Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a relaxing time over the break. This term will be a busy yet enjoyable one. All events will be attached in our events planner, please use this as a handy reference throughout term 3 so you can keep up to date with all the happenings for Grade 5/6 students at Watsonia Primary School.

The children are enjoying using their school diaries as a great resource for writing in reminders and for their daily reading. There are still some children who are bringing these infrequently to school. It is asked that children bring these to school every day. Please encourage your child so we can help them to develop good habits as they move towards Secondary School.

Our Inquiry Unit for this term is ‘Happy, Healthy Habits!’ All students will investigate the changes people move through from being an infant, child, young adult, adult and finally into old age. Students will also understand the changing roles and responsibilities they hold within their family at these different life stages. Students will investigate the various ways in which they can promote ways to be both physically and emotionally healthy. Our Science Unit for term 3 is entitled ‘What a Disaster!’ and will focus on natural disasters around the world.

Family Life sexuality education sessions will also run for those families who opted for their children to attend. These sessions will run for three one hour sessions from 9am – 10am for 5/6DA and 11:30am-12:30pm for 5/6JT on Friday 26th August, Wednesday 31st August and Wednesday 7th September. Students whose families opted for them not to attend will work in small groups to design and implement a community project to encourage younger students at Watsonia Primary School to be healthy and active. This project will involve students running lunch time activities for the younger students.

Our showcase of our learning for this term’s Inquiry topic will be media advertisements demonstrating our learning. We will also be showcasing our work from our Science unit. Our Showcase will be held at 2:45pm on Friday 9th September in the school hall.

This year’s production will be held on Wednesday 14th of September. Tickets will be on sale on Wednesday August 10th. Keep an eye out in the weekly newsletters and specialist newsletter for more details.

We will continue to run K Club each week. There will be no Inter-school Sport in term three but the students in grades 5/6 will be involved in training sessions to develop the necessary skills for a range of Athletic Sports. The students will be involved in running, shot put, discus, long jump, high jump etc. Please ensure that your child wears his/her runners on Fridays for the training sessions. Later in the term a team will be selected to represent the school at the District Athletics Sports to be held on Thursday 1st of September. More information will be contained in the P.E. Newsletter.

Home learning will continue to be a weekly expectation. There will be home learning tasks to complete each week. Your child will be expected to complete and submit their home learning by Friday, each week. The home learning planner outlines the tasks in detail, but in summary, your child will be expected to read nightly, complete the given activity from the grid provided, learn set spelling words and complete a small maths exercise.

Students in grades 5/6 will have the opportunity to participate in focussed Maths Problem Solving (MPS) sessions in small groups on a weekly basis. These groups will be taken by Mr Anderson, Ms Thomson and Mr Moio. Your child will be working with one of these teachers in various settings.

A big thank you to all of you who supported the Grade 6 fundraiser in term two, the ‘Guessing Jar’ was a huge success!! We are getting very excited for our Graduation in term 4. During this term, there will be another Grade 6 Graduation Fundraiser. We will be having two Out of Uniform Days on Wednesday 27th July and Wednesday 7th September and this will be a gold coin donation.
Families of students in Grade 6 will receive notification of their child’s Secondary School placements on **Wednesday August 10**.

The grade 6 students will also be involved in planning the events for the Graduation evening. **We would like you to send a baby or toddler photo of your child to school (with his/her name on the back of the photo) ASAP** so that we can scan it into a PowerPoint presentation. Please note we will require the photo to remain at school for a number of weeks.

In addition to the School Production, there are a number of other events planned for the term. These include: Family Life Sessions, a Pupil Free Day and the Fathers’ Day stall. Our grade 3-6 camp to Philip Island will run and is confirmed for the dates **Monday November 28th to Wednesday 30th**. Parents are encouraged to make smaller payments regularly rather than pay in one big lump sum. The Balance of camp payments are due **Wednesday October 12th**.

If you have any concerns at all about your child’s learning or home learning tasks please do not hesitate to contact us by ringing the school on 94352917 or by emailing us.

Kind regards,

Daniel Anderson and Jenna Thomson (Classroom Teachers)

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**Attachments:**

- Grade Newsletter
- Events Planner
- Home Learning planner
- Specialist timetable
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- Production rehearsal notice
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<td>School Hall</td>
<td>July 19th</td>
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<td>Watsonia Primary School</td>
<td>Friday 29th July</td>
<td>Yes, $20 per student</td>
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<td>Watsonia Primary School</td>
<td>Friday August 5th</td>
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<td>Students not to attend School</td>
<td>Monday 8th August</td>
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<td>Grade 6 students/families to be notified of 2016 Secondary School placements</td>
<td>Watsonia Primary School</td>
<td>Wednesday, August 10th</td>
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<td>Circus Production ticket sales begin. Note: No ticket required for WPS students</td>
<td>Watsonia Primary School</td>
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<td>Book Week Parade and Activities Day Dress up as your favourite book character and join in our parade. Parents welcome to attend.</td>
<td>Watsonia PS Hall</td>
<td>Monday 15th August</td>
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<td>Scholastic Book fair – sale of new books, percentage of all sales goes towards buying new books for our library</td>
<td>Watsonia PS, In the library</td>
<td>Thursday 18th – Tuesday 23rd August 8.45 – 9.00am and 3.30 – 3.45pm</td>
<td>Purchasing books is optional</td>
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<td>Footy Day - come dressed in your favourite team colours. Whole School parade and hot dog lunch orders. Parents invited to the parade.</td>
<td>Watsonia Primary School</td>
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<td>Watsonia PS</td>
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<td>Thursday 1st September. Students</td>
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<td>selected in the Athletics Team</td>
<td>track, Epping</td>
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Specialist Timetable for 5/6JT

