



# Wednesday Weekly

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## From the Principal

### STAFFING NEWS

Welcome back to **Mrs Emily Napoleone** (nee Rogers) who has returned after a period of absence due to an exchange of nuptials and honeymoon period. **Mrs Sue Pearson** is also a welcomed return after an extended period away and you will see her weaving her way around the school on crutches. A big thank you to **Ms Anne Davies** who took over teaching responsibilities in M22 during Emily's leave of absence and to **Mrs Brenda Zass** who did a wonderful job teaching and supporting the students in J13 during Sue's absence.

### MOTHER'S DAY

I hope all our wonderful mums had a special day on Sunday with lots of pampering and indulgence. We are in great appreciation of all the hard work the Fundraising committee and volunteers undertook in order to organise the Mother's Day stall. Hope you all enjoyed your pressies.

### EDUCATION WEEK

Thank you to the many families and friends who visited our school to see us all at work throughout Education Week. We had many events taking place throughout the week and it was lovely to see so many people coming to view the activities and programs.

### YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Excitement is mounting for the upcoming Year 5/6 Camp to Phillip Island next week. Fifteen brave staff and 150 adventurous students will depart on Wednesday 18 May, returning on Friday afternoon. ***Please note that as Jill and I will be attending the camp, there will be no edition of the Wednesday Weekly next Wednesday.***

### NAPLAN TESTING

This week has seen the administration of the NAPLAN tests for students in Years 3 and 5. These nation-wide tests assess student performance in *Language Conventions (spelling and grammar), Writing, Reading and Numeracy*. The tests are completed under stringent test conditions and I congratulate all our students and staff in the way they coped and managed throughout the testing week. Results of the tests will be made available in September, providing diagnostic information about individual student performance.

### YEAR 6 TRANSITION FORMS

Parents and guardians of Year 6 students are reminded that all *Application for Enrolment* forms for Year 7 are due this Friday 13 May. Please ensure that the form is returned to your child's classroom teacher as a matter of urgency. Mr Moore will be forwarding this information to the relevant secondary schools. Families will be advised of the results of the placement applications in August.

### CHILDREN'S ILLNESS AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In Australia, our influenza 'flu' season typically runs from May to October, usually peaking in August. At various times throughout the year including flu season, it is important to remind children that one effective measure in protecting ourselves and others from illness is good personal hygiene. Staff and parents are encouraged to remind children to:

- cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- throw used tissues in rubbish bins
- wash their hands with soap and warm water after coughing or sneezing
- reduce the spread of germs by avoiding touching their eyes, nose and mouth

Whilst we encourage and support regular school attendance, it is important to note that if a child is sick, then they should not be sent to school. Children who come to school unwell are unable to focus on their learning and run the risk of infecting others.

### PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

Throughout this term, we have been conducting weekly school tours for prospective families. The tours have been very well attended and there continues to be a high level of parental interest in visiting and finding out about our wonderful school. Many of our visitors have selected to visit due to the high recommendation and positive feedback they have received from current Watsonia North families. To assist with the management of our student intake for next year, we request that families, who wish for their child to attend our school, lodge an enrolment form with us as soon as possible. Please note that priority for enrolment will always be given to students for whom we are the closest school.

*Tina King* (Principal)

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Hi all!

Aaaargh, we have been invaded by **MONSTERS!!** The children made a request to me to make monsters of their choice, so needless to say, the children get what the children want, and that's what we are doing this week.

It's fantastic to see the children across all age groups participating at the art and craft area and using their own imaginations. Wonderful results and I may say, some pretty scary looking dudes too. Many activity sheets covering numeracy and literacy opportunities for them to work through too.

Olivia and Gracie have their "What you want to be when you grow up" drawing challenge in full swing too. This is available for participation all week and will conclude on Friday afternoon. Well done girls, there are many entries filling the folder already. Judging and announcements will take place over the next couple of weeks.

