



What's On At Watsonia Primary

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Dear Students, Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to school after the summer break. The new school year has begun with lots of enthusiasm and engagement. Our students are all working hard on their learning tasks. The teaching staff have used the holidays to plan and prepare for the year and this has supported the students to enter the classes with confidence and excitement. We have had several new families join our school community. We welcome you all and hope that you enjoy being part of the very special Watsonia Primary School learning community.

We welcome 2 new teachers to our staff in 2016. Miss Nadia Skoullas who is teaching Prep NS and Mrs Rina Nanos who is teaching LOTE Italian from grades Prep to 6 as well as our Bella Lingua group. The rest of the staff has remained in the same teaching department and all the students were familiar with their rooms and teachers after the transition session in 2015. All classes have distributed their term newsletters and these packages provide you with information about the learning programs for the term as well as an events planner, timetables and home learning for the term.

Recently there have been threatening hoax calls made to schools. I am writing to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days.

Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year.

Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority. If you have any questions please contact me.

As we are now settled and back from holidays I would like to remind parents of a few practical requirements of school life. Term 1 is a SunSmart term and all students must have a school SunSmart hat to play outdoors. This includes PE lessons and outdoor learning sessions. If a student does not have a hat they must sit in the shade out of direct sunlight. It is a good idea to put hats in school bags or tubs and leave them there so that they come to school each day.

School uniform is compulsory at Watsonia Primary School and students should be wearing polo shirts, hats and windcheaters with the school logo clearly displayed. School shoes must be solid wearing full shoes which support the ankle but do not go above the ankle and socks must be worn. Canvas shoes and 'slip on' shoes are not suitable for school as they do not support the physical activity and growth of a young child's feet. All pieces of clothing must be clearly labelled and a suggestion is to write the child's name with a permanent marker on the inside of the piece of clothing.

If you are running late in the morning please call past the office and sign in at the front desk. This is a requirement as all students need to be accounted for on the school rolls which are marked first thing in the morning. If a student arrives after the roll is marked they are not registered at school so the late pass addresses this issue. Students can fill out their own pass and if they have permission from their parent they can also fill out the Late Book.

If your child is to be absent from school please give the school a call on 9435 2917 to get the absence approved. If you cannot do this please ensure that your child has a written note in their diary or a note the next day for the classroom teacher. This is also to complete the attendance records.

Our school canteen is open every day and sells a variety of healthy snack options as well as lunches. If you would like to give your child some money to spend at the canteen that's great. However please keep the amount of money small as the articles at the canteen are quite cheap. \$2.00 spending money is more than enough to ensure that your child has plenty of money to spend. Money should be kept in a secure place and not left in bags hanging outside the classrooms. Please ask the classroom teacher for assistance with this if you are unsure.

There are many ways in which parents can help at the school and we really appreciate the help we receive from parents. Parent helper forms and information were available in some of the classroom newsletters but if you are interested in helping at the school and do not know how to go about this please call in at the office and speak to me. All classes in the school welcome parent helpers and our school canteen cannot run without the support of parents. The school canteen will hold an orientation morning next Monday after assembly so please come along and find out what is involved.

The 2016 school production will be the culmination of a 'Circus' program which will run in the school during Term 3. All students in the school will be involved and the excitement is growing as the students look forward to learning circus tricks and acts like juggling, plate spinning and lots more! Miss Dane has put a flyer into this newsletter for your reference. What a great opportunity for our students!

Jeanette Martin, Principal martin.jeanette.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

CSEF: Camp, Sports & Excursion Fund application forms are now available at the school office. Please bring your current Health Care card (or equivalent) when you come in. If you have any queries about CSEF please ask Sue in the office. More information from the government can be found in this newsletter

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome back bankers and welcome to our new students.

Just a reminder that School Banking is every Tuesday.

Please remember to bring in your completed deposit books. Each student will receive a back to school kit which shows the rewards available this year. The awards theme is Outback Journey to the Kings Canyon of Savings. If you need to set up an account please contact the Commonwealth Bank.

