Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all enjoyed a restful break and took some time to re-charge the batteries and stay away from the winter chills!

This term promises to be another great ten weeks of fun and learning at WHPS!

Please be reminded that our next Curriculum Day is scheduled for Tuesday 16th August. This is a student free day which will allow staff to further develop and enhance our curriculum provision and teaching practice in Mathematics.

A reminder that our newsletter is published each fortnight and is available on our website. This can also be emailed to you on request. If you would like a copy emailed to you please send your details to: watsonia.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Next week you will receive a newsletter from your child’s teachers. These team newsletters will outline the term ahead with key dates and curriculum foci.

Student Lead Conferences

In keeping with our motto ‘Strive for the Heights’ we have our student lead conferences coming up next week. This will provide an opportunity for students to reflect upon their first semester of learning and to share with parents their successes in achieving their individual learning goals. On Monday you will have received a letter informing you of the booking process required to nominate your conference time. I encourage all parents to participate in this important aspect of the learning process.

School Concert

All grades have been keenly practicing for this year’s concert THE AGE OF INVENTION, which will be held at Yarra Valley Grammar School in Ringwood on Thursday the 4th of August. The concert theme is about celebrating our students being curious and innovative learners. In the 21st century students are applying complex thinking skills to new technology and have access to knowledge globally through the internet. These are exciting times to be a learner as students become active pursuers of their curiosity in science and technology. Our students are continually developing their skills to be innovative and proactive global citizens. We are looking forward to another exciting performance!

You will have this week received some documents in relation to the concert (forms also attached).

General information sheet
A rehearsal permission form
Ticketing information – available from 22nd July.

Next week you will receive further details in relation to costume details, DVD ordering and concert raffle details.

School Council

Our School Council continues to meet each month and the next scheduled meeting is on Monday 8th August at 7pm. Our council is always proactive in governing our school and looking for ways to improve our school. If you have any suggestions or comments about our school please feel free to email me directly: kent.michael.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Come and enjoy a library experience!!
We are excited about inviting a special visitor to our library session next week to encourage the involvement of our family members in the community in supporting our students' education. It will be a great way to showcase our beautiful library and to recognise the irreplaceable role that grandparents play in children's lives and the wider community. All grandparents (or significant others) are welcomed to come your child’s/grandchild’s library session next week. You will have received a notice outlining the session times and we hope that you make yourself available to share in this fun literacy sharing session.
For those students who don't have grandparents to invite, students are encouraged to invite a family friend or family member who provide care and love to that student.

Science
This term in the month of August is Science Week. To kick off the celebrations early the Grade 1/2's are going to view a show put on by the company Scientwists. It's called 'Fizz,Pop,Bang' and will be full of fun chemistry experiments. Watch this space for more to come including a show for the Preps and a school Science Fair presented by the 5/6's!

Prep Play Date
As a continuous preparation for our 2017 Preps we will be offering another play date next Wednesday from 4-5pm. This will be a chance to explore the arts and what our music and visual arts programs have to offer. If you are yet to enrol your Prep child for 2017, I urge you to do so asap.

Athletics this term!
Our Year 3-6 students will this term be focussing on athletics. The students will spend time learning and practising the skills of the differing track and field events. These sessions will occur each Friday morning and will serve as a great build up to our House Athletics sports which are to be held on Tuesday 9th August at Willinda Park. If you are able to help out on this day we would appreciate the support.

Performing Arts
This week our year 6 students were invited to attended Montmorency SC to workshop performing arts skills with a team of year 10 enthusiasts. This proved to be a wonderful learning opportunity for our students in the lead up to the upcoming concert.

P-2 Music this semester
As a fantastic addition to our specialist program this semester our Prep-2 students will be enjoying music classes as a further exploration of the Arts. Year 3-6 students will continue their weekly art classes along with their instrumental music classes.

Chocolate drive
As you will know we are running our annual chocolate drive. Please keep selling your chocolates and return all monies and/or unused chocolates to the office. This fundraiser concludes on July 22nd!!

Wishing you a wonderful week
Michael
Teachers, parents/caregivers play an important part in assisting students to build the resilience to cope with a variety of situations at school, at home or in the community. The following points may be considered to assist when dealing with students who are dealing with difficult situations.

