



# Wednesday Weekly

11 February  
2015

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## From the Principal

Please note that due to our attendance at the Year 5/6 Camp, there will be no edition of the Wednesday Weekly next week.

Tina & Jill

### SCHOOL STRUCTURE FOR 2015

Our school structure for this year has 21 classes grouped into 5 professional learning teams – Prep, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 and Specialist team. Classroom programs are supported through specialist programs in Physical Education, Art, Music, Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Further enhancement of classroom programs is provided through specialist support in Literacy and Numeracy.

	Year Level/Program	Staff Name	Location
Junior School	Prep	Jacqui Matters	Room 15
	Prep	Ali Browne	Room 16
	Prep	Bonnie Lewis	Room 17
	Prep	Chloe Hanley	Room 18
	Year 1	Melissa Greatrex	Room 12
	Year 1	Sue Pearson	Room 13
	Year 1	Mark O'Halloran	Room 14
	Year 2	Katrine Smith	Room 8
	Year 2	Vikki Lygo	Room 9
	Year 2	Haylee Lyttle	Room 11
Middle School	Year 3/4	Zara Demeris	Room 19
	Year 3/4	Nick Kuhn	Room 20
	Year 3/4	Sarah Pollnitz	Room 21
	Year 3/4	Emily Rogers	Room 22
	Year 3/4	Mia Clark	Room 23
	Year 3/4	Sarah Linssen	Room 24
Senior School	Year 5/6	Ruth Reidy	Room 1
	Year 5/6	Kerryn May	Room 2
	Year 5/6	Scott Eastwood	Room 3
	Year 5/6	Julianne Haldon	Room 4
	Year 5/6	Tony Moore	Room 6
Specialists	Literacy	Kerri Glowacki	Literacy Office
	Literacy	Jenny Storer	Literacy Office
	Maths	Julie Austin	Maths Office
	ICT	Rachel Mercuri	ICT Room
	Music	David Perry	The Centre
	PE	Trent O'Sullivan	The Centre
	Art	Clare Meehan Jaliya Rudd	Art Room

### INFORMATION BOOKLETS AND PROBABLE MONEY EXPENSES

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who attended the year level information sessions yesterday. Information booklets and newsletters have been distributed relating to your child's year level. This key information contains details relating to each year level's organisational aspects, curriculum initiatives, classroom and specialist programs. Families also received information outlining extra money requests for this year. This information sheet is designed to provide families with an indication of what request will be made for additional money to cover various school events and activities throughout the year. Parents can then decide what activities they would like their child/children to be involved in and plan finances accordingly.

### STUDENT FREE/CURRICULUM DAYS

Each year, government schools are provided with student free days for staff to participate in professional development, school planning, curriculum development and student assessment and reporting purposes. The Watsonia North School Council has approved the following dates for curriculum and planning purposes:

- Friday 6 March – Curriculum Day: Mathematics (students do not attend school)
- Tuesday 21 July – Student Reporting Day (see below re student attendance details)

We ask that parents and carers make note of these dates in order to make suitable care arrangements for their child/children.

Parents are also advised that the **mid-year Parent/Teacher Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday 21 July** and children will not be required to attend school on this day. They will however be required to attend the interview with their parent/s and teacher.

### FEBRUARY PARENT/TEACHER MEET AND GREET

Parents and care givers are invited to attend a Parent/Teacher 'meet and greet' session scheduled for the week beginning Monday, 23 February. This initial meeting is designed to be a sharing of information about students between parents, students and teachers.

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Learning Improvement Plan goals for students in Years 1 to 6 will be a feature of the discussion.

Information was distributed yesterday providing information relating to dates for the meetings and procedure for bookings using the online booking system. If you are having problems accessing the site please contact the office who can assist you. I strongly encourage all parents to make themselves available for these sessions.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

An information pack will be sent home on Friday regarding School Council Elections for this year. The School Council plays a crucial role in setting the future directions of the school, and I urge parents to consider nominating. Nominations forms are available from the office commencing Monday 16 February.

### **SCHOOL INJURIES AND INSURANCE**

The Department does not hold accident insurance for school students, with parents and guardians generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare and if you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. There are insurers that provide accident insurance policies for students. The Department however, cannot advise parents and guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase, as individual families are likely to have differing needs. Parents' decisions may be affected by other insurance cover they hold, the extent to which their children participate in sports or other physical activities at school, and the particular disposition of their child/children.

### **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.

### **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

The bringing of any unnecessary personal property to school is strongly discouraged, particularly any valuable items such as mobile phones, calculators, 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.

