



# What's On At Watsonia Primary

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Dear Students, Parents and Friends,



We had two very special visitors this week, on Thursday our local MP Colin Brooks and State Minister for Education Mr James Merlino visited our school and met with students, parents and staff. Mr Merlino announced to us that, with a re-elected Andrews Labor Government, Watsonia PS would receive a \$2 Million upgrade to our facilities. What great news! We will wait with fingers crossed for the outcome of the election; which is just 2 weeks away. During the visit Mr Merlino commented on the very positive learning results of the school, he chatted with students and was impressed by the aspirational answers they gave to his questions. We are certainly proud of all our students and we thank those that took initiative in letter writing and speaking

with Mr Brooks and Mr Merlino on behalf of their fellow students. If the outcome of the election favours the funding coming to Watsonia PS then it will be a lesson in the power of 'asking' and the power of 'writing.'

Congratulations to our grade 6 students who organised a dress up day on Thursday with the theme of 'Come as your idol.' It was very interesting to ask students who inspires them and the responses were very varied and even included a couple of Suffragettes.

Next week we meet all our 2019 Preps and their parents together for the first of three Orientation sessions that will get our new students and parents ready for starting well in 2019 and for life at Watsonia PS. Thank you Ms Hunt for the work you have already done for this special program.

We are certainly well into the term and we are already hearing the end of year songs being practised by the choir. I'm looking forward to their end of year performances with some early December performances planned for the Watsonia Library and nearby Aged Care facilities.

On Saturday 24th our school hall will be used as a voting booth for the election and we have some Parents and Friends running a BBQ, we do however need a few more volunteers to do a shift and help out on the day. Please put your name on the list in the front office or phone us and we'll put you down.

This Sunday 11th November is Remembrance Day. Our College Captains Indigo and Roger will represent our school at the Watsonia RSL for a 'Centenary of Armistice Day Service' at 10.30am.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Regards, Paul Johnson, Principal, Email: [johnson.paul.p@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:johnson.paul.p@edumail.vic.gov.au)



## Compass Announcement:

### Important for iPhone Users:

Going forward, all updates to our Compass App will no longer support iOS versions below iOS 9. This means that any device running iOS 8 or below will no longer be supported. If your iPhone allows updates beyond iOS 8, please ensure your phone is updated to ensure you receive the latest enhancements to our Compass App.



## EFTPOS

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.

<b>MATHS PUZZLER</b>	Name:	Grade:
<b>Prep – 2 Activity</b>	<b>3/4/5/6 activity</b>	
Find 3 things in your house that have a smaller area than your hand. Write and draw them.	Find 3 things in your house that have the same (or close to the same) area as your foot. Write and draw them	

<b>WORD OF THE WEEK</b>	Name:	Grade:
<b>Prep – 2 Activity</b>	<b>3/4/5/6 activity</b>	
Write a synonym for each word: <b>start –</b> <b>nasty –</b>	Write a synonym for each word: <b>beginner –</b> <b>find –</b>	



## Election BBQ & Cake Stall



**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 8.00AM TO 4.00PM**

Parents & Friends will be holding a BBQ & Cake Stall at our school as a fundraiser during the State Election

**\*\* We are seeking your help \*\***

To volunteer to assist at the stall between 8.00am to 4.00pm

**Shifts we are needing to fill:**

- 8am to 10am
- 10am to 12pm
- 11.30am to 1.30pm
- 1pm to 3pm
- 2pm to 4pm

**If you can donate your time to assist at the BBQ/Stall – please contact Jodie Hogan (0408 125669) or Melinda Naughton (0416 231103) OR register your interest at the school office.**

\*\*\*\*\* If we do not get enough volunteers to cover shifts, we will not be able to hold this event \*\*\*\*\*

### TERM 4 PLANNER 2018

Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10/11
<b>(Week 5)</b> PUPIL FREE DAY	<b>Public Holiday</b> Melbourne Cup		Yr6 Graduation Fundraiser.		Remembrance Day
Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17/18
<b>(Week 6)</b>	PREP Breakfast 8am		Prep Orientation 9- 11		
Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24/25
<b>(Week 7)</b>			Prep Orientation 9- 11 1/2 Dinner Disco 5 to 7.30pm		
Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1/2
<b>(Week 8)</b>		Prep Orientation 9-11:30		Finance 8:00am  Graduation RSVP	
Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8/9
<b>(Week 9)</b> Choir to go to Strathalan: 1:30	Choir to go to Watsonia Library			Yr 5/6 Showcase 2:30-3:15	
Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15/16

<b>(Week 10)</b> <b>Planning Week</b> Gr 4 Showcase 9:30-10:15 Senior Choir – Deloraine 10am S. Council 6pm	Year 6 Orientation  Junior Choir – Watsonia Rd 10am	Christmas Concert 6 to 7.30pm	Parent Helpers Morning Tea 11.00 to 11.30	Prep/1-2/2-3 Learning Showcase 2:30-3:15	
Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22/23
<b>(Week 11)</b> <b>Graduation</b>		2018 Semester 2 Reports to go home	Transition Morning 9am to 12.30pm	Last Day of Term 1.30 dismissal	