Please contact Jodie Hogan or Sarina Henderson if you have any other questions or need new deposit books etc.
Happy Banking Watsonia Primary School Students



EFTPOS Facilities:

The school office has the facilities for families to pay via EFTPOS either using your credit card or debit card we can also do remote credit transactions (strictly no cash out). Anyone wishing to pay any type of payment whether its school fees, uniform, camps, Bookclub etc can be done so just talk to Sue in the office.

WOW WORD OF THE WEEK

Work out your answer and place it in the box outside room 2 by Friday.

P-2 Activity. Circle the common noun in the sentence.

The sun is very hot.

Answer: _____

Name: _____

Grade: _____

3-6 Activity. Circle the common, collective and proper nouns in the sentence.

There are many beaches in Victoria and small schools of fish can be seen in the shallows.

Answer: _____

Name: _____

Grade: _____

MATHS PUZZLERS

Work out your answer and place it in the box outside room 7 by Friday.

Maths Puzzler: Can you complete the grids by filling in the correct number? Make sure your answers are accurate and work in all directions to complete the equations.

6	+		=	14
+		+		+
	+	9	=	16
=		=		=
13	+		=	

20	-	12	=	
+		+		+
25	-		=	13
=		=		=
	-		=	

Answer:

Name: _____

Grade: _____

HOME LEARNING CLUB:

Home Learning Club is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 8.30am.

This is an opportunity to receive assistance with any home learning, the chance to access computers or library books in order to complete home learning each week. Please consider using this service that is available to all students throughout the school.



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students.
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



TERM 1 PLANNER 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
Jan 25 (Week 1)	Jan 26 Public Holiday Australia Day	Jan 27 Pupil Free Day Teachers Return	Jan 28 Years 1 to 6 return	Jan 29 Preps begin	Jan 30/31
Feb 1 (Week 2)	Feb 2	Feb 3 Prep Entry Interviews Swimming Trials 8am to 8.45am	Feb 4	Feb 5 Interschool Sports against St. Marys @ Home	Feb 6/7
Feb 8 (Week 3)	Feb 9	Feb 10 Prep Entry Interviews Whole School Information Evening 7.00 p.m.	Feb 11	Feb 12 Interschool Sports against Watsonia Heights @ Home	Feb 13/14
Feb 15 (Week 4)	Feb 16	Feb 17 Prep Entry Interviews District Swimming at Watermarc Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30 to 8.30	Feb 18	Feb 19 Interschool Sports against Watsonia North @ away	Feb 20/21
Feb 22 (Week 5) Badge Presentation	Feb 23	Feb 24 Prep Entry Interviews	Feb 25	Feb 26 Interschool Sports against Greensborough @ Home	Feb 27 / 28
FEB 29	Mar 1 Kids Club 9.00 to 9.45 am P-2 Community Walk	Mar 2 Grade 6 Out of Uniform Day Gold coin donation	Mar 3 Prep Showcase 9.15 a.m.-10 a.m.	Mar 4 Interschool Sports against Bundoora @ away	Mar 5/6
Mar 7 (Week 7)	Mar 8	Mar 9 Kids Club 9.00 to 9.45 am Twilight Sports & P&F BBQ 5pm to 7pm	Mar 10	Mar 11 Interschool Sports against Norris Bank @ away	Mar 12/13
Mar 14 (Week 8) Planning Week Public Holiday Labour Day	Mar 15 Kids Club 9.00 to 9.45 am 3/4 Showcase 2.45 p.m.	Mar 16	Mar 17 Ride to School Day	Mar 18 5/6 Showcase 2.45-3.20 Interschool Sports against Streeton @ away	Mar 19/20 Open Morning 9.30am
Mar 21 (Week 9) Harmony Day	Mar 22 1/2 Showcase 9.10 a.m.-10.00 a.m.	Mar 23 Kids Club 9.00 to 9.45 am Inter-school Sport Finals	Mar 24 Last Day of Term 2:30 finish.	Mar 25 Public Holiday Good Friday	Mar 26/27