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What's On At Watsonia

10th March 2023

Dear Watsonia Community,

In this edition: Leadership Badge Presentation; Colin Brooks visits on Friday; Working Bee: Sat March 25th – with sign up link; **Open day Sat 1st April**; Bunnings BBQ April 30th- sign up link.



This week our student leaders shone. We proudly presented their badges at Monday's assembly and on Friday our local MP, Mr Colin Brooks, was able to drop into the 56SW room to speak with students and congratulate this year's leaders. He was impressed by their understanding of the electoral system and spoke about the progress, over the years, of representation in the community, State and Federal arenas, especially in terms of diversity. His positive words, I'm sure will have inspired our future leaders. After talking with students Mr Brooks had some time to have a quick look at our building progress. He was very happy to see the transformation so far and that the new Junior building was really taking shape. We have been enjoying sharing the progress of the build with visitors and are very much looking forward to our Open Day on **Sat 1st April 10am – 12.30pm.**



Don't forget the Watsonia Community Fair on Saturday 18th March. WPS has a booth, thanks in advance to Hannan and Melinda who are getting some items ready to promote our school.

We are starting to get some volunteers for our Working Bee on **Saturday 25th March 10 – 1pm.** Please sign up here if you can help:

volunteersignup.org/XR3LR

Thanks to those who have already volunteered for the "Bunnings BBQ" on the Sunday 30th April". Here's the link if you've missed it:

volunteersignup.org/YKADF



Ask your child about their learning in the classroom this week:

PrepNM – On Friday the preps had a special treat: Dorian’s mum, Sharaya, prepared and presented an impressive Erupting Volcano with a beautiful description of the whole process. We all learnt about the risks and rewards (fertile soil) of living near a volcano.

12JB – This week 12JB used Discovery Play, including costumes, as a stimulus for writing. They were appreciative of support from 34IN students who helped the 1-2s to access and work on some Essential Assessment tasks; in Wellbeing they used the “Wrinkled Heart” activity to explore ‘kindness’.

34IN – This week we had a sneak peek at the draft video of the “Kids Building Future Healthy” using Minecraft to solve wellbeing challenges. We won’t see the finished video until term 3 but we loved seeing the quality film and excellent speaking from our students. 34IN enjoyed some social/emotional learning fun in the hall on Friday with some group problem solving. We also enjoyed supporting the 1-2s with ICT.

56SW – had a very special visit from our local MP Mr Colin Brooks who congratulated our school leaders and encouraged them to pursue leadership opportunities in the future. 56SW enjoyed exploring solids, liquids and gases in Science with some hands on water activities. They also reflected on what they are Grateful for in Wellbeing.



Have a lovely extra-long weekend,

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

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. If you have previously applied you do need to apply again at the office. Please see attached information.

TERM 1 PLANNER 2023

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Weekend |
|--|---------|---------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Feb 27 | Feb 28 | Mar 1 | Mar 2 | Mar 3 | Mar 4/5 |
| (Week 5) | | | | | |
| Mar 6 | Mar 7 | Mar 8 | Mar 9 | Mar 10 | Mar 11/12 |
| (Week 6) Badge Presentation | | | | | |
| Mar 13 | Mar 14 | Mar 15 | Mar 16 | Mar 17 | Mar 18/19 |
| (Week 7) PUBLIC HOLIDAY Labour Day | | NAPLAN | NAPLAN | | |
| Mar 20 | Mar 21 | Mar 22 | Mar 23 | Mar 24 | Mar 25/26 |
| (Week 8) NAPLAN | | | | | |
| Mar 27 | Mar 28 | Mar 29 | Mar 30 | Mar 31 | Apr 1/2 |
| (Week 9) | | | | | |
| Apr 3 | Apr 4 | Apr 5 | Apr 6 | Apr 7 | Apr 8/9 |
| (Week 10) | | | Last Day of Term 2:30 finish. | Good Friday PUBLIC HOLIDAY | |