

Wednesday Weekly

26 November
2014

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From the Principal

eSMART PROGRAM

Earlier we advised that Watsonia North has registered with eSmart – a comprehensive approach for managing safety and dealing with bullying and cyberbullying in school communities. We're pleased to let you know that we have completed the first phase of our eSmart journey. We have planned many activities in line with the eSmart Schools Framework and are now progressing with implementation. Expect to hear more about our efforts to promote the smart, safe and responsible use of digital technology. For more information visit:

www.esmart.org.au

STAFFING AND PLANNING FOR 2015

We are close to consolidating our planning for next year, with staff and student placements being finalised over the next few weeks. There are several staff members who have contributed immensely to our school and these individuals will be taking a leave of absence from their teaching role at Watsonia North next year. At this stage, the following staff will either be on leave or returning/continuing to work at our school:

- Mr Ashely Mai – leave for 2015 (working at Whitehorse PS)
- Mrs Sandy Doull – leave for Term 1 then retiring
- Mrs Jan Gilmartin – leave for Term 1 then retiring
- Ms Julie Austin – leave for 2015
- Mrs Jenny Storer – leave for 2015
- Ms Melissa Greatrex – returning from family leave
- Miss Haylee Lyttle – contract extension
- Ms Susan Pearson – contract extension

With the above in mind, we are in the process of finalising our staffing structure for 2015 and will advise shortly via the newsletter.

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2015

At the last School Council meeting, a detailed budget for 2015 was presented and approved. As part of the budget process, the amount of parent contribution for each child was considered with the aim of keeping the amount to the absolute minimum. In order to continue providing the

excellent quality of programs and services for which we are renowned, we have retained the amount at \$300.00 per student for the year. Voluntary contribution fees and school levies are not compulsory, however, if parents do not contribute, then the school cannot provide many of the things expected for your child to enjoy.

School Council requests payment at this time of the year in order to obtain the best available price for booklist items and to be able to have items delivered to school for distribution to the children before the end of the year. A detailed notice is being distributed today to all families outlining payment dates. If you would like to make your own specific arrangement regarding payment, please ring or come to the school office and make the arrangements. **Please note that EFTPOS facilities are available at the office, and credit card vouchers are available on our website.**

It is always a financial challenge to ensure that our students are getting the best possible educational opportunities, facilities and services. Without your support, we simply could not offer all that is available at Watsonia North.

PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT

Last Thursday evening, we celebrated the work of our instrumental music teachers and their students. Our young musicians had the opportunity to showcase their instrumental and vocal talents and congratulations are extended to all. The commitment given to attend lessons and time devoted to rehearsals is most admirable and commendable. A special thank you to Mr David Perry and our various instrumental teachers, for supporting the students. We are most fortunate to have such an extensive instrumental music program at our school, with over 170 students involved!

PFA ELECTION DAY BBQ

If you can spare an hour or two this Saturday, please come and lend a hand with the BBQ! Remember if you are voting to buy a sausage or two.

Tina King (Principal)

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2014 IS FRIDAY, 19
DECEMBER – FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 6
STUDENTS AND ASSEMBLY IN THE CENTRE AT
1.00PM WITH DISMISSAL AT 1.30PM**

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Hi everyone As this is the last week in November, 2015 Enrolment forms will be available at the beginning of next week. We will also be asking our families to complete a short feedback survey to assist us in providing appropriately for you and your children. I am in the process of constructing our end of year hampers. Each family that returns their enrolment form and survey will be provided with a complimentary raffle ticket to the hamper and children prizes. The winners will be drawn out during the last week of the year, with notification to the lucky recipients in time to collect their goodies before school finishes.

We take the importance of sustainability and recycling very seriously in Cool Care. Each fortnight when the paper/cardboard recycling bins are emptied, we wait with baited breath to see how well we have done in placing the correct items in the bin. Elation last week, when we received the highest possible 5 stars for our recycling effort. Discussions around looking after our planet are quite regular during our group chat time. The children's knowledge and enthusiasm during discussion is quite remarkable. We were very proud of our achievement, hopefully with many more 5 star efforts to come.

With the 1st of December just around the corner, we are deep into planning for the Christmas period. Once again, the children will be offered an individual age appropriate Christmas Book to work through. These contain a variety of language, numeracy and colouring sheets, a mix of plenty, targeting appropriately the children's year level, knowledge and abilities. We are also planning a colouring foyer filled with decorations a plenty. It's a fun time and a time where we are also exploring the cultures of different parts of the world and their celebrations and experiences.

Please contact me if you have any Cool Care queries. Stay tuned for more Cool Care news over the next few weeks

Stay Cool
Jenny!

SCHOOL DATES FOR 2015

Term 1:

- 28 January (school teachers start) to 27 March *

Term 2:

- 13 April to 26 June

Term 3:

- 13 July to 18 September

Term 4:

- 5 October to 18 December

* *The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. All students start school at WNPS on THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY 2015.*

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2014 IS FRIDAY, 19 DECEMBER – ASSEMBLY IN THE CENTRE AT 1.00PM WITH DISMISSAL AT 1.30PM.

PE & Sport News

RUGBY

Yesterday, our Year 6 girls' Rugby Tackle team played in the State Finals at Elwood Park. The girls played outstandingly throughout the day, nearly progressing to the State Semi-Finals!

