



Wednesday Weekly

17 February
2016

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From the Principal INFORMATION NIGHTS & PARENT/TEACHER "MEET & GREET"

Thank you to the many families who attended the information sessions held by each year level last week. We had many parents and guardians present and for those who could not make it, the area newsletter for the term has been sent home with your child.

Parents and caregivers now have an opportunity to attend the Parent/Teacher 'meet and greet' session scheduled for next week. This initial meeting is designed to be a sharing of information about students between parents, students and teachers. Please note that these sessions are not the forum for updates on academic progress, rather an opportunity to share information about your child and how to best meet their social, academic and emotional needs. Learning Improvement Plan goals for students in Years 1 to 6 will be a feature of the discussion. Bookings can be made online by visiting www.schoolinterviews.com.au and entering the booking code: 6XCCE. Please follow the instructions on the screen and if you are having any difficulties, contact the school office staff. **The online booking site will close at 4:00pm on Friday 19 February.**

STUDENT FREE/CURRICULUM DAYS - REMINDER

In case you missed the dates in last week's edition of the Wednesday Weekly, we ask that parents and carers make note of the dates below as students are not required to attend school on these days:

- Friday 4 March 2016 – Curriculum Day
- Monday 11 April 2016 – Curriculum Day
- Monday 11 July 2016 – Curriculum Day
- Tuesday 21 June – Student Reporting Day (students only attend nominated interview time)

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

An information pack was sent home last Friday regarding School Council Elections for this year. The School Council plays a crucial role in setting the future directions of the school, and I urge parents to consider nominating. **Nominations forms are available from the office and must be lodged by 4:00pm on Monday 22 February at the office.**

STUDENT LEADERS BADGE PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

All student leaders will have their *Badge of Office* presented to them at a special upcoming assembly to be held on **Monday 29 February**. This is a "save the date" notification with further details to follow.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Our Fundraising Committee worked very hard throughout 2015, to raise funds in the vicinity of \$12,000 for our school. The money has been allocated to the purchase of technological equipment with the installation over the holidays of 55" LED LCD TVs for the Junior school. The remainder of the funds will be used to extend our bank of iPads for use within the school.

Our heartfelt thanks go to members of the committee who volunteered their time and services in organising events and activities aimed at raising funds. On behalf of the school community, I extend a sincere thank you to **Maria** (President), **Kara** (Secretary), **Sandy** (Treasurer), and general committee members Sue, Louise, Sheridan, Katie and Loretta. A very special mention and acknowledgment to all the other parents and helpers who supported the Fundraising committee. Your collective efforts, commitment and support have benefited the school and especially the students.

We are in the process of recruiting members to organise and run this year's fundraising activities. If this is something you are interested in, we would love your involvement. Please come and see me to express your interest. The Annual General Meeting of the Fundraising Committee will be coming up shortly and we are hoping to see many of you there.

MATHEMATICS FOR PARENTS – PRESENTED BY MICHAEL YMER

A session not to be missed! Michael has worked with our staff for several years now and this special parent session will look at what children are learning in mathematics and how you can assist them at home. Michael is a very engaging speaker and I highly endorse the session to you. A flyer has been sent home containing details and a blurb is included in this week's newsletter for dates and session times.

Tina King (Principal)

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



Tel: 9432 3213 24 hours

Hello everyone

The colour red is certainly noticeable in Cool Care now, following the Chinese New Year celebrations last week. I also visited the Atrium of the casino over the weekend, and have processed some photos of the magnificent display of the 12 zodiac animals for the Chinese Calendar. The beautiful red lanterns on display are also wonderful. Throughout the city the brilliant colours of the New Year and also Valentine's Day were sensational. No wonder Melbourne continuously ranks highly in the most liveable and friendly city awards each year.

Our boys have now commenced their drawing challenge. Future décor designers are hard at work designing their own Bean Bags. Lots of colour and variety amongst them. The boys will continue their challenge for the remainder of this week with careful judging and announcements happening over the next couple of weeks.

