



# Wednesday Weekly

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## *From the Principal*

### **MISS LEWIS HAD HER BABY**

Congratulations to **Bonnie Lewis** and her partner **Jason** on the safe, but late (very late), arrival of little **Parker Iris Schivo**. Parker arrived on Monday 16 May weighing in at a healthy 8 lb 4 Oz (3.74 kg). All doing well and two very excited grandparents at Watsonia North!

### **YEAR 5/6 CAMP**

What an amazing time was had by all who attended the Year 5/6 Camp last week. We spent three days filled with adventure and fun at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort and inclement weather on the Thursday was not going to spoil our fun. Children (and some very brave staff) participated in a range of activities ranging from high adrenalin (giant swing and flying fox) to more passive and explorative (rock pools and sand fun on the beach). The disco is always a big hit with some great dance moves on display, not to mention special costumes and disco outfits.

A HUGE thank you to the fourteen staff who accompanied the students and myself, giving up their personal time to attend the camp and make this event possible for our students – **Trent O'Sullivan (Camp Coordinator), Jamie Jaquinta, Des Diamandis, Kerry May, Ruth Reidy, James Monk, Julianne Haldon, Kristie Morrison, Tony Moore, Scott Eastwood, Emily Napoleone, Jacqui Matters, Jacqui McCluskey and Sue Elsworth.**

The behaviour of our students was exemplary as was their sense of fun and adventure. On behalf of the staff, I would also like to thank the numerous parents who have expressed their gratitude at the commitment demonstrated by staff and for making the camping experience possible.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

There seems to once again, be an abundance of clothing accumulating in the lost property cupboards. If your child is missing an item, please check the lost property cupboards soon as all un-named and un-claimed items will be placed in the second hand uniform shop.

### **STUDENT SAFETY**

There have been several media reports recently in regard to student safety. Classroom teachers regularly reinforce with students protective behaviour strategies, and we ask that parents and carers please take an opportunity to talk with children and remind them about personal safety messages and strategies. In particular, could you please remind children of the need to not talk to strangers and to inform a trusted adult if they are at any time approached or made to feel unsafe on their way to and from school.

### **SCOOTERS AND BICYCLES**

Whilst it is encouraged that children use various means of transport in getting to and from school it is important to maintain a safe and uncongested environment. Children are reminded that if they are bringing scooters and/or bicycles to school, they must not ride them on school grounds. All bikes and scooters brought to school must be stored securely in the bike racks behind the South Building. I seek your support in reminding children of the importance in riding bicycles and scooters in the safest possible manner.

### **LOCAL CENSUS JOBS AVAILABLE**

Census night is August 9, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is right now looking for dedicated, enthusiastic self-starters to fill up to 6,900 Field Officer positions across Victoria. If you are community-minded and comfortable using a mobile or tablet device, the ABS wants to hear from you. Field Officers play a critical role by visiting households and ensuring everyone makes the Census count. You'll also earn around \$21 an hour and enjoy flexible, part-time work hours for up to 3 months. To do the job you'll need to be a good communicator, reasonably fit, licensed to drive and able to travel and work independently.

Applications close this Friday 27 May. To apply or find more information, see: [Australian Bureau of Statistics - Careers](http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/main/82020000000000000000000000000000?open=&nav=SEARCH)

*Tina King* (Principal)

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Hi everybody

This week we are travelling to JAPAN. An exciting week of culinary and colourful Japanese culture for us to explore. Monday and Thursday afternoons, we have been cooking with our friends from The Travelling Kitchen, making Gyoza – Japanese Dumplings. Soooo yummy! The children’s votes were heard resulting in this ‘planting the seed’ to create this amazing week. Many thanks to one of our mums for supplying us with some beautiful photos from their recent holidays in Japan. Both families have wonderful stories to tell of their holiday events. It was also shared with us several patterns of Origami and a few popular Japanese greetings from her country of birth. The display we are creating will reflect the sensational lifestyle and cultural aspects of Japan showing origami pieces, family photos as well as colourful fans and masks mixed. Photos of our cooking experiences from throughout the week will also be available for all to see.

Following up on requests from the children for an extension on the sports related aspect of Cool Care, commencing next week for three afternoons each week, we will be holding sports clinics for the children. These will occur on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons this term. With the large number of children in attendance these days, we have decided to split the grade levels ensuring age appropriate activities are delivered.

