



Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR: WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

What an amazing performance at Hisense arena last Saturday by over 3,000 state government school students! This musical extravaganza showcased the talents of many primary and secondary children across a number of Victorian schools – from singers, to dancers, musicians and circus performers. Our choristers did us proud and it was lovely to see them shine up on stage as part of the Mass Choir. They all worked hard through the year and then leading up to such a huge event. Thank you to all the parents who supported their child's involvement in this big musical production.

A huge thank you to **David Perry** and **Julianne Haldon** for accompanying our choristers and giving up their personal time (especially on a Saturday) to make sure our students were not only able to be involved but also supervised en-route to rehearsals and performances and supervised in between shows. Without David's and Julianne's commitment, our students' involvement simply would not have been possible.

1:1 NETBOOK PROPOSAL

We are very excited to be announcing that commencing 2016, we will be offering a 1:1 Netbook Program for students in Years 3 and 4. For the program to proceed, we required at least 90% uptake and we have exceeded this expectation. We understand and appreciate that many students and families are very interested and excited about the program and information will be distributed early next term to all students currently in Years 2 and 3. There is no doubt that the introduction of this program will support our students in becoming 21st century learners.

PREP 2016 TRANSITION PROGRAM

Next term we will be welcoming our Prep children who will be commencing school at Watsonia North in 2016. Each year, we offer our new Prep students and their

respective families, a comprehensive orientation program aimed at facilitating the transition into school. The program allows familiarisation with the school thus assisting children to feel comfortable, happy and excited about starting school. As part of the orientation program, we provide advice and information to parents and guardians about the Prep year and other associated school activities. The Prep Transition dates scheduled for Term 4 are:

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| Thursday 22 October | 2:00 – 3:00pm | <i>* Please note there have been some time changes – we apologise for any inconvenience</i> |
| Thursday 29 October | 2:00 – 3:00pm * | |
| Thursday 5 November | 9:15 – 10:30am * | |
| Thursday 12 November | 6:30 – 8:00pm * | |
| | (Parent Information Evening) | |
| Thursday 19 November | 2:00 – 3:00pm | |
| Thursday 10 December | 9:15 – 10:30am | |
| Tuesday 14 December | 3:45 – 4:45pm | |

LOST PROPERTY COLLECTION

There continues to be a large number of items in the lost property that have not been claimed. If you are missing uniform items (and various knick knacks that seem to find their way into the lost property cupboards), please set some time aside to come and collect these items. All non-labelled clothing that has not been claimed will go to the second uniform shop, with all other items being donated to charity.

END OF TERM

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another term and I would like to congratulate everyone on all the accomplishments and achievements throughout this term. Students are to be commended on their continued application to their learning, staff thanked for their ongoing dedication and commitment and our wonderful parent body acknowledged for their ongoing support and involvement. Enjoy the holiday break and I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday.

Go Hawks!!!

Tina King (Principal)

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Tel: 9432 3213 24 hours

Hi everyone - with holidays just around the corner, Cool Care will commence at 2.30pm this Friday afternoon. Our session will conclude as usual at 6.00pm but we will be here one hour longer to accommodate the school early finish for the last day of term. Please contact me if you are in need of care for the hour between 2.30 and 3.30pm or if you would like care for the whole afternoon. We have had several cancellations.

A request to Cool Care users to finalise their accounts prior to close of school this week. We thank you all for attending to your accounts promptly as the weeks tick over, we appreciate your contributions to our program. As our fee income is the sole revenue for our program, payments are necessary to cover our services operating expenses. Many thanks.

I am sure this term has passed as quickly for you all as it has for us. Where the year has gone is quite ridiculous really. No doubt next term will speed along equally as quickly. We are excited about the experiences we have planned for the children and looking forward to their return to Cool Care after their holidays to share the holiday news with us.

Wishing you all safe and happy holidays with your beautiful children.

Stay Cool, Jenny

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ON SALE UNTIL STOCKS RUN OUT!

We have a limited supply of girls' GREY tights available RRP is \$9.95, but we are selling them at the bargain price of \$5.00 per pair – sizes available 4-6 and 7-10. Get in quick before they disappear!