A HUGE, HUGE, THANK YOU to **JESS** for assistance in transporting and helping the team throughout the day. A great effort girls – well done!

HOOPTIME

On Tuesday 6 November, the All Star Boys & All Star Girls played in the Regional Finals. Both teams played outstanding basketball throughout the day, winning several matches each. Unfortunately, both teams didn't progress. A BIG THANK YOU to the parents for transporting the students and scoring, and to Mr Eastwood and Matt for coaching. Well done to all!

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)



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ELECTION DAY BBQ:

THIS SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Don't forget to vote on Saturday! While you are voting, please support the school and buy a sausage, cold drink, lolly or popcorn. We can always use an extra pair of hands so please help out if you can. For more details contact Wendy Thornbury: wendyjt72@bigpond.com

TWILIGHT CAROLS:

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2014

This year, the student performances will be held at 7pm, with market stalls (including the PFA food stall) closing at that time. This will allow all parents and friends to watch the performances and support our super talented kids.

Make sure you get to the food stalls early so you don't miss out! We will be located at and next to the canteen and will be selling sausages, chicken schnitzel rolls, slurpees, lollies and snacks.

Raffle tickets will be sent home to each family this week. We have a number of high quality donations from our stall holders and local businesses to be won. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact me at watsonianorthpspfa@gmail.com

We still need volunteers to help on the night at the PFA stall, distributing programs and selling raffle tickets. We will start setting up from 4.15pm and the stall will close at 7pm. All welcome!

Regards, Cara Wilkins (PFA Secretary)

Santa & Christmas in Watsonia 2014

Santa will be visiting Watsonia with children's giveaways & loads of fun, on Saturday 6 December from 10-12.30pm,

Thursday 11 & Friday 12 December from 3pm-5.30pm,

Saturday 13 – Loads of Fun for all the children:

Santa will be there, plus Roving Elf & Balloon Twisting.

Christmas Jumping Castle on the Lawn in Grace St Opposite BP & Roving Music.

Bring your Christmas Drawing & the BEST 5 drawings will WIN Surprise Christmas Gift - Winners will be displayed in the window of Watsonia Optical, from Monday 15 December.

Bring the kids & take a photo with Santa. Santa will also be back to visit on: Thursday 18 December – 3.00pm-5.30pm,

Friday 19 December – 3.00pm-5.30pm and Final

visit Saturday 20 December – 10am-12.30pm.

Join us to make it a Merry Christmas in Watsonia!

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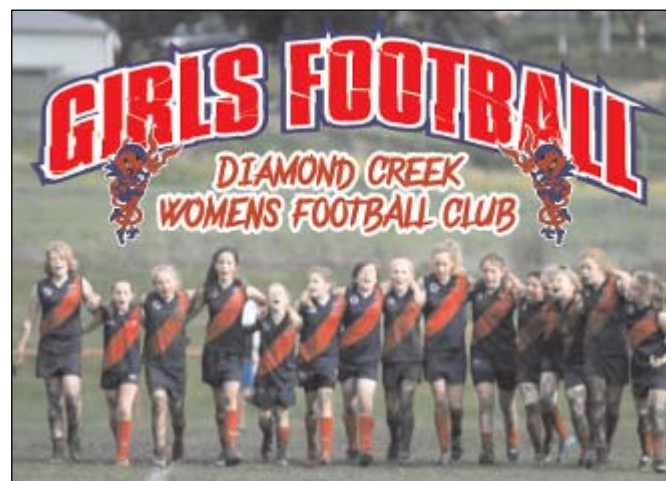
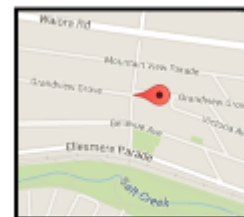
Saturday 29th November

9:00am til 12:00 noon.

Rosanna Primary

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Rosanna



JUNIOR GIRLS - U10, U12, U15, U18

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SCOTT - 0419 173 911 SARAH - 0430 383 462

Performing Arts News

PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT

What an amazing evening! Our annual Performing Arts Concert is always an entertaining and emotional event. Along with our various ensembles including choirs, percussion group, and the instrumental ensembles: violin, guitar, recorder, and drums, we had around 20 Year 6 students presenting solos and duets that they had prepared. I know there were more than a few nervous heads on stage that night, but all our Year 6 performers had plenty to be proud of. Congratulations to our students and families. Thanks to all WNPS staff who came along to assist on the night.

CHOIR TOUR

Both choirs will be participating in the choir tour - this is the third year we have been running this successful end-of-year activity. The dates are the 6 & 10 December - notes have been issued this week and I ask all families to attend to this as soon as possible.

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

I have received confirmation that WNPS will be performing as part of the massed choir in the 2015 Victorian State Schools Spectacular. Not a compulsory event, places are limited and will be restricted to students who are members of the choir in 2015, and preference will be given to children in older year levels. This is always an exciting event and a great opportunity for our students.

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)

Registration Day!



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WNPS TWILIGHT CAROLS



**Thursday 11th
December
2014**

5pm to 8pm



FREE ENTRY

- Student performances
- PFA BBQ and snacks stall
 - Slushies
 - Lucky Dips
 - Raffle

Plus...

A variety of market stalls,
Free face painting and kids
activities and a
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