



Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

STUDENT LEADERSHIP BADGE PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all students that have been elected to the various Student Leadership roles within the school. At a special whole school assembly on Monday, the **Presentation of Badges Ceremony** was conducted, with all student leaders receiving their badge of office.

We extend a sincere thank you to the visitors that assisted with the badge presentation – our school captains from 2014 (Lucy Anderson, Jonah Hope, Olivia Ferronato, Nathan Sloan) and special guest **Warrick Giddey**. Warrick is currently the Community & School Program facilitator at Melbourne United and is heavily involved in coaching. Previous to this, he played many games for the Melbourne Tigers often being applauded for his great skills, determination to get the ball, and hard work.

We were delighted that Warrick was kind enough to address all those in attendance, speaking about the importance of setting goals and aiming to achieve your dreams and aspirations. He spoke about his drive and determination to achieve his personal goals – that of being a professional athlete and a 'garbologist', sharing how he would wake at 4:30am each morning to ensure he got a shift collecting rubbish!

On behalf of all, I would like to thank and congratulate **Julianne Haldon, Scott Eastwood** and **Sarah Linsen** for all their great planning and organisation of this event. Please peruse our special feature in this week's Wednesday Weekly which provides a photographic display of our elected Student Leadership body for this year.

STAFF CAR PARK – CHILDREN'S SAFETY

A reminder to all parents and visitors that parking in the staff car park or entering the staff car park when picking up and dropping off children, is strictly prohibited. This is necessary for children's safety and we seek everyone's compliance with this request. Parents and visitors should use the pedestrian gates in Sharpes Road or Dundee Street when entering or exiting the school grounds.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Thank you to the many parents that responded to the call out for volunteers to assist with the planning of fundraising activities for the year. We have a core group of excited and committed parents who are keen to take on this challenge and raise money for the school. **Maria Cogger** will take the helm as Fundraising Coordinator and together with the team, will keep you informed of upcoming events and activities. We look forward to your assistance and contributions throughout the year when possible. A sincere thank you to Maria for her willingness to take on this role. At the upcoming committee meeting on Friday (9:30am in the staffroom), other office bearers positions will be finalised. In the meantime, please keep supporting the Easter Raffle by donating eggs for our hampers and the purchase of raffle tickets.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The School Annual Report for 2014 will be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Watsonia School Council to be held on Tuesday 24 March commencing at 7:00pm. The Annual Report provides a means for the school council to inform the school community of what has been achieved and how the school is performing. Annual reporting is also an important tool for effective governance within schools and is useful in:

- **Keeping the school community informed:** schools are important to their local communities. Parents and families, students and school staff make considerable contributions to their school. School annual reports provide one way of informing these groups on what has been planned and what has been achieved.
- **Contributing to school planning:** the annual reporting process provides a useful opportunity for schools to reflect on what was planned and what was actually implemented, and what impact this had had on meeting the needs of students. This will inform the future plans of the school.

The Annual Report for 2014 will be made available later this month on the State Register found on the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority's website <http://www.vrqa.vic.au>. You may also access the report by visiting our school's website at www.watsnorth.vic.edu.au

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Hello everyone

Year 3/4 is currently in the midst of their Outdoor Ed Program. With this continuing through into next week, we would appreciate parent/carers advising us if their care needs will change with their children participating in the Outdoor Ed sessions. I have a schedule of the intended times and experiences however, if children need to be returned to Cool Care after arriving back to the school after 3.30pm, we need the teachers to be advised. We also need to know whether the children will be attending our sessions or not. Please let me know if this affects your regular bookings.

As next week is the last week of term one, Cool Care will commence one hour earlier on the last day of school (Friday 27 March). Children normally booked in on a Friday afternoon are automatically included on the attendance roll for that session unless we are otherwise notified. The cost for the additional hour is \$7.50 per child. Centrelink eligibility is available on this cost. If you are not requiring care (as per your normal Friday booking), please let me know this week. All children will be expected from 2.30pm last day of school unless notification is received. To avoid the cost of a session you are not needing, please advise me prior to Cool Care commencing next Monday 23 March.

Best wishes for a fantastic remainder of the week and a relaxing weekend, call us if you need us!

Stay Cool, Jenny

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PE & Sport News

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

ROUND 5

Sport	WNPS	Watsonia
Basketball Boys	24	16
Basketball Girls	58	10
Bat Tennis Boys	36	0
Bat Tennis Girls	26	8
Rounders	No Game/No Team	
Cricket	4/95	8/40

INTERSCHOOL SPORT THIS WEEK

Round 6: WNPS v Norris Bank PS (away). ALL SPORTS PLAYED AT NORRIS BANK SCHOOL GROUNDS or across the road (9.30-10.45am).

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sports Coordinator)



Watsonia North Auskick 2015

Welcome to Watsonia North Auskick for Season 2015. Registrations are now open and must be made online. We commence this Saturday so register and pay on-line now! <http://www.aflauskick.com.au>

SEASON START:

When: Saturday 21 March 2015

Where: Binnak Park, Sharpes Road, Watsonia North

Time: 9.00am – 10.30am

Enquiries: email: watsnthauskick@gmail.com

Phone: Tania 0413 088 207

THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY AUSKICK AT BINNAK PARK



PFA EASTER RAFFLE

We are asking families to donate an Easter egg for the Easter Hampers – please drop your egg/chocolates at the office by no later than **Wednesday, 25 March 2015.**

Raffle is DRAWN on FRIDAY, 27 MARCH and tickets are on sale until 4pm Wednesday, 25 March 2015. **All tickets \$1 each!** Additional books available from office! For details about our exciting art competition, see over!

