Welcome back to term 4! I hope you have enjoyed a restful school holiday period and had the chance of either getting away or spending some quality time in and around home. I know you’re all waiting for it, so I’ll get it out of the way...Go Hawks. Now I just have to explain to my three year old daughter who cries out Go Buddy every time she sees him on the TV or in the paper, that we can’t barrack for him anymore and that he now plays for the passive and not as skilled type of bird. (Sly dig for last year’s pain). Anyway, I hope you enjoyed your grand final weekend as much as I did.

Term 4 promises so much for WHPS. We have many learning activities and celebrations occurring throughout the term. We will enjoy our camping program with our year 3-6 students having their camps. Instrumental Music Soiree happening in December, incursions and excursions for differing grades, tennis clinics, swimming, family fun night, graduation, multicultural day and the list goes on. Therefore, it is imperative that all school fee payments are up to date otherwise your children will risk their participation in many of these activities. If you are not up to date with your fees please contact the office for payment.

Please note the calendar of school events for your home calendars.

**Hopefully you are able to attend our Working Bee that is scheduled for tonight after school from 3.30pm.**

ALL WELCOME AND FREE BBQ ON COMPLETION

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2014 School Fees
Please be reminded to return these forms 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 11th.

As we move into daylight saving and the warmer months all students are required to wear sunsmart hats during term 4. This forms part of our sunsmart policy and helps protect from the harmful UV rays during this time of year. Students without appropriate hats will be seated in shaded areas during recess and lunchtimes.

Throughout this term the whole school will investigating and following an inquiry unit of study. This term’s focus is Creativity! Students in differing year levels will take a different approach and the focus will change slightly. Below are list of focus questions that each year level will be investigating and also the broader outcomes that we aim to achieve via our units of study. These units also incorporate many subject areas including literacy, numeracy, history, science, geography, the arts, etc.

**Year Prep – Topsy Turvy Tales**
How can we be creative?
What can we learn from Fairy Tales?
How can we design and make things using different materials?

Students will understand many ways in which they can be creative. They will understand the fundamentals of the design process and realise that good thoughtful planning contributes to successful outcomes. They will appreciate the
many different materials that are available if they wish to design and create new objects.

**Year 1/2 – Marvellous Minis**
What do I need to think about in order to be creative?
How do I decide which skills and materials I need for a job?
What is the best way to design something?

Students will apply the creative thinking processes and skills learned throughout this unit to other areas of their lives. They will see opportunities to be creative and have a range of thinking tools and manual skills at their disposal to explore new ideas.

**Year 3/4 – Build a Book**
What is creative writing and how can I write in a way that captures the imagination of the reader?
How can the design process include creative thinking?
What needs to be considered in order to construct a creative design?

As a result of this unit, students will know and understand some ways in which they can use their creativity and will have the confidence to tackle projects in less conventional ways, applying lateral thinking and appropriate risk taking.

**Year 5/6 – Bizarre Bazaar**
Why is market research important?
What makes a good advertisement and why?
How do I face the challenges of producing more than one of the same item?

Students will be able to analyse the ways that things they consume and use have been mass produced. They will be more discerning about ways in which products are marketed. They will apply creative thinking to anything they design and/or produce.

**CAMP**
On Wednesday 23rd October – Friday 25th October our year 3/4 students are heading off to their camp at Phillip Island. This will be a wonderful experience as the students enjoy an adventure based camp but also get to explore the coastal habitats of the area. There a huge range of interpersonal skills that are enhanced via our camping program.

The ability to work independently, away from home, to work as a team, to build self-confidence and self-esteem, to take safe personal risks and challenges via the adventure activities such as ropes courses and giant swings. **Our hope is that all students attend these camps. However, if you are not up to date with your school fee payments, unfortunately, your child will not be able to participate.**

**Swimming for Prep-2**
This will be running for 8 consecutive Wednesdays commencing on Wednesday 23rd October. The students will walk to Yarra swim school for their lessons. Any parental support would be appreciated wither walking to and from the pool, or even at the pool itself. Being able to swim and to have confidence around water is a crucial life skill. Hence, our hope is that all students participate in swimming. **However, if you are not up to date with your school fee payments, unfortunately, your child will not be able to participate.**

**Remembrance Day (11 November)**
Marks the anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11 am on 11 November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. This year, grade 6 students have been invited to attend Watsonia RSL’s Remembrance Day Ceremony. This event will take place on Monday the 11th of November. Students will leave school at 10:20am and walk down to the corner of Nell Street West and Meagher Street to join up with neighbouring Primary Schools. They will then commence a march at 10:40am, travelling via Ibbotson Street, and will finish with a ceremony at the RSL on 6 Morwell Avenue. Parents are also welcome to join us for the walk and show their support.

