



Wednesday Weekly

22 February
2016

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From the Principal

Curriculum Day

Parents and carers are reminded that **Friday 4 March** is a Curriculum Day. **Students are not required to attend school on this day** and alternative care arrangements must be made.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Working in cooperation with the School Council, the Fundraising Committee raises and expends funds for the benefit of the school. Further to this, members play a key role in promoting the interests of our school and facilitating communication between members of our school community. Through various initiatives and events, members also encourage and support the participation of parents, friends, grandparents and other family members in school life. Our committed group of volunteers, worked tirelessly throughout 2015, to ensure the aims and objectives of the Fundraising Committee were achieved. Their efforts and the support of the school community, saw just under \$12,000 being raised for ICT equipment in the school.

On Thursday 3 March at 9.15am, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Fundraising Committee will be held in the staffroom. At the AGM all office bearer positions will be declared vacant and we are encouraging individuals to attend and consider nominating for the various vacancies.

Without your involvement and support, this group would simply not function. If you do not wish to volunteer for an executive role, please come along and offer your services as a general member of the committee. I will be on an active recruitment drive over the course of the week, seeking volunteers to work with the Fundraising Committee – if you are able to assist, please come to the AGM or leave your name at the office.

VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL & WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWC)

The Working with Children (WWC) Check is part of Victorian law and provides a minimum checking standard set for individuals who work with children, either on a paid or voluntary basis. Under the WWC Act 2005, schools need to ensure that people in roles that have direct, unsupervised contact with children have a WWC check and this includes parent helpers and volunteers. Generally, parents who assist in the day to day activities at our school do so under the guidance and supervision of staff, **however we strongly encourage all parent helpers and volunteers to have a current WWC check.**

There is no cost involved for volunteers in obtaining the WWC Check and applications can be lodged online by visiting www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

To assist individuals in applying for the WWC, we have organised for Jill and Des in the office to make themselves available on Monday 29 February from 9:30 until 10:30am to help lodge online applications. Please call into the office during this time to complete an online application.

The school maintains a register of parents who have successfully applied and obtained a WWC check. This being the case, we ask parents who already have a current WWC, to bring their card to the office so that we may obtain a copy and file for our records and future reference.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP: BADGE PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

The opportunity for students to develop as leaders is a priority at Watsonia North. A Student Leadership position is an opportunity for personal growth and a tremendous way for students to play an active part in school activities.

Congratulations to all students who have been elected to the various Student Leadership roles within the school. All student leaders will have their **Badge of Office** presented to them at a special whole school assembly scheduled for this coming **Monday, 29 February** commencing at 9:00am in the Centre. Our special guest presenters have been confirmed and we are looking forward to this special event. Parents, family and friends of our school leaders are welcome to stay back after the presentations for a drink and morning tea.

PARENT/TEACHER “MEET & GREET”

It was wonderful to see so many parents/guardians in attendance over the last two days, meeting classroom teachers, sharing knowledge about students and setting learning goals for the year. Continuous and sustained home/school partnerships ensure educational growth and success for children and I thank all those who participated in these important meetings.

CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN 2017

If you have a child who is starting Prep next year, we invite you to come along to our information evening. Please note that this is not a session for families of our current Prep cohort but specifically targeted for parents/guardians of children eligible to begin Prep in 2017. Please refer to the flyer in this week's newsletter advertising the session which is being held on Thursday 17 March, commencing at 7:00pm in the Library.

Tina King (Principal)

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Hi everyone! Firstly, I would like to congratulate our boys on the amazing job they have done over the past couple of weeks, organising and planning their drawing challenge. During last week, the boys did some sensational marketing, including and encouraging children from all year levels to enter their 'Design your own Bean Bag'. The patterns the children have created and the colours used have been awesome. I would love to have some of the 'groovy' designs in my lounge room. Well done everyone. The boys have been rather creative in the little prize choices, so little winners, we hope you enjoy what the boys have chosen for you.

Our next challenge commences next week – and two of our girls will be 'at the helm' this time.

We did not receive enough bookings to hold a Cool Care program on the Pupil Free Day Friday 4 March. Apologies to the families who had placed their children's names on the list, we are unable to help you this time around.

Our aftercare bookings are rising and we encourage any parent/carers that may be anticipating using care in the future, to consider completing their enrolment forms and securing any bookings they may be needing. We are licensed for 90 children in all sessions and are unable to extend our numbers past this number. If you would like more details regarding Cool Care, please contact me on the phone number or email address at the top of this column. Watch this space weekly for details and notifications relevant to Cool Care. This is a wonderful communication tool for the broader school community that may not currently frequent Cool Care. My door is always open for inquiries, so please call past when you may be in the school. Hope you all have a fabulous week!

Stay Cool, Jenny

WATSONIA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL PREP INFORMATION EVENING



Come along and meet our team!