Thank you, Fundraising Committee



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Performing Arts News

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

WNPS will be performing as part of the massed choir in the **Victorian State Schools Spectacular**. Not a compulsory event, places are limited and will be restricted to students who are members of the choir. This is always an exciting event and a great opportunity for our students. Please note that the **Media Release form** must be completed in order for children to participate – please speak to Mr Perry if you have questions about this. New forms have been given to those children who have not yet returned them.

BANYULE SUPERCHOIR WORKSHOP

My music colleagues and I brought our school choirs together for an all-day workshop last **Friday 13 March** at Montmorency Secondary College. Next year promises to be even bigger – we have had schools contacting us to ask how they can participate! Sue Johnson, founder and long-time member of the award-winning choral group, *Coco's Lunch*, gave a fantastic presentation in which the choirs sang a number of her own compositions in several parts. My thanks to my Music teaching colleagues from Greensborough SC, Montmorency SC, Macleod SC and Rosanna PS, as well as to **Sharon Scammell** who took some fantastic still and video footage of the day.

INTERMEDIATE CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Who is in the Intermediate Choir? Why, every student in Years 3 and 4! That is, until the end of Term 1, when students can decide whether or not to continue for the rest of the year.

Last year we had a record **47 students** continue with Intermediate Choir – can we beat that record in 2015? All students in Years 3 and 4 will be receiving written information **this week** about the process for applying for Intermediate Choir. **All students in Years 3 and 4 will be performing two songs at the end of term assembly on Friday 27 March**, showing their prowess as choral singers – they are sounding in very fine voice!

CHORAL @ MONTSALVAT

We have been invited back to perform at one of the loveliest venues in our part of Melbourne – Montsalvat in Eltham. This performance is on Sunday 3 May and promises to be a great day. More details to come but ... keep the date free! **Senior AND Intermediate Choirs** will be performing.

Parent helpers: If you would like to assist in coordinating choir uniform in 2015, 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!* **All students in Years 3 to 6** require their own recorder for Music lessons. This is a separate item to be purchased and most families do this through the school. We sell recorders for \$8 and a note for this has been sent to all families of year 3 students **as well as to students in years 3 to 6 who are new to the school**. Second hand recorders are available for \$2 (no case is included) but families will need to take responsibility for cleaning these before use.

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE EASTER ART COMPETITION

Please enter our Easter Art competition for a chance to win awesome goodies!

We are looking for ONE winner from junior, middle and senior school that can be as creative as possible! Three different colouring sheets are available at the school office - be as creative as you like, there are no rules! Entry is a gold coin donation for each sheet entered, and winners announced at the last assembly on Friday 27 March.

All entries must be in by 3.30pm on Thursday 26 March.



Date: Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 March

Time: starts Saturday at 12:45pm

Please join the Watsonia North team and help us take turns carrying the baton around the track.

Please follow this link to register

<https://secure.fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TRR/1475096563>

On **Friday 27 March** we will have an **out of school uniform day** in support of the Relay for Life.

Please wear purple or yellow or both and bring a gold coin donation.

We are creating origami balloons as part of our camp display at the Relay for Life. Students will be decorating paper and folding into the balloons.

We hope that people will give a donation to take a balloon home as a reminder of the event.



VIOLIN GROUP LESSONS

In 2012 we initiated new programs at the school that are intended to enrich the instrumental studies at the school and involve more children in learning an instrument. Previously, we have offered programs for group lessons in clarinet and recorder for children in year levels 3 to 5. A new program of **VIOLIN GROUP LESSONS** will start in Term 2, taught by our violin teacher at WNPS, **Melanie Simpson**.

Interested students will learn as a beginner's group for **10 weeks**. These **beginner** lessons are offered to children in **Prep and Year 1** and require a minimum number of 4 children in order to go ahead. Families are strongly encouraged to have one adult family member attending lessons along with their child, as this is highly beneficial for the child's learning.

THE TOTAL COST FOR THE 10 WEEK PROGRAM, INCLUDING TUITION AND INSTRUMENTAL HIRE IS \$120.

The school is subsidising this program in order to make it as accessible as possible to students. Families will need to be responsible for taking care of the instrument allocated to them, and children will need to commit to their practice schedule (not arduous!) as indicated by Melanie, for the entire 10 weeks.

At the end of the 10 weeks, families will be given a number of options available to them if children wish to continue.

This is an exciting opportunity for WNPS students and it has become an integral part of the Music program. Interested families please complete and return the form below, so that you can be given more information. **Please contact Mr Perry at the school if you have any questions.**

VIOLIN GROUP LESSONS



I have read the information regarding the new violin program and have discussed it with my child. We are interested in the program and would like to receive more information.

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Teacher: Rm:

Telephone Number:

Signed:

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