



What's On At Watsonia Primary

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Dear Students, Parents and Friends,

This week the students and staff have continued with a smooth start to the term and of special note, the preps have joined us for 4 days each week. What an excellent start they have made! Thank you to their parents who have been organised and have supported positive routines while their children take on the challenge of beginning school life.

Their teacher Ms Annie Hunt and integration aide Ms Brigitte Cochrane have done a tremendous job making sure that each child learns new skills and habits at the right pace and in a happy environment. I really need to acknowledge the excellent work the grade six 'buddies' have demonstrated over the last week. It has been obvious in the school yard that they have taken on the responsibility of supporting their prep buddy with commitment and maturity. The grade 6ers have taken the initiative to start group games with the preps and have shown great care in making sure that the preps start their school experience feeling happy, safe and welcomed. Thank you for your excellent work grade 6ers.

Our newer staff members have also hit the road running with Mr Skoullos organising the terms inter-school sports (first inter-school cricket match Fri 9th) and supervising swimming trials last Wednesday. Ms Viney has organised the Art and Music spaces beautifully and has held auditions for the school choir announcing the choir members this week.

It has clearly been a good start to the year with student attendance rates starting healthily – please remember that we are all responsible for maintaining that as the year rolls on. Can I remind families that **Every Day Counts** and attending every day is the most important part of your child's education. Students gain knowledge and skills quickly and learn new things every day so missing school puts them behind. Let's all make sure every child has their best chance for success by making every day count.

Thank you to students Faith Steward and Finn Culbard who assisted me with the first assembly for the year; you did a stellar job. This Friday we are holding interviews for the grade 6 captains who will be announced by the end of the day and will be ready to start their duties with Monday's assembly.

Thank you to Ms Ingrid Noack who has successfully initiated the roll out of our new communication and management tool – **Compass**. You will have received your Compass information letter with log on details and information on Compass features. Teachers have been able to see on Compass who has made bookings for the **Parent Teacher Interviews coming up on Thursday 22nd Feb**. If you are having any difficulty logging on please make sure to attend the **Information Evening** session next week on **Thursday 15th Feb 7.00pm**. Compass will be an important way to communicate with the school and monitor your child's learning.

Please remember to put the **Open Day and Community Market** into your diary, I have seen the preparation the Marketing team and the teachers have made so far and it's looking to be a really fun event that will showcase this school to the community. **Open Day and Community Market:** Saturday March 17th 9.30 – 12.30: Open Classes, 10.00am – 2pm: Community Market.

Finally a reminder that if you are interested in joining the school council that some positions will be coming up for re-election after the 19th Feb so please look out for details being sent home.

Regards, Paul Johnson, Acting Principal



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, booklist, uniform, camps, Bookclub etc can be done so just talk to Sue in the office.

CSEF: Camp, Sports & Excursion Fund application forms are now available at the school office please see Sue as soon as possible and don't forget to bring your health care card.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK FOR 02/02/18



Yr. 5/6 SW	Liam	For writing a detailed and entertaining holiday recount.
Yr. 5/6 RK		
Yr. 3/4 IN	Ginura	For having a fantastic first week at Watsonia Primary School.
Yr. 2/3 NM	Xzavier	For a great start to his holiday recount. Well done!
Yr. 1/2 ND	Phoebe	For making a fantastic and positive start to Grade 2. Well done!
Prep AH		
Music		
Art		
P.E.		
Italian		

Principal's Award: Kellie

Respecting nature and learning challenging new words

WORD OF THE WEEK

Name:

Grade:

Prep – 2 Activity

3/4/5/6 activity

Write a word that has the same meaning as **big**.

Write 2 words that have the same meaning as **nice**.

MATHS PUZZLER

Name:

Grade:

Prep – 2 Activity

3/4/5/6 activity

I am thinking of a number with a single 9 in it. What number could it be?

What numbers can you make using 4, 1, 6, 3, 8?



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**Watsonia Primary OPEN DAY
&
*Easter Community Market***

***** WE NEED YOUR HELP **
Saturday 17th March 10am to 2pm***

We are busy building the foundations of our Open Day.

**We are now looking to our school community to seek volunteers/working group
to bring this event to life 😊**

**This is such an awesome opportunity for our school to hold such an event
and show our school to the community.**

**To make this event a success, we need your assistance, and will be seeking
Volunteers & Donations.**

More details will follow next week!!!

TERM 1 PLANNER 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3/4
(Week 1) Pupil Free Day Teachers Return	Years 1 to 6 return	ISS forms to go home	Preps begin		
Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10/11
(Week 2) Return of ICT Acceptable Use Form for new students	School Captain Speeches	Prep Entry Interview s		School Captain Panel Interschool Sports against Streeton. Aw ay.	
Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17/18
(Week 3) SAM's Speeches		Prep Entry Interview s Applications for Choir, Library, ICT, Flag and Art Captains due	House Captains Whole School Information Evening 7.00 p.m.	Year 6 Leadership positions to be finalised Interschool Sports against Watsonia Heights. Home.	
Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24/25
(Week 4) Preps start 3:30 finishes School Council Meeting 7:30		Prep Entry Interview s	District Sw imming at Watermarc: 10:00- 12:40 Parent Teacher Interview s 3.30 to 8.30	Interschool Sports against Bundoora. Home.	
Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3/4
(Week 5) Badge Presentation with Colin Brooks		Prep Entry Interview s		Interschool Sports against Watsonia North. Aw ay. 4-6 Sports Museum money due. P-3 incursion money due. Lunchtime movie, 50c entry Graduation Fundraiser	
Mar 5	Mar 6	Mar 7	Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10/11
(Week 6) Preps at school 5 days	Year5/6 @ Macleod College all day		Twilight Sports & P&F BBQ 5pm to 7pm	Interschool Sports against Greensborough. Home. 2/3 library visit 9:30	
Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17/18
(Week 7) Public Holiday Labour Day	4-6 Excursion to National Sports Museum P-3 Commonw ealth games Incursion		Prep show case 9:15am-10:00am	Interschool Sports against Norris Bank. Aw ay. 1/2 library visit 9:30	Open Morning 9.30am Working Bee Easter community market
Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24/25
(Week 8) Planning Week		Harmony Day		Interschool Sports against St Marys. Aw ay. Prep library visit 5/6 show case 2:30pm	
Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31/Apr 1
(Week 9) Grades 1-4 Show case 9:45am hall	Camp forms to go home Commonw ealth games out of uniform day. Grade 6 fundraiser, gold coin.	Interschool Sports Finals	Last Day of Term 2:30 finish.	Good Friday Public Holiday	