Jodie Park (Uniform Shop Coordinator)



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS AND CARERS! DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH AUTISM?

Principals Brooke Briody and Pamela Mathieson are to run information sessions all about Autism.

Brooke and Pamela are experts in the field of Autism and will deliver sessions on topics that will include:

1. What is ASD and how ASD impacts on children's behaviour at home and school.
2. How to set up structures and use visuals in the home and community to reduce challenging behaviours.
3. How to use visuals to teach independent living skills.

The sessions are to be held on the 7, 14 and 21 October at NSA Reservoir. They will run from 9:30 – 11:00. Morning tea will be provided. Resources packs will be available to take home.

The cost of the sessions will be \$150 or \$50 per sessions. Payment Via direct debit: NSA's Bank Details: BSB 063234, Account: 10463987, Ref Please state your whole name

*No Refunds available

Please email Pamela to book mathieson.pamela.p@edumail.vic.gov.au.



Eczema sufferers wanted

Are you or your child suffering from eczema or dermatitis?

If your child is aged between 6 and 16 years old, and has been diagnosed with eczema, atopic eczema or atopic dermatitis by a GP or dermatologist, you may be eligible to participate in a research study involving the oral intake of Chinese herbal granules for 12 weeks.

Eczema is a common skin condition with symptoms of severe itching and redness of the skin. Clinical evidence suggests Chinese herbal medicine may reduce the itchiness and improve the quality of life for eczema sufferers.

For more information or to register for the study, please contact Mr Sherman Gu on 9925 7375 or Email: eczema.trial@rmit.edu.au

<http://www.rmit.edu.au/healthsciences/eczema-trial>

The study has been approved by the RMIT University Human Research Ethics Committee and is being conducted by the Discipline of Chinese Medicine, School of Health Sciences, RMIT University Bundoora West campus, Plenty Road, Bundoora, Victoria.

**LAST DAY FOR TERM 3 THIS
FRIDAY: WHOLE SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY AT 2.00PM WITH
EARLY DISMISSAL OF 2.30PM**



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PE & Sport News

RUGBY GALA DAY

A great day was had by all students who attended the Watsonia District Rugby Gala Day hosted by Melbourne Storm.

All teams received coaching on the games safety, rules and tactics prior to the games commencing. Our Watsonia North Rabitoh girls tackle team made the final, narrowly being defeated by 1 try.

A BIG THANK YOU to **MRS REIDY** and **MR EASTWOOD** for team manager and coaching duties, and to the parents who supported the event.

DATES COMING UP

- WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER – DIVISION ATHLETICS at Meadowglen.
- TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER – Senior Girls Hooptime – Regional Finals at Mill Park.

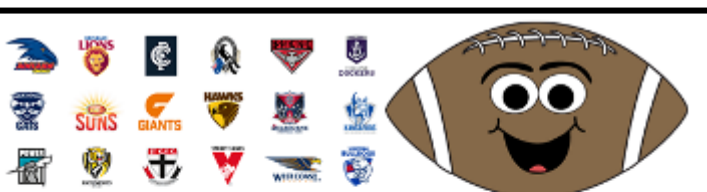
SPECIALISTS' BLOG

If you would like to leave a comment on the WNPS Specialists' Blog, please leave your name and your room number (or your child's name and child's room number) and your comment will be approved by a member of the Specialist Team. Address for the blog is:

<http://wnpsspecialists.global2.vic.edu.au>

Password access is: *specialists*

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)



FOOTY COLOURS DAY

THIS FRIDAY, we will be having an out of school uniform day.

We would love everyone to join in the fun by coming dressed in your favourite football team colours.

Please bring along a gold coin donation to help contribute towards the refurbishment of the 5/6 Retreat Area. This is a school priority that we would like our community to support and raise money for. We will be having a whole school picnic lunch and football parade commencing at 12.15pm on the day. Football activities will be happening at lunchtime for students to participate in.



Parents are more than welcome to come along and join us for the parade.

Looking forward to a fantastic Footy Colors Day! SRC 2015



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