Welcome back!
Hello and a very warm welcome back to everyone to the 2017 school year. I hope you all enjoyed a fantastic Christmas/New Year holiday as I have. A very special welcome to our new Prep families. The Prep students have started school in brilliant style! Our Prep parents are to be congratulated on the way they have prepared their children for school, your efforts have helped to make this transition to school as smooth as possible.

Our Preps have enjoyed their first two half days on Thursday and Friday and will have another half day on Monday, prior to commencing full time days on Tuesday 7th February. The Preps will not be attending school on Wednesdays during February.

A very exciting year ahead as the staff have been working hard to prepare a dynamic and engaging curriculum. All staff were involved in meetings and planning sessions prior to the students commencing school. We are excited to have all students back to school and eager to learn.

The students have settled back in to school amazingly well and it has been wonderful to see them all, chat with them and to hear of the fun times they had over the holidays but also to hear the children talking so positively about 2016. Even in the first few days the grades have settled back into school life extremely well and students have been actively re-establishing friendships and of course, are making lots of new ones! A special welcome to the new families whom are joining the school this year. I trust that you will enjoy everything that our great school has to offer and that you will feel connected to our school and it’s people.

As you know, we work extremely hard to provide the highest quality learning for all students at our school. In order for us to maximise on student capabilities we require your help. As parents and guardians you have a crucial role to play within the learning framework. Your assistance at home in discussing school is an invaluable aspect of student learning. This provides opportunities for students to reflect and consolidate their understandings. As a minimum it would be fantastic to set aside some time each night to share a love of literacy. Reading to your child, reading with them, listening to them read to you and discussing the book (pictures, themes, characters, plot, setting, what might happen next etc.) are all helpful ways of engaging with your child around literacy. Reading each night forms a part of the homework for all students at WHPS.

Welcome again to the school year and I am buoyed by the opportunities that lay ahead.

A reminder that the school office hours are from 8.30-4.30pm. Outside of these times please leave a phone message or email the school.

**Term Dates**
Term 1: 30 January (school teachers start) to 31 March *
Term 2: 18 April (Tuesday) to 30 June
Term 3: 17 July to 22 September
Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

**Year 1-6 Meet the teacher interviews**
On Tuesday 14th February we will be conducting ‘Meet the Teacher’ Interviews for all students in Year 1-6. The Preps will conduct these meetings within their scheduled Wednesday parent teacher meetings. These interviews provide an important aspect to your child’s learning. The purpose of the interviews is:
• To meet your child’s teacher
• For staff to get to know your child as a learner
• For staff to hear from you about your child – you know them best!
• Discuss any potential concerns or answer any questions about our learning programs
• For staff to build a profile of your child’s learning needs to ensure and individualized approach to the classroom.

Further details will be sent home next week that will outline the booking process as bookings are made online. Please note that if you do not have the internet at home there are computers available for parents to use here at school. If you wish to access these computers at any time, simply come to the office and we will provide you with free internet access.

To compliment our information gathering; you will also receive a “Getting to know your child” form to be completed and returned by next Friday 10th February.

It would be fantastic to have all parents make a time to meet. Students are not required to attend these meetings.

Staffing

2017 will be an exciting and enjoyable year for WHPS. As the school continues to grow, we will be running with 14 classrooms this year.

Our staff team for this year:

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Welcome again to David Horne, Clint Mackie, Amy Davidson, Phil Hannon, Yan Wu, Rebecca Mead, Shanai Bowden, Angela Gray and Reem Elsaafin who join the WHPS teaching team this year.

We are excited to continue our specialist program this year. Additionally, all students will enjoy our Discovery Learning program and our enhanced Library program. Our Prep -2 students will again this year enjoy a dual Arts program that will include visual arts and music. The year 3-6 students will maintain a focus on art throughout the year. Their music tuition and exposure will be in the form of our Year 3-6 Instrumental Music Program.

