



# Wednesday Weekly

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## From the Principal

### CESSATION OF EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) PROGRAM

The EMA currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children. As a result of the School Funding Reform agreement, the Victorian government is changing the way it helps low income families with educational expenses. The EMA program will cease at the end of 2014, with the final payment being made in August of this year. Parents will not be able to apply for the EMA in 2015. The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment families may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require further information on the cessation of the EMA program.

### WATSONIA RSL REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

A WNPS delegation from the Year 5/6 area will attend the Remembrance Day Commemorative Service next Tuesday 11 November, at the Watsonia RSL. Our school representatives will place a wreath in memory and appreciation of all who have served and died in war. On this day, our nation commemorates the sacrifices members of our armed forces have made, and we will be having a minutes silence at school.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Last year, School Council endorsed changes to our school uniform policy after feedback from parents and students. The revised policy provides clarity around the many shades of grey, maroon and gold we appear to have and the type of footwear that

is required. All t-shirts, polo-shirts, jumpers and jackets, must display the school logo and these items are available for purchase from the uniform shop. This year has been a transitional period, however we aim to have full compliance by 2015. Please find the revised policy below with items available for order and purchase from the uniform shop.

*Tina King* (Principal)

## Watsonia North PS School Uniform Policy

Watsonia North is a compulsory uniform school and enrolment is conditional on compliance with the school's uniform code. The following items make up the uniform for Watsonia North and children may select from these:

### BOYS

#### Summer

Grey or maroon shorts

#### Worn with:

Gold T-shirt  
or Gold polo shirt  
or Maroon polo shirt

#### Winter

Maroon Fleece Windcheater  
Maroon Polar Fleece Zip Jacket  
Maroon Bomber Jacket (with gold trim)  
Maroon Wet Weather Jacket  
Maroon Track Suit Pants  
Grey Pants

#### Worn with:

Polo Shirt – Maroon or Gold  
Gold T-Shirt

Socks may be white or grey

### GIRLS

#### Summer

Summer Dress – Maroon school check  
Maroon shorts

#### Worn with:

Gold T-shirt  
or Gold polo shirt  
or Maroon polo shirt

#### Winter

Maroon Fleece Windcheater  
Maroon Polar Fleece Zip Jacket  
Maroon Bomber Jacket (with gold trim)  
Maroon Wet Weather Jacket  
Maroon Bootleg pants  
Grey Skirt

#### Worn with:

Polo Shirt – Maroon or Gold  
Gold T-Shirt

Socks may be white or grey  
Grey tights may also be worn with  
dress or skirt

#### Please note:

- All students must have a compulsory Watsonia North Primary School Bag.
- A school slouch hat must be worn as per the school's Sunsmart policy.
- Black shoes or runners must be worn. Open toed sandals, canvas shoes, slip on footwear and thongs are not allowed. Please note that it is preferable that runners be predominantly black or white.
- Jewellery must be kept to a minimum. Small stud or plain sleepers earrings plus a watch worn on the wrist, are the only acceptable items of jewellery.
- Hair accessories (eg head bands), to be maroon or gold.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Students are expected to keep a neat and tidy appearance at all times.

#### Clothing items not purchased from the school uniform shop:

- Tops (shirts, windcheaters and bomber jackets) must have the school emblem, therefore must be purchased from the Uniform Shop. If other items are bought elsewhere they must adhere to the school's style and colours.

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Tel: 9432 3213 24 hours

Hi everyone

The children voted last week to create a large Flemington Racecourse to depict the wonderful Spring Carnival as seen through their eyes. We will spend this week during the Art and Craft periods adding to the display, with lots of colours and a variety of resources the children have chosen. Last week, using Enviroblox, the art and crafters delicately sculptured flowers, horses, little Melbourne Cups, and lots of little people for this purpose. I believe having the excitement of the Cup at school has increased their knowledge and interest thus creating many little items for our board. The board will be on display in the foyer if you would like to come and share our experience.

Hope all is well for a lovely sunny week, hope to see you soon. Stay Cool, Jenny



## ELECTION DAY BBQ Saturday 29 November

We are still looking for people to help with the cooking and selling of sausages on the day. We will be setting up at 7.30am and packing up at 3.30pm. If you can spare 2 hours on the day (7.30-9.30, 9.30-11.30, 11.30-1.30, 1.30-3.30), please contact Wendy Thornbury (*sorry for the wrong spelling last week at:*

[wendyjt72@bigpond.com](mailto:wendyjt72@bigpond.com)

Regards

Cara Wilkins (PFA Secretary)

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## SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER

Special Group photos will be taken on **TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER.**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SPORTS UNIFORM AND YOUR MUSICAL INSTRUMENT IF RELEVANT.



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Note balcony section is already full of WNPS parents.

## HAVE FUN : PLAY CRICKET!

Milo In2Cricket is back at Bundoora United Cricket Club, commencing this **Sunday 9 November 2014** at 10.00am. Don't forget to **come and register**. All sessions run by accredited senior players. Free sausage sizzle for the kids every week!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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## Help develop an Integrated Transport Plan for Banyule



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### Council would like to hear your ideas

about transport in Banyule. We value your input and invite you to contribute to the development of the new Banyule Integrated Transport Plan. The Plan will describe Banyule's vision for transport across the city and reflect the Banyule City Plan guiding principle of supporting sustainable transport.

Please email your comments to [traffic@banyule.vic.gov.au](mailto:traffic@banyule.vic.gov.au) or write to

Integrated Transport Plan  
PO Box 51  
Ivanhoe 3079



by the end of November 2014. For more information go to [www.banyule.vic.gov.au](http://www.banyule.vic.gov.au)

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