



Wednesday Weekly

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From the Principal

STAFFING NEWS

As many of you are aware, our Assistant Principal, **Heather McIntosh**, has been seconded for the term to the Acting Principal role at Rosanna Primary School. We have recently found out that Heather is now the provisional appointee to this role and will not be returning to Watsonia North. This is wonderful news for Heather and Rosanna PS, and we extend our congratulations. Heather arrived to Watsonia North in 2012 and during her time here, she has been instrumental in leading key school improvement strategies which have focussed on enhancing teacher skill and practice in order to improve student outcomes. She has made many friends at our school and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the significant impact she has had. The Assistant Principal vacancy at our school has been advertised and we have commenced the recruitment process. I will advise the school community of the outcome once the process has been finalised.

On another matter, two of our staff members are each celebrating 35 years of service to the educational sector next month. This is an amazing feat and the contributions they have made have been immense and outstanding. Congratulations to **Kerryn May** and **Julie Austin** for the significant impact they have made in the government school sector and the many minds they have developed. Both Kerryn and Julie are exceptional educators and we are most fortunate to have them working at Watsonia North.

MEASLES & IMMUNISATION CERTIFICATES

In the wake of Victoria's Chief Health Officer confirming three cases of measles at a school in the Northern Suburbs, we remind parents of the need to monitor children and be aware of the signs and symptoms of measles. We ask that any family with a child showing symptoms such as fever, runny nose, cough or rash see their GP as soon as possible and advise the school accordingly. The attached Better Health sheet provides further facts and information.

Please note that it is imperative that the school has a copy of your child's/children's immunisation certificate. In the event of a disease outbreak at our school, Departmental policy states that all unimmunised children and children for whom we have not received an immunisation certificate, will be sent home until the risk of infection has passed.

SUNSMART POLICY

A reminder to all that commencing next month, students are required to bring their hat and sunscreen to school. It is hard to believe that Spring is upon us next Monday and in line with our SunSmart Policy, students must wear their hat and apply sunscreen whilst outside during the months of September to the end of April. A copy of the SunSmart Policy is available on the school's website.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

It is a Departmental requirement that schools practice their emergency management drills in case of serious event or incident. Over the next few weeks, we will be practising our evacuation (both onsite and offsite to Binnak Park) and lockdown procedures. Please do not be alarmed if your child/children comes home advising that they had to evacuate. This is purely for precautionary purposes and in the event of any serious incident, we will always notify our school community.

LOST PROPERTY

Once again, there seems to be an abundance of clothing and other items accumulating in lost property. Items ranging from jackets, windcheaters, hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles and toys find their way to lost property on a daily basis. Please make sure that your child's clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles are all clearly marked with their name. We have wonderful Lost Property Monitors who check the cupboard each week and return all named items to the owners. It really helps them if the name is clearly marked on the item as the names sometimes fade and make them difficult to read. If your child is missing an item, please check lost property soon as all unclaimed uniforms will be placed in the second hand uniform shop at the end of term and toys and non-uniform clothing will be donated to a local charity.

Tina King (Principal)

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Cool Care will be hosting an Anaphylaxis Emergency Management workshop on the evening of Wednesday 10 September in the Centre. The cost is \$60.00 per participant payable prior to attendance. If you are interested in attending, please let me know as soon as possible. The session will cover all aspects of management relative to handling an Anaphylaxis emergency and related first aid. The session will run from 6.30pm – 9.30pm and is a nationally recognised course.

We have recently had several families requiring care that did not realise that a current registration was necessary. A reminder that children are required to have a current enrolment to attend Cool Care. Enrolment includes a \$15.00 fee and remains valid for the whole of the school year. This entitles families access to Cool Care, providing spaces are available. Before Care is available on demand each day, after care requires a 'formal' booking. Please contact me if you require further information. Registrations for 2015 will open on Monday 1 December with forms available from this date onwards. This week we are looking forward to enjoying the afternoon sunshine. Have a great week!
Stay Cool, Jenny



COME AND TRY SPRINGBOARD DIVING! THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER at Carey Grammar Sporting Complex Bulleen Road, Bulleen from 7.00-8.30pm. FREE ENTRY! DVE Diving coaches will be on hand to run through basic dives and answer any questions or concerns. All current DVE divers will also be available for diving demonstrations and a friendly chat. All ages are more than welcome to attend. Phone Greg McGregor 0409 333 374 or Ken Houghton on 0404 480 511



PREP CONCERT

Our prep concert is coming up very soon on Thursday, 4 September - save the date! This concert is a showcase of songs and dances the children have learned throughout the year, as well as putting stories they have heard in prep assemblies into performance. If parents are able to assist with creating costumes and props for the prep concert (I assure you it's nothing like what was required for *Alice in Wonderland!*) please contact Mr Perry via the school or at music@wats-north.vic.edu.au. **Please get your ticket orders in if you have not done so already.**

RECORDER PERFORMANCE

Early in September a group of recorder students will be performing in the foyer of the Melbourne Recital Centre in the city, as the "warm up" act for a daytime concert by the renowned recorder player Genevieve Lacey. It is a great privilege to have such an opportunity to perform. More information will be distributed to those families soon.

PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT

Students in Year 6 have been given advanced notice about the Performing Arts Concert next term (the final date is still being arranged, but will be in November). As a year 6 student, you are invited to prepare a SOLO item on an instrument you are learning or vocals. Any student wishing to sing MUST first check this with Mr Perry, as should anyone wishing to present an item with more than one performer. More information to come!

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)



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FATHER'S DAY STALL

The stall will be on next week, starting Monday and will be on each morning from 9am to 10.30am until everything is sold out. All gifts are \$5. Thanks to those who have offered to help at the stall. If you haven't volunteered yet and would like to help, please email me as we still have spots available. I can be contacted at watsonianorthpspfa@gmail.com
Regards, Cara Wilkins (PFA Secretary)



COME AND JOIN US FOR THE 2014/15 SEASON

LAC Athletics is a great foundation for all sports. Want to run, jump and throw? Come and join us for action packed Saturday mornings from September to March at Willinda Park. A modified 'on track' program is available for 5 & 6 year olds and a competitive program for the 7-15 year olds. Come and try on 13 & 20 September! Free singlet, cap and hoodie if you register by 20 September (\$90 value). All abilities welcome, including AWD. Phone 0434 515 917 or email president@watsonialac.org.au or visit www.watsonialac.org.au

PE & Sport News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, 28 August (tomorrow): Year 3/4 Hooptime @ Mill Park (selected students)
- Friday, 29 August: District Athletics @ Meadowglen Athletics Track
- Monday, 8 September: Day 2 – Year 5/6 Hooptime @ Mill Park (selected students)

(PE & Sports Coordinator)

<p>Mobile Hairdressing Cuts, tints, ombre colours, foils, kids cuts</p> <p>E: arrowsmitholivia@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Ideal for busy families! Call or text for an appointment time that suits you.</p>	<p>Olivia T: 0425 826 968</p>



STAYING SAFE AROUND SWOOPING MAGPIES

Male magpies, they are the ones with the white backs, will defend an area around their nests during

breeding season. The area is usually within 100 metres of the nest if you are walking, but can be 150m if you are riding a bike. Protective behaviour can start as early as July (when they first start nesting) and go through to November (when the chicks are fledging).

A magpie's defensive behaviour can be a swoop or a dive bomb and sometimes that can involve contact. Some attacks can leave a person with head or eye injuries, so swooping magpies should be taken seriously.

What can we do to stay safe during this time?

- When walking, wear a broad rimmed hat and sunglasses - sometimes putting eyes on the back of your hat can deter the magpie.
- If you are riding a bike, attach a flag to a pole on your bike - this may deter them, or get off and walk.
- If you can avoid the area and find another route home until the magpie's babies have left the nest - that would be better for both parties.
- Don't fight back if a magpie swoops. Throwing sticks or stones as it can make it more aggressive.
- If you find a fledgling on the ground - don't pick it up! Dad is probably watching from afar. If it is still there at night and you are concerned for its safety, pick it up and put it in a tree.

Not all male magpies swoop people. According to a Brisbane study, only nine percent do. The Plover is another swooping bird - they are most seen in open grassy areas close to water, but are also prevalent around our school. In breeding season, both male and female will defend the nest. Their swooping rarely results in contact, but can be unsettling for children.



WIN a DREAM DAY with DAD

We want Victorian kids to think about their Dream Day with Dad, and then tell us about it - upload a drawing, painting, photo, story or poem!

How do I enter the competition?

It's easy! All you need to do is take a photo of the entry and upload it to dreamdaywithdad.com.au. Entries will be judged based on creativity and imagination.

What will I win?

The winning entry will receive a Dream Day with Dad to the value of \$1,000. We will make your child's dream a reality by organising an unforgettable day with Dad. It could be anything - a trip to the footy, visiting the aquarium or enjoying the rides at Luna Park.

What is the Dream Day with Dad?

We want to help give Dads the best present ever - time with their kids. So, to coincide with Father's Day let's celebrate fathers, families and the reasons for being safe at work.

We are doing this by running a competition to encourage children to share what they would do on their Dream Day with Dad.



For terms and conditions and to enter the Father's Day competition visit dreamdaywithdad.com.au

This Father's Day give Dad the best present ever. You! Find out more at dreamdaywithdad.com.au

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