Of course all students will participate in our annual school concert which emphasizes the performing arts including music, dance and drama.

**Communication**

As part of our communications this year we will be enhancing our processes and opportunities to keep you all well informed.

*Newsletter* – will be published each fortnight commencing this Friday. If you would like to receive a copy of this via email please send you email address and request to: watsonia.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

*Facebook* – this will continue to provide you with up to date and pertinent information regarding school events and happenings. Simply search for Watsonia Heights PS and be sure to follow and like our page and turn your notifications on.

*COMPASS* – this is a school wide software package that we will be rolling out this term. COMPASS will allow you to connect with the school on a number of levels: tracking attendance, receiving notifications of events and curriculum programs, providing digital signatures for required permissions, receiving school reports etc…. We will be sending home your family log in details and further instructions around this program for a rollout in March, 2017.

*Website* – please access our website for extensive information around all things WHPS! [http://www.watsoniaheightsps.vic.edu.au](http://www.watsoniaheightsps.vic.edu.au)

**Canteen**

Our canteen will be open for business this Friday! Our canteen days for 2017 are Wednesday and Friday. To make this successful and viable we are calling for helpers to assist out on these days. If you are able to help out please contact Kate Fisher. Mobile: 0417 565 853 email: katefisher76@gmail.com

Please note that there is a new Canteen Menu (attached and also available on our website). As well as our lunch order provision, our canteen also has counter sales during recess and lunchtime on both days.

**Instrumental Music**

The instrumental music program for students in Year 3-6 will commence in coming weeks. There will be further notices being sent home shortly to our year 3 students regarding purchasing instruments (and to any new students). Please return these asap so that orders can be filled.

**Can you HELP??!!**

In 2017 all classroom helpers and volunteers are required to register via the school office. This involves completing a registration form and providing your working with children check card. Whilst this may be seen as an imposition, I encourage you all to follow this process which ensures the safety and wellbeing of our students. We highly value and appreciate any form of support from home. If you have previously registered your details, these need to be updated as WWC cards expire and must be renewed prior to continued work in schools. All volunteers are asked to complete the annual Code of Conduct agreement.

**OPEN NIGHT – Come and have some fun @ WHPS**

Please mark Friday 3rd March on your calendar for our school Open/Fun night!

The school will be open from 5.30-6.30pm with the chance for everyone to tour the school and check out our classrooms and learning spaces. Following this from 6.30pm – 8pm families are welcomed to stay at school to enjoy some food, drinks and fun. Keep and eye out for more details in coming weeks!!
**Parent Payments**
Thanks to those parents who have made payments towards their school fees. If you are yet to submit your payment plans please do so asap and this supports the school in budget provision and also to plan appropriately for your child’s participatory program.

We have a wonderful learning environment at WHPS and for us to continue to provide the highest quality learning experience we reply upon parent contribution and fundraising. Much of the operational costs including provision of computers (including laptops), high quality school resources, extra sports equipment, library/ICT support and equipment, quality art and science supplies and maintenance, along with the provision of new curriculum initiatives are supported solely from local fundraising, including parent payments.

**OHSC – Out of Hours School Care**
Any parents requiring OHSC in 2017 are asked to log on to the Camp Australia website via:
https://www.campaustralia.com.au

**Camps Sports and Excursions Fund - CSEF**
Eligible families are welcomed to apply for funding support supplied from the government. A payment of $125 per primary school child is availed to those eligible parents/guardians.
Please submit your forms to the officer by no later than 28 February 2017.

**Every Day Counts!!**
In the Victorian education system it is compulsory for all students to attend school each day of the school year. At times an absence may be unavoidable, however every effort must be made to ensure students attend school on time each day. Evidence tells us that students who regularly miss days of school are at risk of missing out on learning the basic building block in subjects, and may experience long term difficulties with their learning. School attendance helps children develop social skills, such as friendship building, teamwork, communications skills and healthy self-esteem.

