



What's On At Watsonia Primary

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Dear Watsonia PS community,



Last week our students had the honour of trialling a new feature of Minecraft: Education Ed in our library where they tested the new 'Mini Melbourne' – a collaborative project between Dept of Education and Department of Rail Projects. The 'game' Archaeological Adventure enabled our students to imagine that they were discovering historical 'artefacts' in the Metro tunnel dig site, a great learning task and very engaging. The trial went very well, our students were filmed and interviewed and will feature in the launch this Monday 13th in the city. Ms Wright will be taking a small group of students into the launch of 'Mini Melbourne', where there will be two Ministers attending! Thanks, Ms Noack for getting WPS involved at such an early stage of this exciting initiative. Ms Noack has some further exciting news; she will be taking 3 weeks leave starting next week as she heads over to China to participate in a half marathon. Spectacular! A section of the event actually includes the Great Wall of China. We wish you all the best and safe travelling. While Ms Noack is running around China and up and down some very famous steps, she will be re-placed by Ms Walsh and Ms Messionis who have worked with 3-4 IN on a few occasions and know them well.

Thank you to the parents (and grandparent) who volunteered for last Sunday's fundraiser Sausage sizzle at **Thomastown Bunnings**: Loula and Ross Ayton, Karen Catt, Hayley Dale, Karen Beauliv, Stuart Henderson, Andrew Bluck, Grandmother Sue, Aaron, Taryn and Melinda. Thanks also to our student helpers: Will, Amber and Evie. All your work is much appreciated, and our Parents and Friends are currently discussing what part of the school the funds will go to so that they can be enjoyed by all our students. If you couldn't help this weekend there will be another opportunity to flip sausages for the Federal election voting booth in our school hall on May 18th – next weekend!



Next week is NAPLAN which has been well planned here at WPS to run smoothly. Last year I was very impressed by the way it was approached by students and managed by teachers. Sometimes in the media you hear about schools where students have been upset by the experience. Reflecting on last year's testing I clearly remember all students were trying to do their personal best and staff worked perceptively to maximise a positive experience for students. I'm confident it will go well again this year. Please remember that it is useful information to gather for monitoring of individual and whole school progress. While we do our own regular testing within the school, to know exactly where students are at, it is also important to compare that at a National level.



I hope we all enjoy Mother's Day (or special person day) this Sunday the 12th and a big thank you to Karen Catt, Hayley Dale, Loula Ayton and Melinda Naughton who put in a lot of thought and preparation to provide an opportunity for students to pick up something for their Mum or special person.

Have a lovely Sunday and a great weekend!

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



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.

Parents & Friends:

**** Volunteers Needed** Saturday 18th May 2019 Election BBQ & Cake Stall @ our School**

BBQ & Cake Stall will run from 8.00am to 3.00pm. We will be looking for Volunteers to assist on the day.

Cake/Slices/Biscuit Donations to be handed into the office on **Friday 17th May**. (Labelled with Family Name & Ingredients)

To volunteer, please register your interest by clicking on the link & enter your details volunteersignup.org/PEDYK



Bunnings BBQ: Thomastown

The rain held off, and we had a great day at Bunning last Sunday. We raised over \$1100 on the day.

A **BIG** thanks to the following people who contributed to the day: Mr Johnson, Ms Fenech, Karen Catt, Loula Ayton, Hayley Dale, Karen Beauliv, Stuart Henderson, Andrew & Taryn Bluck, Sue (Taryn's Mother), Aaron (Taryn's Brother), Melinda Naughton & special thanks to Amber, William & Evie, for their assistance.

TERM 2 PLANNER 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24	Apr 25	Apr 26	Apr 27/28
(Week 1) Easter Monday Public Holiday			ANZAC Day Public Holiday	Interscholar Sports against Watsonia North away	
Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4/5
(Week 2) PUPIL FREE DAY			School Photos 		May 5 th Bunnings BBQ
May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11/12
(Week 3) Year 6 fundraiser Raffle begins		Mother's Day Stall 9am to 11am		Mother's Day Stall 11.30am	May 12 th Mothers Day
May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18/19
(Week 4)	NAPLAN P-2 Bugs Excursion money and form due.	NAPLAN	NAPLAN Swimming notices for term 3	Interscholar Sports against Norris Bank away	Election Day BBQ and Cake stall
May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25/26
(Week 5) Education Week District Cross Country @ Banyule Flats 12.00pm to 2.30pm		Open Day 9am to 12.30pm & Evening 5.30pm to 7.30pm		Interscholar Sports against Watsonia Heights home	
May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	Jun 1/2
(Week 6) Year 6 Raffle drawn			P-2 Bugs Excursion Melbourne Museum 9.30 to 2.30	Interscholar Sports against Streeton home	
Jun 3	Jun 4	Jun 5	Jun 6	Jun 7	Jun 8/9
(Week 7)				Interscholar Sports against Greensborough away	
Jun 10	Jun 11	Jun 12	Jun 13	Jun 14	Jun 15/16
(Week 8) PUBLIC HOLIDAY Queen's Birthday		Swimming notices and money due back 1/2 Showcase 9.15am to 10.00am	Graduation Fundraiser - Out of uniform day with a sports theme.	Interscholar Sports make up Round against St Mary's home Prep Showcase 9.05am to 9.45am	
Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22/23
(Week 9) <u>Planning Week</u>			3-6 Showcase 9.10 to 9.45	Camp Deposits due Interscholar Sports make up round against Bundoora home LLLL Prep Dress up day 2019 Reports to go home via Compass	
Jun 24	Jun 25	Jun 26	Jun 27	Jun 28	Jun 29/30
(Week 10)		2019 Three Way Conferences 12.30 to 8.30pm PUPIL FREE DAY		Last Day of Term 2:30 finish.	