**Monday**- 11:30 – 12.30 LIBRARY with Ms Thomson
2:30-3:30 MUSIC with Miss Dane

**Tuesday**- 1.30 – 2.30 Class P.E. with Ms Thomson

**Wednesday**- 10.00 – 11.00 LOTE with Mrs Nanos

**Thursday**- 1.30 – 2.30 P.E with Mr Moio
11:30-12:30 ART with Miss Dane

**Friday**- 9.00-11.00 ATHLETICS TRAINING
Specialist Timetable for 5/6DA

**Monday**- 11.30-12.30 LIBRARY with Mr. Anderson

**Tuesday**- 9-9:40 MUSIC with Miss Dane

**Wednesday**- 9-10 P.E with Mr Moio
               11.30 – 12.30 LOTE with Mrs Nanos

**Thursday**- 1:30-2:30 Art with Miss Dane
               2:30-3:30 PE with Mr Moio

**Friday**- 9-11 ATHLETICS TRAINING
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS  TERM 3  2016

Hello and welcome back! The Little Devils Circus is coming to Watsonia this term to teach our wonderful students lots of amazing circus tricks! Lessons will be held weekly each Tuesday starting week 2 until the end of the term. Students will get to showcase their new circus skills on stage in the upcoming school production Circus Spectacular! All grades will also be performing a dance for the production, which they have been busy practising in Performing Arts classes! Put the production date in your diaries now! This event is only held every two years and looks to be our best production to date!

PRODUCTION TICKETS & DVD

Tickets for this event will go on sale from Wednesday 10th August to Friday 2nd September and can be purchased at the school office. Tickets are unlimited, so get in quick to get the best seats! Prices are Adult $30, Child (up to 12 years old) $25 and children 0-2 years are free if they sit on their parents lap. The concert will be professionally recorded and will be available to order for approximately $22. Order forms will be made available mid term.

CIRCUS SPECTACULAR

WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

PLENTY RANGES PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE, SOUTH MORANG
IMPORTANT! SCHOOL PRODUCTION INFORMATION!

- COSTUME INFORMATION NOTICE (sent home last week of term 2)
- BUS PERMISSION FORM - DRESS REHEARSAL (see attached)

Look out for notices and reminders regarding important information for the school production.

- COSTUME REMINDER NOTICE
- ON THE DAY - INFORMATION NOTICE
- TICKET SALES - REMINDERS IN THE NEWSLETTER
- DVD ORDER FORM

VISUAL ARTS

PREP
In Visual Art, students will create artworks in response to a range of texts and artworks from different cultures. They will make artworks with a range of materials exploring line, shape and pattern that communicate their ideas about themselves and the world around them.

GRADE 1/2
In Visual Art, students in Grade 1/2 will be working on sculpture with construction materials such as pop sticks, match sticks, paper, string and wood to create artworks.

GRADE 3/4
In Visual Art, Grade 3/4 students will be observing arts and crafts from a range of cultures and times. They will create works that express their own ideas and be influenced by techniques used in the artworks they observed.

GRADE 5/6
In Term 2, Visual Art, Grade 5/6 students will be creating a series of self-portrait artworks using a wide range of mixed media that expresses ideas of identity and individuality in context within different social environments.

PERFORMING ARTS
In Performing Arts, all students will be practising their production dance and learning circus skills with Little Devils Circus to enhance their co-ordination and balance while promoting confidence, persistence and teamwork.

Miss Collette Dane
Visual and Performing Arts Teacher

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**WATSONIA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**EXCURSION CONSENT FORM**

**Excursion:** CONCERT REHEARSAL AT PLENTY RANGES CENTRE  
**Explanation of excursion:** WHOLE SCHOOL DRESS REHEARSAL FOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION  
**Date of excursion:** WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2016  
**Venue:** PLENTY RANGES ARTS AND CONVENTION CENTRE  
35 FERRES BLVD, SOUTH MORANG, 3752  
**Transport:** BUS  
**Departure time:** 9:30 AM  
**Expected return time:** 2:30 PM  
**Clothing required:** FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM  
**Cost:** NO CHARGE  
**Teacher:** MISS COLLETTE DANE & ALL STAFF FROM WATSONIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Your child is required to bring:

- A PACKED LUNCH IN A NAMED PLASTIC BAG  
- (NO LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE)  
- A NAMED REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE  
- A SNACK (PLAY-LUNCH) IN A NAMED PLASTIC BAG

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO CLASSROOM TEACHERS BY  

**FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST**

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**‘CIRCUS SPECTACULAR’ SCHOOL PRODUCTION EXCURSION**

I give permission for my child (print full name)

........................................................................................................... to attend the full dress rehearsal at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre on Wednesday 14th September, 2016. I authorise the teacher in charge of the excursion to consent to my child receiving such medical and surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary. I agree to pay all costs associated with such treatment.

