



Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

WELCOME TO TERM 2

Welcome back to all students, parents and staff. I trust that everyone had a wonderfully relaxing and restful break and a lovely Easter with family and loved ones. We have a busy yet exciting term ahead of us and here are some of the programs and activities that have been planned:

- Just Get Active Sessions
- Book Fair
- ANZAC Day Ceremony
- Choir workshops and excursions
- NAPLAN Testing (Years 3 and 5)
- House and District Cross County events
- Education Week celebrations
- Year 5/6 Inter School Sports (winter fixture)
- Camp Phillip Island (Year 5/6)
- Cybersafety workshops (students, staff & parents)
- Girls Soccer Day
- Student Mid-Year Reports and Reporting Day

STAFFING NEWS

This week we welcomed a new staff member to our school, who will be working in the ICT program. **Bonnie Lewis** was working in this role throughout Term 1 and has now commenced her family leave (we are all eagerly awaiting news of the baby's safe arrival). This has created a vacancy for the term and I am pleased to announce that **Ms Taya Urquhart** has been appointed to the role. Taya will take over Bonnie's ICT teaching responsibilities, and commencing Term 3, we will welcome back **Rachel Mercuri** who is returning from family leave in a part time capacity. We welcome Taya to our school and look forward to all her contributions and involvement throughout the term.

Prior to breaking up for Easter and the school holiday period, **Daniel Wicking**, who is a part of our grounds maintenance staff, was involved in a very serious accident. Many of you have seen Daniel working around the school, either emptying the bins or keeping our

grounds areas neat and tidy, especially the court yards and the synthetic turf area.

Daniel was crossing Grimshaw Street at the pedestrian crossing near the Andrew Place shops and was unfortunately hit by a vehicle. Word quickly spread of the accident as several of our students and families witnessed or were in the vicinity when it happened. Daniel sustained some very serious injuries with all ribs either broken or cracked, fractures to the spine and neck, a broken leg and pelvis. Despite these extensive injuries, Daniel survived and is recovering slowly in hospital. Many members of our school community have expressed concern in relation to Daniel's condition and despite the pain and long recovery process, he is doing quite well. Later this week, along with a few other staff, I will be visiting Daniel in hospital and will certainly let him know that he has the well wishes for a speedy recovery from many of his friends and acquaintances at Watsonia North.

SUNSMART POLICY

In order to ensure a healthy UV exposure balance, the school's SunSmart policy stipulates that students must wear hats and apply sunscreen when playing or working outside from September through to April. This being the case, we are asking students to continue wearing their hats and apply sunscreen for the first three weeks of this term.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

We have commenced accepting Prep enrolments for next year and I urge anyone who has a child beginning school next year to lodge an enrolment form as soon as possible. The need to monitor and manage our enrolment numbers continues to be a priority, thus the need for a waiting list for students wanting to enrol at our school. Offers of placement to students for whom we are not the closest school, cannot be made until we have confirmed our intake of eligible students.

We are running weekly school tours throughout this term, so please refer your neighbours, family or friends to the school's website for further details.

Tina King (Principal)

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Hi Everyone

Welcome to Cool Care for Term 2. Fantastic to see the little smiling faces again – many stories to be heard and tales to tell. We look forward to sharing holiday experiences during our group chat sessions during this week.

Our gardens have been replenished over the holidays. A huge thank you is extended to Liz and her husband Bruce for giving up several hours of their holidays to remove and place new soil in our gardening plots, as well as some fertilising and Wettasoil to aid our little plants which will be planted this week. Lots of colours – rainbow silverbeet, herbs, annuals and a few other delights. This term will be spent nurturing and caring for our plants with the hope to share fresh produce with our families as it is harvested.

We have had a couple of environmental changes within the Centre too. The drawing challenge from last term is now displayed in the Centre foyer. All children's entries are contributing to a very colourful display on the board. The winners have been announced this week. Congratulations to our winners and all students who participated. The support shown to our organisers has once again been outstanding. Next week, another challenge will commence. The intention is to offer the children an opportunity to create a drawing of 'Anything You Like'. The calendar for our challenges is already full this term, therefore there will be many announcements to be made. Stay tuned!

This term we are excited to announce we will be involved in our Rating and Assessment visit from the Department of Education, as representative of the governing body of the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Assurance (ACECQA). All child care services in Australia are legislated through the Education and Care Services National Law and Regulations and assessed accordingly usually on a three year rotation. This will be our first assessment under the current legislations with our visit to occur next week. We welcome all families to be involved in this visit during collection and drop off time especially. Pamela, our assessor, will be with us during Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, so please, feel free to chat with her if you would like to. The final rating will be provided to us during this term some time, we will keep you all informed. Have a great week everyone. Please contact us if you would like any Cool Care information. Good luck for Term 2. Stay Cool.
Jenny

Canteen News

Welcome back – we hope you all had a great holiday and a happy, yummy Easter!

HOT MILO is back (Terms 2 and 3 only). It is \$1.50 per mug and very popular. It can be purchased at snack time and lunch time from the canteen or you can add it to your lunch order.

“TASTY TUESDAY” is still only \$5.00 and you can choose a HOT MILO or a SLURPEE for your drink choice. For those who don't know already – “Tasty Tuesday” comprises:

A SAUSAGE ROLL

A MINI MUFFIN

A RASPBERRY FRUIT TWIST

AND

A HOT MILO OR SLURPEE

It is available EVERY TUESDAY!

Please note that the canteen has **MULTIGRAIN BREAD** and **BROWN ROLLS** only (no white bread/rolls).