**Australian Girls’ Choir Open Day**
Congratulations to the girls from year 1-6 who took part in the assessment workshop last term. By now you will have received your personalised assessment report posted to your home. For any girls who may be interested (of any age) there is an
Open Day coming which gives the girls the opportunity to try a free class and attend an information session. Phone 9859 6499 or visit www.ausgirlschoir.com.au for more information.

NAPLAN
This week the students in years 3 and 5 who participated in NAPLAN testing will receive their results page. These results are a useful tool to see how your child performed under testing conditions on that particular day (which was in May). The NAPLAN results are used by the school to compliment the many other sources of data that we use to assess, monitor and plan your child’s learning plan. These other sources include: test samples, rich assessment tasks, observations, class work, online work and discussions.

School Injuries and Insurance - Reminder
Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students. Is other insurance cover available? Yes.
The Department is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and Willis Australia Ltd, that provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also do so.
Parents are encouraged to investigate these options as appropriate.

Athletics
Well done to all the students who this week participated in the Division Athletics Carnival that was held on Wednesday 9th October. Although a very windy day, our students performed really well and represented the school admirably. We did a couple of students whom are likely to move onto the next stage of competition. Congratulations to Lexie :1500m, Ella :Discus, Monique :Shotput, Nathan Shot Put, Cooper WD :Shot Put

Artist in the making
Congratulations to Linda Gifford who recently entered herself into the Banyule Council’s Young artists competition. Linda took first prize with her painting showcasing herself gardening with her great grandfather. On the back of Linda’s painting she had written, “This is a painting of me with my Poppy. My Poppy is special because he was in the War. I love gardening with my Poppy.” Well done Linda!

Craftpower
Our grade 1/2 students will participate in a hands on building workshop next Friday. This is a compliment to their inquiry unit and allows the students to plan, develop skills, design and build some woodwork products here at school.

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State Schools’ Relief Casual Clothes Day
As a part of the Junior School Council we are running a casual clothes day for the State Schools’ Relief on Tuesday 15th October. Students are encouraged to wear free dress and bring a gold coin donation.
State Schools’ Relief is a Victorian government schools’ charity and is a donation based program. It helps one in 50 Victorian students go to school in the proper uniform and footwear. Please help support this great cause during Anti-Poverty Week. If you would like more information about the State Schools’ Relief program please visit the website below:
http://www.ssr.net.au/

A ‘Day for Daniel’
W.H.P.S will be running an awareness day promoted by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. A ‘Day for Daniel’ will be held on Monday 21st October.
A “Day for Daniel” is about teaching students to recognise, react and report anything that they feel is not right.
The objectives of Day for Daniel are:

- To raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children.
- To educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to ‘Recognise, React and Report’.
- To educate and equip individuals and communities with knowledge and skills to understand child safety and protection requirements and empower them to take action.
- To have over 1 million people Australia Wide to participate in Day for Daniel.

We encourage all families to reinforce this important message of safety with their children. Please note that this is not a fundraiser and no money will be collected.

If you would like more information about the initiative please see the website below: [http://www.dayfordaniel.com.au/](http://www.dayfordaniel.com.au/)

Enjoy the weekend ahead!

Warm regards,

Michael

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**FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY HELPERS**

Calling for more helpers to cut fruit each Friday.

Only 20 minutes is required in the GP Room. More helpers the quicker it gets done.

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time to this healthy program.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**October 2013**

**Mon 21st**  ‘Day for Daniel’ Awareness Day.

**Wed 23rd**  Grade 3-4 Camp to Phillip Island departs
Prep - 2 Swimming begins

**Thu 24th**  Prep Play Date 9.30-10.30am

**Fri 25th**  Grade 3-4 Camp Returns

**Mon 28th**  School Council Meeting

**Thu 31st**  Multicultural Day

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**November 2013**

**Mon 4th**  Curriculum Day

**Tue 5th**  Melbourne Cup Day Holiday

**Thu 7th**  Prep Information Night 7pm

**Fri 8th**  Grade 1 Dinner & Grade 2 Sleepover

**Wed 13th**  Prep Orientation Morning 9.30-10.45am
An Educational Experience Catalog orders are now due. It has some amazing educational resources for your child. Do some early Christmas shopping! All profits will benefit the school.

WATSONIA PRE-SCHOOL PRESENTS...

fashion parade

- MC: Deputy Editor of the new Elle Australia magazine
- champagne and finger food on arrival
- fabulous market stalls
- door prizes, lucky tickets, free gifts
- fashion from Laura Ashley and Tommy Hilfiger
- come dressed in your best floral fashion
- prizes for best floral theme outfit

date  Thursday 24th October
where  Watsonia Pre-School
time  doors open 7pm
tickets  $15, ph 9434 4767
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