



Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

THANK YOU TO LEANNE BROOK

After many years of voluntary service as our school's "Banking Lady", Leanne has reluctantly had to relinquish her duties due to other commitments. It is astounding to think that Leanne has volunteered to do the banking for so many years despite her children having graduated from our school. This is a testament to her good nature and commitment to helping others. Always presenting with a smile on her face, we will miss her friendly nature and happy disposition. On behalf of our school community I extend a heartfelt thank you to Leanne for volunteering her time and for her ongoing dedication to our school.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Our summer sports fixture has come to an end and congratulations to all participants on their efforts and conduct. The manner in which our students conduct themselves whilst representing our school is simply exceptional often drawing favourable comment from opponents and individuals linked with other schools. I congratulate all on their outstanding sportsmanship and conduct. Good luck to all teams playing in the finals this morning.

END OF TERM HOLIDAYS

As we near the end of the school term, I would like to congratulate all students and staff for their commitment and hard work throughout Term 1. The school has been abuzz with a wide range of learning experiences and high levels of engagement throughout all year levels. The opportunity to rest and recharge will be embraced most favourably, and I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday period.

We will be finishing the term with a whole school assembly in the Performing Arts Centre commencing at 2:00pm. The Easter Raffle prizes will be drawn so please come and join us.

Families are reminded that school finishes at 2:30 pm on Thursday 24 March (tomorrow)!

**Reminder that Term 2 Starts on
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RELAY FOR LIFE

Congratulations once again to team WNPS who competed in the Diamond Valley Relay for Life event last weekend. The event aims to raise much needed funds for cancer research as well as raising awareness. Involvement and participation has grown over the years with many staff, students and families now supporting the event. The passion and dedication of a few people has ensured ongoing involvement and commitment to the event. Thank you to Mrs Linssen,

Ms Haldon, members of the SRC and everyone else who supported the event – either by making a donation or being involved over the weekend. We have published one student's reflection after being involved in the event on the weekend. Thank you to one of our students, for your insights and for sharing your experience with us all.

Last weekend I had the privilege to participate in the Relay for Life. Before attending I asked my mum if it was ok to sleep there and she fortunately said yes, so we packed up our swag and got everything ready to take. When my mum and I arrived we helped Mrs Linssen and a few other people carry stuff to our site which was number 19. It was a good spot because porta potties were right across the track. It came in handy for the middle of the night. While setting up it was my mum's job to tie the helium balloons to the tent, she thought she had a firm grip with her teeth but there was just one that slipped out, as it happened my mum mumbled something like " what Mrs Linssen does not know won't hurt her". It was very funny.

To start the relay for life off, there was a walk that was just for the carers and survivors of cancer. They all did one lap as all the rest of us clapped as they came past us. At night time everyone got together to listen to people talk about their experiences. One girl that I heard speak was a stand out because she was only a teenager (I think she was 16). She told her story about how her mother lost her battle with cancer and how it affected her life and now she is living as an orphan with her new kind and caring family.

For one very clever fundraiser you paid 10 dollars for a string which helped you count every lap that you did. Every lap you did you got 1 RED bead, every fifth lap you got a PURPLE bead and every fiftieth lap you got a YELLOW bead. At the end of the day I had a total of 101 laps and my mum had a total of 150 laps.

You would think that it would be very boring to walk around a track for such a long period of time but when there are so many people participating, it is actually a really great experience. I was very grateful for my 3 hours sleep in our surprisingly comfy swag and waking to my Mum saying "Quick get up, we've got to keep walking – Mrs Linssen hasn't gone to sleep, she's still going, what's wrong with her?"

Although you may think that this weekend was full of sadness and grief, being involved was actually quite inspirational, watching people give up their time and work hard to raise a lot of money by selling baked goods, drinks, people shaving their heads and by people selling candles, lollies and other things.

This was a very exciting experience for me as there were a lot of people that cared enough to make a difference to cancer. I strongly think that Watsonia North Primary and the SRC should absolutely do it again next year as I think everyone should experience what I have. I think it is very important that kids learn that life isn't always about them and them getting what they want – there is lots of frightening, sad and real things that can happen. Like cancer.