Also, **Banana Milk** is no longer available.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR NEW PRODUCTS COMING SOON! Have a great term!

Thanks, Di & Karen

NewsFlash!

YEAR 6 JUMPERS & JACKETS HAVE ARRIVED – YAY ☺

As we have had jumpers go missing in the past, they will **NOT** be sent to the classrooms – collection is from the Uniform Shop **ONLY!**

You can collect them this **THURSDAY** (14 April) from 8.30-9.30am or **FRIDAY**, (15 April) from 8.30-9.00am. If you have already sent payment, please send your child to the Uniform Shop on the days listed above.

Thank you

Jodie Park (Uniform Shop Coordinator)

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PE & Sport News



INTERSCHOOL SPORT WINTER FIXTURE

All games start at 9.30am and finish at approximately 10.50am on **FRIDAY** mornings.

ROUND 1	FRI, 22 APRIL	Greensborough v WNPS (away)
ROUND 2	FRI, 29 APRIL	WNPS v Streeton (home)
ROUND 3	FRI, 6 MAY	WNPS v Watsonia Heights (home)
ROUND 4	FRI, 13 MAY	Bundoora v WNPS (away)
ROUND 5	FRI, 20 MAY	WNPS v St Marys (home)
ROUND 6	FRI, 27 MAY	Norris Bank v WNPS (away)
ROUND 7	FRI, 3 JUNE	Watsonia v WNPS (away)

FINALS: FRI, 17 JUNE

Please note Friday, 17 June has been allocated as District Finals to be played at WNPS. Back up Finals day – Wednesday, 22 June, if needed.

VENUES FOR INTERSCHOOL SPORT

- Bundoora PS – Football played at Telfer Reserve, Soccer on High School oval, all other sports played at BPS.
- Greensborough PS – Football played at War Memorial Oval, Soccer and Softball at Whatmough Park, Netball played at GPS.
- Watsonia PS – Football at AK Lines, all other sports played at WPS (NO SOFTBALL TEAM).
- Watsonia Heights PS – Football played at Central Oval, Glenice Street. All other sports played at WHPS.
- Watsonia North PS – Football played at Binnak Park, Soccer at Loyola College, Netball and Softball at WNPS.
- St Marys PS – Football and Soccer played at Whatmough Park, all other sports played at SMPS.
- Streeton PS – Soccer played at Central Oval, Glenice Street. All other sports played at SPS (NO NETBALL B – MIXED)
- Norris Bank PS – Football played at Bundoora Park, Snake Gully Road. All other sports played at NBPS (NO SOFTBALL).

THIS WEEK – ROUND 1

WNPS v Greensborough PS (away). Football – War Memorial Park, Soccer and Softball – Whatmough Park, Netball – Greensborough PS.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS IN PREP TO YEAR 6

All students in Prep to Year 6 are expected to wear correct footwear, (ie **RUNNERS**) to **ALL** Physical Education sessions. Please refer to your Parent Information Letter for the day of your child's specialist session of PE (this was sent home to all school families last term). Thank you for your cooperation.



Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)

PHILIP ISLAND ADVENTURE RESORT

**YEAR 5/6 CAMP INFORMATION NIGHT
THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 5.30-6.30pm
IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

We still have some beautiful candles from Jsala for sale from the Relay for Life. They are \$10 and all proceeds go straight to the Cancer Council. Please visit Sarah Linssen in M24 to purchase one of these lovely candles.



On behalf of the SRC, we would like to thank everyone who supported the Cancer Council for the Relay for Life. We raised a tremendous amount of money drum roll please

\$3055.15!

This will help fund ground-breaking research into new and better ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer. The families who attended did a wonderful job in contributing to our final lap count of 2740. This is equal to 1096km – this could get you from Melbourne to Sydney with 200km extra!

With the whole school helping decorate the stars on our campsites, we are excited to say that we won **BEST DECORATED CAMPSITE!**

Thank you on behalf of the SRC

Performing Arts News

CHORAL @ MONTSALVAT

Long-term choir families will remember this event, to which we have been invited for many years since 2010. On Sunday May 1, the WNPS choirs (Senior, Intermediate, and Descant) will be performing in the Great Hall Gallery in the beautiful surrounds of Montsalvat. Notices for the Montsalvat performance have been issued to families (including Intermediate Choir families – please see below). Please make arrangements to attend this event, so that we can give another outstanding performance for which we are so well-known! **Early bird orders need to be in BEFORE next Monday 18 April!**

CHOIR UPDATE

In order to give all Year 3/4 students more time to prepare our two songs (it has been a **very** short term!), we have carried over the Intermediate Choir performance to the morning assembly on **Monday 18 April**. However, application forms have already been issued to students in Year 3/4, along with a notice for the Montsalvat performance (see above). We had around 50 students in the Intermediate Choir in 2014 and 2015 – will we set a new record in 2016? Please note that choir uniform letters are also available for new members of the choir, particularly those in Year 3. Application forms continue to be available to those who wish to join Intermediate Choir.

SAVE THE DATE

This year's excursion to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra will take place on **Thursday 5 May**. This is for **all students in Years 1 and 2**. Please save the date and keep a look out for permission forms coming in the first week of next term.

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)

Thinking about Secondary School?



Open Day Saturday 30 April, 9.30am-2.00pm

Register online at
elthamcollege.vic.edu.au/openday



Growing hearts and minds



HURRY!

AUSKICK AT BINNAK PARK STARTS THIS SATURDAY. Watsonia North Auskick is commencing this Saturday 16 April.

Register now:

<http://www.aflauskick.com.au>

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