The sports afternoons will run for three weeks and will operate as follows – Monday 30/5, 6/6 and 20/6 – Prep and Grade 1, Tuesday 31/5, 7/6 and 14/6 – grades 2 and 3 and Thursday 2/6, 9/6 and 16/6 – Grades 4, 5 and 6 children. If the children enjoy these sessions, we will definitely consider running them next term rotating the grade levels and days of the week as possible. Stay tuned for more details as the term progresses!

The cost of these sessions will be absorbed in our operating costs with no addition charge to families outside of their normal fee costs.

We thank Liz, Jes and the children involved in art and craft last week for decorating one of our garden boxes expertly with mosaic tiles. The garden looks outstanding at the moment with many happy, healthy little plants growing and the tiling on the outside dressing the area beautifully.

As the weather improves towards the end of the year, we hope to decorate the other one also. Have a great week everyone – contact me if I can be of assistance with Cool Care bookings etc.

Stay Cool  
Jenny

# eSmart Community Engagement Program

Cybersafety Workshops for Schools

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## SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday 2 June | 6:30pm – 8:00pm

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Session title	Topics covered
Educating – Protecting – Empowering.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do we mean by ‘digital literacy’ and ‘digital safety’.</li> <li>• What are kids doing online/popular sites.</li> <li>• Technology from a teens perspective.</li> <li>• Creating home rules/boundaries/acceptable use; making informed decisions.</li> <li>• Where to seek help/advice.</li> <li>• What legalities are involved with online behaviours.</li> </ul>



# eSmart Community Engagement Program

THURSDAY, 2 JUNE | 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Yes, I/we would like to attend the Workshop

Your Name:

.....

Eldest child’s room number: .....

Number of people attending: .....

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A SESSION FOR PARENTS ONLY - NO CHILDREN TO ATTEND**

Please return this slip to the school office by  
Friday, 27 May

## PREP ORIENTATION DATES 2016 FOR 2017 PREPS

At Watsonia North each year we offer our Preps enrolled for the following year, a comprehensive orientation program to allow familiarisation with the school and staff.

We have found our program to be very successful in assisting our new Preps to feel comfortable and happy about starting school.

As part of these sessions, we also provide advice and information for parents/guardians about the Prep year and other relevant school activities.

Closer to the orientation program, each new Prep Family will be sent an invitation to attend the program with full details about what each session will offer.

We hope you and your child will be able to attend the program.

### The Prep Orientation dates for 2016 are:

Transition Session 1: Thursday 20 October	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Transition Session 2: Thursday 3 November	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Transition Session 3: Thursday 10 November	9:15am – 10:30am
<b>Information Evening:</b> Thursday 17 November	7:00pm ( <b>parent session only</b> )
Transition Session 4: Thursday 24 November	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Transition Session 5: Thursday 1 December:	9:15am – 10:30am
<b>Informal Prep Picnic:</b> Monday 5 December	4:00pm – 5:00pm

## PE & Sport News

### RESULTS ROUND 4

Friday 13 May



Sport	WNPS	Bundoora PS
Football	61	6
Soccer	3	0
Softball	14	1
Netball A	12	1
Netball B	5	1

### RESULTS ROUND 5 Tuesday 17 May

Sport	WNPS	St Marys
Football	64	27
Soccer	2	2
Softball	21	11
Netball A	10	15
Netball B	6	14

## THIS WEEK – ROUND 6

WNPS v Norris Bank (away). Football at Bundoora Park, Snake Gully Drive. All other sports at Norris Bank PS (NO SOFTBALL TEAM).

**Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)**



### YEAR 3 TO 6 PRODUCTION –

#### “THINGS CAN ONLY GET BETTER”

Our production will swing into action this term, involving all children in Years 3 to 6. All grades have been learning the songs featured in the show – have you been hearing “9 to 5” echoing around your house?! Venues and dates will be confirmed soon, but we are looking at a couple of dates in **mid-August**. There will be **one evening for Year 3/4 students** and **one for Year 5/6 students**. As usual, we are asking for **parent support in areas of costume, props and other roles**. Please speak to Mr Perry at the school if you have other questions about this.

### CHOIR

Both choirs are progressing extremely well, and the Intermediate Choir captain nomination/election process is currently under way. We are in the process of putting rehearsal materials online (including the State Schools Spectacular scores and audio – watch this space!), and have already put music from our new Senior Choir song “Towards Infinity” on the specialist blog:

<http://wnpsspecialists.global2.vic.edu.au/>

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)



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