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From the Principal

BANYULE AND NILLUMBIK COMBINED SCHOOLS NETWORK- PRINCIPAL CLASS CONFERENCE

Over the next few days, Mr Jamie Jaquinta and myself will be attending the conference to be held at Yarra Valley Lodge. The conference provides opportunity to network with other school leaders from our local networks as well as opportunity to hear from Educationalists. In our absence, Mrs Kerryn May, Mrs Kerri Glowacki and Ms Sarah Pollnitz will be capably leading the school.

CURRICULUM DAY: SPELLING

Staff had a very productive day yesterday looking at current best practices relating to Spelling instruction. English is a very complex language because many people from other cultures, left a permanent linguistic fingerprint on our orthography. The story starts with the missionaries who first wrote English using the Roman alphabet they knew. The spelling of Old English was indeed phonetical with letters pronounced as written. Once the French arrived, with their own ideas about how to spell, out went some of the old forms with new ones introduced, for example *Cwen* became *Queen*. The classical phases in the 16th and 17th centuries saw some writers introduce spellings for English words based on Latin or Greek.

So in a nutshell, the English language is comprised of words and spellings willingly borrowed from other languages, thus making it one of the most complex, interesting and challenging. This has key implications for teaching spelling at school – we simply cannot just rely on spelling lists and memorisation in order to develop capable and competent spellers. A range of strategies are required and transfer of knowledge and learning is the key to developing good spellers. We have many good practices already happening within the school and over the course of this year look at refining and developing these to ensure we are meeting the needs of the students.

REMAINING STUDENT FREE DAYS FOR 2015

Parents and caregivers are reminded to take note of the following student free days for this year:

- Tuesday 21 July: Reporting Day (students only attend interview)
- Friday 14 August: Curriculum Day

Alternative care and supervision arrangements need to be made for children on these dates.

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Children will be in receipt of their Semester 1 report on Thursday 25 June with parent, student and teacher interviews scheduled for Tuesday 21 July. Students do not attend school on this day, however they are required to be present during the nominated interview time. Information will be distributed next week outlining the process for booking interviews.

Two of our staff members, Ms Sarah Pollnitz (M21) and Ms Julianne Haldon (S4) will be on leave during this time and alternative interview times have been arranged. Information was distributed today for families of students in these two classes. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Pollnitz or Ms Haldon if you have any queries or concerns.

STAFF CAR PARK

A reminder to all parents and visitors that *the staff car park is out of bounds* for all parents and children and should not be used as a drop off or collection point. This is necessary for children's safety and everyone's cooperation is expected in this matter.

Parents, students and visitors should use the pedestrian gates at each side of the school when entering the school grounds.

Tina King (Principal)

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Even though we have a short week this week, we seem to have quite a lot on our agenda. Our girls are conducting their drawing challenge this week. Unusually, we are commencing this challenge on a Wednesday and continuing through until next Tuesday afternoon. We have a very busy schedule trying to accommodate the calendar of drawing challenges requested by the children. We have already filled the diary for the rest of the year! Not a week spare considering the need to run, judge and announce the winners for each individual challenge. As I have mentioned many times before, the enthusiasm shown by the children to be involved is outstanding. Because we consider the collaborative partnerships with our families and the community a fundamental instrument in the provision of Cool Care, we are in consultation with the children to determine a small questionnaire for our parent/carers. Our intention is to have the children develop a little survey of between 3 - 4 questions surrounding "Building Relationships with our Families". The children will be given the opportunity to brainstorm questions so they can interview their parent/carers to provide us with further knowledge of how we can accommodate and meet our family's needs. The children will be asked to take home their questionnaire and interview their parent/carers, returning to us with lots of information. We are hoping this will enable us to engage with our families on a higher level. So mums, dads and grandparents, be prepared for a 'grilling'!! We will participate in our third Tooney World Cartooning Workshop this Thursday afternoon. So far, so good, the children are creating some rather amazing little cartoon characters. One more workshop to go after this one. Have a fantastic week. Call us if you need us. Stay Cool, Jenny

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PE & Sport News

SPORTS RESULTS - ROUND 7

SPORT	WNPS	St Marys
Football	21	54
Soccer	6	0
Softball	15	2
Netball A	30	5
Netball B	14	4

THIS WEEK - ROUND 8

FRIDAY, 12 JUNE - 9.30am start: WNPS v Bundoora PS (home). Football played at Binnak Park, Soccer at Loyola College, Netball and Softball @ WNPS.



HEIDELBERG GOLF CLUB

Junior Golf Academy Day for Year 5/6 Students

SUNDAY, 21 JUNE AT 3PM

Just a reminder that Year 5/6 students at Watsonia North are invited to attend a FREE 4 hole game at the course at Heidelberg Golf Club on SUNDAY, 21 JUNE at 3pm.

Sausage sizzle and prizes provided in the clubhouse after the game!

Parents, family and friends - are welcome to watch the game, bring your own clubs, have a hit, and join in the BBQ!

**Trent O'Sullivan
(PE & Sport Coordinator)**



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OUT OF SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

A massive earthquake hit Nepal on Saturday 25 April 2015, just 80km from the capital Kathmandu.

More than 9,000 people have died and a further 17,800 have been injured as a result of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake, which hit Nepal on 25 April.

With more than 750,000 homes damaged or destroyed, 3.7 million people have been left homeless — including more than 1.5 million children.

A second, deadly earthquake struck on Tuesday 12 May, 2015. With a magnitude of 7.3, a devastating second earthquake caused further deaths and casualties, heightening the already desperate situation in Nepal.

People have been killed by severe landslides in Sindhupalchowk, one of the areas worst affected by the first earthquake.

The second earthquake left children and families in the worst-affected areas terrified, with many staying outdoors for fear of further aftershocks.

Many children in Nepal had already lost their homes and all their possessions, putting them at great risk. They are either sheltering out in the open or in crowded camps, exposing them to diseases and abuse. Children and families are simply trying to stay alive and make sense of what has happened. Sleeping outdoors can be cold in the mountainous terrain at this time of the year, and many are without tarpaulins and blankets.



On THURSDAY, 18 JUNE we will be having an out of school uniform day.

WHY?

To show our support for the people in Kathmandu, who were devastated by the earthquake that hit on 25 April

AND

to help contribute to the cost of replacing 4 of the backboards on our school basketball courts.

So, come dressed in the colors of the Nepalese flag which is **red**, **blue** and **white!**

AND

don't forget to bring along a gold coin donation!



DONATIONS NEEDED

Please help us raise money for iPads by donating to our school Trivia Night!!

You can help us by:

- Donating a bottle of alcohol (must be within 6 months of its use by date)
- Donating an item we can auction (brand new condition)
- If you are a business owner: donating a cheque to go towards buying a big ticket item/one of your products or services.
- If you are a tradesperson: donating a cheque or some of your time to auction on the night.
- If you have a holiday house or stay: donating a night or weekend away.

If you think you can help please contact Maria Cogger on

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or the school office on 9435 1285



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