



Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

CAFÉ CONCERTS

Our instrumental students from Prep to Year 5 had the opportunity to perform yesterday in front of a very supportive and encouraging audience, as part of the Café Concerts. Learning to play an instrument brings joy and requires commitment and dedication. Many hours are spent rehearsing, fostering a sense of self-expression and achievement. Congratulations to all our instrumental performers who participated in the Café Concerts last night. Your dedication, talents and commitment to learning and developing your musical talents and skills is most admirable and commendable. A very big thank you to our Performing Arts Teacher **David Perry**, for coordinating the Café Concerts and to all staff who attended and assisted on the night. We are fortunate to have a team of expert instrumentalists working at our school, who continually work hard to support our students through the Instrumental Music Program. We congratulate them all and thank them sincerely for all their continued work and contributions.

DIVISION ATHLETICS FINALS

Watsonia North competitors were highly represented at the Watsonia District at the Banyule Division Athletics last week. The conduct and participation level of our students was exemplary with several students proceeding to the next round – the Northern Regional finals which are being held today. We wish WNPS representatives all the best for their event and know that they will all do us proud. Special thanks and mention to **Mr O’Sullivan** and **Mrs Reidy** who have accompanied our athletes.

BASKETBALL HOOPTIME FINALS

What amazing success was achieved by our girls Hooptime team on Monday. A nail biting final saw the girls crowned winners meaning that they have now made it through to the State Finals being played in late November. This is an amazing achievement and we are most proud of the girls. Congratulations!!!!

CHILDREN’S PLACEMENT FOR 2016

In the coming weeks, staff will be preparing grade lists for 2016. If parents/guardians would like staff to consider information relevant to the placement of their child for next year, please personally contact **Jamie Jaquinta** (Assistant

Principal) or **myself** by Friday 23 October. **All considerations must be in writing** and it will not be possible to consider any such information beyond this date.

Information that parents/guardians provide regarding placement for next year should refer to the following only:

- Information relating to specific teaching and learning needs, particularly those identified in the child’s Individual Learning Improvement Plan;
- Information about a child’s social and emotional needs, for example, issues regarding placement with other children.

Please note that **specific teacher requests are not accepted** due to the difficulty it creates in trying to meet everyone’s requests and the negative effect it has on teacher status and morale. At Watsonia North we are fortunate to have an excellent team of staff who offer high quality teaching in all areas and programs. Parents can have confidence that the placement of a child with any teacher is a positive and well considered placement.

PLANNING FOR 2016

Preparations for 2016 are well underway and to assist with the process, we need to have an accurate student enrolment figure. Our school funding is based on the total number of enrolments which in turn determines our grade structure and programs on offer. In consolidating our indicative student numbers for 2016, it is important that families inform us if their child/children will be leaving Watsonia North at the end of the year (other than Year 6 students). If this is the case, could you please complete the slip below and return it to school as soon as possible.

Tina King (Principal)

CHILDREN NOT RETURNING IN 2016

Names of children not returning:

..... Rm

..... Rm:

Reason for Transfer:

.....

School your child/ren will be transferring to:

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Signature of Parent/Guardian:

.....

email: watts.jenny.j@edumail.vic.gov.au



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Hi everyone!

We have two extremely busy little chaps this week. They have their Sports Drawing Challenge underway this week. Good luck – you've both worked hard in your organisation. I have no doubt the week for you boys will be a success.

Our pattern board is now well underway with the children showcasing their colouring and aesthetic skills. A pat on the back is extended to our younger Cool Carers who have obviously been working on their fine motor skill development – their colouring and cutting skills have improved amazingly. Great to see the resilience they have built up over the year showing persistence to complete these tasks.

Gardening Gurus have been spotted in the garden! Much preparing and planting (especially this afternoon) has taken place. With the wonderful rain we received over the weekend and a touch of sunshine, we will be looking forward to healthy produce to share by the end of the year. Maybe a touch of 'worm poo' too?? Time will tell! Statements have now been sent out to all families who used Cool Care last term. Payment of outstanding fees would be appreciated, please. A reminder that fee payments are required by the conclusion of each week. Thank you. Have a wonderful (hopefully sunny) week.