Please try to ensure that any appointments are made outside of school hours. To maximize on learning opportunities we need all students here all day. If this presents a problem for you and your child please make a time to see me.

All late arrivals and early departures need to be signed in/out at the school office by a parent/guardian. It is not acceptable for a student to sign themselves in or out of the school.
This is a strong focus of the Department of Education & Training. Further information can be found on the website:

**Are you being Susmart??**
As in line with the schools policy, term 1 is a sunsmart term. This requires all students to have the appropriate black wide brimmed hat. These susmart hats are to be worn during all outside activities during term 1 and 4.

**Personal Property at School**
Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. Please note that the Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Further details regarding insurance options will be shared in next weeks newsletter.

**Student Wellbeing**
On **Wednesday 8th March** Brainstorm Productions will be presenting ‘The Magic Words’ show for Prep-Grade 6. The Magic Words is a live educational theatre show which helps students discover the true meaning of using magic words – “sorry”, “thank you”, “please”, “excuse me” - and come to understand that having good values and showing respect is an important and essential part of growing up. Students will also learn the value of using their ‘magic words’ online and how to stay safe in an increasingly digital world. ‘The Magic Words’ will charm and captivate students while revealing the magic and power of respectful, positive interactions.

As a part of the show, the main characters Zanna and Rolf learn about the impact of bullying, online etiquette, posting hurtful comments and photos on social media. Rolf discovers the secret to happiness is giving and receiving respect, being proud of your actions and achievements and co-operating to reach a goal. Powerful insights indeed!
The Magic Words is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the production has been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The show is designed to provide students with positive and useful tools that they can use in their everyday lives.

If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

Today you will receive a document outlining our school values. Please take the time to read this document and discuss with your child.

Uniform/Belongings
Please be vigilant in clearly naming all uniform items and personal belongings (lunch boxes, sports equipment etc..) This allows us to return any found items to the rightful owner.

Anaphylaxis
As you know this is a life threatening condition for all whom suffer from it. As a school we have an obligation to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all students. Therefore I remind you of our school’s Anaphylaxis policy that relates to all students.

Watsonia Heights Primary is a NUT FREE school.

Nuts are known as a severe allergen. To minimise risks, as far as is practicable Watsonia Heights does not permit nuts to be brought onto school grounds, or on school excursions or camps. This policy extends to all students and adults in the school community.

The following are not allowed:
- Nuts – including peanuts, almonds, cashews, pine nuts, hazelnuts, walnuts, brazil nuts, pecans or any other type of nut.
- Spreads – such as peanut butter, Nutella, other choc/nut spreads, pesto, nut butters and peanut oil
- Dried fruit and nut boxes and muesli bars containing nuts
- Biscuits or cakes containing nuts, including flourless cakes with almond meal

• There should be no trading and sharing of food, food utensils and food containers.
• Drink bottles and lunch boxes should be clearly named.
• Children with severe food allergies should only eat lunches and snacks provided by the parent/guardian.
• Food products containing nuts as an ingredient will not be available through the school’s lunch ordering service, or sold at the school as part of special activities.
• Boxes and packages which have contained nuts (including tree nuts) are not to be used in classroom activities.
• The use of food in crafts, cooking and science experiments will be restricted to NUT FREE and NUT TRACE FREE as far as is practicable, depending on the allergies of particular children.

Please also note that in support of this policy parents are discouraged from sending along any food or confectionary for student birthdays. If you require further information please contact myself or your child’s teacher.

Watsonia Heights School Council
Watsonia Heights Primary School is governed by our School Council. The Council is made of volunteers from our parent community and also from our teaching staff, including myself. Pierre Scotney is the current President of our council. Below is some further general information as we will be running nominations and elections for the 2017 School Council over the next few weeks. You may be interested in joining our Council and inputting into our school’s development over the next 2 years.

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
For Watsonia Heights there are two possible categories of membership:
- A mandated elected Parent category and a mandated elected DET (Department of Education and Training employee category (teachers).

