



What's On At Watsonia Primary

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Dear Students, Parents and Friends,

It's that time of year when we have a number of prospective 2020 Prep enrolments and their families touring through the school to see whether Watsonia PS is a good match for them. It's always a pleasure to take visitors around the school to see our facilities and to see what students are learning. This week visitors stopped to chat with grade 4-5 SA students



who were measuring their steps using the Microbits. This week visitors have also seen and heard: Preps singing a whole song in Italian (after only 4 classes!); 3-4 IN were analysing music pieces with Ms Viney; 5-6 SW presenting their very entertaining videos on the school values at the assembly and our Numeracy and Literacy support sessions in operation. There's always a lot going on and it's very well received by our visitors. Please see attached picture of Mason, Emily, Phoebe and Shaun who are using the Microbit as a pedometer to measure their steps around the school.

Teachers also had a Microbit session after school: Ms Noack organised an expert to show us where this technology can enhance the curriculum and develop computational, design and system thinking. We explored the many ways that this technology can be used for creative challenges and problem solving. Teachers definitely had lots of fun programming: LEDs for different effects; making random number generators; accelerometers and magnetometers.



Please don't forget we have Colin Brooks MP attending our assembly this Monday the 4th to present badges to our school leaders.

Last Friday we had 10 parents and friends who attended our Parents and Friends volunteer meeting. We went through what had already been organised for our Open/Fair Day and brainstormed some extra ideas. It was a productive meeting that generated some excellent plans and actions. We put our names beside some tasks leading up to the day and signed up to help on the day. I can report that over the last week some hard-working parents have found some more generous community donors for raffle items and prizes for the Open Day/Fair. Parents have also sourced some more interesting stalls to add to the Fair atmosphere and have organised for a Fire Truck and Police car to attend. Melinda, Manuela, Taryn, Loula, Amali and Mrs O'Keefe are doing some extra yards for us all – thank you!

We will hold another volunteer meeting this Friday 8th at 9am in the staff room, please attend if you can.

We'd still love some help with the following:

Can you Help?

- Do you have a **gazebo** we can borrow? We would love you to drop it off in the week prior to open day and you can collect it at the end of open day or on Monday 18 March.
- Do you work for a business or have a relationship with a local business who could make a **donation** for our raffle or stalls? Please get in touch with Paul to organise an official request letter or speak to Paul to discuss further.
- Are you free for the **Working Bee on Saturday March 2?** We will be at the school from 9am – 12.30pm to weed, mulch and clean the vegie garden beds, painting steps etc. To register your attendance or to receive more information, please get in touch with Paul or Ian Culbard. Or, make sure you sign in with Paul – if you are able to just turn up on the day. (We are putting some snags on the barbie afterwards)
- Can you promote the Open Day in your street or neighbourhood? We would love to see as many people at our open day as possible so to get the word out, are you able to drop a **flyer in the letter boxes on your street?** Can you approach local businesses to put up a poster in their windows or otherwise promote the open day? Please see Sue in the office to collect and mark off your street.
- Are you able to contribute to the **cake stall?** The school will be accepting delivery of cakes and contributions on Friday 15 March. We would also love some assistance to sell cakes at the open day – contact Taryn for details or to volunteer.

- Are you able to assist with the **student led stations**? Our students are working hard on activities and displays to share with the rest of the school and the community. We would love some extra hands to help students with their set ups and to engage with people during the open day. To volunteer, please contact Paul to confirm your availability and interest.
- We would love some volunteers to assist with **cooking and serving our BBQ** at the open day. If you are available to help, please contact Paul with your availability and we will organise a roster.

There are only 15 days before our Open-Day Fair, it's looking good – but many more things to do. Have a lovely weekend and stay cool,

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

PUPILS OF THE WEEK FOR 22/02/19



Yr. 5/6 SW	Thayne	For his willingness to challenge himself with his learning.
Yr. 4/5 SA	Harry	His entertaining and engaging story writing!
Yr. 3/4 IN	Lakisha	For great writing and careful pictures in her weekend recount comic strip.
Yr. 1/2 SL		
Prep AH		
Music		
Art	Lakisha	For a marvellous portrait and including wonderful detail in her picture!
P.E.	Phoebe	For working very hard to improve her dribbling and passing in basketball.
Italian	Ane	For settling in well in Italian classes and completing all work to a high standard. Brava!!
Principal Award	Hudson, Finn & Seth	For representing our school at the District Swimming Carnival.

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.



Stall Holders Wanted!

** We still have some spots left **

If yourself, friends or family are interested
in holding a stall at our

Watsonia Primary Open Day & Fair

Date: 16th March, 2019

Time: 10am to 2pm

Cost: \$20.00 + \$5.00 if needing a table

Please contact **Melinda**
melinda31@hotmail by 8th March



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.

TERM 1 PLANNER 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2/3
(Week 1) Australia day Public Holiday	PUPIL FREE DAY Teachers return	Years 1 to 6 return	Preps begin	ISS forms to go home	
Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9/10
(Week 2)		Prep Entry Interviews	School Captain Panel	Interschool Sports against St Mary's away	
Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14	Feb 15	Feb 16/17
(Week 3) SAM's Speeches District Swimming try out @ watermarc 8am-8:45am		Prep Entry Interviews Applications for Chair, Library, ICT, Flag and Art and House Captains due	Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30 to 8.30	Year 6 Leadership positions to be finalised Interschool Sports against Watsonia Heights away	
Feb 18	Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23/24
(Week 4) Preps start 3:30 finishes		Prep Entry Interviews	District Swimming at Watermarc: 10:00- 12:40	Interschool Sports against Bundoora @ Home Parents & Friends Meeting at 9am	
Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 1	Mar 2/3
(Week 5)		Prep Entry Interviews	Out of Uniform Day Yr6 Graduation Fundraiser	Interschool Sports against Greensborough away	
Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6	Mar 7	Mar 8	Mar 9/10
(Week 6) Badge Presentation with Colin Brooks Preps at school 5 days				Interschool Sports against Norris Bank @ home	
Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16/17
(Week 7) Public Holiday Labour Day	3-6 Showcase 2.45 to 3.15	1-2 Showcase 9.15am to 10.00am		Prep Showcase 9.05am to 9.45am Interschool Sports against Watsonia North @ home	School Fair/Open Day
Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23/24
(Week 8)			Harmony Day	Interschool Sports against Streeton @ home	
Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30/31
(Week 9) Planning Week	Camp forms to go home			Yr 6 Graduation Fundraiser Lunchtime Movie	
Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4	Apr 5	Apr 6/7
(Week 10) Twilight Sports & P&F BBQ 5pm to 7pm				Last Day of Term 2:30 finish.	