



# Wednesday Weekly

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## From the Principal

### EDUCATION WEEK

This week, our school is celebrating *Education Week* with Monday's open morning seeing many visitors to our school. Children have enjoyed seeing families and friends visit their classrooms and our guest presenter, **Jon Madin** is engaging everyone in the Marimba workshops. Many activities are taking place across the school throughout the week. Please refer to the program which was distributed last week. If you have misplaced your copy, call past the office to collect a spare one.

### SUNSMART POLICY – HATS & SUNSCREEN

A reminder that as per our SunSmart Policy, hats will no longer need to be worn or sunscreen applied for the rest of this term. This is effective from Monday 2 May through to September.

### NAPLAN TESTING

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students is being held next week.

Testing will take place over three days:

- Tuesday 10 May – Language Conventions & Writing
- Wednesday 11 May – Reading
- Thursday 14 May – Numeracy

The results of the test will provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

### YEAR 5/6 CAMP

In a few weeks time, approximately 150 Year 5/6 students and 15 brave staff, will head off to Phillip Island Adventure Resort for a 3 day camp. This is a great camp and we are looking forward to the adventures and experiences the camp will provide. **Please note that as Jill and I will be attending the camp, there will be no edition of the Wednesday Weekly on Wednesday 18 May.**

### 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.

### MOTHER'S DAY WISHES

Wishing all mums and grandmothers a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. This is a very special day where we all have opportunity to take the time to acknowledge and remember that very special someone who supports and encourages us.

We are in gratitude to our wonderful Fundraising Committee and all the volunteers who have assisted with the Mother's Day stall this week which is being held on Thursday and Friday.

It is always wonderful to hear children's thoughts as to why they think their mum is so special. Below are some reflections for you to enjoy:

*I love my mum because she is very, very funny and she is a great cook.*

*My mum is special to me because she looks after me and takes care of me. I love her because she cooks me dinner, washes my clothes and looks after me when I am sick.*

*My mum is very special and I love her very much because she is kind to me and keeps me safe.*

*My mum is special because she makes delicious dinners and she buys me stuff from the shops all the time.*

*I love my mum heaps because she is kind and buys me heaps of toys. She makes me feel safe and special and she is the best mum in the world.*

*My mum is special because she helps me with my homework and she cooks great healthy meals.*

*I love my mum because she is nice, she plays games with me and she looks after me.*

*Tina King* (Principal)





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Hi everyone

Hope you all had a happy and healthy weekend.

With Mother's Day coming up this weekend, we would like to wish all of our mums and grand-mums a wonderful day on Sunday. Hopefully the little guys in Cool Care will decide to make you one of our carefully chosen cards for you to enjoy.

Our current joint project is all about *Cakes*. Several of the girls last week requested some printed cup-cakes to colour. Following discussion, the idea to create a brightly coloured display board for all to contribute to was agreed to. This is looking fantastic, and especially fantastic to see several children not normally found at the 'texta' tables participating. A joint venture always creates wonderful discussions, enthusiasm, participation and all things that go with a 'belonging environment'. We love this - keep up the good work everyone. Stay tuned for a photo when we are satisfied with the end result.

With high winds this week, we may find we will be spending several afternoons inside. An opportunity for children to complete their homework prior to heading home for family time. The homework area is open at all times so please let us know if your children are required to do their homework when with us - it is a little baffling at times when a majority of the older children tell us they never have any. Have a super week everyone, stay cool - Jenny



## **fundraising committee**

### **MOTHER'S DAY HAMPER GIVEAWAY**

Celebrating Mother's Day we have two beautiful hampers to give away ...

Simply tell us in words or illustration why your mum/special person in your life brings a smile to your face.

Drop your entry into the box at the office from Monday 2 May - Thursday 5 May. Winners will be announced on Friday 6 May.

Good luck and we look forward to seeing your entries.



Just a reminder that the Mother's Day Stall will be held in the Library on Thursday 5 May and Friday 6 May from 9.00am to 12.30pm. **All gifts are \$5 each.**

**Thank you, Fundraising Committee**



### **CLOSED THIS THURSDAY**

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be closed tomorrow but will **be open on FRIDAY (6 May) instead (8.30 - 9.30am).**

Thank you for your cooperation.  
**Jodie Park (Uniform Shop  
Coordinator)**



# Performing Arts News

## CHORAL @ MONTSALVAT

39 choristers gave up their Sunday to attend what is becoming an annual event for the WNPS choir – **Choral @ Montsalvat**. In the beautiful historic building of the Great Hall, we performed six pieces in the various choir combinations, including two pieces with the entire choir. Some choristers stayed on to listen to other choirs that performed on the day, including Mr Perry's adult choir AR Cappella. Well done to participating choristers, particularly those for whom it was their first performance at Montsalvat!

## BANYULE SUPERCHOIR

As you can see, it has been a busy time for the choir: last Thursday we attended the **Banyule Superchoir Workshop** at Montmorency Secondary College, in conjunction with Greensborough College, Montmorency SC, and Rosanna PS. Well-known performer and VCA teacher Trevor Jones took us through the song "Africa", as well as some of his own songs and activities, and Mr Perry taught the song "Fix You" in the session after lunch. Both performances were recorded and will be posted on the Specialist blog, which is: <http://wnpsspecialists.global2.vic.edu.au/>

## MSO EXCURSION

This year's excursion to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra is on **tomorrow Thursday 5 May**. This is for **all students in Years 1 and 2**. We are looking forward to an exciting performance. Children have been working in Music classes on the pieces we will be hearing, including *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, *Hoedown*, and the interactive piece *Bamboozled*.

## YEAR 3 TO 6 PRODUCTION

Our production will swing into action this term, involving **all children in Years 3 to 6**. Venues and dates will be confirmed in the next couple of weeks, but we are looking at a couple of dates in **mid-August**. There will be **one evening for Year 3/4 students** and **one for Year 5/6 students**. As usual, we are asking for parent support in areas of costume, props and other roles. Please speak to Mr Perry at the school if you have other questions about this.

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)

**\*\* REMINDER \*\***  
**YEAR 5/6 CAMP**  
**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY to**  
**FRIDAY 20 MAY**  
**FINAL PAYMENT FOR CAMP IS DUE BY**  
**NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 13 MAY**

## PE & Sport News

### THIS WEEK – ROUND 3

WNPS v Watsonia Heights (home).  
Football at Binnak Park, Soccer at Loyola, Netball and Softball at WNPS.



## YEAR 3-6 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all of the students who competed in the 2016 House Cross Country. A big thank you to all the teachers and parent helpers that made the day a success, and to the parents who also supported the event.

Students who finished in the top 10 will now go on to compete in the Watsonia District Cross Country held at Banyule Flats on Wednesday, 25 May. Information will be sent home shortly.


This year's House Champions were GRAY!

1 <sup>st</sup>	GRAY	331
2 <sup>nd</sup>	BATESON	284
3 <sup>rd</sup>	EDGLEY	279
4 <sup>th</sup>	McCONNELL	253

Well done to all of you and good luck for District.

**Trent O'Sullivan**

**(PE & Sport Coordinator)**



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