1. When the student has a problem, encourage them to calm down. When everyone is feeling calmer, talk with the student about the problem using the P.A.TH.S. Problem Solving model.
2. Help your student to anticipate potential problem situations before they occur. This will give students better skills for planning ahead.
3. When possible, try to give the student several choices to pick from to solve a problem. This will improve decision-making skills.
4. Help your student consider the possible consequences of different solutions to a problem. Thinking ahead and considering consequences are critical skills for effective problem solving.
5. Apply these ideas not only to problems between people but to school-related problems. If he/she is having difficulty reading a story or understanding a word or answering a maths problem, ask what things could be done to figure it out.
6. When you have a problem, model your thinking process by talking out loud. A feeling of positive enthusiasm and intellectual challenge needs to be modelled when problem solving.

Problems don’t have to be exasperating! The P.A.TH.S. program, and regular recognition of student’s achievement assist in developing a resilient attitude within the school and the students. We believe in the potential of all students and offer each student the support required to enable them to reach that potential. Without this attitude, high expectations can be a set up for failure. The combination of high expectations and support enables students to believe in themselves and their futures, to develop critical resilience traits of self-esteem, self-knowledge, autonomy, and optimism.

VALUES DEVELOPMENT

Going to Primary School represents the beginning of the child’s entry into the larger society, with all its attendant responsibilities to self and others. This includes the importance of following basic rules, the obligation to respect the rights of others, and a commitment to the general welfare of individuals and the community. In a caring school community, one that embodies core ethical values of kindness, respect, fairness, and personal responsibility, children develop their characters by observing, experiencing, being taught and practicing these values in their daily lives. Our P.A.TH.S. program gives students the framework to discuss value development in the unit of work dealing with Feelings and Relationships. The different feelings of privacy, hiding and changing feelings, greedy, selfish, generous, malicious, kind, rejected, included, excluded, forgiving and resentful are discussed. These feelings are linked to the feelings that are comfortable and the feelings that are uncomfortable but all are OK feelings to have. Whilst manners is not a feeling word, several lessons about the importance of appropriate manners are given and the difference between manners and feelings are discussed. The importance of good manners, being rude vs being polite, the difference between saying “I’m sorry” and feeling sorry, and so forth play an important part in this unit of work. One of the purposes of this unit is to discover that how we behave has a big impact on how other people feel about us. Having good manners (being polite) is important to making and keeping friendships. Whilst the focus is not on teaching specific manners, instead the emphasis is to encourage children to think about why they behave in the ways that they do. For example, the students will discuss the idea that the way that people act or behave can affect how other people feel. We encourage all, staff, students, parents and visitors to the School, to demonstrate simple courtesies when dealing with all situations at the School and so providing the appropriate role model for students.
WHPS 2016 Important Calendar Dates

July 2016
Friday 22nd - Concert tickets available to order
Friday 22nd - Chocolate Drive fundraiser concludes

August 2016
Thursday 4th - School Concert
Tuesday 9th - House Athletics sports @ Willinda Park
Tuesday 16th - Curriculum Day - No school
Wednesday 17th - Science Fair 9:15-11am
Wednesday 24th - Book Week DRESS UP DAY

October 2016
Wednesday 12th - 14th - Gr3/4 School Camp
Friday 21st - WHPS Walkathon
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

December 2016
Wednesday 6th - 9th - Gr 5/6 School Camp
Monday 12th - 13th - Gr 2 School Camp

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
Watsonia Heights PS

Welcome back to term 3

We hope you had a great holiday and somehow managed to squeeze in some fun, rest and a bit of relaxation! We managed to recharge our batteries, and we're excited to kick off the new term with our Camp Australia kids.

My Name is Filiz Kaya and I am the new coordinator at the CSHC program. It has been fabulous and exciting to have this opportunity to meet all the families in the program at this wonderful school.

This term there will be slight changes made to the food menu, and we are excited to implement new recipes and provide a variety in the menu with the addition of new ingredients like rice noodles, chick peas and red kidney beans.

Our theme for this week is winter and children have had fun making snowflakes.

We're here to make after school care visits the best experience possible – for you and your child.

If you have any questions about the program – please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in after school care first hand.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Camp Australia Team,

Filiz, Debbie and Vicki

Program Details

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au
AFL Tickets

As part of our association with the Collingwood Footy Club during the AFL Football clinics held last term, the school has received 25 complimentary tickets to distribute to staff, students and families for the Rnd 19 match against WCE on Sat July 30. It is a 4.35pm game at the MCG.

