From the Principal ALICE IN WONDERLAND CONCERT

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Families, friends and staff were treated to two absolutely amazing performances from our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 students! Audience members were treated to two captivating performances, with the talents and creative abilities of our students truly on display. I congratulate each and everyone one of our young stars who managed to overcome stage fright, nerves and anxieties by getting into character or role and putting on an amazing performance.

The process for putting together such an event is demanding and requires much planning and organisation. Early last term, students had the opportunity to audition for various roles and consultation occurred as to whether or not individuals wanted speaking or non-speaking parts. Obviously, different children are suited to different types of roles and this was reflected in the way concert has been cast. Staff aimed to ensure that every child on stage has had an opportunity to make the most of their performance and ability skills, commensurate with their level of confidence and comfort zone. No matter what role each child had, they have all benefited from the process of developing theatre craft skills. These skills will stay with them for the rest of their lives and they will be able to apply them in all sorts of learning activities.

Putting together these performances has required collaboration and a willingness from individuals to make contributions which are above and beyond their regular duties. I would like to commend staff who have supported students by facilitating rehearsal opportunities, offering support and assistance and words of comfort and reassurance when stage nerves have set in. Without the work and commitment of staff, the concerts simply would not have been possible. Our reliable band of parent volunteers, have once again risen to the occasion by giving up much of their personal time to prepare props and costumes. Our performers looked fantastic with colourful and creative props and costumes and we thank all those involved in putting these together.

Finally, it would certainly be amiss if we all did not acknowledge and congratulate **Mr David Perry** for all his work and creativity. The productions are a culmination of David's love of the Performing Arts and strong desire to provide the best possible opportunities for the children at Watsonia North. There is no doubt that Mr Perry has once again outdone himself!

HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our inaugural Athletics Carnival was held today at the Meadowglen Athletics track and I would like to congratulate all participants, spectators, staff and volunteers who were involved. Competitors from Years 3 to 6 participated with great enthusiasm and commitment, demonstrating great athleticism and support for peers. Many personal bests were achieved, with great encouragement from spectators, staff and fellow students. Once again, Mr O'Sullivan's outstanding planning and organisation served us all most favourably, and we extend our gratitude and congratulations to him. Our wonderful parent body was once again out in force, providing assistance where needed and offering encouragement and support to our athletes. We thank all members of our school community who dared to brave the elements (it is always windy and cold at the track) in order to support staff and students, ensuring the event was a great success.

VIETNAM VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The local Vietnam Veterans Sub-Branch, *Diamond Valley Vietnam Veterans*, is holding a Commemorative Service at Greensborough Memorial Park this Saturday 16 August, commencing at 10:30am. A representative group from our school, comprising of staff and students, will be in attendance and we will lay a floral tribute during the service. We invite members of our school community to join us.

Tina King (Principal)

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Well celebrations have begun! Yes, that is correct – we are currently in the process of 20 years of Cool Care celebrations.

Personally, I don't feel a day over 19 myself! Each session this week, we are excitedly giving away three Complimentary Children's luncheon Pancake Parlour vouchers. The children that have or will attend Cool Care this week have their names placed in a tub for a lucky dip draw each session. Monday afternoon we watched the beautiful animated film 'Frozen". Party cakes and treats throughout the viewing kept the little cherubs well enthralled. A film for all ages really, and the colours are amazing. Tuesday afternoon we celebrated with a multicultural experience from the depths of Africa. "Bouba" spent time explaining the origins of the drum network within the African tribal lands and the importance of such a wonderful communication network. The children were then given the opportunity to learn the intricacies of African Drumming. We all had a lot of fun with the children asking for more. This afternoon we are excited to be embracing the magical world of Elio Simonetti, a masterful magician. I have witnessed Elio's performance and the children in attendance at the time, absolutely loved the illusions he presented. Stay tuned for further details next week, perhaps children's comments will follow - after all, they are the most honest critics in most cases!

We will conclude our week with two afternoons of AASC – Yoga on Thursday and Basketball on Friday. Yoga was experienced for the first time last week – mixed reviews, but generally very well accepted, with the older children a little more reluctant to participate. I do believe though, Liz, our coach had them mildly intrigued by the end of the session. I am sure by the end of our 6th session they will be far more flexible. Enjoy the remainder of your week, let me know if I can be of assistance with care. Stay Cool, Jenny

The Salvation Army Asylum Seeker Support Service



If you have a donation of blankets or coats, you can please drop them at the WNPS school office, where they will be collected and taken to the drop off centre (see last week's WW). Thank you!



CITRUS DRIVE

The citrus drive continues but will be finishing soon. If you have been thinking about trying the oranges and/or mandarins, get your orders in now. Forms are available from the office.

Mandarins and Oranges are currently in season and are picked fresh from the trees, prior to delivery to the school. In winter, it is important to keep up your Vitamin C intake, so please order some fruit, support the school and your immune system! Victorian Grown Oranges and Mandarins:

- 3kg Oranges \$6.00
- 1.5kg Oranges \$3.50
- 2kg Mandarins \$8.00
- 1kg Mandarins \$4.50

FATHER'S DAY STALL

The stall will be held during the first week of September. If you are available to help at the stall, please contact me via email at watsonianorthpspfa@gmail.com

Next week, I will be asking for helpers to help with the wrapping of gifts, so please stay tuned for more information.

Cara Wilkins (PFA Secretary)



Alice Photos



Alice Photos are on sale and on display in the Library from Wednesday 13-27 August

Large photos are \$5 each

Please don't take any photos down from the display. All photos will be delivered after the 27 August.

(PLEASE PAY Mr Eastwood or Mrs Leigh AND WE WILL WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE BACK OF THE PHOTO. PHOTOS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AFTER 27 AUGUST.)

If you would like a photo that already has a name on the back of it, SIMPLY pay your \$5 and we will add your name to the back of the photo and re-print it. The CAST PHOTO was very popular so we are re-printing some of those and delivering to student's class ASAP.

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PE & Sport News DATES TO REMEMBER!

NFTBALL MIXED DIVISION FINALS

Thursday, 14 August (selected students only).

HOOPTIMF:

YEAR 3/4 HOOPTIME - DAY 1

Thursday, 28 August (selected students only) – this date is not as yet confirmed.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Friday, 29 August at Meadowglen Athletics Track.

YEAR 5/6 HOOPTIME - DAY 2

Monday, 8 September (selected students only).

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sports Coordinator)











This year, Sharon Scammell, a mum at the school is participating in The Ride to Conquer Cancer, a 2day, 200km cycling event that raises funds for cancer research and treatment. All proceeds from the event go to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, the only public hospital in Australia solely dedicated to cancer. She will be doing the ride for her father, and also an ex- student of Watsonia who sadly passed away from Neuroblastoma, a rare type of childhood cancer, last year at the age of 13! I'm sure that everyone will know at least one person who has been affected by cancer!

Any donation would be greatly appreciated, no matter how small! She needs to raise at least \$2,500 to enable her to do this epic ride! For contributions, please visit:

http://ml14.conquercancer.org.au/site/TR/Events/ Melbourne2014?px=1429656&pg=personal&fr id =1141



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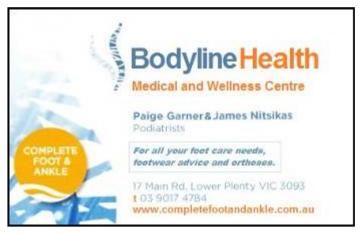
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