouldn't run as well as it does!  
**Jodie Park (Uniform Shop Coordinator)**



### ELECTION DAY BBQ

Thank you to everyone who supported the school by buying a sausage, drink or snack on Saturday. The weather was wonderful and it was a very successful day.

A huge thank you to the generous volunteers who came to help on the day.

### TWILIGHT CAROLS

**11 December 2014: 5pm to 8pm**

Come along for an evening of brilliant student performances, a variety of market stalls, free kids activities and a visit from our special guest. This year, the student performances will be held at 7.00pm, with market stalls (including the PFA food stall) closing at that time. This will allow all parents and friends to watch the performances and support our super talented kids.

Make sure you get to the food stalls early so you don't miss out. We will be located at and next to the canteen and will be selling sausages, chicken schnitzel rolls, slurpees, lollies and snacks.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help on the night. We are still looking for helpers to set up from 4.00pm, help at the PFA stall and sell raffle tickets from 5.00pm to 7.00pm and assist with the packing up.

### RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return all ticket stubs and money to the office by 3.00pm on Monday 8 December. Extra ticket books are available at the office. The raffle will be drawn at the Twilight Carols.

We have a number of high quality donations from our stall holders and local businesses to be won. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact me at [watsonianorthpspfa@gmail.com](mailto:watsonianorthpspfa@gmail.com)  
 Cara Wilkins (PFA Secretary)

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**YEAR 5/6 CAMP RUMBUG**  
**MONDAY, 16 FEBRUARY TO WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2015**  
 Please note that full payment for the 2015 Year 5/6 Camp is due by no later than FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER. Please contact the office if you wish to discuss this payment.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri, 5 Dec	Choir Tour – 1 <sup>st</sup> day
Wed, 10 Dec	Choir Tour – 2 <sup>nd</sup> day
Thurs, 11 Dec	Twilight Carols
Wed, 17 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prep EOY – Hands on Science</li> <li>• Year 1 EOY – Kew Traffic School</li> <li>• Year 2 EOY – Epping Leisure Centre</li> <li>• Year 3/4 EOY – Westerfolds Park</li> </ul>
Thurs, 18 Dec	Year 5/6 EOY – Oz Tenpin Bowling
Fri, 19 Dec	1.00pm Assembly – 1.30pm Dismissal

# Performing Arts News

## CHOIR TOUR

Both choirs will be participating in the choir tour - this is the third year we have been running this successful end-of-year activity. The dates are the 5 & 10 December - notes have been issued this week and I ask all families to attend to this as soon as possible. **Please note the incorrect amount shown at the bottom of the letter - the amount to be paid is \$30, not \$25.**

## STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

I have received confirmation that WNPS will be performing as part of the massed choir in the 2015 Victorian State Schools Spectacular. Not a compulsory event, places are limited and will be restricted to students who are members of the choir in 2015, and preference will be given to children in older year levels. This is always an exciting event and a great opportunity for our students. **PLEASE NOTE: Children who wish to audition as a dancer, vocal soloist or instrumentalist in the State Schools Spectacular, separate to the WNPS Massed Choir, can do so independently - please contact the Performing Arts Unit.** We have had many of our students do this in the past and they have found it a very rewarding experience.

## YEAR 3 2015

Is your child entering Year 3 in 2015? They will need a recorder! 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 will go out at the very start of the year. Year 3 students also have the opportunity to take up group recorder lessons with Tony Barnden for a lower than usual price - information will be provided in term 1, 2015.

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)



**ONE DAY ONLY**

## J9's Master Chef Kitchen Bake Sale

On Thursday the 4th of December J9 is having a bake sale in the Year 2 courtyard at recess time.

Prices start at **20c**



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# Christmas Family Night



**FREE**



**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 6pm - 8pm**

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**NEW Super Mums Class Monday 9:30am**

# WNPS TWILIGHT CAROLS



**Thursday 11th  
December  
2014**

**5pm to 8pm**



- Student performances
- PFA BBQ and snacks stall
  - Slushies
  - Lucky Dips
  - Raffle

Plus...

A variety of market stalls,  
Free face painting and kids  
activities and a  
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