Amazingly we have come to the final week of the term 3. Congratulations to all the WHPS students for completing a fantastic term! We have shared in many great learning achievements over the past 10 weeks and our students have done an amazing job and continue to enact the WHPS values. Students have worked really hard on their improvement goals and deserve a restful holiday. However, learning doesn’t need to stop over the next two weeks. Please continue to encourage daily reading for all students. In addition, there are always many other ways to learn over the holidays. Maths at home, measuring, cooking, reading recipes, talking about daily experiences, having students reflect on the day and talk about how they felt or what they remembered, writing a letter to a friend or to the teacher, typing up a story or a memory of holidays, etc. there are many learning opportunities around us each and every day. Use the holidays to enjoy the less formal approach to learning – but most importantly have fun whilst doing it!

Thanks to all parents for your support and to those who have helped out in and around the school. On behalf of the students and staff, I say a huge thank-you to all those parents, friends and grandparents who’ve helped us out over the course of the term. We all really appreciate what you do to help and support our great learning community. We hope you can continue to support us during our upcoming term 4.

Term 4 begins on Monday 3rd October at 9am. We will begin the day with assembly before we get stuck straight back into our learning!
I wish you all a very safe and happy school holiday break.
Please be reminded that term 4 is a sunsmart term and students are required to wear the wide brimmed or legionnaire style hats.

WHPS Communications Survey 2016
At Watsonia Heights Primary School, we have developed a Communications Survey that will help us to gain insight into the impact and importance of communications within the school. As part of our review, we ask that you complete the survey, as your input and feedback will give school management the ability to audit current practice and enhance our communications processes for future use. The survey should take between 5-15 minutes to complete.
Please type the link into your Internet browser to access the survey
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F6X65D8
The link will be accessible from 19/9/16 until 9.00am on the 30/9/16.
We value your feedback and thank you in advance for your time and effort in completing the survey.

Fruity Friday Breakfast
Our breakfast program has been running really well, however we require additional assistance to ensure this can continue into term 4. We need parent helpers to help facilitate this program. If you are able to help out please contact Juanita in the office. Without your assistance we run the risk that this program will cease.
Please view the application form below requesting volunteer.
**Trivia night**
Thanks to those parents who attended the Trivia Night on Saturday night and most importantly to Kate Fisher who organised the event. This was a great community event that was enjoyed by all in attendance.

**Canteen special food day Wednesday 14th**
Thanks to Kate for organising this week’s special food day and also for her hard work over the course of the term.

**Fete**
The success of this day is hinging on the involvement of parents.
We REALLY need your help!!!!

If you can support our school prepare for the fete and on Saturday 19th November, we would be very grateful. This will support our fundraising effort and help to strengthen our sense of community. If you can help please contact Kate Fisher if you can assist.

katewhpscommunitylinks@gmail.com
Cyber Safety Parent Information Session
Thank you to our community for supporting our school in celebrating another Cyber Safety Awareness Day. It was an enjoyable and valuable event for all and we look forward to next year’s. In support of our ongoing messaging regarding the importance of being safe and responsible online, we will be hosting a parent information session at the beginning of next term. On Monday the 10th October, we are having Tracey Porter from the Victorian Police hosting a Parent Information Session that same evening in the Jan Bobin Learning Centre at 6:00pm. This is a valuable opportunity for our community to hear from those who deal with Cyber safety issues and are educated in creating awareness on a daily basis. She will be delving into different apps to watch out for and how to encourage responsible use of devices. Please respond to the flyer that was sent home to inform the school on numbers of those attending so we can accommodate. This will support the grade 3-6 education session hosted during the day by Tracey.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday.

Michael
WHPS 2016 Important Calendar Dates

**October 2016**
- Wednesday 5th – Regional Athletics @ Meadowglen International Athletics Track
- Monday 10th – Cyber Safety Parent Information Session @ 6pm
- Wednesday 12th – 14th – Gr3/4 School Camp
- Friday 21st – WHPS Walkathon
- Friday 21st – Kids DISCO @ WHPS
- Wednesday 26th – Special Food Day
- Monday 31st – Curriculum Day – No school

**November 2016**
- Tuesday 1st – Melbourne Cup – No school
- Wednesday 9th – Prep Information Evening @ 7pm
- Saturday 19th – WHPS Fete
- Wednesday 30th – Prep Orientation @ 9:30-10:45am
- Wednesday 30th – Special Food Day

