



What's On At Watsonia Primary

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Dear Students, Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to the school year, I hope that you have had a lovely break and are feeling rejuvenated for an excellent 2019. We have certainly started very positively, with classes looking very organised and eager. I thank all our staff who have put in a great effort in the lead up to day one by organising classroom materials, room set up and planning the learning ahead. Staff did some extra cleaning and clearing to create some new spaces – please come in and have a look and see the Art room picture attached. I also thank our parents and students who are looking ready to advance their learning, in uniform and with a positive attitude.



We welcome all our new Preps who also look very keen to learn and ready to enjoy their time at Watsonia PS. We look forward to getting to know new families as well. Thank you to our grade 6 Prep buddies who have stepped up to make sure that our new students start well and feel accepted into the school community. Let's not forget that in term one and term four we all wear hats and it's "No hat – no play". Well done to all students and families who were organised here.

You may already be aware of the 2019 class structures, but I will provide again here in case you missed them in last year's newsletter; and please note that at the end of last year Mr Skoullos was successful in gaining a fulltime position at another school, we wish him well and thank him for his contribution to Watsonia PS. As a result, we now welcome Mr Lindsay as our new PE teacher on Mondays and Fridays:

2019 Class Structure and Staff:

PREP Ms Annie Hunt

1-2 SA Ms Sarah Lyall

3-4 IN Ms Ingrid Noack

4-5 SA Ms Sharni Anderson

5-6 SW Ms Shannon Wright

Specialist Teachers: Ms Emily Viney, Art/Music, Signora Rina Nanos – LOTE, and welcome Mr Nicholas Lindsay -PE.

Our class newsletters and events planner will be posted on Compass early next week and please note the following important events that are coming up:

Parent Teacher Interviews: Thursday 14th Feb 3.30 – 8.30. (Prep info at 6.00-6.30)

Open Day and Fair: Saturday March 16th 9.30 – 2pm School Council: By the end of March we are mandated to elect some new members as the time for some office bearers will finish. Please think about whether you would like to contribute to the successful governance of the school and keep an eye out for more information about the role of school council members and the election process that will be sent home. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Finally, it's always interesting to find out what members of our community do outside of school and we were impressed by Ms Noack's efforts on the last weekend of the holidays – participating in the Great Ocean Road Ride and making it into the Geelong Advertiser Newspaper. A really nice photo with none other than Cadel Evans! Nice work Ms Noack we are proud of you.



Cadel Evans takes a selfie with Ingrid Noack and Jeff Cott star Patrick Dangerfield and Geelong Mayor Bruce Horwood.

Thanks all for an excellent start to the year!

Regards, Paul Johnson, Principal, Email: johnson.paul.p@edumail.vic.gov.au



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