



What's On At Watsonia Primary

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Dear Students, Parents and Friends.

Thank you to all the families who have offered their help at our Working Bee on Sunday. We will be meeting at school at 9.00am on Sunday May 17th to work together to clean up the grounds and improve our playground and garden areas. The Working Bee is to finish at 11.00am. We would welcome anyone who can come along on the day even if you have not sent back an attendance note. If you have any questions about the working bee please contact Luke Heard or Lynda Ratkovic.

Children are welcome to come along and are encouraged to join in with the 'beautification' of their school grounds. However all children must be in the care of an adult as there will not be teacher supervision for students. Some of our teachers will be in attendance to assist with the work that needs to be done in the gardens.

Next week is Education Week and we are holding our Open Day on Wednesday May 20th. The school will be open to visitors for the whole day from 9.00am to 3.30pm. There are activities occurring throughout the day and our annual trail for parents and children to do together will also be available at the office.

Our choir is presenting at 8.00pm in the multi-purpose hall and all students in the choir are asked to wear full school uniform. The whole evening will have a focus on Maths and family involvement. All classrooms will be open to families from 7.30pm to come along and enjoy some fun maths activities. The classrooms will use various types of mathematical equipment and the interactive whiteboards to provide a stimulating experience for all. The teachers have been planning and working hard to create an interesting night for everyone.

There will be an Information Evening for 2010 Prep parents at 7.00pm in the school Library. Miss Shannon Wright will present information regarding the enrolment process, orientation programs and the first year of schooling. If you know anyone who is considering a school for 2010 please refer them to our school and the Prep Information Evening session.

On Tuesday we had a visit from two AFL players who presented a football clinic to the grades 3, 4, 5 & 6. Representatives from the Carlton football club, David Ellard and Paul Bower, came along and shared time with our students. The students were all thrilled to meet athletes who had made it to the premier league and they thoroughly enjoyed the footy clinic session. Thanks to Mr. David Neilson for organising this event.

Students in Grades 3 and 5 have participated in the NAPLAN tests this week. This national testing of Literacy and Numeracy skills is conducted in all schools at the same time. Our students were ably supported by their classroom teachers and the class sessions undertaken prior to the tests have enabled our students to feel comfortable in the test format and the 'exam' conditions. As these tests are externally marked the results will come through in a few months time and parents will receive information on their child's individual performance.

The Preps and the Grade 6 students have had a visit from the Fire Brigade this week. The students were instructed on fire safety and the ways to prevent fire in the home. The program also addresses ways in which to escape from fire and how to protect your body from burns and smoke inhalation. The next visit to the Prep class will provide the Preps with a tour of the Fire Truck. This is a very exciting time for all the students as they get to sit in the truck and see some of the mechanisms at work.

The School Council met on Monday evening and the discussion focussed on the collection and collation of data from the school community to assist with the School Self Evaluation. School Council has planned a Community evening on Wednesday June 3rd to canvas opinions from the adults in our learning community. There will be further information about this evening closer to the date. Please mark this date in your diary and keep it free to come along and take part.

Recently I have had many positive comments from visitors to our school about the positive student relationships and the way in which the students interact with each other and their teachers. This is the culture at Watsonia Primary School where we treat each other as we wish to be treated. Our students and their teachers operate with a code of mutual respect. It is wonderful to hear from visitors that this is noted and obvious. Well done Watsonia Primary School you are proud of yourselves and of your school!

Jeanette Martin, Principal

PUPILS OF THE WEEK FOR 08/05/09



Yr. 5/6 N	Shanaye	For her hard work on her Space Poster.
Yr. 5/6 H	Cooper	For being a persistent and positive member of 5/6H.
Yr. 3/4 C	Matthew	Excellent research skills and presentation of his poster about Mars.
Yr. 3/4 N	Nick	For his fantastic BTN report on Swine flu.
Yr. 1/2 H	Paige	Persisting with her reading and writing activities.
Yr.1/2 B	Joshua M	For doing a great job in his spelling group.
Prep W	Emily	Fantastic work in Maths telling the time and counting.
Italian	Fernando	For applying past knowledge to new situations in Italian.
Library	Carly	For thinking about thinking and coming up with some good ideas.
Music	Paula	Showing great leadership in Music.
Art	Julia	Working well in Art.
Principal's Award: Austin		Persisting with his work.

O.S.C.A.R Award: 1/2 H

M.A.D. Award: Samantha

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS PROGRAM

If you have any queries regarding the Financial, Bookings or Centrelink aspects of the program please contact Sue Fenech on 9435-2917 any queries regarding the program or your child should be directed to on 0417 138 967

E.M.A CHEQUES

Education Maintenance Allowance Cheques for the first half of the year are available from the school office. Cheques must be signed for by the recipient, so please collect your cheque in person.

School Council Notes:

On Monday 11 May School Council held its third meeting for 2009. We were particularly pleased to welcome a parent attendee. Please remember that parents and teachers are very welcome to attend School Council meetings - even if you are not a Council member.