**December 2016**
- Thursday 8th – Prep Orientation @ 9:30-10:45am
- Tuesday 6th – 9th – Gr 5/6 School Camp
- Monday 12th – 13th – Gr 2 School Camp
- Thursday 15th – Gr 6 Graduation Night @ 6-9pm
- Friday 16th – Prep Orientation @ 9:30-10:45am
- Friday 16th – Family Fun Night @ WHPS
- Monday 19th – Gr 6 Fun Day
- Tuesday 20th – Final day for the year – SCHOOL CONCLUDES @ 1:30pm Assembly

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO FRUITY FRIDAY BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER & 7TH OCTOBER, THE 1ST WEEK OF TERM 4.

**STUDENT BANKING**

Every Tuesday.

To open a student bank acct. please collect a pack from the office.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Open Tuesday MORNING 8.30-9.00am and Thursday AFTERNOON 3–3.45pm.
Order forms need to be completed for stock take purposes, which is available from the office stand and the schools website.
You may also email your order request to Leah or Juanita at watsonia.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
PE Term 3

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, Term 3 has seen a significant athletics focus across the school. Developing student knowledge of events and working on technique has been a feature of 3-6 sport and PE lessons during the term. In addition to our House Athletics day, we had year 3-6 students representing our school at the District Athletics Day with some strong performers going on to Divisional level at the start of next term. Our 3-6 Students have also enjoyed the game sense approach chosen to develop skills such as catching, throwing and double handed striking in our Tee-Ball unit. Late in the term students began a project involving classifying sports into broad categories and using this information to design their own games.

Our Prep – Year 2 students also enjoyed a morning of athletic frivolity as part of our Junior School Olympics! In their PE lessons our students have been continuing to focus on a range of movement and fundamental motor skills (FMS). We have had a strong focus on developing our throwing skills this term, including the use of slow motion analysis! Prep – Year 2 students have also been provided with opportunities to use a combination of FMS together in themed units such as basketball.
The Grade 1/2 students were very excited about our pasta making workshop on Monday 12th September. The students were taken on a journey where they developed an understanding of the history and tradition of making tagliatelle. This incursion celebrated the coming together of family and friends to enjoy fresh homemade produce. Every student worked with the raw ingredients taking them through all stages to produce their own finished product, which they took home to share with their family. The workshop complemented our Inquiry unit, “Raw to Ready”, where students have been learning about where food comes from and the processes involved in transporting it across the world to where it ends up on our supermarket shelves.

We are Master Chefs and have made delicious tagliatelle for our families to enjoy! 😊
Visual Arts

Term three has been another busy and exciting term for our students. Our grade 5 / 6 students have developed their skills in threads and textiles and have created their own special embroidery pieces. They have learnt how to thread needles, tie knots and sew using various stitches to create their own amazing designs. Students are very excited about the new skills they have discovered and are looking forward to completing these as cushions or wall hangings. Here are some of our students busy at work mastering their new skills.
Visual Art  Grade 3/4

Solar Systems-

Students in grades 3/4 have combined their scientific knowledge and artistic skills to create their own solar systems. They have been busy researching each planet and learnt about the different surfaces and why some planets are called hot or cold planets. Then replicated these using polystyrene balls painted with sand and PVA, and added textural effects with modelling materials to create creators and sun spots.

Here are some of their amazing creations-

![Image of solar system creations](image1)

![Image of solar system creations](image2)

![Image of solar system creations](image3)

![Image of solar system creations](image4)
Music - Prep - Grade One and Two

Each session, students have the opportunity to develop their skills in listening, singing, movement, playing and creating. They have learnt to maintain a steady beat to music, through movement and playing tuned and untuned percussion instruments. They are also developing their understanding of beat and rhythm as they clap and play simple rhythm patterns to various forms of music. Students have enjoyed playing our new glockenspiels as they explored high and low sounds. Our Preps particularly enjoy expressing themselves to music as they move around the music room with glittery scarves. Here are some of our Preps moving as a great big octopus, with very low music and later as jelly-fish, with soft twinkling music.