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.
Further information about the nomination and election process are available at any time. **If you are interested or have any questions please contact me. Elections for the 2016/2017 School Council will take place during term 1. Further details about nomination forms will be availed with the next newsletter on 17th February.**

**Mandarin Program**

During Week Three of this term from Monday 13th February, students from grade one to six will be making, cooking and consuming a dessert traditionally eaten to celebrate the Chinese/Lunar New Year as part of the Mandarin Program.

Food is an integral part of every culture and there are many meanings behind different kinds of foods and why they are eaten at certain times of the year. Tāng Yuán are glutinous rice balls or dumplings in a sweet syrup eaten on the fifteenth and final day of celebrations to bring in the New Year. This year, New Year’s Day fell on Saturday 28th January. Students will learn more about tāng yuán, what it represents and why it is enjoyed the world over during the New Year celebrations!

**Start Smart**

On Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th March the students from Grade 1-6 will be participating in the Start Smart Program. It’s never too early to teach children the value of money. Research indicates that it is crucial to develop financial literacy skills from an early age. The Start Smart Primary program teaches these skills in a way that students can understand and enjoy. It was developed with a panel of leading specialists in primary education, cognitive development, instructional design and financial literacy. Please refer to below for details regarding the focus of this workshop for each year level.

**Asthma**

As part of our commitment to meeting our legislative requirements and the Schools Policy Advisory Guide, we require you to provide us with an updated Asthma Action Plan for your child. Asthma Action Plans should be reviewed annually.

Please follow the link below to the new Asthma Action Plan for Victorians Schools, which has been specifically designed for schools to identify asthma signs and symptoms, and respond accordingly using the asthma medication device your child currently has at school.

Once completed please return it to us as soon as possible with the appropriate medication and any other device aid i.e. spacer device. Please make sure the medication is in date and any items are labelled with your child’s name. [https://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au/vic/about-asthma/resources/victorian-action-plans/victorian-asthma-action-plans](https://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au/vic/about-asthma/resources/victorian-action-plans/victorian-asthma-action-plans)

If your medical practitioner has informed you that your child has grown out of their asthma, they will need to provide a letter, on the practice letterhead to the school stating such.

**School Zones**

Children are our most vulnerable road users and to address this road safety issue school speed zones with lower speed limits were introduced many years ago.

Motorists should be aware that children in traffic are not like adults. They can be unpredictable and because they are small, they can be hard to see. So take extra care and slow down when you drive past any school.

Research shows that slowing down helps to both avoid crashes and reduce their severity. According to the Monash University Accident Research Centre, an 11 per cent reduction in speed reduces road deaths by 40 per cent. Even a small reduction in travelling speed dramatically increases the chance of a child surviving a collision.

Read more about safety on our roads via the VicRoads website.

Please observe the parking restrictions and speed limits around the school. Local council and Victoria Police often patrol these areas. We have two pedestrian crossings that are supervised each day before and after school. Please use this service and ensure all children use these crossings.

Also please note that the staff carpark is not for parental use. This presents a danger to students and if parents use this space our staff will have nowhere to park!

**Never leave children unattended in cars**

On hot days, it is important to remember that you should never leave your child alone in a car. The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside. Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death.

Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks. Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence.
Penalties have recently been increased and now range from fines of $3690 and/or six months in jail. If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

Free breakfast Program
In support of our message of healthy bodies, healthy minds, healthy lives we are offering a free breakfast program for any interested students. This program will be offered each Friday morning from 8:30am. Students will be provided with healthy breakfast options and some time to socialize with friends. View attached documentation.

Congratulations once again to all of our wonderful students on making such a positive start to the school year.

Once again I welcome you all back to the 2017 school year and I look forward to seeing you in and around the school.
Enjoy the weekend ahead!

