



Wednesday Weekly

4 February
2015

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From the Principal

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the new school year and the first newsletter for 2015. I hope everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable break. The children have delighted in the sharing of all their adventures and happenings over the holidays and it was lovely to see everyone back, looking refreshed and recharged.

A very warm welcome is extended to all new members of our school community. Our Prep students have had a wonderful start, settling in quickly and familiarising themselves with their new environment. There is certainly a very settled and calm feeling in the Prep classrooms and across the school. We have had several new families take up residence in the neighbouring area and we have welcomed a number of new students and their respective families to our school.

On the staffing front, **Mrs Melissa Greatrex** has returned to her full time teaching role and is working in Year 1. Over the course of the last few years, Melissa has worked in the Maths support role and we are very excited to have her back full time. I am pleased to announce that **Mrs Julie Austin** and **Mrs Jenny Storer** are returning to work part time in the Numeracy and Literacy support roles for this year.

Teachers have been working hard over the holidays, preparing classrooms, organising resources and planning programs. We have commenced the year with much excitement and we look forward to working with you all throughout the year. School life provides a myriad of experiences and we encourage families to become involved in both the formal and informal happenings at the school. The weekly newsletter is an important means of communication and we ask you to read it diligently each week.

Next Tuesday 10 February, area teams will be hosting an information session for parents and caregivers. The sessions will provide an opportunity to meet key staff working in your child's year level. Information will also be distributed relating to events and programs relevant to each year level. We strongly encourage parents to attend. The session times and host rooms will be as follows:

6:00pm to 7:00pm Prep (Room J15)
Year 3/4 (Room M21)

7:30pm to 8:30pm Years 1 (Room J14)
Year 2 (Room J09)
Year 5/6 (Library)

SUMMER MONTHS & SUNSMART

The school's Sunsmart policy requires all students to wear hats when playing or working outside from the months of September through to April. **The only acceptable hats for our students are those supplied as part of the school uniform** as they provide protection to the face, ears and neck. Children who do not have hats are required to play and work in the designated shade areas.

The application of sunscreen is also a requirement during the warm months when UV levels can be quite high. Children are asked to apply sunscreen in the morning before arriving to school and to re-apply at recess and lunchtimes. Departmental regulations prohibit staff from applying or supplying sunscreen. Teachers will however provide children with prompts and reminders for re-application if they have a roll-on or tube of sunscreen in their bag.

Students are also encouraged to drink lots of water throughout the day in order to remain properly hydrated. Children have access to their drink bottles within their classroom and are therefore encouraged to bring their water bottles to school daily.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

A reminder to school families that school contributions (which have been set and endorsed by School Council), need to be finalised as soon as possible. It is always a financial challenge to ensure that our students are getting the best possible educational opportunities, services and facilities. Without your support, via these contributions, we simply could not offer all that is available at Watsonia North. On behalf of School Council, we would like to thank the many families who have paid their fees and we look forward to continued levels of high support. Please remember that we now have EFTPOS facilities at the office (\$10 minimum transaction).

Principal's Report continued

PERSONAL PROPERTY

The bringing of any unnecessary personal property to school is strongly discouraged, particularly any valuable items such as mobile phones, calculators, special toys, sporting equipment etc. The Department of Education does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, parents, staff and visitors.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

It is an expectation that students attend normal school hours every day of each term. There will be times when due to illness and other unforeseeable circumstances, students will be absent from school. In such circumstances, parents/guardians need to provide a written or verbal notification of the absence to the classroom teacher. On occasions, families decide to take holiday periods during school terms. Please note that such requests must be submitted in writing to the Principal.

SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS AND PARKING

With the 2015 school year having formally commenced, it is an opportune time to remind everyone of the importance of road safety around schools. School drop off and pick up times are very busy periods and we ask everyone to adhere to the 40 km speed limit and parking conditions and restrictions around the school. Parking inspectors from Banyule City Council and Police often frequent these areas to ensure compliance from drivers and pedestrians. A friendly reminder also about the staff car park – for safety reasons, this is not to be used as a drop off and pick up point. Student and pedestrian access to the school via the car park is not permitted.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council plays a critical role in setting the key directions of the school within Departmental guidelines. For the information of all families (particularly those parents who have their first child at school this year), the following is a list of the broad **Roles and Responsibilities** of our School Council.

- Determining the educational policy, goals and priorities of the school within the framework of the school development plan and statewide guidelines.
- Approving and monitoring the school budget (including school-generated funds).
- Ensuring that all funds coming into the hands of the council are expended for proper purposes.
- Entering contracts for purposes consistent with the school's development plan.
- Developing the school's student dress code and the student code of conduct.
- Reporting annually to the school community and to the Department of Education.
- Employing non-teaching staff and casual relief teachers.

- Exercising a general oversight of the buildings and grounds and ensuring that they are kept in good order and condition.
- Providing for necessary cleaning and sanitation services.
- Generally stimulating interest in the school.