Donna and Jes have won themselves many little Wizard and Witch friends to help execute an exciting week of Harry Potter experiences. Monday afternoon they used the generosity of nature and collected themselves a 'wand like' stick to decorate to create their own spells and magic. The 'Prefects' were chosen out of the sorting hat for each house, Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Slytherin and Ravenclaw. On Wednesday afternoon we will be sorting the children into one of the houses to participate in the Harry Potter trivia quiz. During this week and through into next week, there are many other activities planned finishing the fortnight off with a movie afternoon. The older children will be viewing The Philosopher's Stone and the younger children have chosen their own form of magic in Shrek. This will be on Friday 26 February. If your children attend on a regular basis, it may assist collection time if parent/carers touch base with us about the activities planned and timeframe connected to each one to ensure the children are able to participate in the Hogwarts fun. Pupil Free Day is coming up on Friday 4 March. Cool Care will operate on the proviso we have minimum of 20 children requiring care for the day. Bookings are now open and will close next Wednesday 24 February, which will allow us time to organise staffing and plan for the day. The cost for the day is \$50.00 per child and we will operate from 7.15am to 6.00pm. If interested in care for the day, please advise during this booking period. Any other Cool Care queries, please contact me.



Have yourselves a wonderful week!
Stay Cool, Jenny

LAST CHANCE TO JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!
PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM & INSTRUCTIONS BELOW
- FIRST ELECTRONIC EDITION NEXT WEEK!

**WEDNESDAY WEEKLY
DISTRIBUTION 2016**

PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE OPTION

Please note that the emailed Wednesday Weekly is in **FULL COLOUR**

Your Name/s:

Eldest Child's Name:

**** IMPORTANT!****

Eldest Child's Home Group in 2016: Home Group (eg J8):

I am currently receiving the Wednesday Weekly by email and would like to continue to do so – **I have confirmed my eldest child's room number in a reply email to Jill.**

I am currently receiving the Wednesday Weekly by email, and do not wish to continue. I would like a hard copy of the WW sent to my child each week.

I would like to start receiving the Wednesday by email.

To confirm your email address, please send an email by **Friday, 12 February** to:

lewis.jill.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

** In the subject heading please state **'Wednesday Weekly'** and **your family name and eldest child's home group**:

For example:
Subject: Wednesday Weekly – Jones Family J8

I would like to receive a **black and white** 'hard copy' of the Wednesday Weekly sent to my child each week.

I do not wish to receive a copy of the Wednesday Weekly.

PE & Sport News



**LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
ROUND 2**

Sport	WNPS	Greensborough
Basketball Boys	31	10
Basketball Girls	42	6
Bat Tennis Boys	36	8
Bat Tennis Girls	28	14
Rounders	35	8
Cricket	3/49	6/29

INTERSCHOOL SPORT THIS WEEK

Round 3: WNPS v Watsonia PS (home).

Cricket at Warrawee Park, basketball and bat tennis at WNPS – **NO ROUNDERS TEAM.**

Games start at **9.30am until 10.45am.**

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)

Performing Arts News

MASSED SINGING

This year we are introducing massed singing as a regular activity across the school. Massed singing is a great activity and a strong tradition at schools like **Melbourne High**, where they have had special singing assemblies for **over a century**. We kicked it off at this week's assembly with a special rendition of the "Moose Song", and will continue to make this a feature at most assemblies. Many parents in the audience appeared to really enjoy it – be sure to let us know what you think!

CHOIR

Senior Choir is in the final stage of recruiting!

Application forms were issued to 2015 choristers and to students who may be interested in becoming part of our school choir. More application forms are available at the Music Office and Front Office. We had a great turn out last week and this week, with over 25 children from Years 5 and 6 attending. There is still time, but get in quickly! Please call Mr Perry if you are keen for your child to be involved this year. **Parent helpers:** If you would like to assist in coordinating choir uniform in 2016, or in any area of the WNPS choir program, please contact Mr Perry on music@wats-north.vic.edu.au.

RECORDER

Is your child in Year 3? They will need a recorder! This is a separate item to be purchased and most families do this through the school. We sell recorders for \$9 and a note for this has been sent to all families of Year 3 students. **There is also the opportunity to take up group recorder lessons with Tony Barnden for a lower than usual price** – please indicate on the form at the bottom of the recorder if you are interested in this. Thanks to families for organising this aspect of your child's education – most students in Years 3 to 6 have now sorted out their recorder and have it ready for use in class.