If you are interested in receiving some of these tickets please email Mr Ryan with the number of tickets requested. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis and sent home with students.

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2016 House Athletics Day

Our Years 3-6 House Athletics day has been scheduled for Tuesday the 9th of August at Willinda Park Athletics track. Students will walk to and from the venue. Parents are invited to attend and support students on this day. The school would also appreciate and welcome parents that may be able to assist with the events on the day. Volunteer activities might include things such as assisting teachers at events, recording of results or walking supervision. Further details regarding this event will follow in the coming weeks.

In preparation for this day students will use our 3-6 Sport time on a Friday morning to practice and hone our skills over the coming weeks. Parent help during these sessions would also be beneficial.

If you think you might be in a position to volunteer your time either on the day of the Athletics Sports or on the Friday mornings before, please contact Mr Ryan on the email address below.

ryan.anthony.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Watsonia Heights Primary School

THE AGE OF INVENTION

THURSDAY 4th AUGUST, 2016 @ 7.30pm

Children need to be at the theatre by 6.45pm

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Our annual school concert is on Thursday 4th August at Yarra Valley Grammar School – George Wood Performing Arts Centre, Kalinda Road, Ringwood 3134 (Melways 36, D12)

Ticketing
Students performing in the concert do not need a ticket. Concert tickets are available to order from 22nd July using the online ticketing system called trybooking.com. The event link is https://www.trybooking.com/MFCN OR https://trybooking.com/214357. Cost of tickets are $25.00 per adult and $20 per child/student. Sorry, no concession tickets available. There is a transaction fee charge of 30c on each ticket purchased. When selecting your seats please ensure continuous seating (no empty seats) as the event organiser has the right to move allocated seats to avoid empty seating.

Rehearsal
A reminder that all children are to attend the concert rehearsal on Thursday, 4th August. No supervision at school will be available during rehearsal time, i.e. all children are to attend the rehearsal. Children can bring a snack, some lunch and a drink to have on the lawns of Yarra Valley Grammar School—there is no eating or drinking in the theatre.
The buses will depart school at 9.00 am so please ensure your child is at school on time. We anticipate returning to school at 1:30 p.m. for a 3.30pm dismissal.
Costumes will be distributed on Thursday 4th August (costumes will be distributed in Grade Levels and MUST be returned to your teacher on concert night). Further details on costume requirements will be sent home next week.

COST:
All concert costs associated with the event such as bus travel, dance tuition, costumes etc have been included in your Family Fees. Please make sure all your fees are up to date. We do not want anyone to miss out in this very special event. Please return permission form NO LATER than Friday 29th July, 2016. Concert tickets are NOT included in the Family Fees.

Concert Night
Children are expected to arrive on the night at 6:45 p.m., dressed in their first costume and will meet their teachers inside the auditorium. No parents are allowed in the theatre BEFORE 7:00 p.m. The Concert will start at 7:30 p.m. sharp. “A reminder that due to fire safety regulations no baby carriages are allowed into the theatre.”
** Parents are to collect their children from the teachers at the ‘student seating area’ at the conclusion of the concert. Please ensure you have a PRINTED copy of your tickets, as tickets must be presented at the door on the night.

Costumes
A note giving full details of all costume requirements will be sent home next week. After the Concert all costumes are to be returned to the teachers. Therefore, ALL children need to bring a change of clothes to the concert so that they can leave all costumes at the theatre and have clothes to wear home.

Concert DVD
Professional Concert DVD’s will be available for $35.00. Your child will be sent home with an order envelope shortly. Orders MUST be back returned to the office by Friday 12th August 2016. Unauthorised recording and filming of the concert is strictly forbidden.

We look forward to sharing in a wonderful learning opportunity and a fantastic event for the whole of our school community.

Michael Kent
Principal
THE AGE OF INVENTION
2016 CONCERT REHEARSAL PERMISSION FORM

EXCURSION COPY.

I hereby give permission for my child to travel to/from WHPS to George Woods Performing Arts Centre (Students Name) ____________________________ in Grade ________ to attend/participate in WHPS CONCERT REHEARSAL to be held at Yarra Valley Grammar School on Thursday 4th AUGUST, 2016.