Mrs Beran
Term 3

Discovery Learning Centre

A Focus on Collaborative Learning

Discovery Learning this term has focused on collaborative learning and group responsibility. Grade 1-4 students have been introduced to team roles, including Master Builder, Chief Architect, Project Manager, Testing Coordinator, Materials Manager and Official Reporter. Students have had an opportunity to try different roles and learn about negotiation, listening respectfully, voting and being accountable for their individual roles and group responsibilities. Prep’s have also worked in groups, having adults modeling negotiation and teamwork skills and students working together to produce ‘tools’ to help with household chores. Grade 5/6 have shown great independence and teamwork and are currently completing a school beautification project.

A shovel produced by grade 1/2’s
Looking Ahead

Grade 1/2 produced watering containers that released water in a slow dripping motion.

Term 4
As we look forward to term 4 we will see the senior students investigating areas of interest through inquiry learning. Whist Preps will explore materials and their properties through design and testing. Grade 1/2's will have the opportunity to continue their exposure to computer coding through Raspberry Pi and Scratch.

Donations
I have had a fantastic amount of donations come in over this term, THANK YOU! I'm currently collecting rolls (e.g. cling film), paper plates, paper cups, index cards, bottle caps, clothes pins and fabric. Look for the donation box outside of the Discovery Learning Centre.

Can you help?
I'm looking for an adult who is able to help me design and produce a tool board to hold our selection of tools for the students to use. If this sounds like you please stick your head in and have a chat.

Regards,
Miss Trethowan

Prep's test their string telephone design as they learn about sound vibrations.
This term we have studied Earth and Space Sciences. Preps have been discovering weather in their world. They have looked at weather and how it can change. We have studied what wind can do in our environment through weather watching and reporting. We have also studied the different phases of the moon. Grade 1 / 2’s have looked at what’s in the sky and how the changes in the sky affect us. We made our own cloud in a jar, looked at how plants and animals are affected by weather and observed what’s on earth and in our local landscape. The Grade 3 / 4’s have studied night and day, shadows, spinning in space and our solar system. They worked collaboratively making their anemometers and enjoyed finding out about the wonders of the planets. The 5 / 6’s had an exciting start to the term designing their experiment briefs for the Science Fair and presenting them to the whole school. They have delved into what causes a volcanic eruption, how earthquakes and tsunamis are related, how submarine earthquakes can create tsunamis and how earthquakes and other natural disasters are measured. The students also found out how volcanoes are monitored.

***For the Science room next term if you have any empty tissue boxes or wire coat hangers please bring them in! Have a great break – Cathy James.
We have arrived at the end of yet another term! Across the school in Mandarin, students were introduced to Chinese characters and the idea that they are made up of components or smaller parts. We talked about the characters being written with strokes and learned about some characters that came from pictographs a long time ago. We also learned how to say some animals in Mandarin – bear, cat, panda and monkey. Finally, to coincide with the Rio Olympics (li yuè ào yùn hui) we learned how to say and talk about some sports that we liked in Mandarin.

The grade one’s and two’s practised writing character components for the character ‘熊’ meaning ‘bear’.
The prep students were learning to write Chinese characters in boxes. It is tricky to fit the components in with the correct proportions but they did very well!

中秋节
zhōng qiū jié

2016 年 9 月 15 日 (15th September 2016)

It is that time of year again when we can see the brightest full moon of the year, falling around the 15th day of the 8th month in the Lunar Calendar. Celebrating family union and giving thanks for a successful harvest has been a tradition going back a very long time in many countries in Asia. It is the second most important Chinese festival in the year after Lunar New Year. The Mid-Autumn Festival or Moon Festival took place yesterday on the 15th of September. Please see below for details of celebrations happening this weekend. You can find a section of your local Asian supermarket dedicated to mooncakes, packaged in lovely boxes ready for you to take home to enjoy with your family or to give as a gift to your relatives and friends! Make sure you check the ingredients as there are many different types! Also make sure to see what types of mooncakes are available in the freezer section (the flavours may be more appealing than the traditional type). Happy Mid Autumn Festival! 中秋快乐！

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FORTNIGHTLY MANDARIN CHALLENGE

What is it? A challenge to all students to answer a given question accurately in Mandarin in order to be in the draw to win a prize at the end of the year!

How do you play? You just need to find lǐ lǎo shī before the end of the day on the Friday a week after the challenge is published in the newsletter and deliver your answer in Mandarin!

What do you get? You get a chance to have your name published in the school newsletter and go into the draw to win a prize at the end of the year!

GOOD LUCK! 加油！jiā yóu!
The challenges will begin in Term Four – WATCH THIS SPACE!

