



Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

VICTORIAN EDUCATION SERVICE AWARDS

The Victorian Education Service Awards celebrate and acknowledge staff with 35, 40, 45 and 50 years of service to the Department. Congratulations to **Mrs Kerry May** and **Mrs Julie Austin** who have been recognised for 35 years of outstanding dedication and service to public education. Kerry and Julie have spent many of their years of service at Watsonia North and between them, have moulded many minds and touched many lives.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & MARKET NIGHT

Our annual Christmas Carols and Market evening will be held on **Thursday 11 December**. Planning and preparations for this evening have commenced so please remember to book this night on your calendar. Information relating to the program and general details, will be published over the coming weeks in the Wednesday Weekly. At this stage, we require assistance on the night and if you are able to help out, please contact the PFA directly at watsonianorthpspfa@gmail.com or leave your details at the office.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development administers more than 25 different student scholarships. Students in Years 4–12 are invited to apply for student scholarships administered by the Department. **These school scholarships are for students who are studying in Victoria (Australia) and who are citizens or permanent residents of Australia.** The scholarships are offered to primary, secondary and tertiary students and range in value from \$300 to \$2500. They are generally awarded to students who:

- demonstrate academic achievement
- demonstrate participation in their school and local community
- are in financial need (determined by the parents/guardians being in receipt of a Health Care Card, a

Low Income Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card (card reference number required) or the students themselves receiving the Youth Allowance).

The scholarships opened on **Monday 17 November 2014** and further information may be found at: www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/ An information sheet is also available at the school office.

CYBERBULLYING

We know that students achieve their best at school in safe and supportive environments, where they are free from bullying and disruptive behaviour. At our school we put a big emphasis on making sure we provide a great environment for our students – one that promotes tolerance and is inclusive, harmonious and free from bullying.

Bullying is a serious issue for all of us. We know that it can happen anywhere, anytime, and can have devastating consequences. We also know that with the rise of social media, cyberbullying is an increasingly important issue. Where bullying was once confined to the playground, it can now occur online at any time of the day or night.

The best way to tackle bullying and cyberbullying is for schools, students and parents to work together. Our school is supporting the *Bully Stoppers* campaign – which has just launched a new series of tools and resources to help parents and students deal with cyberbullying.

These resources, part of *Bully Stoppers: Speak Up Against Cyberbullying* campaign, are available on the *Bully Stoppers* website, at

www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers

I encourage you to learn more by visiting the website and sharing the commitment to stop bullying and cyberbullying.

Tina King (Principal)

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2014 IS FRIDAY, 19 DECEMBER – FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND ASSEMBLY IN THE CENTRE AT 1.00PM WITH DISMISSAL AT 1.30PM

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G'day everyone

I'm not sure if you've managed to have a look at our little garden lately. An outstanding job is being done by Liz and our gardening gurus. The rain over the weekend certainly helped with all of the plants looking extremely healthy. It was great to see all of the thyme, parsley and rosemary placed out for our families gratefully taken to add to the evening meal last week. Hopefully it won't be too long before we are able to share more of our fresh produce. A little tip received from the gardening show on the radio over the weekend to assist in removing the pesty little snails a yoghurt tub on its side with some Vegemite® in it, apparently the snails and associates do not deal well with Vegemite®. (Then again, I am sure there are many of us who also do not deal well with Vegemite®)! We'll let you know if we have success with this chemical free approach. Yet again, we have more winners and grinners to announce. An imperative element of our program is for all children and their families feel they belong in Cool Care. The foyer of the Centre holds within it much shared information for all concerned, as well as being the children's 'Belonging' area. In the past the children have been given the opportunity to create their own 'brick' to form our 'Belonging Wall'. As these have faded over time, we feel it the right time to construct a new wall in preparation for the new year, providing space for our current children and new friends we will meet in 2015. As part of our art and craft area this week, the children will be provided with their own little cardboard cut-out figure to name and decorate as themselves. This will take quite some time to put together, using much colour and design as possible, making the foyer a truly welcoming area for all who attend or visit Cool Care. 2015 program documentation is currently being finalised with next year's Enrolment forms ready during the first week in December. As our attendance figures have been high this year, we will be encouraging those enrolling, to complete and return their forms as soon as possible to secure their bookings before school ends this year. Further details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Have a sensational week
Stay Cool, Jenny



CLEARANCE SALE!!

OLD STYLE SCHOOL BAGS - \$20
GREY MAX DAKS PANTS - SIZES 8, 10, 12 going out at a special price of \$5.00!

YEAR 6 CLASS OF 2015 JUMPERS & JACKETS

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY NO LATER THAN 28 NOVEMBER 2014

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE ORDER PLACED AND NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED - IF YOU DO NOT ORDER BY THE ABOVE DATE YOU WILL MISS OUT - NO EXCEPTIONS!