If necessary, I can be contacted on ..............................................................

An emergency contact for the day is.......................................................... on..............................................................

Signed............................................................................  Date............................................................................
Dear Parents

Welcome back to what will be another busy and exciting term at Watsonia Primary School! I am looking forward to the term ahead and will be looking to continue a very diverse and comprehensive physical education and sports program. Like last term the overall aim of the program will be to build the foundations of healthy and active lifestyles and give an opportunity for each student to enjoy, be challenged and succeed in a range of different sports and skills.

Preps will continue their development of key motor skills, in particular, looking at movement patterns, jumping skills and kicking skills through a number of activities in differing environments. They will also be involved in the perceptual motor program (PMP) which is specifically designed to develop skills relating to balance, hand-eye and eye-foot co-ordination, locomotion and fitness. I would like to personally thank those parents who have volunteered to assist in the PMP program which will greatly benefit all the students involved!

Grade 1 & 2 will continue to develop and refine their motor skills in a range of environments using different equipment. They will also be introduced to specific concepts of kicking and jumping throughout the term.

The Grade 3-6 Physical Education program for term 3 will mainly consist of an Athletics program which will run for 7 weeks in preparation for the Watsonia District Athletics Carnival. The students will be introduced to and develop many skills for events such as shot put, discus, long jump, triple jump, high jump and of course long and short distance running events including hurdles. In the remaining weeks of the term the students will complete a sport education block focused on AFL (Grade 3 and 4) and Softball (Grade 5 and 6) which will have an emphasis on improving and expanding skills, game knowledge, strategizing and working in teams to achieve goals. This term the students will be looking at Mental Health for their health unit and will be involved in discussions and projects to enhance understanding.

As was mentioned earlier, term 3 signifies the School’s Athletics program for Grade 3-6 students in the school. In PE the students will be taught the key technique and skills of many athletic events and will undergo trials for selection for the Watsonia Primary School Athletics team which will compete in the Watsonia District Athletics Carnival on Thursday September 1st. The students will also get an opportunity to practise these skills and events on a Friday morning. The students will be split into groups and each week will get a chance to practise a different event in the lead up to the Athletics Carnival.

I look forward to another exciting and fun term with all students, if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phoning the school on 9435 2917 for an appointment or chat.

Mr James Moio
Ben tornati (welcome back) for the start of Term 3 Italian at Watsonia Primary School. We had a fun term and lots of creative work was produced by the students. The Preps made wonderful caterpillars, the Grades 1&2 created fantastic farm collages, the Grades 3&4 made great sports jerseys and the Grades 5&6 presented family trees that were just amazing. The Bella Lingua extension group came up with original story books to be used by the junior students of the school. Once again the stories were just marvellous. This term all the students will be working on the topic of FOOD!! Buon Appetito a tutti!!

**PREP**
This term the Preps will learn to pronounce popular Italian foods in the correct Italian pronunciation. They will be introduced to basic Italian vocabulary related to eating and food. They will also look at the ingredients used to make pasta and pizza.

**GRADES 1&2**
In Grades 1&2 students will be learning how to express their likes and dislikes relating to foods they eat. They will brainstorm and record all the different types of pastas available and how to make their favourite pizzas. They will be playing lots of vocabulary games and be introduced to many songs relating to food and eating in Italy. At the end of the unit they will role play buying food at a supermarket.

**GRADES 3&4**
In Grades 3&4 students will be brainstorming all the foods that are originally from Italy. Students will learn how to list their favourite foods in Italian and compare what children in Italy eat. They will also look at which types of food they eat for lunch and snacks and record this information in a visual diagram. Students will complete the unit by compiling a simple story book about the foods they enjoy.

**GRADES 5&6**
Grades 5&6 students will be working on the healthy eating pyramid and looking at how their own diet fits into it. They will be given the opportunity to record which foods they eat for breakfast, lunch and dinner paying particular attention to the choices they make. Students will also perform a short play about eating out.

**BELLA LINGUA**
The Italian extension group will be focusing on how to order food at a restaurant. They will design their own restaurant name, produce menus and go on to perform a slapstick restaurant incident. I look forward to lots of interesting discussions about their favourite foods and the importance of food in the Italian culture.

*Signora Rina Nanos  (Late Italian Teacher)*