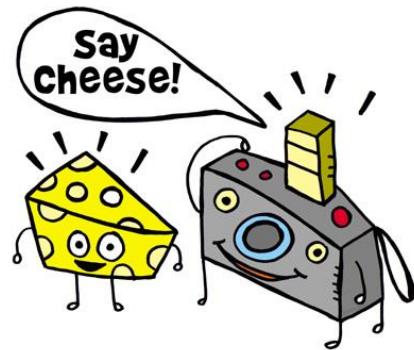
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Did you know that children learn clarinet, drumkit, flute, guitar, keyboard, piano, recorder, saxophone and violin at WNPS? Some children have been learning for several years, since they were preps! These lessons are **separate** to the classroom Music sessions and are **elective** rather than compulsory, and **involve an extra cost**. Lesson times are at a set time during the school day, although some families arrange for the lessons to take place before or after school. Application / information forms are available at the **Front Office** or the **Music Office**.

VIOLIN

Group classes for beginner students in Prep and (possibly) Year 1 will be starting next term. This is at a fixed price of \$120 for ten weeks, and the school organises your violin for you. Please think about whether you would like your child involved in this – I have already had families approach me to express their interest!

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: INDIVIDUAL, CLASS & FAMILY PHOTOS: WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY

Just a reminder that WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY is photo day. Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope, however, each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day;
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request;
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Payment options are cash, credit card and online.

Any further enquiries, please feel free to contact MSP on 9466 7331

Wollert Community
Market & Cafe
4th Saturday of every month
455 Epping Road, Wollert
8am – 2pm

PLEASE NOTE: February 2016 will be the last Wollert Community market held @455 Epping Rd, Wollert.



However, we will be running an Annual Christmas Twilight Market in December.
Stall holders welcome, phone 0420 585 285
*December Twilight Market 12th December

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Save the Date

**STUDENT LEADERS
BADGE PRESENTATION
ASSEMBLY – MONDAY,
29 FEBRUARY – MORE
INFORMATION TO
FOLLOW**

Leadership @ WNPS

Term 1 - Week 4

Wellbeing Team

**Year 1 – 6
Leadership Forum**

The Wellbeing Team responsibilities and election process will be outlined by teachers on Monday 15th February, 2016.

**Wellbeing
Nominations**

Nominations open at 12:40pm on Monday 15th February, 2016.
Student's may only nominate ONE student from their own class.

**Wellbeing
Nominations,
Speeches & Voting**

Nominations close at 3:30pm on Thursday 18th February, 2016.
Speeches are to be held Friday 19th February.
Voting will take place and successful candidates and deputies are announced to the class on Friday 19th February.

Leadership @ WNPS

Term 1 - Week 5

Green Team

**Green Team
Nominations**

Nominations open after voting for Wellbeing Team concludes on Friday 19th February, 2016.
Student's may only nominate ONE student from their own class.

**Year 1 – 6
Leadership Forum**

The Green Team responsibilities and election process will be outlined by teachers by Monday 22nd February, 2016.

**Green Team
Nominations,
Speeches & Voting**

Nominations close at 3:30pm on Tuesday 23rd February, 2016.
Speeches are to be held Wednesday 24th February.
Voting will take place and successful candidates and deputies are announced to the class on Wednesday 24th February.

MATHEMATICS for parents



Presenter **MICHAEL YMER**

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2016 – 7.00 to 8.30PM

Michael is a specialist Mathematics Consultant from Melbourne, Australia. He is involved in many Professional Development programs in schools across Australia and Asia. Michael is an enthusiastic and entertaining presenter who has a clear and practical approach to the challenges that confront schools and parents in mathematics.

On this evening, Michael will address the following:

- What is my child learning in mathematics?
- How can I help my child become an efficient problem solver?
- How do children best learn mathematics?
- How can parents promote quality thinking and learning?
- How can I help my child in mathematics?

The seminar, which will be held at Watsonia North Primary School, is highly recommended to all parents who wish to gain an insight into the focus of mathematics in our school and offer strategies and ideas to help support their child/children.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY EVENT



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CONTACT NAME: Erika Newbegin

CONTACT NUMBER: 0419 888 050

LOCATION: Greensborough Hockey Club, Plenty Park, Memorial Drive, Plenty, VIC, 3090

START DATE: Monday, 15th February 2016

TIME: 6:00pm

EMAIL: juniors@greensboroughhockeyclub.com

WEB: www.greensboroughhockeyclub.com.au

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION excludes 14th March (Labour Day Holiday)



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