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## What's On At Watsonia

17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Watsonia Community,

In this edition: Preps fulltime next week; Student leadership; Open day Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April; Working Bee Sat March 18th.



A successful and positive week for our Preps; they are looking more settled each day and they're enjoying their learning and playtime - thanks to all who've supported this including families, teachers, buddies and the preps themselves. We couldn't be more proud of their progress and it's nice to see them relaxing and enjoying their time at WPS already.



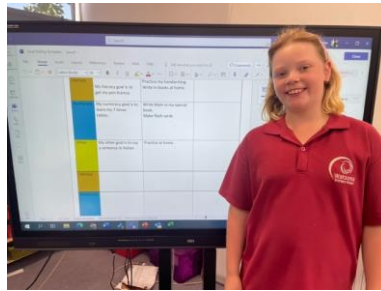
Our student leadership roles have been finalised this week. Congratulations and thank you to all the students who have put their hand up to make a difference for others as leaders in the school. Here are our 2023 School Leaders:

**School Captains:** Lakshya and Shourya. **SAMS:** Baran and Mackenzie. **Arts Captain:** Baran. **LOTE Captain:** Lakshya and Shourya. **ICT Captain:** Lakshya. **ICT Team:** Eden, Lily, Mackenzie. **House Captains:** **Banyule** – Mackenzie, **Darebin** – Jacob, **Plenty** – Baran, **Yarra** – Shourya. **Library Monitors:** Losilia, Eden, Tom, Lily **Chair monitors:** Losalia, Jay, Christian R. Thanks Miss Wright for your excellent work in finalising all the leadership positions. It was a pleasure to witness the enthusiasm and support of each other through the process, with cheering and clapping as the leaders were announced. We know you'll do a great job this year.

We are looking forward to our Open day on **Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 10am – 12.30pm**. This Open day is to showcase our school to prospective families especially 2024 Preps. More details for involvement from our P&F and student leaders will follow but if you know of families that might like to attend be sure to share the date and times.

We have a date for a **Working Bee – Saturday 18th March 10 – 1pm**. It would be great to have the school looking its best before our Open Day. I hope you can make it.

In the classrooms this week:



**Preps** have started their Little Learners Love Literacy journey starting with the character Milo the Monkey making the sound /m/. We did lots of hand writing fine motor skill crafts to support learning. Don't forget they are having a 3.30pm finish with the rest of the school from this Monday 20th.

**12JB** looked at features of texts and made connections from 'self to texts', 'text to texts' and 'texts to world'. Students have shown what excellent class monitors they make and how they can also support their friends to be good learners.

**34IN** have set up their learning Goals for Literacy and Numeracy, they planned and wrote Narratives with an 'interesting object' prompt. On a very hot Friday the grade 3-6 students swapped Sport outside for eSport inside. We learnt about how we can build on our leadership skills, teamwork and strategy through using Mario Kart in teams.

**56SW** On Friday 5-6s celebrated publishing their mini books with a launch in the afternoon. They read each other's books and asked some questions on the self-chosen topics. It was a pleasure to see the reading session in action.

**Visual Arts** Prep-2 students enjoyed decorating their art folios. 3-6 students continued working on their mosaics.

**Performing Arts** The Prep -2 students enjoyed acting out their characters and learning how to use the boom whackers. 3-6 students continued to learn about African drumming.



Have a lovely weekend,

Regards, Paul Johnson, Principal, Email: [paul.johnson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto: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   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|-----------|
| Jan 30                            | Jan 31                                | Feb 1  | Feb 2                       | Feb 3                                       | Feb 4/5   |
| (Week 1)<br>PUPIL FREE DAY        | 1-6's return<br>Prep Entry Interviews | Prep Entry Interviews  | Prep Entry Interviews       | Prep Entry Interviews                       |           |
| Feb 6                             | Feb 7                                 | Feb 8  | Feb 9                       | Feb 10                                      | Feb 11/12 |
| (Week 2)<br>Preps Begin           | Year 6 School Captain Speeches        |  | Year 6 School Captain Panel |   |           |
| Feb 13                            | Feb 14                                | Feb 15   | Feb 16                      | Feb 17                                      | Feb 18/19 |
| (Week 3)<br>Year 6 SAM's Speeches |                                       | Year 6 Applications for Chair Library ICT Flag and Art and House Captains due<br>Parent Teacher meetings |                             | Year 6 Leadership positions to be finalised |           |

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