



Watsonia Heights Primary Linkletter

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2009 Calendar

- **MON 17TH AUG**
SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING
- **WED 19TH AUG**
FIRE ED FOR GDES 6 &
PREP
- **MON 24TH & TUE
25TH AUG**
KYM LARDER
INCURSIONS.
- **FRI 28TH AUG**
BOOK WEEK CROSS
AGE ACTIVITIES
- **TUES 1ST SEPT**
FATHERS DAY STALL
- **MON 14TH—18TH
SEPT**
HERITAGE WEEK
- **FRI 18TH SEPT**
END OF TERM 3

**GENES FOR
JEANS DAY
FUNDRAISING**

TOTAL

\$212.00

**THANK YOU TO
ALL STUDENTS
& FAMILIES FOR
SUPPORTING
THIS CAUSE**

Principal's Piece by Jennie Pierson (Acting Principal)

Dear Parents,

We all enjoyed a wonderful afternoon yesterday. 20 children, or groups of children performed to the whole school at the Watsonia Heights Primary School's Red Faces. What a happy experience for these children and their parents! The performances reflected not only the talent of the children, but the commitment of the teachers in this school to develop and value The Arts programs in the school, and the success of our social skills program "You Can Do It". These children performed with great confidence and enjoyment. It was fantastic to see Preps dancing, telling jokes, using a microphone with aplomb, things that would be daunting for many adults.

Thank you Belinda Hume and Ailsa Smyth for all the work you did to produce such a well organised and successful event.

It is great to see the children working with Bev Brooks and the other teachers to practise athletics skills for the District Athletic Sports on the 4th September. The kids are enjoying their physical education activities and the teachers are encouraging this by giving up lunch times to supervise their team's practise sessions.

We are still hoping to increase our enrolments for next year and rely on your support to promote the school throughout the community. I am taking several families on tours of the school so if you know of anyone interested in enrolling could you encourage them, to make an appointment.

We have had some cameras and electronic games brought to school lately. These are valuable items and we cannot be sure that they remain secure at school, so would you please ensure that these items are not brought to school. This also applies to precious toys such as a favourite teddy. While I was on duty yesterday I comforted a prep who had taken her favourite teddy outside during lunch time and then it got muddy and wet in the play.

Jennie Roach-Pierson, Catherine Trethowan and I attended the Banyule Network conference for 2 days last week. It was a stimulating and demanding conference where we and all the Leadership teams of the schools in the network, met to learn about some new approaches to continued teacher development and improved student learning. It was the beginning of a process where we will be working with our teachers, and teachers in other schools, to try to continuously improve how we work with our students to achieve the best possible practice..

With kind regards

Kate

Curriculum Corner—

Watsonia Heights Primary School Webpage

<http://www.watsoniaheightsps.vic.edu.au>

Parents please check the webpage for latest Link letters, school events and notices.

Why not make it your homepage and you'll not only be kept be kept up to date but gain credits for the school.

MON 17TH AUG

- Elke Rodda
- Karen Park

WED 19TH AUG

- Sue Lelean
- Danielle Dickinson

FRIDAY 21ST AUG

- Robyn Campbell
- Leanne Johnson
- Virginia Butters

CANTEEN MENU UPDATES

New Product Coming Soon

Just Juice Pineapple

Items Deleted

Honeycomb Big M

Reminders....

Student Independence & Responsibility—no phone calls will be made for items forgotten/left at home such as swimming or interschool sport.

Student Banking is Every Tuesday

For children in infant grades it's a good idea to have a change of underwear in their bag in case of an unexpected emergency.

School Policies—

The school has just commenced a review of the Information Technology curriculum and elearning plan for the future.

In this review we will be not only be evaluating the current program but also be conducting an extensive audit on the network system and hardware within the school, with Regional support. Over the next few weeks staff will be completing a skills audit on line to access their level of expertise and provide a reference point for further professional development in this area, The school eLearning Vision statement will be looked at and decisions made as to the direction the school is to take , in readiness for the introduction of the Ultranet.

As you are aware last year we purchased three Interactive Whiteboards. We have just had relocation of two of these and the installation of another new IWB into Room 2. In the next couple of weeks we will see the addition of another IWB into Room 8.

While the boards are housed in specific rooms the parents should be aware that the staff timetable their grades into those rooms at different times of the week so all the IWB are accessible to all staff and students.

With the construction of our new building provision has been made in the teaching areas for the installation of further IWB.

Jennie Pierson

ICT Coordinator

Parents Association News

Anyone who can assist with a donation for the upcoming WHPS Raffle Night - or knows someone who would be happy to offer up a prize—please contact or see:

Meg Turnbull

Email- smjturnbull@optusnet.com.au or contact mobile 0413 405 553)

Helen Giller

Email—Helen.giller@bigpond.com or contact mobile 0404 885 097)

Canteen Notes

Now available is Frozen Jelly that contains either strawberry or banana piece frozen into the jelly for 50 cents.

Just Juice Pineapple is now available for \$1.60

Don't forget lunch orders are only on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. All hot food and sandwiches must be ordered before 10am.

Please ensure correct money is sent with lunch orders. (NO Foreign Money)

Lunch Order Bags are available at the canteen at \$1.00 for 20 bags.

Office News

Don't forget to return your Headlice Management Agreement Forms . You must sign the back of the form before returning.

Kym Lardner Incursion is due. This is held at the school on the 24th & 25th August. Total cost is \$5.00.

Jenny McDonald-Price sent out a Non-Participation form for the chocolate drive to subsidize activities during Heritage Week. Please return this form if you do NOT want chocolates sent home.

Library

WOOL DONATIONS WANTED

Thick wool needed for craft activity later this term.

8PLY OR GREATER

Please give to the office or Lorna Gage in the Library or Room 9