I authorise the teacher in charge of the Concert Rehearsal to consent, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to the child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________________________

Name of Person to contact in an Emergency: ____________________________ Tel No: ____________________________

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THE AGE OF INVENTION
2016 CONCERT REHEARSAL PERMISSION FORM

SCHOOL COPY.

I hereby give permission for my child to travel on the bus to/from WHPS to George Woods Performing Arts Centre (Students Name) ____________________________ in Grade ________ to attend/participate in the WHPS CONCERT REHEARSAL to be held at Yarra Valley Grammar School on Thursday 4th August, 2016.

I authorise the teacher in charge of the Concert Rehearsal to consent, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to the child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________________________

Name of Person to contact in an Emergency: ____________________________ Tel No: ____________________________

** Please complete and return both School and Excursion Copies of this permission note. Please keep them intact. DO NOT CUT

Thank you.

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REMINDER: Please make sure your fees are up to date to ensure payment for this event which is covered in your FAMILY FEES.
Watsonia Heights Primary School
2016 ONLINE CONCERT TICKETING INSTRUCTIONS

THE AGE OF INVENTION
Concert date is
Thursday 4th August
Where: George Wood Performing Arts Centre
Address: Yarra Valley Grammar, Kalinda Road, Ringwood 3134

STUDENTS WHO ARE PERFORMING DO NOT NEED A TICKET

COST: $25.00 PER ADULT (NO CONCESSION) or $20 PER CHILD/STUDENT

The time has come to purchase your tickets for this year’s annual concert.
Tickets will be only available to purchase via the web-based ticketing system www.trybooking.com
There is a .30c trybooking charge on each ticket. The event will be made live to purchase tickets from 22nd July 2016.

IMPORTANT NOTE – CONTINUOUS SEATING APPLIES WHEN BOOKING. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE SINGLE SEATS. EVENT ORGANISER HAS THE RIGHT TO MOVE BOOKING ALLOCATIONS TO AVOID EMPTY SEATS.

To purchase online please follow these instructions:
1/ Please go to https://www.trybooking.com/MFCN OR https://trybooking.com/2148357. This will bring up our Concert Name and details. Click ‘continue booking’.
2/ Click on the event date and click ‘continue booking’.
3/ Next screen will bring you to the preferred seating selection. Available sections are the Stalls (ground level) or balcony, then click ‘continue booking’.
4/ All seating shaded in grey are available to purchase (red seats are unavailable). Once you select your desired seat reservation, please enter your ticket type: Adult or Child, click ‘continue booking’.
5/ Once you get to this stage you will be forwarded to the checkout to finalise your purchase. Complete your transaction by entering your email and address information. Your ticket will be sent to your email address to print.
6/ A printed copy of the tickets you purchased MUST be presented on the night of the concert.

*TryBooking operates its own secure payment gateway processing MasterCard, Visa and Amex cards.*

If you have any enquiries relating to ticketing please contact the office staff.

Michael Kent
PRINCIPAL
To The Principal
Watsonia Heights Primary
11/7/2016

Please forward this letter of Appreciation to those concerned for the collection off $96.50 for our Anzac Appeal.

The appreciation of the Veterans and their families for the help that these donations, do to help them in their welfare is very overwhelming.

Your schools help of the above amount helped the Watsonia R.S.L. Raise the amount off $82,000 this year.

We look forward to your ongoing help with our Poppy Appeal in November and Anzac Appeal in April 2017.

Once again thank you

Gary Higgs
Assistant Appeals Officer
Watsonia R.S.L
Netball

Netta - Teaching Program
  11 years & under   Monday

Beginners – Modified Rules
  11 years & under. Mon or Thurs

Juniors - Mixed Under 11, 13, 17, 19, 21
  Girls Under 16 & 19   Monday & Thursday

Ladies - Tuesday morning & evening or Thursday morning
Beginners to Advanced. Creche is available for morning sessions

All games played indoors at
Diamond Valley Sports & Fitness Centre, Greensborough

Further details for teams or individuals contact
Susan Rose  9435 1129   or   0409 761 316
Diamond Valley Netball Competition
Messy Church at Watsonia

The Lost Coin – one of Jesus’ parables that shows how much God loves us

Sunday 24 July, 4 to 6pm

Story, craft, music, cooking plus a meal together

For children of all ages and their families,
For people of all faiths and none
For children of all abilities
At 69 Devonshire Road, Watsonia

Enquiries to Margie Dahl on
0403 625 122 or dahlmargie@gmail.com

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