Tina King (Principal)

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Well, everyone, how fast did first term speed by? Ridiculously fast! Yay, holidays soon for us and a wonderful Easter long weekend for everyone else too. The Easter Bunny will visit Cool Care in the style of a winner being announced for the closest guess for the amount of Easter Eggs in our 'guesstimation' challenge. We will ensure the child that wins, (if not in Cool Care for the rest of this week), will be given their prize if they are at school on Thursday. Good luck everyone!

We have had heaps of fun already this week. Monday was a little messy in the afternoon waiting for our Year 3 and 4 friends to return from their excursion. We had a reversal of our usual routines, with the children having their outside play toward the end of the afternoon. The weather was outstanding. The change of routine did not matter at all as we thrive on being as spontaneous as we possibly can. Never are two sessions the same, we are used to being flexible and the children and educators do it well. Tuesday afternoon and this afternoon we are putting our cooking skills to the test. We have an incursion with The Travelling Kitchen, making Rice Paper Vegetable Rolls. You think they sound yummy, I can promise you they certainly are. If you would like the recipe, please let me know and I can email you a copy.

Speaking last week about the expectation of our Rating and Assessment visit, we have had notification that we can expect a visit from the assessor during the first half of next term. We have been planning for this for many years and look forward to sharing our program and our experiences etc with 'the powers to be'. Stay tuned for more details as the weeks progress. We have already sent in our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) which has been developed over the past 3 - 4 years. This details areas of our service that Management and Educators have identified a little room for either improvement or adjustment. As we assess and evaluate daily, we feel our QIP showcases what Cool Care is all about and explains ways we present and deliver our program collaboratively through Educator, Parent/Carer, Children and Management contribution and ideas.

As mentioned last week, Cool Care will commence at 2.30pm tomorrow afternoon as it is the last day of term. Please let me know if your child will not be attending when they are normally booked in for care on Thursday afternoons. I will be looking frantically for them if they do not arrive after assembly. If I don't catch up with, best wishes for a wonderful holiday break. Heaps of thanks to our family users for their contribution to Cool Care during this term. It has been wonderful. Our Prep children and new friends have all transitioned perfectly and appear to belong in our little community already. See you next term! Stay Cool, Jenny

PE & Sport News

THIS WEEK'S RESULTS ROUND 7



Sport	School	School
Basketball Boys	WNPS 27	St Marys 16
Basketball Girls	WNPS 30	St Marys 12
Bat Tennis Boys	WNPS <small>to be played Friday, 15 April</small>	N/Bank <small>to be played Friday, 15 April</small>
Bat Tennis Girls	St Marys 17	Watsonia 13
Rounders	WNPS 33	Streeton 13
Cricket	WNPS 3/107	Watsonia Heights 1/112

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If you and your family would like to join the fun and possibly win some prizes, and most of all, STAY ACTIVE DURING APRIL - register online at <http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/schools> and take up the challenge!

TERM 2 DATES

- Friday, 22 April - Round 1 Winter Sport: WNPS v Greensborough PS (away)
 - Friday, 29 April - House Cross Country at Binnak Park: 11am - 12.40pm
 - 18, 19 and 20 May - Year 5/6 Camp at Phillip Island
 - Wednesday, 25 May - District Cross Country
- Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)**

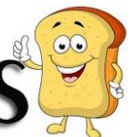
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Canteen News



Every lunch order this Thursday (last day of Term) will get a **FREE Raspberry Twist**. Slurpees will only be \$1.00 on Thursday! Have a safe and Happy Easter!
Cheers, Di & Karen

Baby Bunnies for Sale

4 x orange dwarf Netherland rabbits (male & female), 3 x mini lop rabbits (1 x grey male, 1 x black male and 1 x agouti female) – all \$40 each. All purebred and parents can be viewed. Ready on 18/4/16 – contact Julie on 0450 403 955 or see Poppy at school for more information.



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