From the Principal

BANYULE AND NILLUMBIK COMBINED SCHOOLS NETWORK – PRINCIPAL CLASS CONFERENCE

Last week, Jamie Jaquinta and I joined colleagues from the Banyule and Nillumbik network for the combined network conference. The theme of the conference 'Survive & Thrive' had a strong wellbeing focus with many well acclaimed professionals sharing experiences, insight and knowledge. The key note address was provided by Hugh Van Cuylenburg, founding director of The Resilience Project. Hugh's address emphasised the value of gratitude, empathy kindness, positivity, optimism and mindfulness.

Mark McCrindle (social researcher, author and influential thought leader in the future of education) provided key information and statistics relating to social trends and generational change. There is no doubt that changing social trends, global access to information, increased social connectedness and a desire and ability to be highly mobile in the fluidity of their work and housing will have

major influence on current Gen Z and Gen Alpha. (For us baby boomers, Generation Z is classified as those currently in the 6 to 20 years of age and Generation Alpha is characterised by those who are less than 6 years of age).

The statistical chart below, prepared by Mark, provides interesting data and information that will have future impact not only on education but all facets of Australian society.

Another highlight of the conference was the presentation by Kay Watts, Education and Research Manager at *Smiling Mind*. Kay's workshop provided simple, practical tools designed to allow individuals to look after their own minds and practice being mindful. *Smiling Mind* is modern meditation for young people. It is a unique web and App-based program, designed to help bring balance to young lives. Some of our staff have been trialing the program with their class and it has been very well received. On a personal level, I have downloaded the app, but must get better at committing to being mindful and in the present moment – no doubt a task for the upcoming holidays.



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STUDENT REPORT & INTERVIEWS

As the end of term two fast approaches, teachers are busily writing semester one student reports, with families receiving their child's report on Thursday 25 June. The mid-year report is an important time to reflect on progress and achievements thus far and to set goals for the remainder of the school year.

Parent/student/teacher conferences will take place in week two of next term, on Tuesday 21 July. There will be an adjusted timetable on this day with interviews taking place from 12:00pm to 8:00pm. Students are not required at school on this day however it is very important that students attend the interview with their parents/carers to share achievements and discuss moving forward with their learning.

We will once again be using the online booking system to make appointments for interviews. Booking codes and information will be forwarded to families on Monday. Please keep an eye out for this as it is a "first in, first served," system. If you do not have internet access, there will be a kiosk available to use at the school office or you could phone the office and Jill and Des will be more than happy to assist. The online booking system will be made available on the first day of Term 3.

LOST PROPERTY

We seem to have an abundance of clothing accumulating in the lost property cupboards. If your child is missing items please check the cupboards as all un-named and un-claimed items will be placed in the second hand uniform shop at the end of term.

END OF TERM

The end of term is upon us with Friday 26 June being the last day of the term. **School will finish at 2:30** with the end of term assembly commencing at 2:00 pm. Families are asked to take note of the earlier finish time.

Tina King (Principal)



Have you downloaded our new school app, called 'tiqbiz'? The app is available on iPhone, iPad, iPod, Android Phone, Android Tablet and Windows phone device. If you don't have a mobile device, there is also an app available for computer, both Mac and PC. To access the app, you will need to download tiqbiz from the app store, register a free account, then find Watsonia North PS, and tick our school.

Once you have the app, you will receive reminders and updates on the latest news happening around our school.

When you are ticking the school boxes, please make sure you tick on "Whole School" **AND** the specific Year level/s that apply to your family.

Save The Bali Street Dogs



My name is **Natasha Leahy**, and I am an ex-student of Watsonia North Primary School. This November, I will be travelling to Bali to volunteer at the Bali Animal Welfare Foundation, mainly working with street dogs. I am currently trying to raise awareness of the lives these dogs lead, therefore I am asking the community of Watsonia North if they would like to make a donation to the cause.

For more information and to make a donation please go to www.gofundme.com/wnrvu7f

OUT OF SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY - TOMORROW



Come dressed in the colors of the Nepalese flag which is red, blue and white!

AND

don't forget to bring along a gold coin donation!



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Look out everyone, Cool Care is being overrun by the weirdest looking "Cartoonies" you will ever come across. We are having so much fun Thursday afternoons creating our own little 'beings'! With only one more session left (which will take place this week), we will endeavour to continue creating in our own little way - let's hope we can keep things under control! Hopefully some of our students can assist us with their wellplanned movie afternoon scheduled to take place this Friday afternoon. The voting continues to choose the film. They are busily completing their list of votes and the decision will be made. At this stage we have three tough competitors - The Smurfs, Nanny McPhee and Benji. I have no doubt whichever film crosses the line first, it will be popular. We look forward to relaxing on a Friday afternoon and what better way but to chill with a good film and a few little treats. With school finishing early next Friday June 26, Cool Care will commence at 2.30pm. If your child would normally use care on a Friday afternoon, we will expect them on the roll from 2.30pm onwards. If you do not require care for this session, please let me know by the end of this week to ensure there is no charge for your family. If you are requiring care on a casual basis, please contact us as soon as possible to be placed on our waiting list for the session. The additional hour between 2.30 and 3.30pm will be \$7.50 per child (with Centrelink benefits applied for families with eligibility).