Warm regards,
Michael

Across the AP’s desk…..
Welcome back to the 2017 school year! There has been a very positive vibe around the school and it’s been fantastic to catch up with our staff, students and families and hear about all the exciting holiday activities. I have enjoyed witnessing all the happy, smiling faces and the friends reunited after several weeks apart. Our WHPS staff should be congratulated for all their hard work and preparation for the start of the year. The result has been that our students have started the school year in a very calm, settled and positive manner.

We also greet all our new students and families to the school and welcome you as part of our close-knit community. In particular, our preps enjoyed their first taste of school life yesterday and took to it like ducks to water! I enjoyed the opportunity to increase my imaginative play skills using dolls, horses, play doh, Lego and toy cars and to meet many of our preps along the way! Our prep parents should also be congratulated on their approach to this momentous occasion, as this can be an emotional step for parents too. The preps seemed to settle quickly and got down to the business of learning and having fun!

Having added an extra seven classroom teachers and two specialist teachers to our team has also been a highlight. These staff have brought an extra vibrancy to our preparations for this year and I have no doubt that their range of skills and experiences will add significantly to our strong team culture. We welcome Rebecca Mead, Shanai Bowden, Angela Gray, Philip Hannon, Reem Elsaafin, Clint Mackie, Amy Davison, David Horne and Yan Wu to the WHPS team!

Sporting Activities:
Term 1 is always a busy time on the PE / Sport calendar, particularly in the middle and upper school. Already we have sent home permission forms and information to our year 3-6 students regarding our swimming trials, summer interschool sports teams and intensive swimming programs. These events are approaching quickly and in an effort to achieve high levels of participation; we ask parents and carers to complete and return forms to the school as soon as possible to assist with our planning. A reminder to also complete the grading information for intensive swimming program!

Term one is an intense time in terms of gathering and sharing information with our community and the paperwork can be a little overwhelming. We appreciate your support and patience in getting these important processes established for the year.

Well done to everyone on such a positive start to the school year and I look forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Tony
WHPS 2017 Important Calendar Dates

February 2017
Tuesday 7th - 1st Day School BANKING 2017
Wednesday 8th - Preps Day off
Wednesday 8th - Prep-Gr 6 Brainstorm Production Incursion “The Magic Words”
Thursday 9th - Gr 3-6 Swimming Trials - Yarra Swim School 9:15-11:00am
Friday 10th - Inter-School Sports - Home vs Norris Bank
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th & Friday 17th - Chinese New Year cooking activity
Tuesday 14th - Meet the Teacher Interviews Gr 1-6 from 2-8pm in classrooms
Wednesday 15th - Preps Day off
Wednesday 15th - Preps Welcome Night - Library from 7 - 8:30pm
Friday 17th - Inter-School Sports - Home vs Watsonia
Wednesday 22nd - Preps Day off
Thursday 23rd - District Swimming Carnival - Water Marc - Times TBC
Friday 24th - Inter-School Sports - Home vs St Mary’s
Friday 24th - First Fruity Friday Breakfast

March 2017
Wednesday 1st - Gr 3/4 Publishers Workshop Incursion
Friday 3rd - Inter-School Sports - Home vs Watsonia North (date may change)
Friday 3rd - Family Fun Night 5:30-7:30pm
Friday 10th - Inter-School Sports - Away @ Streton
Monday 13th - LABOUR DAY - Public Holiday - No School today!
Tuesday 14th - 15th - Start Smart Incursion
Tuesday 14th - Gr 3-6 Intensive Swimming - Yarra Swim School
Thursday 16th - Gr 3-6 Intensive Swimming - Yarra Swim School
Friday 17th - Inter-School Sports - Away @ Greensborough
Friday 17th - National Day against Bullying
Tuesday 21st - Gr 3-6 Intensive Swimming - Yarra Swim School
Tuesday 21st - Aboriginal Whole School Incursion
Thursday 23rd - Gr 3-6 Intensive Swimming - Yarra Swim School
Friday 24th - Inter-School Sports - Away @ Bundoora
Monday 27th - 31ST - 3 Way Conference
Tuesday 28th - School Photos
Tuesday 28th - Gr 3-6 Intensive Swimming - Yarra Swim School
Wednesday 29th - Preps Info Night TBC
Wednesday 29th - Inter-School Sports Finals
Thursday 30th - Gr 3-6 Intensive Swimming - Yarra Swim School

STUDENT BANKING
Every Tuesday.
To open a student bank acct. please collect a pack from the office.