Each year, at this time, half of our School Council retires and an election is held to fill these vacant positions. We will have two staff vacancies and four parent vacancies to fill.

Shortly, all families will be sent information about School Council Elections for this year. I urge you to consider nominating.

Tina King (Principal)

1:1 Student Laptop Computer Program (Year 3 & 4 only)

Information Evening Change of Date

All students in Years 3 & 4 should have received an information booklet and a letter of explanation for the proposed 1:1 Student Laptop Computer Program.

Please note the Information Evening will now be held on THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY at 6.00pm in the Library. Please return the slip on the letter of explanation as soon as possible.

Thank you, Rachel Mercuri (ICT Coordinator)

FOR SALE

2 TICKETS TO "THE EAGLES" CONCERT –
SATURDAY, 28 FEBRUARY – 2.30PM
SESSION AT HANGING ROCK RESERVE –
0402 342 842



**YEAR 5/6 CAMP FINAL PAYMENT
DUE BY FRIDAY, 13 FEBRUARY**
(Camp: Monday 16 February until Wednesday, 18 February)

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



Tel: 9432 3213 24 hours

Hi everyone!

Welcome to the world of Cool Care for 2015. Yes we are back with bells ringing loudly and lots to say (again)! Trusting the holiday break brought with it a little rest and time to spend with your children, friends and family. We welcome new families to Cool Care and hope that your stay with us proves to be pleasant for your whole family. We pride ourselves on open communications and encourage all stakeholders to advise us of any concerns, with hopefully a chance to share many happy and exciting experiences as the year progresses too. Suggestions and ideas are welcome. Families are supplied with an Expression of Interest form upon enrolment. If you would like to be involved in the reviewing of policies and procedures please let us know by return of this form. As we review and update relevant policies, a copy will be provided to interested families for comment and input.

2015 appears to be a very busy year in Cool Care. Our attendance figures are the highest we have experienced for many years. At the moment we have a waiting list for every afternoon session, although there have been several alterations already with families no longer requiring sessions requested, which in turn, has allowed families not originally confirmed with care, a chance to secure sessions. If, as an enrolled family, you have requested sessions you no longer need, please advise me as soon as possible to enable waiting families care.

Families on the current waiting lists have been asked to call us as the week progresses to advise if the sessions requested are still needed, ie if not wanting care to let us know. Due to the number of families on our waiting lists, it is not possible for us to call you all individually each day. We are asking families to call us to enquire about availability and if care is possible. Until 23/2 we have limited vacancies for after care. After this date with the Prep children commencing after care, this will not be the case. All families on waiting lists have been advised of their situation. We thank you for your understanding and are endeavouring to place your children as soon as possible.

The beginning of the year is a perfect time for the children to make suggestions regarding toys or equipment they would like in Cool Care. We are constantly dispensing with broken and non- functioning items with the intention of replacing them with either the same or possibly new items. We provide children the opportunity to place their ideas and requests on the Cool Care Wall of Choices. Perhaps over the dinner table you may be able to chat with the children about things they would like in Cool Care and let us know. As families form an integral part of the Cool Care service, our aim is to meet each individual's needs.

Do you have any changes since enrolment late last year? Contact numbers or persons may have changed? We would appreciate families advising us of any changes as they occur. It is imperative we have up to date information to ensure your child's safety and well-being is possible.

At the conclusion of 2014, we requested our families complete a brief survey to assist us with providing care in the appropriate way to our families. A complimentary raffle ticket was provided on receipt of this survey and return of this year's enrolment form. Sending you our best wishes for an outstanding 2015 we hope your time in Cool Care is lots of fun.

Until next week, stay cool, Jenny

**SCHOOL
PHOTOGRAPHS:
SIBLING PHOTOS –
MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY
INDIVIDUAL & CLASS
PHOTOS – WEDNESDAY,
25 FEBRUARY**

Students will receive ordering information in the next few days



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Performing Arts News

CHOIR

Senior Choir is now recruiting! Application forms were issued to 2014 choristers and to students who may be interested in becoming part of our school choir. 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 coordinating 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! 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. There is also the opportunity to take up group recorder lessons with Tony Barnden for a lower than usual price – please indicate on the form at the bottom of the recorder notice if you are interested in this.

CLARINET GROUP PROGRAM

Students in Years 4 and 5 THIS YEAR might consider joining our beginner clarinet program – Mr Fitzgerald will be teaching beginner groups in terms 1 and 2. Letters have been issued to students who have indicated an interest in this program. The **total cost is \$120, which includes 10 lessons and loan of the instrument**, with an option to purchase and continue individual lessons following the program. Please call Mr Perry if you have any questions.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Did you know that children learn clarinet, drumkit, flute, guitar, keyboard, piano, recorder, saxophone and violin at WNPS? Some children have been learning for several years, since they were preps! These lessons are **separate** to the classroom Music sessions and are **elective** rather than compulsory. Lesson times are at a set time during the school day, although some families arrange for the lessons to take place before or after school. Application / information forms were sent around to classes this week, and **spare forms** are available at the **Front Office** or the **Music Office**.