*Tina King* (Principal)

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

Information Evening  
**TOMORROW NIGHT – 6.00pm**  
in the Centre (not Library as  
previously advertised)

Thank you, Rachel Mercuri (ICT Coordinator)

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

Envelopes have been distributed today

**ITALIAN CLASSES  
ST DAMIAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Settlement Road, Bundoora

Commencing Thursday, 19 February and runs for 2½ hours from 3.30-6.00pm for students in Prep to Year 12. Tuition fee for the year is \$200 per student – enrolment forms are available from the WNPS school office.

email: [watts.jenny.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:watts.jenny.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)



**Tel: 9432 3213 24 hours**

All children enrolled in Cool Care are given entry to our "Lucky Lunch" raffle draw each week. If the child that is drawn out has attended Cool Care during that week, they become the recipient of a \$5.00 complimentary lunch from our wonderful school canteen. The children are provided with a specially marked bag. Di and Karen are compensated for the costs of the Lucky Lunches for the year and are familiar with the lunch bags when the children place them in their classroom canteen lunch tub. Each child can win once throughout the year. If your child's name appears in our column, please remind your child to call past and collect lunch bag. Stay tuned and keep your eyes open, next week may be your child's lucky week!

This year we are privileged to have a large number of grade 5/6 children attending. With the 5/6 camp next week it would be appreciated if families could inform us if their children are attending camp. As we do not receive a list of happy campers, we do not have knowledge of who will be missing from Cool Care. As the children return around 3.30pm bell time, we also require information as to whether the children will be coming to Cool Care on Wednesday afternoon. Often they are collected from the bus by family or friends, others make their way to us - it is great if we know who is coming - this then ensures the safety of all our children. We wish them all the best for a 'fantabulous' camp experience.

The children have been devouring the fresh fruit offered during this year. We have been purchasing from the Bundoora Fruit Shop located at Bundoora Plaza. The boys there have been generously delivering our fruit free of charge. We thank them very much - we are loving your fruit.

Planning for our garden plots is currently under way. The Gardening Gurus have been out clearing the plants from last term and feeding the soil in preparation for a huge plant out. Once we are all 'planned up', a trip to the nursery along with a garden plan will make us ready to go. Our intention then is to establish some very healthy fresh produce to share with our families. Keep your fingers crossed for a massive crop.

How are those chats around the dinner table going? Our suggestion list is positioned up on the wall with very few entries on it - we need

some help. Our endeavour is to provide the children a large variety of regular experiences along with lots of new experiences too. If your child/ren have any ideas or an incursion they would like please let us know. An email to [watts.jenny.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:watts.jenny.j@edumail.vic.gov.au) would be well received or perhaps a reminder to your child to add to our "Wall of Choices" list next time they attend.

We hope you have a sensational week - contact me if you need any Cool Care information

Stay Cool  
Jenny



Brochures for the first Scholastic Book Club orders for 2015 will be distributed this week. Please note that these orders are due by **Wednesday 18 February.**

Our school has now opted-in to use the new LOOP method of ordering and payment. **If using this method there is no need to send the order form or the payment back to school.** It is all done on-line - so easy!

Alternatively, you may still order on the brochure and pay in the usual way. Please see the last page of the brochure for more information on ordering and payments.

Don't forget that our library receives many free books as commission on our Book club sales. Last year we were lucky enough to receive 68 new books to the value of \$879!

Thanks for your support,  
**Judy Leigh (Library)**

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HOOKED  
BY A BOOK!**





# Canteen News



## CANTEEN ASSISTANCE

Thank you to the parents who have already returned their slip for assistance in the Canteen. If you would like to help out, please return the form below by **TOMORROW** so that we can start working on the roster. 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: .....



#### Watsonia North Auskick 2015

Welcome to Watsonia North Auskick for Season 2015. Registrations are **now open** and **must be made online**. Please register and pay online NOW and your AFL backpack of goodies will be sent directly to you. Remember to register before 20 April to receive your free AFL match tickets. We welcome all boys and girls 5 to 12 years old. Come and join our quality program run by accredited coaches.

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#### SEASON START:

When: Saturday 21 March 2015

Where: **Binnak Park**, Sharpes Road, Watsonia North

Time: 9.00am – 10.30am

Enquiries: email: [watsnthauskick@gmail.com](mailto:watsnthauskick@gmail.com)

Phone: Tania Fyffe 0413088207

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## PE & Sport News

### INTERSCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS ROUND 1

Sport	WNPS	Bundoora
Basketball Boys	24	4
Basketball Girls	54	16
Bat Tennis Boys	36	15
Bat Tennis Girls	27	12
Rounders	26	11
Cricket	3/90	4/25

### INTERSCHOOL SPORT THIS WEEK

**Round 2:** WNPS v Greensborough (home). Games start at **9.30am until 10.45am**.

### WNPS DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Monday, 23 February at Watermarc, Greensborough – 10.00am-12.15pm.

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

### PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER MEETINGS – TERM 1

**MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY & TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY**

Parent/Student/Teacher information was sent home yesterday to the eldest in the family. SESSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS

- **MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY FROM 1.50-3.30PM**  
**YEAR 3/4 & YEAR 5/6 ONLY**
- **TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY FROM 1.50-3.30PM**  
**PREP, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ONLY**

**AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS ON MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY**  
**which will be for ALL YEAR LEVELS, ie 4.00-5.30pm and 6.00-8.00pm.**

### ONLINE BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS

Log in to the web site: (please type the address carefully)

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Enter our unique booking code

**BOOKING CODE: 6PJPH**

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**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.



**Tony Janakiewski**  
B. Bus (Acc), CPA  
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