Dear Students, Parents and Friends,

On Tuesday we held our School Captain elections. After presenting to their peer group a selection of 3 girls and 3 boys were chosen to present to the panel. The panel consists of the Principal, the 2 grade 5/6 teachers (Daniel Anderson and Jenna Thomson), 2 students (a grade 5 girl and a grade 5 boy) and a parent who is new to our school. Special thanks to Dean Wedding who gave up his lunch hour to join our panel.

The students who were nominated for School Captain were Laura, Bonnie, Makalya, Bradley, Will and Caillou. Every student spoke well and presented the panel with a wide range of reasons for choosing them as School Captain. Their speeches were of a very high quality and it was a very difficult decision for the panel to make.

Our congratulations go to Bonnie Charlton and Bradley Gordon on their appointment as the 2015 School Captains. I look forward to working with them throughout the year and sharing lots of memorable occasions. Well done to all the candidates who put themselves forward and did such a great presentation on the day.

**School Council Elections**

Last week I sent home information on the School Council elections. This year we have four (4) positions on School Council to fill. Nominations open next Monday February 16th and close on Monday February 23rd. Parents can nominate themselves or have others nominate them. You do not have to have any special skills to be on School Council just an interest in the school and a desire to help build our school into a great place for all students.

School Council is the governing body of the school and there are many roles which parents can take to be part of Council. If you have any questions please contact me and I will help to explain the role of School Councillors. There is also a DET member position to be filled and a member of the teaching staff will be nominated to fill this role.

It is essential that we fill all the positions on School Council as it is a legislated body which must be formed in accordance with the regulations. Watsonia Primary School Council has 7 parent positions and 3 DET positions. Please consider joining our School Council and fill out a nomination form before Monday February 23rd. Nomination forms are available at the office. If you cannot attend at the school please telephone or email the school and we will send a form out to you.

In the first week of school we sent home the Special Religious Instruction forms. These forms must be returned to the school if you wish your child to participate in SRI. Please read the form carefully and tick both the ‘Yes’ boxes if you wish your child to participate. You do not have to return the form if your child will not be doing SRI. Special Religious Instruction classes will begin in mid March.

Just a reminder to all parents that the school ground is a public place where all the students should feel safe and confident. It is inappropriate for parents to approach children, other than their own, to discipline or make comment about behaviours. If you have any concerns re your child and other students please bring your complaints to me, the Principal, or if necessary speak to the parent of the child concerned. Parents should not speak directly to a child about their complaints. Thank you

This week we have held our Parent Information mornings and evenings and the teachers have spent a lot of time and effort preparing for parents and sharing information about ‘school life’. We hope that these sessions have been of assistance and will help you to build your child’s confidence and ability in every area of their school life. Next week we hold the individual Parent Teacher Meetings. Please ensure that you have returned your form to book a time as the time slots are filling quickly. The teachers are eager to have a meeting with every parent in their class as this helps build a strong partnership.

Please note: Prep parents are not required to attend a Parent Teacher meeting as you have had your meeting on one of the Wednesday time slots.

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

A Reminder that the Special Food Day order form and money are due by Friday 20th of Feb.

No late orders will be accepted after Friday 20th Feb

No other lunch orders will be available on Thursday 26th of Feb.

Thankyou to everyone who handed in the Canteen Roster Request Form, I had a great response and look forward to working with some new and old volunteer’s in term 1.

The Canteen Roster for term 1 has been handed out and a weekly roster will be in the newsletter each week.

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Parents and Friends:

Please join us tomorrow morning Fri 13 Feb 2015 9am at the Staff Room for a Parents & Friends Welcome Morning Tea to kick off the start of the new school year. Come have a cuppa and a chat, and get to know some of the other parents at the school. All parents, grandparents, carers, family, kids, friends & helpers of the school are welcomed!

The Parents & Friends Group will be holding its first meeting go the year on Fri 20 Feb 2015 at 9am in the LOTE Room (opposite the Staff Room). We will be discussing our calendar of events of the year. All are welcome to attend.

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

**P-2 Activity.** Write a simple sentence about what you like to do at school.

Answer:____________________
Name:____________________
Grade:____________________

**3-6 Activity.** Write a complex sentence about what you like to do at school. Remember your sentence should be detailed, contain three key points and a conjunction.

Answer:____________________
Name:____________________
Grade:____________________

**Maths Puzzler:** Make a counting backwards pattern starting at 105. Think of an interesting pattern.

Answer:____________________
Name:____________________
Grade:____________________

**Looking for a new career?**
I am looking for motivated, enthusiastic and happy cleaners to join a team of domestic angels. You can get fit and earn an income, all within school hours.
- Require own vehicle and a desire to make a difference.

**Phone Silva on**
0409 414 033.

Work out your answer and place it in the box outside room 7 by Friday.
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**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 wether its school fees, uniform, camps, Bookclub etc can be done so just talk to Sue in the office.

**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.