Jodie Park (Uniform Coordinator)

SCHOOL DATES FOR 2015

- Term 1:
• 28 January (school teachers start) to 27 March *
- Term 2:
• 13 April to 26 June
- Term 3:
• 13 July to 18 September
- Term 4:
• 5 October to 18 December

* The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. All students start school at WNPS on THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY 2015. LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2014 IS FRIDAY, 19 DECEMBER - ASSEMBLY IN THE CENTRE AT 1.00PM WITH DISMISSAL AT 1.30PM.

SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS ORDERING SYSTEM

Yesterday, students who are in special groups (ie music/sporting/leadership), were photographed by MSP Photography.

In the next couple of weeks, families will receive information on how to order these photos. Included in the information will be a specific ordering code that can be used to access your child/children's photos online.

All the photos that your child has been photographed in will be available as a 'proof' and you will be able to view and purchase them. A HUGE THANK YOU TO MRS REIDY, who, once again, coordinated this mammoth task - you are just wonderful and did a fabulous job!



ELECTION DAY BBQ SATURDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2014

We still require some helpers with the BBQ on Election Day. If you are able to spare some time, please contact Wendy Thornbury at:

wendyj72@bigpond.com

It is a great occasion to raise money for the school and also talk to the local community. You will need to attend the school to vote anyway, so why not stay for an hour or two and help out?

TWILIGHT CAROLS: THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2014 5pm to 8pm: Save the date!

The annual Twilight Carols are on again. There will be lots of entertainment, stalls, fun and our special guest.

If you would like to have a stall, please contact Melissa Cromie at gavmel2@hotmail.com for information. There are still spots available in some categories.

We will be needing helpers to assist at the PFA stall. We will be selling sausages in bread, chicken schnitzel sandwiches, cold drinks, slurpees, lollies and lucky dips. If you can help on the night or with the organising, please contact me at watsonianorthpspfa@gmail.com

We know that the queue for food was too long last year and to make it run quicker this year, we need more volunteers.

PFA 2015

All positions become vacant at the end of each year. We are looking for a President, Secretary, Treasurer and general members. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends, give back to the school community, and learn new skills. Volunteer work is highly rewarding and also looks great on your resume if you are seeking employment. All meetings are informal, the times and days are flexible and toddlers are welcome. Contact me via email if you are interested in finding out more information.

Regards, Cara Wilkins (PFA Secretary)



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Canteen News

Term 4 is our busiest term and we are pleased to see everyone supporting our canteen.

TASTY TUESDAY continues this term and is still only \$5.00!

Just to refresh your memory, EVERY Tuesday is TASTY TUESDAY and for \$5.00, you get:

- A JUMBO SAUSAGE ROLL or LARGE PIE PLUS

- A MINI MUFFIN PLUS

- A FRUIT STICK PLUS

- A SLURPEE!!



TERM 4 Slurpee flavours are LIME (green) and RASPBERRY (red) – Christmas colours to get into the Christmas spirit!!

Bye for now, Di & Karen



movies

ON THE MOVE

free

THE LEGO MOVIE

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

ACTIVITIES FROM 6.30pm

- FREE children's activities, including face painting, start from 6.30pm
- BYO picnic
- Community Sausage sizzle

LOCATION

Petrie Park
Mountain View Rd Montmorency

- Meet our 'Out and About' team
- Accessible event
- No bookings required
- BYO seating & blanket

MOVIE STARTS FROM 8.15pm

Face painting 

MORE INFORMATION

www.banyule.vic.gov.au or call us on 9490 4222

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St Peter's Hall, Alma Rd Bundoora
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Adult Tap - Wednesday Nights

2015 enrolments now open!! *New classes include:*

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- Junior Troupe Comp Class
- 3-5 Years Tap

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Watsonia Heights Girls get together

and bring a friend

30th November 2014



ALL Girls Teams in Under 10, 11, 12, 14 and 16's

9:00am Start – Under 11's and below
10:15am Start – Under 12 and 14's
11:30am Start – Under 16's

FREE BBQ
DRINKS & SNACKS FOR SALE



Bring runners and shin pads!
Qualified coaches running sessions

We will have information
on yearly fees, registration
day and playing uniforms

Where: RMIT Bundoora- McKimmies Rd Bundoora -Ref – Map 9-K7
Why: For current players and new players to 'Have a kick'

Contact: Chris McLaren
phone: 0408 290876
email: info@whjsc.org.au



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	over 13 years of schooling. that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly HALF A YEAR
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 YEAR
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!