As Cool Care is operated as a Community Owned Service, (School Council as sponsor), our fee income is the sole revenue covering our operating costs. Payment of fees on a weekly basis is therefore imperative to ensure we cover our expenses. Statements advising families of their outstanding fees at the conclusion of each week are sent home at the beginning of each week. If unaware of the balance of your account, please contact me for an update. Our A-Z wall pockets are our link to families for written communications aside from paperwork sent home through the classroom tubs. We ask that these be

checked regularly to ensure families are in receipt of their correspondence. Families unsure of their responsibilities related to the use of Cool Care, please refer to the Parent Booklet provided at the time of enrolment. All of our protocols and procedures are clearly stated within this document. If you are experiencing difficulties to meet fee payments, please advise Management. All discussions will remain confidential.

We hope you all have a great week. A reminder that vacancies regularly occur due to cancellation – do not hesitate to give us a call to enquire.

Stay Cool, Jenny



DONATIONS NEEDED

Please help us raise money for iPads by donating to our school Trivia Night!! You can help us by:

- Donating a bottle of alcohol (must be within 6 months of its use by date)
- Donating an item we can auction (brand new condition)
- If you are a business owner: donating a cheque to go towards buying a big ticket item/one of your products or services.
- If you are a tradesperson: donating a cheque or some of your time to auction on the night.
- If you have a holiday house or stay:
 donating a night or weekend away.

 If you think you can help please contact
 Maria Cogger on maria.cogger@gmail.com
 or the school office on 9435 1285

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE TICKETS – NEXT MONDAY MORNING AFTER ASSEMBLY

Only three tables and 18 miscellaneous seats left!



PE & Sport News SPORTS RESULTS - ROUND 8

SPORT	WNPS	Bundoora
Football	58	11
Soccer	10	1
Softball	21	1
Netball A	27	4
Netball B	15	4

DISTRICT FINALS THIS WEEK

District Finals will be played this Friday at Watsonia North – Football at Binnak Park, Soccer at Loyola College, Netball & Softball at WNPS.

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to the 13 students who competed at the Division Cross Country Championships last Wednesday at Bundoora.

NORTHERN REGION BASKETBALL

A big congratulations to three of our students for progressing to the Northern Region Basketball trials held in Bendigo last Thursday. One of our girls was successful and is now in to the final 50 girls for State Team Victoria. She will attend a 2-day training camp over the school holidays.



HEIDELBERG GOLF CLUB Junior Golf Academy Day for Year 5/6 Students THIS SUNDAY, 21 JUNE AT 3PM

Just a reminder that Year 5/6 students at Watsonia North are invited to attend a FREE 4 hole game at the course at Heidelberg Golf Club on SUNDAY, 21 JUNE at 3pm.

Sausage sizzle and prizes provided in the clubhouse after the game!

Parents, family and friends – are welcome to watch the game, bring your own clubs, have a hit, and join in the BBQ! Please let me know asap if you are attending.

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)





SCHOOL OF ROCK!

Next week (Tuesday 23 June) will be our SIXTH performance at the School of Rock in as many years. This is a very popular event open to all schools in the North West Victoria Region. Please return your permission form to Mr Perry via the Front Office if you have not yet done so. Please note that this event is not open to outside audiences, as the venue is not large enough to accommodate friends and family of the more than ONE THOUSAND students from across the Region who perform each day!

MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA EXCURSION

On Wednesday 3 June all students in Years 1 and 2 travelled to the city to watch the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. This is always a great excursion and one that the students always remember. The host, Paul Rissmann, is a composer from Scotland who wrote an interactive piece for the audience to join the orchestra, as well as extra material for the *Pictures at an exhibition* that we have been studying in class – ask your child about the "Baba Yaga go away" song or the "tricky" body percussion! Teachers and students alike had an entertaining and educational day.

YEAR 1 AND 2 CONCERT

Our biennial Year 1 and 2 concert gets closer by the week! The format has changed slightly as both Year 1 and 2 are performing in the same concert, rather than two separate performances. We have had many parents and family members volunteering to help out, whether in the "Costume Crew" – want to make costumes, props or scenery – or perhaps play in the backing band? The more the merrier! Please contact Mr Perry via the school.

BEGINNER GROUP RECORDER CLASSES

Tony Barnden has been teaching groups of beginner recorder students (mainly in Year 3) at a set price of \$100 for ten lessons. A notice for this will be issued to all Year 3 students this week – please contact Tony or Mr Perry via the school.

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund is provided by the Victorian Government to ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important education and fun activities. The Department of Education and Training administers the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Payment amounts are \$125 for Primary school students and \$225 for Secondary school students.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must be the holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, or be a temporary foster parent.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON THURSDAY, 25 JUNE – please download the form from:

<u>www.education.vic.gov.au/csef</u> or collect one from the school office. Please bring your card with you when you lodge the application.



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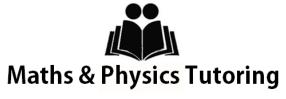
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