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Across the Principal's Desk:

Tony Ryan

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our latest newsletter and I hope everyone has had a positive week. There have been a number of exciting activities going on around the school. One of the great events on our calendar is the 100th day of prep, which we celebrated last Friday. Our prep teachers put together a fun day of activities, which included amazing dress ups for our students, face painting and a visit from Timcredible the magician. Congratulations to our prep students on making such an amazing start to their schooling!

On Monday we also held our 3/4 School Athletics Day. This was a very successful day, thanks to the organisation from Miss Massa and the work of our teachers and parent volunteers in running all the activities. A special thanks to our volunteers. We can't run these sorts of events without your support. Congratulations to all our students who competed and gave their all and for the way they cheered each other on. This is the first year that we have split our Athletics carnival across 2 days with our 5/6's looking forward to running theirs next Monday. This separation has come about due to our expanded size these days and the difficulty in getting through a full program of events in one day with over 300 students. Any parents/carers in a position to support the running of the 5/6 day on this coming Monday would be gratefully accepted and can contact Miss Massa.

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Visionary Effort!!**

Term 3

• **Monday 11th August**
WHPS Grades 5&6
House Athletics Day
&
ICAS English
&
National Science
Week

• **Wednesday 13th**
August
Grade 6 Science Fair
Book Week
18th - 22nd August
Mon - 18th 3.30 - 5pm
Book Treasure Hunt
Thurs - 9:15 am
Book Character
Parade

• **Monday 18th August**
ICAS Spelling

• **Tuesday 19th**
August
Grades 5 & 6
Montmorency
Secondary College
Production

• **Wednesday 20th**
August
ICAS Science

• **Monday 25th August**
ICAS Maths

• **Tuesday 26th**
August
Grade 2 Excursion to
Bundoora Farm

CURRICULUM DAY
Monday 15th September
Students are not required
at school
&
Wednesday 17th September
Open Classrooms
Celebration of Learning

Term Dates 2025

Term 1: January 30 - April 4
Term 2: April 22 - July 4
Term 3: July 21 - September 19
Term 4: October 6 - December 19

Assistant Principals:

You may have seen my Compass post at the end of last week outlining some short-term staffing changes.

Following my appointment to the substantive Principal position at the start of this term, the school has been working through the process of replacing my previous role as Assistant Principal. Whilst the substantive Assistant Principal position is being advertised and the process finalised, the school has appointed two staff to undertake the Acting Assistant Principal role across the first half of this term.

I am pleased to share that Mrs Fiona McLean and Ms Catherine Trethowan have been appointed to the role of joint Acting Assistant Principal at Watsonia Heights Primary School. This arrangement will be in place for approximately 4–6 weeks while the process to appoint a substantive Assistant Principal is undertaken.

During this time:

- Mrs McLean will be in the role from Monday to Wednesday.
- Ms Trethowan will step into the role on Thursday and Friday.

We congratulate Mrs McLean and Ms Trethowan on this appointment and look forward to drawing upon their experience and expertise in supporting the operations of the school in the coming weeks.

2026 Enrolments:

The school is currently working through our prep enrolment offers for next year. If there is any families in our community that has a sibling looking to start next year and hasn't submitted an enrolment application form with the office, I urge you to do so soon so we can finalise class sizes and structure. If you need assistance with this, please see our office staff.

Traffic Safety:

I want to thank our community for your efforts in maintaining student safety around the school, particularly in those no parking areas at the visitor carpark around drop off and pick up times. After my Compass post last week, I happened to be talking with a colleague in a local school in our network. They shared that one of their students was hit by a car and thrown several metres across a bitumen road next to their school last Friday and had to be hospitalised. This reinforced to me that whilst I understand the inconvenience of our limited parking and I don't enjoy having to send those messages to our community, nothing is more important than student safety. I don't want to be calling anyone to tell them their child has been hit by a car. Again, my appreciation for your support on this important issue.

Survey Feedback:

A big thank you to those members of our community that responded to our recent survey regarding our information sharing practices at the school. Having a representative percentage of the school community respond provides us with valuable feedback and supports our decision making in trying to establish the best-case scenario with all stakeholders.

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Student Celebration of Learning:

Based off the responses received from our community survey, we have decided to alter our Student Celebration of Learning Structure. When compared with our previous scheduled meeting structure, over 60% of respondents suggested that they would prefer a less formal structure to celebrate their child's learning with an open classroom in the afternoon.

This change also has some other operational benefits relating to this term. We have a busy end of term with our school concert taking place. We also have a scheduled **Student Free Curriculum Day on Monday 15th September** when our staff will be participating in First Aid and CPR training. Rather than adding an additional student free day and scheduled meeting time with the teacher, our new structure will involve an open afternoon where students will have the opportunity to present their learning to their parent/carer alongside their classmates. We hope this structure places working families under less pressure around arranging child supervision for multiple days.

