



Wednesday Weekly

29 July
2015

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From the Principal

CURRICULUM DAY REMINDER

As mentioned previously, **Friday 14 August is a Curriculum Day with children not required to attend school on this day.** Before and after school care will not be operational with alternative arrangements needing to be made for the care and supervision of children on this day. This is a common curriculum day whereby staff from our school will be undertaking professional development with colleagues from Viewbank Primary School. Please note that this is the final student free day for the year.

PARENT OPINION SURVEYS

Surveys have been sent home to a number of our school families who have been randomly selected by the computer. The survey is designed to take no more than 20 minutes to complete and your feedback and opinions play an important role in making our school the best it can possibly be.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential.

When completed please seal your survey in the envelope provided and write your child's name and year level on the back of the envelope. Your child's name will only be used to record that you have returned the survey.

Completed surveys can be returned to your child's classroom teacher, or placed in the box at the office by this Wednesday, 29 July 2015. Thank you in anticipation, for taking the time to participate. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries about the survey.

ASBESTOS LABELLING

As part of the Department of Education and Training's Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling has been installed at our school. The labels remind people to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school's asbestos register. Asbestos, which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned, is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition.

The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe.

REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – EVERY DAY COUNTS!

In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of Year 6! Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

We all want our children to get a great education and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes. Attendance patterns are established early. A child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years and receive lower test scores than their classmates.

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they are ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

Family holidays - It's also important that holidays be planned during school holidays where possible and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a 'day off' as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

If you are having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Tina King (Principal)

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G'day everyone!

A note to parent/carers requesting later 'pick ups' for next week's 21st birthday week, has been placed on the sign in/out table. As we have a special event each afternoon, if possible, it would be great for the children to be able to stay with us as long as possible each day. The normal 6.00pm closure still applies. All expenses for activities are included in the normal session fee – there is no additional charge for our extravaganzas.

Any questions please contact me on 94323213 or

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Keep an eye open around the school for the children's expertly created posters displaying our birthday events.

A call out to parent/carers to remind their children of the importance of looking after our new garden area. We need everyone to walk on the paths or steps only as they enter or leave the school at the Sharpes Road entrance of the school pleeeeeease!!

As we have many jobs to do in preparation for next week, I shall not linger.

Have a great week – stay cool, Jenny

Kids Disco
FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST
Performing Arts Centre
Prep to Grade 2 from 6.00 to 7.00pm
Year 3 to 6 from 7.30 to 9.00pm
Entry only: \$5.00
Entry & Glow Showbag: \$10.00



You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between **Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015**. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them on to a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies.



Brochures for the latest Scholastic Book Club order will be distributed this week. Please note that these orders are due by **THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST**.

Our school has now opted-in to use the new **LOOP** method of ordering and payment. If using this method, there is no need to send the order form or the payment back to school. It is all done online – so easy! Alternatively, you may still order on the brochure and pay in the usual way. Please see the order form page of the brochure for more information on ordering and payments.

Don't forget that our library receives many free books as commission on our Bookclub sales. Last year we were lucky enough to receive 68 new books to the value of \$879!

Thanks for your support!

Free your imagination. Read!

Judy Leigh (Library)

PREP ORIENTATION PROGRAM PRELIMINARY NOTICE FOR 2016 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.

The Prep Orientation dates for 2015 are:

Thursday 22 October	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Thursday 29 October	9:15am – 10:30am
Thursday 5 November	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Thursday 12 November	7:00pm – 8:00pm
• Information Evening	(parent session only)
Thursday 19 November	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Thursday 10 December	
• Meet your 2016 Prep teacher	9:15am – 10:30am
Monday 14 December	
• Informal Prep picnic	3:45pm – 4:45pm



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**Junior Cricket
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FREE
BBQ

Saturday 5th September 2015

11am - 2pm

SNAKE GULLY DRIVE, BUNDOORA

"JUNIOR PLAYERS REQUIRED"

Monday Nights Under 11s

Friday Nights Under 13s, 15s, 17s

& MILO HAVE-A-GO Program



SENIOR PLAYERS ALSO WANTED



For further information

Andrew Culph: 0438 700 152

**LAST CURRICULUM DAY
FOR 2015
– FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST
STUDENTS DO NOT
ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS
DAY**