UNIFORM SHOP
Open Tuesday MORNING 8.30-9.30am 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
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Grade 1/2:
In this workshop, students learn about money as a concept – what it’s worth, and how to keep it safe. Guided by Captain Cash, students are excited about becoming superheroes with their money. By challenging them to ‘Speed to Their Needs’ and ‘Wait for Their Wants’, students are able to distinguish between their needs and wants, and prioritise spending accordingly. Using fun rhymes, hands-on activities and colourful characters, this workshop puts students on a lifelong path of practising solid financial habits.

Several concepts are covered, including:
- an introduction to notes and coins
- recognition of Australian currency
- keeping money safe
- the difference between needs and wants
- using money in exchange for goods and services

Grade 3/4:
Introducing Coach Cash: personal money trainer. Through a range of activities, students are inspired to become ‘cashletes’, who develop their money muscles through making savvy spending decisions. Using a practical, comparative shopping exercise, students are encouraged to understand factors that influence their spending. This workshop will equip your students with the skills and knowledge they need to develop money saving habits and spend smarter.

Several concepts are covered, including:
- credit cards and keycards
- earning money
- spending habits
- comparative shopping
- maximising savings

Grade 5/6:
This highly practical workshop gives students a readily applicable framework for realistic financial goal setting, by encouraging them to ‘See It, Earn It, Save It’. Using engaging activities, students learn about opportunities to earn money now, and are excited about making their savings goals a reality. By encouraging creativity and smart saving, students are empowered to start looking after their money both short and long term.

Several concepts are covered, including:
- goal setting
- earning money
- saving strategies
- interest
- banks

If you would like to find out more about the program please visit:
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**Facilitator:** Teresa Germano

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**Facilitator:** Teresa Germano

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The Start Smart facilitator, Teresa, will arrive 30 minutes prior to the first session and will require:

- One room for all sessions (LOTE Room)
- Access to whiteboard for years 4-6 (no smart board necessary)
- Scrap paper and pencils for years 3-6
# Summer Sport Fixture 2017

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| Greensborough Vs Watsonia  
Watsonia Heights Vs Watsonia North  
Norris Bank Vs St Mary’s  
Streeton Vs Bundoora | Played at WNPS  
Note: No make-up rounds due to short term.  
Back Up finals Day Early term 2 Wednesday 19th April |
VENUES 2017

- Bundoora Primary School: Cricket played at Telfer Reserve. All other sports played at school grounds.
- Greensborough Primary School: Cricket and rounders played at War Memorial Oval. Basketball and bat tennis played at school.
- Watsonia Primary School: All sports played at school grounds.
- Watsonia Heights Primary School: Cricket played at Central Oval, Glenice St. All other sports played at school grounds.
- Watsonia North Primary School: Cricket played at Warrawe Park. Jacqueline Rd (10 minute walk). All other sports played at school grounds. Away cricket team should get dropped off at Warrawee Park by bus.
- St. Mary’s Primary School: Cricket played at Whatmough Park, Greensborough. All other sports played at school grounds.
- Streeton Primary School: All sports played at school grounds.
- Norris Bank: Sports played at school grounds or across road (Short walk) Greenhills Rd, Norris Bank Reserve.

SSV equipment
Basketball size 6
Cricket Platypus Plyaball
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 are offering a free breakfast program for any interested students. This program will be offered each Friday morning from 8.30am. Students will be provided with healthy breakfast options and some time to socialise with friends.