Stay Cool Jenny

SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS

Students should have received an individual letter for special group photos (students photographed included instrumental groups, sporting groups and leadership groups). **Please note that the Year 6 Graduation photo is complimentary and will be included as part of the Graduation Pack.** Each student is given a specific 'Shoot Key' and parents can go online, view and order photographs.

The cut-off date for all orders is **WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER.**

Once ordered, photos can be returned if you are not completely happy with them and this needs to be done directly with **MSP Photography, 7/9 Mirra Court Bundoora within 14 days of receiving them.** Photos returned after the 14 day period will not be eligible for a refund.



'SAVE THE DATE'

WNPS Twilight Carols

Thursday 10 December from 5pm-8pm

Free entry, student performances & lots of stalls.

Flyer coming soon!

5c DRIVE



We are holding a 5c drive until 11 November. Search under the couch, in the car, in the dog's bed and see how many 5c coins you can find! We are asking families to donate all of your 5c coins. The class that raises the most money will win a lunch order (for each student in the grade) from the canteen!

Thanking you, Fundraising Committee



FOUND IN THE SCHOOL YARD – CHILD'S TRANSITIONAL READING GLASSES. BROWN AND GOLD FRAMES. PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

PE & Sport News

DIVISION ATHLETICS

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to the 29 Watsonia North students who competed at the Division Athletics Carnival last Wednesday. Watsonia North had a very successful day with 6 students progressing to Northern Regional Finals. Thank you to all of the parents who supported this event, and to **Anne Davies**, for her Team Manager duties.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tues 20 Oct – Prep, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Tabloid Sports morning
- Thurs 22 Oct – SSV Girls Softball venue TBA (selected students only)
- Fri 23 Oct – SSV Basketball Boys & Girls at Viewbank PS (selected students only)

TABLOID SPORTS MORNING PREP, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

Tuesday, 20 October: 9.05-10.35am

Each year, Watsonia North School Captains, House Captains and House Vice-Captains are involved in organising and running activities for our fun Tabloid sports morning. This morning is a great way for our Captains to develop their communication and leadership skills. Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students should come along **DRESSED IN THEIR HOUSE COLOURS:**

Edgley	Yellow
McConnell	Red
Gray	Green
Bateson	Blue

HOOPTIME GIRLS

Wooooo-hoooo – we are off to **STATE FINALS!** What a fantastic effort yesterday at Mill Park Stadium. Our girls played and won throughout the whole day taking them to the Grand Final. It was an amazingly tight game, but the girls executed their great basketball skills to win the final 17-15! Thanks to all the parents for supporting our girls and assistance with scoring and driving.

The girls will now progress to the State Final which will be held at the Dandenong State Basketball Centre on Tuesday, 24 November.

PS thanks girls, for my chockies and the great birthday singing!!

Trent O'Sullivan (Sport & PE Coordinator)



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*December Twilight Market 10th December



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Music

Stand-up Comedy

Magic

Singing

Great prizes!!

Primary School age
Secondary School age
Open age
Groups

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Picnic in the Park



Enjoy a family picnic and
launch the new playground
Sunday 25th October 2015, 11am-2pm
Gladman Reserve

Pack a picnic and enjoy life size
games, a circus entertainer and
story teller.

You could win a \$25 gift voucher
for bringing the "Best Picnic
Hamper" or simply enjoy a
sausage sizzle from a local
community group.

No bookings required

All welcome

FREE FAMILY EVENT



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Bundoora Pre-school presents

Sponsored by

Twilight Halloween Market

Tuesday

27 October 2015

6pm-9pm

Watsonia Community Hall

35 Lambourn Road, Watsonia

Lots of FREE ACTIVITIES and...

- Market Stalls • Raffles • Sausage Sizzle
- Cakes • Wine • Kids Zone • Chestnut Painting •
- Colouring in Competition • Art and Craft • Outdoor Sports
- and a HAUNTED HOUSE!
- Kids can come in costume and
- trick or treat!

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