



What's On At Watsonia Primary

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Dear Watsonia PS community,



This week our teachers set out to other schools in our Network for an after-school meeting where they shared practice with other teachers in the area. At Watsonia PS Ms Noack presented a session on Minecraft Education Ed to interested teachers who were very impressed with how we had used Minecraft as a creative learning tool. The visitors were also impressed to be using the 'How to' instruction sheet created by Shelby in 4-5 SA. During the session participants explored the newly added features of "Mini Melb", entering St Paul's Cathedral and discussing tasks that can be set to suit different curriculum areas. Well done

Ms Noack and Shelby and thanks for sharing your skills beyond our school.

Some Breaking news: today Ms Noack received notification that she has been accepted into the Microsoft Innovator Expert Program. Great news for her, for our school and other teachers that she will share her expertise with in the future. Here's an extract from here notification: *"Congratulations on being selected as a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert for 2019-2020! Each year, Microsoft selects Innovative Educator Experts to be part of this exclusive global community paving the way for their peers to share ideas, try new approaches, and learn from each other. We are inspired by your achievements and look forward to working with you throughout the one-year engagement, and beyond."*



Wednesday was a rather chilly day and perfect for wearing pyjamas to school. The grade 6s raised some funds to support their graduation and they created a fun atmosphere at the same time. It was great to see how many of our students took the opportunity to rug up in their winter woollies and support the 6s. I was particularly impressed with Heidi Culbard, who leapt from her car in pyjamas, gown and slippers, to work with the garden grubs. Together they put on their gardening gloves and tackled the weeds in their sleepwear – it did make an amusing scene. Rosie Shilo joined the weeding team straight after finishing her second stint in the 3-4 IN classroom where she'd worked with students on



IT media options and skills. Thanks so much, for your continued support of students, Heidi and Rosie.

We are looking forward to the "Mad about Science" incursion coming up this Monday 12th I'm sure it will increase our appreciation of the wonderful world of science, thank you parents for supporting the incursion. On the topic of broader experiences, I am very happy to announce that we are all heading to the Zoo in term 4! Our school was chosen to participate, free of charge, in the Fighting Extinction Program. We have booked in for Thurs 21st Nov with the whole school attending. We will just need to cover the bus cost but we have free entry to the Melbourne Zoo including an educational session for the Junior school and for the senior school. Very exciting news and more details will follow.

Ms Wright has been busy organising our **Book Fair** that starts next week – Thurs 15th and Fri 16th before and after school in the school library. An excellent precursor to the following Book Week activities including Book Week dress up day on the Monday. The Book Week theme this year is: "Reading is my secret power" - I'm really looking forward to those activities. Congratulations to our Grade 6s who received notification this week that they all gained their first preference for their Secondary Schools next year – good news and thank you Ms Wright for running the placement process so well.

A reminder that our **Parent Opinion Survey** is still open and in fact has been extended to **Sunday 18 August 2019**. Parents can submit completed online surveys until 11:59PM Sunday 18th.

Looks like it might be a chilly weekend, feel free to wear your pyjamas as much as you like!

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



Father's Day Stall
28th & 30th August

Art Show Silent Auction - 11th September

We are in the process of sourcing items for this event, and will share with you in the coming weeks.

If you have a business or know a business that might be interested in donating a prize to this even, please contact Melinda Naughton. melinda31@hotmail.com or 0416231103

TERM 3 PLANNER 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
Jul 15	Jul 16	Jul 17	Jul 18	Jul 19	Jul 20/21
(Week 1)		5/6 excursion to Parliament House		Swimming Lessons commence	
Jul 22	July 23	Jul 24	Jul 25	Jul 26	Jul 27/28
(Week 2) Leave for Wakakirri 1pm Wakakirri Performance Night				Swimming Lessons	
Jul 29	Jul 30	Jul 31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3/4
(Week 3) School Council			PUPIL FREE DAY	Swimming Lessons Mad about science incursion money due. \$9.00	
Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 9	Aug 10/11
		Pyjama Day -Gr 6 fundraiser		Swimming Lessons	
Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17/18
(Week 5) STEM day - Mad about science incursion 2-3pm.	J.B SSG		Book fair begins 8.45 to 9am & 3.30 to 3.45pm	Book fair 8.45 to 9am & 3.30 to 3.45pm Swimming Lessons	
Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 21	Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 24/25
(Week 6) BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY Bookfair 8.45 to 9am & 3.30 to 3.45pm	Bookfair 8.45 to 9am & 3.30 to 3.45pm		District Aths money due	Swimming Lessons	
Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31/Sep 1
(Week 7)		Father's Day Stall	District Athletics Meadow Glen 9:30-2:45pm	Swimming Lessons Father's Day Stall	
Sep 2	Sep 3	Sep 4	Sep 5	Sep 6	Sep 7/8
(Week 8) Footy Day		1/2 SL Showcase 9:05-9:50		Final Swimming Lessons Final Camp Payments Due	
Sep 9	Sep 10	Sep 11	Sep 12	Sep 13	Sep 14/15
(Week 9) Camp forms to go home School Council		Art Show		3-6 Learning Showcase 2:30-3:15	
Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20	Sep 21/22
(Week 10)			Camp forms Due Prep Showcase 9:05-10	Last Day of Term 2:30 finish. Lunchtime disco - Gr 6 fundraiser 50c entry	