Among the matters discussed by Council on Monday:

- * Finance matters - School Council approved the school's financial reports for March and April 2009 and discussed replacing the office photocopier.
- * Facilities - We discussed this Sunday's working bee. It's great to see the return slips rolling into the office - many hands make light work!
- * Marketing - The subcommittee headed by Frank and Robyn have plans for a new school brochure, among other things.
- * Student welfare - The Education subcommittee presented the revised Student Welfare policy which was ratified by Council.

School review:

Our school is at the end of its 4-year strategic planning cycle and this term the school needs to evaluate itself - that is, consider how well we achieved what we'd set out to do, where there are gaps, and how we should plan for the future. School councillors have been considering ways in which this 'evaluation' step can involve the whole school community. We have decided that on Wednesday 3 June we will hold a 'wine and cheese' night at the school to get everyone's feedback. In the same week (starting 1 June) all parents will have the opportunity to complete a survey (anonymously if you wish) giving feedback and suggestions about how the school is doing, and where it should be heading. The survey will be available in a paper form as well as on the internet, and we hope that as many people as possible will complete it. There will be a door prize at the wine and cheese night and the chance of another prize by completing the survey.

Next term an external 'reviewer' will spend time at the school looking at the self-evaluation report and lots of other data (things like student achievement, attendance rates, opinion surveys and so on) and prepare a formal report. All of these processes will help the school community plan for our future direction.

So remember: **the week of 1 June is 'Review Week' at the school with the Wine and Cheese night on 3 June at 7.30pm, and the feedback survey open all that week. Please make a point of having your say!** Many thanks in particular to Caroline, Frank, Rheana and Robyn for your work on these plans!

Who's who

Parent members of School Council are: Sonia Law, Frank Martinez, Robyn Murphy, Rheana Nation, Caroline Need, Megan Pictor and Lynda Ratkovic. Staff members are: Luke Heard, Jeanette Martin and Shannon Wright.

Any parents with items they wish to raise with School Council can do so by contacting any member. Megan (School Council President) can be contacted via email at pictor.megan.j@edumail.vic.gov.au (or by leaving a note at the office).

The next Council meeting will be **Monday 15 June** at 7.30pm in the staff room. All are welcome.

GRADE PREP 1/2 SNAKEBUSTERS VISIT

The reptile group called Snakebusters will be presenting to our grade Prep and grade 1/2 students on Monday, May 25th. The final day for payment and notices is Thursday, May 21st.

Kind regards, Miss Wright- Prep W, Miss Biuk- 1/2 B, Mrs Hodges- 1/2 H

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – Friday the 15th of May 2009.

Walk Safely to School Day is to promote the health benefits of walking and to create regular walking habits at an early age. The promotion also seeks to emphasize road-crossing and general pedestrian skills, safe practices around traffic, reducing car dependency, and reducing vehicle emissions to help the battle against climate change. Once again Watsonia Primary School is planning to take part in the day and encourages all students to walk to school on the morning of Friday the 15th of May. For not only the students' but the families of our school community, this is a great opportunity to walk to school with your children and begin a positive attitude towards fitness at an early age. We hope to see you fighting fit Friday morning!

David Neilson, School Sports Coordinator

CANTEEN NEWS

Another busy week for us all but what a good week it has been. Just a reminder that Aroonas, Noodle Nuggets and Hot Chips are **NO longer** available for sale at the Canteen. To avoid disappointment if your child attends swimming on Tuesday. **PLEASE** do not give your child a lunch order. Timing is critical for this event and refusal of orders can be distressing. Thank you for your ongoing support and hope to see you soon in Canteen.

Next Week's roster: Friday, 22nd, May, 2009: Melissa Dean

LINDA REID, Canteen Manager

STAFF TERM 2 PLANNER 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1	May 2/3
Parents & Friends Meeting 9.30am	Swimming Commences School Photos			Interschool Sports against Bundoora at Home	
May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9/10
	Swimming	Education Meeting 5.30 Facilities Meeting 6.30	Mothers Day Stall	Mothers Day Stall Interschool Sports against St Marys Away	Mothers Day
May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16/17
School Council Meeting 7.30pm	Swimming			Interschool Sports against Greensborough Away	
May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23/24
EDUCATION WEEK →	Swimming	Family Maths Night OPEN DAY		Interschool Sports against Watsonia North at Home	
May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30/31
	Swimming			Interschool Sports BYE	
Jun 1	Jun 2	Jun 3	Jun 4	Jun 5	Jun 6/7
Choc Drive	Swimming			Interschool Sports against Watsonia Heights Away	
Jun 8	Jun 9	Jun 10	Jun 11	Jun 12	Jun 13/14
Queen's Birthday Holiday	Swimming			Choc Drive Back Camp deposit due PUPIL FREE DAY	
Jun 15	Jun 16	Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20/21
School Council Meeting 7.30pm	Swimming Ends				
Jun 22	Jun 23	Jun 24	Jun 25	Jun 26	Jun 27/28