Have a safe, restful and fun school holidays! See you again in Term Four!

Serina Lee (李老师 lǐ lǎo shī)
Be Cyber Smart!

Being part of a digital age and having global access means our children have unimaginable opportunities and experiences. During school hours we have procedures and policies in place that ensure we can the global access our children have is a rich, positive and safe. Inappropriate sites are blocked from students’ access here at the school, including social media sites. With joint support between home and school, we advocate the following messages to support our community in being aware and responsible global citizens.

- Keep your personal information private;
- Cyber bullying is damaging and not tolerated—T.H.I.N.K. is it True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary or Kind;
- Think before you click, once you upload it— it is there forever;
- Not everyone is who they claim to be;
- They have the power to reduce risks and support in challenging times.

As part of our cyber safety education program we identify a support network for students to turn to if they have questions, concerns or incidents relating to access and experiences that may affect them when online. This is done using an outline of their hands where students identify five adults in their lives they can talk to, such as their parents, grandparents, teachers and police officers. We encourage students to talk openly about their online usage and use technology in a public space, so we can best support them to be respectful of themselves and others, whilst developing awareness of the risks which make them vulnerable.

For additional information and resources, the Commonwealth Government has provided the following website for children, students and parents as part of its “Cyber Safety” program:

http://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources

Stay Smart Online - www.staysmartonline.gov.au

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/

Jamie Thompson
ICT Coordinator
Watsonia Heights Primary School

‘Strive for the Heights’

OUR BREAKFAST / FRUITY FRIDAY PROGRAM

In support of our ongoing message of developing healthy bodies, healthy minds and healthy lives; we have been running with a free breakfast program for any interested students. This program as you know is offered each Friday morning from 8.30am. Students are provided with healthy breakfast and some time to socialise with friends.

In order for this program to be adequately resourced we are looking for additional parent volunteers to help staff the program in order to continue. If you are interested in participating or volunteering please indicate on the below ROSTER return slip. NB: All volunteers must have obtained a WWCC and a copy needs to handed into the office prior to commencing if in the event you have not already done so.

Please complete the ROSTER below next to your preferred chosen date/dates and return back by no later than Wednesday, 5 October 2016.

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THANK YOU!! 😊
ACTION FC
HOLIDAY FUN

IT'S AS SIMPLE AS
1, 2, 3!
1 HOUR OF SOCCER +
2 HOURS OF INFLATABLES =
3 HOURS OF FUN!

WHEN
Wednesday 21st September and
Wednesday 28th 2016

TIME
11am - 2pm

WHERE
Bundoora Action Indoor Sports Stadium
39 Clements Ave, Bundoora 3083

DETAILS
- Includes 1 hour Soccer Clinic and 2 hours on
  Inflatable World.
- Beverages will be provided for the kids on the day
- Parents must stay on site but are welcome to enjoy
  our cafe!

PRICES
- $22 pre-sale offer
- $27 paid on the day

FREE INFLATABLE WORLD PASS IF YOU
SIGN UP TO BOTH SESSIONS!

*Contact the stadium for more information and booking details

BUNDOORA ACTION INDOOR SPORTS
39 Clements Avenue Bundoora Vic. 3083 - (03) 9467 2422
www.bundooraactionindoorsports.com.au - bundoora@actionindoorsports.com.au
For more information or to register please contact:

Colin Roberts on 0433118842 or colinrob76@hotmail.com

Watsonia Heights Junior Football Club
Corner of Elder Street and Delta Road Watsonia

Watsonia Heights Football Club
Elder Street Reserve

Watsonia Heights Summer Program 2016
Grassroots

Key focus for the program include:

Skills sessions, Competitive 1 v 1 environment, Skill Acquisition, and learning the game of football whilst having fun!

Limited spaces available – booking fast!

- Boys & Girls from 4 to 8

12 week Saturday morning program

- Starting 24th September – 17th December
- $165 per child (plus FA registration fees and uniform fee for new players only)

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School holiday Messy Church!

There will be a great film, pop corn and drinks, pizza dinner!! Yum, yum, yum

Recommended for school-aged children
Sunday 25 September 4pm
at the Watsonia Uniting Church,
69 Devonshire Rd, Watsonia
All free!!!
Enquiries to Margie Dahl, 0403 625 122
or dahlmargie@gmail.com