In order for this program to be adequately resourced we are looking for parent volunteers to help staff the program. If you are interested in participating or volunteering please indicate on the below return slip.

This program is being supported by All Saints Anglican Church Greensborough and the St Vincent De Paul Society.

Please complete the expression of interest slip below & return back by no later than the 10 February 2017.

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Expression of Interest Reply Slip

I, ________________________, (parent/guardian) would like my son/daughter, ________________________, (name) to attend Breakfast / Fruity Friday Program. I support and approve this expression of interest and will notify the school in the event that we no longer wish to attend.

Parent / Guardian signature: ________________________________

Parent helpers between 8.30AM – 9.30AM: Please tick ↓

I’m sorry I cannot help out on Fridays ☐ Yes, I am able to help on Fridays ☐

Helpers Name: ________________________________ Contact details: ________________________________

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Please complete the ROSTER below next to your preferred chosen date/dates and return back by no later than Friday, 10 FEBRUARY 2016.

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BREAKFAST / FRUITY FRIDAY REPLY SLIP

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THANK YOU!! 😊
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 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 PS

Welcome back to the new school year!

We hope you have all enjoyed the holiday break and are excited for a fantastic new year. After having a great holiday ourselves, we are back on board and excited to see familiar faces returning – as well as some new faces.

To help get your family back into the swing of things, here are some tips that you might find handy for easing your children into After School Care.

Tips for easing you kids into After School Care:

1. Give your child as much advance warning as you can that they’ll be coming to After School Care.

2. Pop into the program with your child to meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.

3. Speak with the Camp Australia Coordinator if your child is nervous, and let us know how your child felt after their first visit.

4. If there is something in particular your child would like to play when they are in our care, encourage them to tell us or you can give us a call.

We’re here to make after school care visits the best experience possible, if you have any questions about the program – 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.

The Camp Australia Team.

Program Details

To find out more about our program and to register and book, visit www.campaustralia.com.au

From all of the team at Camp Australia we wish you a fantastic 2017 and we look forward to seeing you and your family in the program soon.
A Day on the Greensy

FREE FAMILY DAY IN THE PARK

Bring a chair or picnic rug

Sunday 26th Feb
2pm-7pm
War Memorial Oval
McDowell St Greensborough

Live music, Jumping castles
Kids games, Sports for all to try, Community Guest Speakers

Refreshments & food available for purchase

Brought to you by
Greensborough Coterie Group
Representing and advocating on behalf of
WATSONIA TENNIS CLUB

FREE TENNIS DAY

We’re opening up our club!
There will be free games, prizes and giveaways along with plenty of opportunities to get on court. Our club welcomes everyone, so bring your friends, your family and the neighbours.

Watsonia Tennis Club

62 Elder Street Watsonia 3087

Sunday 5th February 2017 10am–3pm

Contact Sylvia 0411 272 760

Prior registrations not required.
Girls on the Water

Come and be inspired & support women in sport

Sunday
5 March
10am - 2pm

Westerfolds Park, Templestowe

Get out on the water with Olympians and hear their stories.
This is a free event with coaches from all areas of canoeing here to share their skills and stories on what they have achieved.

Special Guest
Jessica Fox
(Olympian Bronze Medalist, Rio)
& many more!!

Come and be inspired & have a paddle
This event is for any age & ability

So come & enjoy a great day out and take the opportunity to try something different & support women in sports!!

For more information go to www.vic.canoe.org.au

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Rosanna Golf Links Primary School

ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL FAIR
February 26, 2017. 10-4pm

60TH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY
21ST BIRTHDAY DEAF FACILITY
celebrations

Reunion Hall     Food
Live Music       Activities
All Age Rides    Stalls
Sideshows

Join our Facebook group by searching RGLPS Past Students, Staff and friends
Interlaken Pde, Rosanna  www.rosanna-golflinks-ps.vic.edu.au