



# Wednesday Weekly

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## From the Principal

### ANZAC DAY – MONDAY 25 APRIL

On Monday, we will pause as a nation to remember and honour the memory of the thousands of young men who lost their lives in what has become to be known as the ANZAC legend. Due to the special significance of the day, it is declared as a national public holiday and there will be no school on this day.

On Friday, Year 3 to 6 students and staff will be involved in a special ANZAC ceremony here at school commencing at 12:00 noon on the basketball court near the Performing Arts Centre. We will take time to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who served our country and we invite family members to join us on the day.

### WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The **Attitudes to School survey** is an annual survey for Years 5 to 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school.

Students in Year 5 and 6 will participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 18 April to Friday 29 April. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time. The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July. Teachers will unpack the results to ensure we continue to provide a safe, caring and nurturing environment. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

### SCHOOL BANKING

A very warm welcome to our new banking lady, **Pauline Veale**. Yes, it is the Pauline who you all know, who has kindly offered her services as a volunteer, to come in each week and do the student banking. We are absolutely thrilled to have her back at WNPS and given

her expertise and proficiency at counting and banking money over many years whilst working in the office, I am sure she can do this job with her eyes closed! Banking day will continue to be on a Tuesday.

### WEARING OF HATS & SUNSCREEN

A reminder that as per our Sun Smart policy the wearing of hats and application of sunscreen continues to be required until the end of April.

With the cooler autumn weather in the mornings and warmer days, children are taking of jumpers and jackets and leaving them around the school grounds. As a result, lost property items are stock piling. Please remind your child to go and check lost property for any lost items. You can also assist in helping us to return items by ensuring they are clearly marked with your child's name.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

At the first meeting of School Council last night, the newly established School Council elected the office bearers for this year. I would like to thank the following people for volunteering their time and services in order to be on School Council and assist in the governance of the school.

Congratulations to the following individuals:

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| <b>President:</b>         | Maria Collins   |
| <b>Vice President:</b>    | Ann-Marie O'Brien   |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>         | Jamie Jaquinta  |
| <b>Secretary:</b>         | Ethel Akatos  |
| <b>Executive Officer:</b> | Tina King   |
| <b>Parent Members:</b>    | Maria Collins, Ann-Marie O'Brien, Ethel Akatos, Greg Dyer, Nicole Llewellyn, Derrick Watson, Maria Cogger |
| <b>DET Members:</b>       | Jamie Jaquinta, Kerri Glowacki, Sarah Pollnitz, Kerryn May  |

We still have a vacancy in the parent member category. School Council meets twice a term, on a Tuesday evening from 7:00pm until 9:00pm at the latest. If you would like to serve and assist in the governance of the school, please let me know. No experience necessary and now that the office bearers positions have been filled, there is no fear in being nominated as an office bearer.

*Tina King* (Principal)

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Hello everyone! We have a fun filled week happening this week. The weather has been outstanding allowing us to make the most of our after-care session, gardening, gathering natural resources for a range of experiences inside, and generally spending extended periods outside.

The Gardening Gurus have been attending to their little seedlings that were planted last week. The plants' 'little heads' are popping up which is always a good sign of a healthy well-tended garden. We thank our little helpers through the school day who appear to ensure that our gardens do not become an area to play in. There are several children who 'stand guard' - thanks everyone. With our 'Memorial Garden' growing well, we hope to prune our little Rosemary plants to bundle up little pieces for ANZAC Day on Monday. As we will not be here on the 25<sup>th</sup>, we would like to share the twigs with our families over the last couple of days this week as a token of remembrance for our wonderful defence forces who fought hard during the wars to support our country in its time of need.

Several children last week decided on their own inquiry whilst outside. They gathered a handful of leaves that had fallen from the shrub and decided to chalk over them using all different colour chinks. The result was wonderful. This week we will be sharing the experience with their peers, carefully gathering leaves, making sure not to harm the plants with the children deciding how they would like to create their own collage.

We are excited this week to be involved in our Rating and Assessment visit which will occur during Thursday and Friday. We are looking forward to sharing Cool Care with our assessor, providing her with a snapshot of all of the work the children do. I have no doubt Pamela will be blown away with the amazing children that attend, seeing how well they 'drive' Cool Care while taking ownership of so many of the experiences in the program.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any Cool Care queries.

Have a great week

- stay cool

Jenny

## PE & Sport News



### ROUND 1 (22 April)

WNPS v Greensborough PS

(away). Football - War Memorial

Park, Soccer and Softball - Whatmough Park,

Netball - Greensborough PS.

Selected students only.

### YEAR 3-6 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

FRIDAY, 29 APRIL - 11.15am to 12.40pm at

Binnak Park. ALL STUDENTS TO WEAR HOUSE

COLOURS:

Bateson - Blue, Edgley - Yellow, McConnell -

Red, Gray - Green.

SPECTATORS ARE WELCOME!

YEAR 5/6 CAMP INFORMATION NIGHT

TOMORROW 5.30-6.30pm

IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)



Our **MONSTER BOOK FAIR**

starts next Wednesday **AFTERNOON** (27

April) in the library. It will be open every

day before and after school until Tuesday

3 May. Also, if any parents are willing to

help at any time just return the notice

that was sent home to each family last

week.

Hoping to see everyone there,

**Judy Leigh**

**(Library)**



## SAVE THE DATE!

WNPS are holding a Mother's Day stall in the library on Thursday 5 May to Friday 6 May 9am to 12.30pm  
Please send \$5 with your child on these days if they would like to buy a gift (all gifts are \$5 each)

## EXPLORE GREENSBOROUGH COLLEGE

Meet our new Principal, staff and students  
27th of APRIL 2016

5:30 - 7:00pm - Interactive displays and activities for students currently in Grades 4, 5 & 6 and their parents  
7:30pm - Information session in the Gym with the principal  
Followed by - High Achievers Program Briefing



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