We are asking all Year 5 and 6 parent/carers who have their child/ren heading off to camp next week to advise us of arrangements for that event. If your family would normally attend on a Wednesday morning or a Friday afternoon, we need families to let us know whether care is required for these sessions. As the coaches depart at 9.00am on Wednesday morning and return around 3.15pm on the Friday afternoon, an email, phone call or change of booking note would be appreciated to inform us if the child/ren are attending either side of the days away. If they are coming to us on their return, without parent/carer advice, we will not know whether to expect your child/ren or not. **Year 5/6 families, please get in touch with us for these details.**

Lucky lunch winner for last week was **ALYSSA LI**. Congratulations Alyssa. Being in Year 6, this is your last year for the lucky lunch draw. We hope you enjoy your lunch – please collect your lunch bag from me.

The Travelling Kitchen is returning during the week beginning 23 March, for 2 afternoon sessions. They will be with us on Monday 23 March and Thursday 26 March, this term. As the children have voted to make Japanese Dumplings this time, we are hoping to extend this experience next week and learn more about the Japanese culture. Any ideas anyone? If you have any Japanese items at home, we would love to explore them if you are willing to share them with us. We are thinking about making some colourful fans. What do you think? Please let us know. Hoping our Mums and Nans had a wonderful day last Sunday, the weather was on our side and hopefully all was very enjoyable.

Have a great week, stay cool,

Jenny

# fundraising committee

## MOTHER'S DAY HAMPER GIVEAWAY

A great BIG thank you to all of the mums who helped out with the Mother's Day Stall and a **special thank you to Katie** for coordinating the event! Also thank you to the children who came to the stall and had lots of fun choosing gifts. We raised approximately \$1000 – fantastic!

Congratulations to the two winners of our Mother's Day hampers – well done to both of you. Thank you to all the students who entered the competition.

## Thank you, Fundraising Committee



## MSO EXCURSION

This year's excursion to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra was another huge success! On **Thursday 5 May** we visited the city and explored the MCG, the Federation Bells and Fed Square, as well as Hamer Hall where we saw the MSO perform a packed program including the interactive piece *Bamboozled*. All students in Years 1 and 2 were joined by their teachers as well as Mrs Zass, Des Diamandis and Alice Gaynor. It was a fantastic performance and we lucked out with the weather yet again – a beautiful day!

## 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**  
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## PE & Sport News

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS ROUND 3



Sport	WNPS	Watsonia Heights
Football	20	39
Soccer	9	3
Softball	22	4
Netball A	10	5
Netball B	8	5

### THIS WEEK – ROUND 4

WNPS v Bundoora (away). Football at Telfer Reserve – all other sports at BPS (9.30-11.00am).

### ROUND 5

WNPS v St Marys (home) on **TUESDAY, 17 MAY** (9.30-11.00am)

### DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

WEDNESDAY, 25 May (10am-1pm) at Banyule Flats.

**Trent O'Sullivan**

(PE & Sport Coordinator)



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## SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday 2 June | 6:30pm – 8:00pm

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#### Parent/Community Workshop:

Session title	Topics covered
Educating – Protecting – Empowering.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do we mean by 'digital literacy' and 'digital safety'.</li> <li>• What are kids doing online/popular sites.</li> <li>• Technology from a teens perspective.</li> <li>• Creating home rules/boundaries/acceptable use; making informed decisions.</li> <li>• Where to seek help/advice.</li> <li>• What legalities are involved with online behaviours.</li> </ul>



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Our Book Fair last week was again a most successful Fair!! It was wonderful to see so many families there, and we managed to sell **\$6247** worth of books in four and a half days – a truly amazing effort! We received **\$1635** as commission and as a result, we have already obtained 48 new books for the library and will be able to purchase many more in the near future.

Again this year we enjoyed the wonderful Monster competitions, activities and decorations run by Mr Eastwood (M23) and the Wellbeing Team. Your great sales work certainly aided in the promotion of the Fair. **A huge thankyou to Mr Eastwood for all his time and effort!**

The lucky winners of our competitions all received a voucher to spend at the Book Fair.

Thanks everyone for another fantastic Fair!

**Judy Leigh, Library**



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