Hello everyone. I hope you all enjoyed the long Melbourne Cup weekend and picked the winner of the big race. The staff spent the curriculum day focusing on developing our comprehensive students reports that come home in December. Many hours are put into these reports and I’m sure you will appreciate the comprehensiveness and professionalism of them.

Remembrance Day
Today we commemorate and acknowledge our past and present service men and women for the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies. The school will observe a minute of silence and pause for the playing of the last post. Our grade 6 students were involved in the commemorative service at the Watsonia RSL. Well done to Madelin P for her reading at the service and to Jack M who was awarded the Secondary School Scholarship award from the Watsonia RSL.

Grade 1 Dinner and Grade 2 Sleepover!
As part of our camping program at WHPS, Grade One and Two children had dinner and activities at school last Friday. Following this the grade 2 students stayed on at school for a sleepover. This was a fantastic night for the students and they enjoyed the opportunity of having some extended fun at school with their friends. A very big thank-you to the grade 1/2 team, Ms. Stanton and Miss. Toscano. They worked extremely hard to organise and run the evening. It was great to have some extra hands on deck from the staff and parents who helped out. Special thanks to Kylie Emmenegger who also stayed through the night.

2014 School Fees
Please be reminded to return these to school asap so that we can upload your payment plan options onto our system. Please remember that NO money is required at this stage. These are due to be returned by October 13th.

Chicken Pox
A further reminder that we have recently had a case of chicken pox in the school. Standard immunisation takes care of us in protecting against Chicken Pox. Students who have not been immunised need to be aware of this occurrence and make some decisions about exposure. Any students affected are asked to remain away from school for a period of five (5) days after the rash appears.

Swimming for Prep-2
This continues each Wednesday for our Prep-2 students. The sessions have been a lot of fun for all the participants. It has been great to observe the students improving their skills and confidence in the pool.

3/4 Digital Development
Next Monday our 3/4 students are heading to the Centre for Moving Images to spend the day developing their creative ideas and turning them into multimedia presentations. This will be an engaging and hands on activity. Please ensure your payment plans are up to date to ensure your child can participate.
Read, Read, Read
The school has recently purchased more literacy books for our students and we continue to encourage nightly reading at home. Please embrace this and make it part of your daily ritual with your children. The exposure to texts (of varying kinds and genres), the exposure to lots of discussions and conversations are imperative to student success at school and into further studies. The more students read and talk about their learning the more cognitive and articulate they will be. As parents you play a significant role in this development. At school we spend many hours of our core teaching time promoting and developing literacy skills. However the opportunity to expand, extend and practice these skills is something that all children should be doing at home each night. We continue to build our literacy resources for our library and also for our individual classroom libraries.

Library
It’s that time of year again where we commence chasing all of our library books! If you have any at home (even under the couch) please send them back to school so our resources can remain strong and other students can gain the benefits. We are asking that ALL library books be returned by Next Friday November 29th. Non-returns will incur a $10.00 cost to recover any losses.

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Enjoy the week ahead!

Warm regards,

Michael

On Thursday 31st October the children of Watsonia Heights Primary School celebrated a whole school celebration called "Multicultural Day". The children together with the classroom teachers got dressed up in a cultural costume to embrace the spirit and understanding that Australia is such a cultural diverse country. Mrs Filomena Mariani, the Italian Languages Teacher of the school organised and invited four cultural performances from the company Cultural Infusion. The four cultural performers were: the African drummers, Indian Bollywood dancers, Chinese Lion Dancer and an Italian comedy show. The children of Watsonia Heights Primary School are learning Italian at the school. The children had such a fun and exciting time! Angela Minuzzo, our Languages Education Officer Leader also attended the day to celebrate with us. Watsonia Heights Primary School is working towards implementing the guidelines and principles outlined in the Victorian Governments' Vision for Languages Education(2013-2025) document that every school must teach another language as mandated by the Australian Curriculum.
COMING SOON............
LIBRARY BOOKFAIR

Sales in the GP Room
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd November 2013

