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From the Principal



GOODBYE PAULINE!

After 27 years of being associated with Watsonia North Primary School, Pauline is retiring from her role as Business Manager and as of Friday, will stop counting the money. This is indeed a sad time for us because we are losing a dedicated and committed individual who has given her all to our school.

Pauline's association with Watsonia North began when her eldest child, Emma started in Prep. A person who is always willing to help out and volunteer her services, Pauline began assisting in the Canteen and then helping out with the Parents and Friends Association. Before she knew it, she was working in the Library and spent 6 years in the role as a Library Assistant. When the office manager's role became available, she embraced the opportunity and has been working alongside Jill for over 16 years in the office. Over the years, Pauline has helped shape and make Watsonia North the wonderful place it is today.

We will miss Pauline's sense of humour, her ability to not lose her head in difficult situations, her friendliness, her open-hearted personality and her good nature. We wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavours and we congratulate her on a stellar career. The school community will have an opportunity to farewell Pauline at the end of term assembly this Friday.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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. Congratulations to the following individuals:

President: **Clive Fox**

Vice President: **Maria Collins**

Treasurer: **Jamie Jaquinta**

Secretary: **Ann-Marie O'Brien**

Parent members: **Grey Dyer, Clive Fox, Nicole Llewellyn, Maria Collins, Nick Laskaris, Greg Anderson, Derrick Watson, Maria Cogger, Ann-Marie O'Brien**

DEECD members: **Jamie Jaquinta, Kerryn May, Sarah Pollnitz, Kerri Glowacki**

Executive Office: **Tina King**

On behalf of the School Council, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to **Naomi Ryan** who retired from School Council this year. During Naomi's tenure as a councillor, she has made significant contributions and has been great advocate for the school. A heartfelt thank you is also extended to **Greg Dyer** who has been President for the last four years. Greg has successfully steered Council in the implementation of the last Strategic Plan and is to be highly commended for his unrelentless pursuit in ensuring the very best for the students at Watsonia North. We look forward to his ongoing involvement with Council and thank him sincerely for his role as past President.

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 when representing the school is simply outstanding and I congratulate all on their outstanding sportsmanship and conduct. Good luck to all teams playing in the finals.

LOST PROPERTY

Once again, the cupboards are bursting with clothing items, drink bottles, food containers and various other bits and pieces. As the end of term approaches, please check the cupboards to claim any lost possessions. There are many un-named clothing items thus making it difficult for the lost property monitors to return the items to their owners. Please ensure that you clearly label all uniform items so that they can be returned. All un-named and unclaimed items will be either donated to charity or given to the uniform shop for sale at the end of term.

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. When we return, you will see a new face in the office **Des Diamandis**. Des has extensive experience working in schools as a Business Manager and we look forward to her starting in her role at Watsonia North. **A reminder that the end of term assembly will be held in the Centre this Friday, commencing at 2:00pm.**

Happy holidays and happy Easter to everyone.

Tina King

(Principal)



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Hi everyone

Better late, than never. Our Cool Care News for this term has finally made it to our sign in/sign out table. Details regarding banking information, waiting lists, cancellations, payments and a couple of other items have been highlighted in this edition. Being the first publication for the year, several house-keeping items are included hopefully clearing up a few little issues that have arisen throughout the term. We have had a smooth, rather busy term. The children have brought with them many ideas. We have been fortunate enough to have had skittle tournaments, games nights, movie nights, drawing challenges and a huge variety of creativity within the art and craft domain. Celebrations of Chinese New Year, Moomba and the Melbourne Grand Prix have also kept us busy.

With Cool Care commencing at 2.30pm this coming Friday (last day of school for this term) we will have an extra hour of fun and frivolity to enjoy. End of term party time!! Children regularly booked in each Friday afternoon will be expected following assembly. Many thanks to the parent/carers who have advised of cancellations. If your child/ren is not attending please let us know otherwise we will be looking out for them.

Even though we are still experiencing waiting lists on every afternoon we have had quite a bit of movement on our daily after care attendances. With alterations expected to commence 2nd term, I hope to be contacting several families to advise of availability. We request that any families on our waiting lists contact us at the commencement of each week to ascertain whether a vacancy has arisen. We often receive cancellations allowing space for others.

It is with mixed feelings to farewell Pauline this week. Pauline welcomed me to the school over 25 years ago when my eldest child started at Watsonia North. We enjoyed many laughs on the PFA and for the past 15 or 20 years as work mates. Personally and on behalf of the Cool Care educators and community, we thank Pauline for all of her assistance over the years helping us out with our Cool Care finances. I would like to wish Pauline the very best of luck for her next life journey, which no doubt will include many morning coffees and perhaps the occasional glass of wine. We will miss you PV! Sob, sob!

All the best to you all for a wonderful and safe holiday break. Hopefully the Easter Bunny will hop its way along your front path and deposit some little chocolate goodies for you all to enjoy.

See you in Term 2!

Stay Cool, Jenny

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PE & Sport News

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

ROUND 6

Sport	WNPS	Norris Bank
Basketball Boys	12	13
Basketball Girls	56	18
Bat Tennis Boys	33	13
Bat Tennis Girls	34	9
Rounders	32	4
Cricket	1/145	30

FINALS THIS WEEK – PLAYED TODAY

All Finals are being played today at WNPS as follows:

Bat Tennis Girls: Streeton V Watsonia North
Bat Tennis Boys: Bundoora v Watsonia North
Cricket: Streeton v WHPS
Basketball Girls: St Marys v Watsonia North
Basketball Boys: Watsonia North v Norris Bank
Rounders: WHPS V Watsonia North

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sports Coordinator)

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Relay For Life

Celebrate Remember Fight Back!

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.

Canteen News

The canteen will be OPEN THIS FRIDAY (last day of term) and EVERY lunch order will get a **FREE FRUIT STICK**.

***** LAST DAY SPECIAL *****



SLURPEES ONLY \$1.00 THIS FRIDAY!

Wishing everyone a very happy Easter. See you next term for some warm "winter" food and hot milo!
Cheers, Di and Karen

WE HAVE OUR DEFIBRILLATOR!!



To our wonderful school community – thank you for your FANTASTIC support and donations. You have helped us purchase a defibrillator for our school. Hopefully we will never have to use it, but it certainly is great to know that it is there, just in case!



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TERM 2 FINISHES ON FRIDAY, 27 MARCH – 2.30PM FINISH FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 MONDAY, 13 APRIL