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)

Canteen News

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a relaxing and well-deserved break. The Canteen is up and running as usual. A new Price List was sent home last week, but call in to the canteen if you didn't get one, or alternatively download one from the school's website.

We still have TASTY TUESDAY – EVERY TUESDAY! For our new families who don't know about "Tasty Tuesday", this is very popular and for only \$5.00, you get:



A SAUSAGE ROLL

PLUS A MINI MUFFIN (CHOC CHIP or BLUEBERRY)

PLUS A SLURPEE

PLUS A FRUIT STICK



REGULAR MENU is still available on TUESDAYS

CANTEEN ASSISTANCE

If you would like to help in the Canteen, please fill out the form below and return it to the canteen or office. THURSDAY and FRIDAY are our busiest days so your help on those days would be great, especially Friday. A roster will be sent home next week. Thank you for your help, it is much appreciated!

Cheers – Di & Karen!

CANTEEN ASSISTANCE

Yes, I would love to help in the Canteen! My preferred day in the canteen is:

WED THUR FRI

Once per term Twice per term

Your Name:

Phone Number:

Child's Name: Rm:

PE & Sport News

ABOUT SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA (SSV)

School Sport Victoria (SSV) actively promotes school sport for all Victorian school students, years 4 to 12, as a means of supporting schools in developing their students' health and well-being. SSV operates under the auspices of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Membership of School Sport Victoria is open to all Victorian schools, providing the opportunities to participate in programs that extends from grassroots intra and inter school sport, to district, division, region, state and national levels. Students attending schools affiliated with SSV are eligible for selection in Victorian Teams to compete in 2015 School Sport Australia National Championships. Further information is available from me or on the School Sport Victoria website, www.ssv.vic.edu.au Parents are encouraged to regularly visit the site.

FIXTURE – SUMMER SPORT 2015

ROUND 1	FRI, 6 FEB	WNPS v Bundoora (home)
ROUND 2	FRI, 13 FEB	WNPS v Greensborough (home)
ROUND 3	FRI, 20 FEB	Streeton v WNPS (away)
ROUND 4	FRI, 27 FEB	Watsonia Heights v WNPS (away)
ROUND 5	FRI, 6 MAR	WNPS v St Marys (home)
ROUND 6	FRI, 13 MAR	Watsonia v WNPS (away)
ROUND 7	FRI, 20 MAR	Norris Bank v WNPS (away)
FINALS	FRI, 25 MAR	No make-up rounds due to short term

WNPS INTERSCHOOL SPORT POLICY

Just a reminder to all families that our interschool sport policy can be found on our school website at:

http://www.wats-north.vic.edu.au/school_policies.html

VENUES FOR INTERSCHOOL SPORT

- Bundoora PS – cricket played at Telfer Reserve, all other sports played at school grounds.
- Greensborough PS – cricket and rounders played at War Memorial Oval, basketball and bat tennis played at school.
- Watsonia PS – all sports played at school grounds.
- WNPS – cricket played at Warrawee Park, Jacqueline Road (10 minute walk) – all other sports played at school grounds.
- St Mary's PS – cricket played at Whatmough Park, Greensborough, all other sports played at school grounds.
- Streeton PS – all sports played at school grounds.
- Norris Bank PS – sports played at school grounds or across road (short walk) Greenhills Road, Norris Bank Reserve.

WNPS DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Monday, 23 February at Watermarc, Greensborough – 10.00am-12.40pm.

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY DISTRIBUTION 2015

PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE OPTION

Please note that the emailed Wednesday Weekly is in **FULL COLOUR**

Your Name/s:

Eldest Child's Name:

** IMPORTANT! **

Eldest Child's Home Group in 2015: Home Group (eg J8):

- I am currently receiving the Wednesday Weekly by email and would like to continue to do so – I **have confirmed my eldest child's room number in a reply email to Jill.**
- I am currently receiving the Wednesday Weekly by email, and do not wish to continue. I would like a hard copy of the WW sent to my child each week.
- I would like to start receiving the Wednesday by email.

To confirm your email address, please send an email by **Friday, 13 February** to:

lewis.jill.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

** In the subject heading please state 'Wednesday Weekly' and **your family name and eldest child's home group:**

For example:

Subject: Wednesday Weekly – Jones Family J8

- I would to receive a **black and white** 'hard copy' of the Wednesday Weekly sent to my child each week.
- I do not wish to receive a copy of the Wednesday Weekly.

SCHOOL BANKING



Welcome back to all our school savers and bankers. School bank day is every TUESDAY. WNPS school banking is with the Commonwealth Bank, Watsonia. The school receives commission for every deposit made and every new bank account opened. Preps will be receiving an information pack this week.

Thanks, Leanne Brook (School Banking Coordinator)



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E-mail: jyamen@optusnet.com.au

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Starting Date: 8th of March 2015
Registration Date: Saturday 10 am - 11 am
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Address: James Street Reserve
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