Before school 8.30-9am
After school 3.30-4pm

Payment options:
Cash & Credit Card

SCHOOL BANKING

IMPORTANT: The Dollarmites Character
Moneyboxes will not be available in 2014. If
you would like to redeem your tokens for a
moneybox please do so prior to the end of
the year. Please note that due to this change
you can order more than one moneybox this
year if you have the required tokens.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2013

Fri 8th  Grade 1 Dinner & Grade 2
Sleepover.
Prep 1-2 Incursion: ‘Fractured
Fairytales’

Mon 11th  Grade 6 - RSL Remembrance
Service

Wed 13th  Prep Orientation Morning 9.30-
10.45am
Prep - Grade 2 Swimming

Fri 15th  Prep Breakfast

Mon 18th  Grade 3/4 excursion

Wed 20th  Prep - 2 Swimming

Thu 21st  Prep Orientation #2
9.30-10.45am

Mon 25th  Prep Excursion

Tue 26th  Ipad Parent Workshop @ 6pm

Wed 27th  Prep-2 Swimming
Grade 5/6 Mini Bazaar

Fri 29th  Prep Orientation #3
9.30am-11.45am

December 2013

Mon 2nd  CRE Christmas Celebration
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TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

BUNNINGGS FREE LADIES D.I.Y. WORKSHOP DAY
Thursday 14th Nov
Time: 11am – 2pm

- Interactive & hands-on DIY workshop
- Product demos
- Refreshments provided
- Men & kids welcome

Guest appearance by Tara Dennis from Better Homes & Gardens

BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE ELTHAM
CNR BRIDGE & SUSAN ST, ELTHAM
'ONE STOP SHOP TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS'

A motivational session relevant to parents, school councillors & school mgmt/staff - 'to sustain and engage school communities'

DATE: Thursday, November 14, 2013
TIME: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
PLACE: Bundoora Secondary College
LOCATION: 53 Balmoral Avenue, Bundoora 3083

Gail McHardy (Parents Victoria, Executive Officer) will present and discuss the following information and will be available to answer your questions.

- The PV CD Toolkit for Parent Clubs
  (Tip Sheets & Pro Formas designed specifically to assist PCs)
- Families as partners in learning
- Strategies to build Parent Participation
  - Inclusive school communities
  - Communicate more effectively
- Other relevant & current educational issues of interest

Plus

Cheryl Anderson has extensive knowledge of CASES 21 Finance reporting functions and although recently retired from the Dept of Education, continues to provide professional development to business managers covering report interpretation and analysis. Cheryl will discuss such issues as:

- Fundraising
- CASES21 Finance
- Useful Reports
- Communication
- Financial Arrangements (Option 'A' & 'B')
- Requesting Financial Information
- Proforma Examples

Cheryl will also be available to take questions from the floor. Feel free to bring your own examples to show, share and ask about!

Register your attendance by November 13 -
Phone: Parents Victoria office – 9380 2158 or
Email: office@parentsvictoria.asn.au
(please advise your name, school, contact phone number/email and session date)
Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child’s Diabetes?

Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.

Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell
UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre

Grace Park preschool is NOW accepting enrolments for next year.

Grace Park Preschool 2014 Timetable

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Grace Park Preschool
Located at: 179 Nepean Street, Greensborough
Ph: 9435 6179
Email: contact@graceparkpreschool.vic.edu.au
Website: www.graceparkpreschool.vic.edu.au
St Thomas
Greensborough North

Family run
PLAYGROUP
On Tuesday & Thursday
at 9-11am
Suits children 0-5 years

Music Program for Toddlers
Monday at 9.15am-10.30am
for 30 minutes of song, music and
movement.

After the music program there is ‘free play’ time,
a light snack and a cuppa for the parents.

$5 per session (family)

A structured playgroup run by a
fully qualified teacher.

Register your expression of interest
online or for further information
please contact the school.

School Office
Phone: 9434 4565

www.stgnplaygroup.com

Sessions are held in the community hall in
the grounds of the St Thomas the Apostle
School and Parish.
St Thomas The Apostle
251 Diamond Creek Road,
Greensborough North