



Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

BRISBANE SCHOOLS VISIT

My visit to Brisbane last week was most professionally rewarding. I visited three delightful schools and worked with their respective staff on the implementation of the Curiosity and Powerful Learning school improvement framework. It was also most interesting to become familiar with another state government system and their operational framework for school improvement. The schools I visited, Fig Tree Pocket State School, Indooroopilly State School and Moggill State School were not too dissimilar to WNPS and like us, committed to developing students who are engaged and curious learners.

Watsonia North has been on an extensive journey over the last four years, implementing the framework ensuring continued growth and development for our teachers as practitioners and our students as learners. I was able to share our school's story and our learnings from the past four years. We will continue the partnership with our Brisbane colleagues and we look forward to ongoing reciprocal visits and collaborations.

CURRICULUM DAY FOR 2016

As noted in previous editions of the newsletter, School Council has endorsed Monday 11 July (first day of Term 3) as a pupil free day. Staff will undertake professional development on this day relating to the Curiosity and Powerful Learning school improvement framework. A reminder also that next Monday 13 June is the Queen's Birthday holiday. We hope all our families enjoy the long weekend.

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Children will be in receipt of their Semester 1 report next week with mid-year interviews scheduled for Tuesday 21 June. Students do not attend school on this day, however they are required to be present during the nominated interview time.

Parents can book a conference time using the School Interview Online booking site. Instructions on how to make a booking has been distributed to families however if you do not have access to a computer or are having difficulties, please contact the school office for assistance.

Mrs Chloe McVeigh (Prep J18) will be on leave during this time and alternative interview times have been arranged. Information relating to the date and times for these alternative interviews has been distributed to families of children in Chloe's class.

INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATION

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks. To help your children stay safe online, Watsonia North hosted a Cyber smart Outreach— Internet Safety Awareness presentation last week. Designed for parents, teachers and students, the presentation was provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cyber smart initiatives.

Unfortunately our parent sessions had to be postponed due to poor attendance. The session is free of charge to parents and we hope to reschedule for early next term. In my role as a parent, I attended an ACMA Cyber smart presentation at my children's school and found the session to be both informative and enlightening. Information gained from the seminar has assisted me in dealing with the complexities and issues surrounding my children's use of digital technology.

We are in the process of securing an alternative date, and we strongly encourage members of our community to attend. Details of the rescheduled session will be published in next week's newsletter.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

Our Prep enrolments for next year are currently being consolidated and parents have until the end of this term to lodge an enrolment form requesting placement at Watsonia North. It is essential that we manage our enrolment numbers to ensure we do not exceed our approved enrolment ceiling. This enrolment ceiling means that priority for enrolment is always given to children for whom we are the closest school to their primary place of residence.

Tina King (Principal)

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Hi everyone! Our second week of the sports program is now in progress. The feedback from both children and parent/carers has been very positive and we are currently in discussion with the provider to set up dates for next term. We will be rotating the age groups and days next term to allow children that may have missed out this time to 'have a go'. Only a couple of weeks of school left once next week starts. A pupil free day will be held on Tuesday 21 June. Cool Care will operate if we receive the minimum attendance of 20 children. Please advise if you require care on this day. Bookings are now open and will close this Friday 10/6 at 6.00pm. If we do not receive 20 children requiring care, Cool Care will not operate and families will be advised in the Wednesday Weekly next week. There is no charge for this day for families with regular bookings. Please contact me if you require any Cool Care information. Have a great week, Jenny

PE & Sport News



RESULTS ROUND 7

Sport	WNPS	Watsonia PS
Football	106	16
Soccer	3	2
Softball	No Softball	
Netball A	18	4
Netball B	11	19

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)

*** REMINDER ***

REMAINING PUPIL FREE DAYS

- Tuesday, 21 June (Reporting Day – students attend for their interview time only)
- Monday, 11 July (first day of Term 3)



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TUESDAY, 21 JUNE 2016

STUDENTS ARE NOT EXPECTED AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY EXCEPT TO ATTEND THEIR CONFERENCE

PLEASE NOTE THAT BOOKINGS OPEN FROM 6.00pm WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE and close on MONDAY, 20 JUNE AT 10.00am.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOOKING

Log in to the web site:

(please type the address carefully)

www.schoolinterviews.com.au



Enter our unique booking code

BOOKING CODE: mdhtf

Performing Arts News

YEAR 3 TO 6 PRODUCTION – “THINGS CAN ONLY GET BETTER”

Our production will swing into action this term, involving all children in Years 3 to 6. We will be using the new auditorium at Eltham High School, on Wednesday 17 August and Thursday 18 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.

CHOIR

SCHOOL OF ROCK IS ON THE HORIZON!!! We have been confirmed to perform at this year's School of Rock on Wednesday 22 June. This is an all-day event and students will be leaving and returning within the school day. Notes are being sent home this week.

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

We have only recently received the music for this year's State Schools Spectacular, and it looks like being another great show. The two performances will both take place on Saturday 10 September – an afternoon and an evening show. Early bird tickets are available now but get in quick!!
David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)

Watsonia Pre-School

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Saturday June 18th
 3.00-6.30pm

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WARRIORS

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR NEW BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINNING 11 JULY

We have GIRLS and BOYS positions available for our Under 8's basketball teams. Training is held locally at Greensborough Secondary College. ALL NEW PLAYERS ARE VERY WELCOME! Registration is via our club website. Please have your registration and fees finalised by 17 June in order to be guaranteed a place in a team. For all enquiries, please contact Team Coordinator - Ashley Arrowsmith 0425 826 967
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6-9 JULY, 2016

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What you can do

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The best way for children to learn to be safe on the roads is under your guidance, in real traffic, in everyday situations. Until children are about 10 or 11 years of age they do not have the necessary skills and physical abilities to be safe on their own so providing supervised practice is important.

Walk or cycle to school with your child.

Take the healthy option. If you can't walk the whole way, consider parking a few streets away and walking the rest of the way. Children under the age of 12 are allowed to ride on footpaths and so can adults riding with them.

Respect the road rules and parking signs.

It is important that parents park legally to provide a safer environment for children.

- Double parking restricts the view of drivers, forces children onto the road and obstructs the flow of traffic.
- Parking within 20 metres before a designated school crossing or 10 metres after is illegal.

Wait on the same side of the road as your child.

- Meet your child at the school gate to avoid your child dashing across the road.
- If picking up your child from the bus stop, wait on the same side as the bus.

If you need to drive to school, get your child into the habit of using the car's kerbside doors and ensure your child is using a booster seat or correctly adjusted seatbelt.

The safest doors are kerbside doors, away from traffic. For information about Victoria's child restraint road rules, visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/ChildRestraints