Thursday 17 March 2016

7pm in the Library (enter via Sharpes Rd)

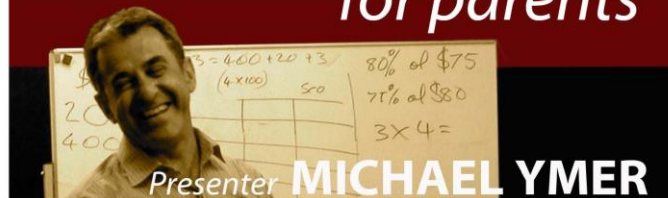
Parents of children eligible to begin Prep in 2017 are invited to attend our Information Evening.

Please telephone the school on 9435 1285 to make your booking.



To find out more, scan the QR code or visit www.wats-north.vic.edu.au

MATHEMATICS for parents



Presenter **MICHAEL YMER**

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2016 – 7.00 to 8.30PM

Michael is a specialist Mathematics Consultant from Melbourne, Australia. He is involved in many Professional Development programs in schools across Australia and Asia. Michael is an enthusiastic and entertaining presenter who has a clear and practical approach to the challenges that confront schools and parents in mathematics.

On this evening, Michael will address the following:

- What is my child learning in mathematics?
- How can I help my child become an efficient problem solver?
- How do children best learn mathematics?
- How can parents promote quality thinking and learning?
- How can I help my child in mathematics?

The seminar, which will be held at Watsonia North Primary School, is highly recommended to all parents who wish to gain an insight into the focus of mathematics in our school and offer strategies and ideas to help support their child/children.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY EVENT

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PE & Sport News

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS ROUND 3



Sport	WNPS	Watsonia
Basketball Boys	23	21
Basketball Girls	32	4
Bat Tennis Boys	36	5
Bat Tennis Girls	15	20
Rounders	NO ROUNDERS	
Cricket	3/82	2/19

INTERSCHOOL SPORT THIS WEEK

Round 4: WNPS v Watsonia Heights PS (home). Cricket at Warrawee Park – all other sports played at WNPS. Games start at **9.30am until 10.45am.**

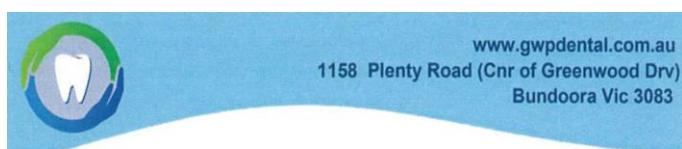
CARNIVAL WINNERS

A big congratulations to the Watsonia North Swimming team, who won the DISTRICT overall trophy last Wednesday at Watermarc. All students did a fantastic job with outstanding achievements throughout the day. All of our relay teams progressed to the Division Carnival to be held on Wednesday, 2 March at Northcote Swimming pool. Well done!

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)

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Diamond Valley Relay for Life 2016 – March 19 and 20

Watsonia North Primary School

A team made up of teachers,
students, parents and friends

Why we participate ...

Our team participates in the Relay for Life because we are passionate about making others aware of the courageous journey that all affected by cancer undertake. This includes those who have cancer, who have had cancer, carers and family and friends of those affected.

We feel that this is an amazing way for us to acknowledge the affects that cancer has on our community. It is an opportunity to bond as a community and show the support and positivity that is always there when it is needed. This year we are creating stars to decorate our campsite. Each grade will be designing a star wreath. Stars represent a **big change** or turning point in someone's life. They are significant in symbolising dreams and hopes. We think that this is perfect for the message of HOPE from the Cancer Council for the Relay for Life. We are also making single stars to hang in the campsite. If anyone would like to purchase a star to have a special person's name written on it we have lots available for a gold coin donation. To register to be part of our team please log onto the Relay for Life website or follow this link to register for the Watsonia North Primary School team at the Diamond Valley relay for Life:

https://secure.fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/SPageServer?pagename=relay_for_life#/search-teams?team_name=Watsonia%20North%20Primary%20School

Please note that students must be accompanied by an adult at all times during the time they are at the Relay for Life. Thank you!



Reading Is Fun!

Would you like to come along and be an important part of our reading program? Yes then this is the session for you! Take Home Reading Helpers are an essential element of our reading program. Talking to students about their reading, listening to students read and helping select new books for students to take home is a vital ingredient in the recipe for helping students gain reading skills.

The session will run from 2.15– 3.25pm on **Thursday 25 February (TOMORROW)**. In this sessions we will look at: How students learn to read, what you need to do in the role of a Take Home Reading Helper, Confidentiality and Working With Children Checks. **Please come along and join this session! Look forward to seeing you,**
Kerri Glowacki, English Leader



Rachel Dunne Fuga (DFTA)
Ph: 0432 949 499
25 years of teaching expertise
Former Australian Champion

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Shaun the Sheep

Sat 27th February, 4.00pm-8.00pm

ACTIVITIES FROM
4.00pm

LOCATION
 Petrie Park
 Mountainview Rd, Montmorency

- FREE children's activities, including face painting, start from 4.00pm
- Movie starts from 6.00pm
- BYO seating and blanket
- BYO picnic
- Sausage sizzle

- Meet your local Councillor Steven Briffa and our 'Out and About' team
- Accessible event
- No bookings required



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