The **Celebration of Learning will occur on Wednesday of the last week of term 17th September**. On this day our classrooms will be open across the last 30 minutes of the day 3:00-3:30pm. For those parents/carers available to visit during class time, it would be an opportunity to engage with your child and share in their learning space alongside their peers and see some of their learning in action. Teachers would be supporting the running of the classroom during this time and will have some brief opportunities to contribute to the learning celebration conversations taking place.

Our classrooms will remain open in the afternoon following dismissal at 3:30pm until 4:40pm for parents/carers to engage in the Celebration of Learning with their child. Multiple learning discussions may be taking place at the same time within the classroom with our teachers roaming the room to contribute to the conversations.

For families unable to attend during the open classroom period, there will be an additional option to share in this conversation at home with your child. Further details will be shared in the weeks prior to the event, but it is worth our community adding these important dates to their calendars.

Concert Tickets:

A quick reminder regarding our concert ticket sales process. Miss Purchase has sent out recent Compass posts outlining that the ticket sales will occur in two tranches.

As we have grown, it is very challenging to find a suitable venue for our concert to take place that will accommodate our total community, even when we split the concert over two nights.

The initial limiting of tickets opening **next Wednesday** is designed to give all our families equal opportunity to attend the event and witness their children perform. We ask that families respect this intention. Where more than two tickets are purchased by a family during this initial period, the additional tickets will be refunded and the tickets resold.

Once this initial ticket purchase opportunity expires, any remaining tickets will be opened up to families in **a second chance purchase period beginning August 27th**, families can then purchase extra tickets if they wish.

We understand that there are a wide range of family circumstances and that limiting to two tickets is a less than perfect outcome for some family circumstances. In situations where there have been family separations, this means that each parent can only purchase 1 ticket in the initial tranche (unless the other parent states in writing that they don't intend on purchasing a ticket). Following this first opportunity, families are welcome to purchase additional tickets from the 27th August.

The concert promises to be a fantastic event, and we appreciate your support in managing the ticketing logistics.

Uniforms:

We had noticed a gradual slip in student adherence to our uniform standards and policy this year. Students can be persuasive in suggesting to parents/carers that this practice of wearing alternate items is fine and that no one at school cares that they are out of uniform. This isn't the case and adhering to our uniform is important as it promotes a positive and strong school identity and connectedness.

I have asked our teachers to send recent reminders to our students about the uniform expectations. This can sometimes result in some skewed messaging coming home to parents from students. I wanted to clarify that there has been no change in our uniform policy, this was a reminder about adhering to our policy which can be located through our school website.

PSW is the school supplier for our uniform and the wide range of approved uniform options can be found at the link below. Our variety of uniform options is designed to cater for student/family preferences whilst maintaining the sense of community connectedness. There are also images of the uniform options and a QR code that can be scanned near the school office area to view the uniform options.

<https://www.psw.com.au/schools/watsonia-heights-primary-school.html>

In addition to those uniform items available through our supplier, parents/carers are welcome to source the generic items without school logos, from other suppliers that are consistent with the uniform. For shorts or tracksuit pants that means plain black, with no visible brand logo, secondary colour, or coloured piping and of a length and style that is consistent with the school uniform. We also have a limited supply of second-hand uniform items that are available for purchase by families through enquiry with our office staff.

Since this reminder went out from our staff, I have noticed a dramatic improvement in students adhering to the school uniform across the past week. We thank our parents/carers for your support in maintaining our uniform standards.

Parent Opinion Survey:

The DET gathers a range of information from various stakeholder groups about their school experience. One of those surveys are directed to our parent community via the Parent Opinion Survey each year. The information and data gathered from this survey is valuable information for our school about the areas in which our school is performing highly and opportunities for improvement. This is a DET centralised process, and the survey open period is between the 18th August and the 19th September. Further details may come home to our families in the coming days and we appreciate your feedback.

Emergency Lockdown Drill:

As part of our school emergency management procedures, we regularly simulate an emergency drill situations at school to actively test our emergency procedures and processes. As part of this schedule, we rehearsed a lock down procedure today. I thought it was worth letting the community know that there was no genuine emergency that took place today. Sometimes these messages can get miscommunicated by our little ones and I didn't want to spark any safety concerns. Our staff and students did a great job as part of our drill, and it was great to witness the strong coordination of approximately 600 people.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Tony

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DIVISION SPORT

Last Wednesday, 30th July, the mixed netball team competed in the Division Netball Competition.

The played Rosanna Golf Links Primary School and St Anthony's. Unfortunately, the other teams were too consistent for our team, however the team tried their very best and were proud of their efforts.



Last Thursday 31st July, the teeball team also competed in the Division Finals at Rosanna Primary School.

The girls played their best and were also proud of their efforts. Unfortunately, the other teams were too good for our girls too.



JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

with Miss Clay



& Miss Close



GRADE 1



Name: Byron Baxter

Favourite things about WHPS: P.E

When I grow up, I want to be a: train driver

Some of my hobbies include: playing football

As part of JSC I am most excited about: being good and helping out the school.



Name: Vance Spencer

Favourite things about WHPS: my friends

When I grow up, I want to be a: I don't know yet

Some of my hobbies include: basketball and football

As part of JSC I am most excited about: attending the meetings.



Name: Lauren Kaing

Favourite things about WHPS: art and PE

When I grow up, I want to be a: veterernarian

Some of my hobbies include: soccer

As part of JSC I am most excited about: fundraising for charities



Name: Jackson Male

Favourite things about WHPS:

When I grow up, I want to be a:

Some of my hobbies include:

As part of JSC I am most excited about:



Name: Ivy Stepancic

Favourite things about WHPS: the teachers

When I grow up, I want to be a: police officer

Some of my hobbies include: basketball

As part of JSC I am most excited about: speaking at assembly



Name: Hannah Wall

Favourite things about WHPS: my friends

When I grow up, I want to be a: zoologist

Some of my hobbies include: playing tennis

As part of JSC I am most excited about: helping the school become a better place.

GRADE 2



Name: Ikal Dondo-Galan

Favourite things about WHPS: learning new things

When I grow up, I want to be a: NBA player

Some of my hobbies include: playing basketball

As part of JSC I am most excited about: getting my badge and fundraising for charities.



Name: Oscar Simm

Favourite things about WHPS: learning maths

When I grow up, I want to be a: movie actor

Some of my hobbies include: rock climbing and karate

As part of JSC I am most excited about: selling stuff and speaking at assembly



Name: Natalia Martinez

Favourite things about WHPS: new playgrounds

When I grow up, I want to be an: inventor

Some of my hobbies include: drawing

As part of JSC I am most excited about: making decisions and going to meetings.



Name: Michael Webb

Favourite things about WHPS: P.E and my friends

When I grow up, I want to be a: P.E teacher

Some of my hobbies include: playing basketball

As part of JSC I am most excited about: making ideas and decisions for the school.



Name: Louis Warren

Favourite things about WHPS:

When I grow up, I want to be a:

Some of my hobbies include:

As part of JSC I am most excited about:



Name: Amelia Zhang

Favourite things about WHPS: the playground

When I grow up, I want to be a: teacher

Some of my hobbies include: ice skating

As part of JSC I am most excited about: working with other people



Name: Mila Welboren

Favourite things about WHPS:

When I grow up, I want to be a:

Some of my hobbies include:

As part of JSC I am most excited about:

Name: Grace Barnsley

Favourite things about WHPS: the lunch orders

When I grow up, I want to be a: teacher

Some of my hobbies include: playing tennis

As part of JSC I am most excited about: my job and JSC is awesome!

GRADE 3



Name: Riya Ranjan

Favourite things about WHPS: Library and Art

When I grow up, I want to be a: I'm only 8, I'll figure it out when I'm older.

Some of my hobbies include: Reading and cycling with my sister and dad.

As part of JSC I am most excited about: hearing and sharing ideas.



Name: Preston Michailidis

Favourite things about WHPS: Brain break eating

When I grow up, I want to be a: Engineer

Some of my hobbies include: Playing on the PS2

As part of JSC I am most excited about: The badge and making changes in the school.



Name: Memphis Solima

Favourite things about WHPS: Playground and canteen

When I grow up, I want to be a: Teacher

Some of my hobbies include: YMCA, colouring and reading

As part of JSC I am most excited about: Talking at assembly and changing the school.



Name: Julie Robb

Favourite things about WHPS: plants and respect the Aboriginal people

When I grow up, I want to be a: Nurse

Some of my hobbies include: going on rollercoasters

As part of JSC I am most excited about: making changes to the school.



Name: Josie Medcalf

Favourite things about WHPS: Burra and playing with friends.

When I grow up, I want to be a: World basketball player

Some of my hobbies include: Basketball and drawing

As part of JSC I am most excited about: making things better in our school and making new friends.



Name: Sebastien Sayers

Favourite things about WHPS: the kind and friendly staff

When I grow up, I want to be a: AFL player

Some of my hobbies include: AFL, maths, reading and making people happy.

As part of JSC I am most excited about: I would love to make WHPS a happier place by making it a better place.

GRADE 4



Name: Mackenzie Rowe

Favourite things about WHPS: doing PE and art

When I grow up, I want to be a: Vet

Some of my hobbies include: basketball and footy

As part of JSC I am most excited about: helping the school



Name: Cooper Lankford

Favourite things about WHPS:

When I grow up, I want to be a:

Some of my hobbies include:

As part of JSC I am most excited about:



Name: Anouk Geerts

Favourite things about WHPS: that wherever you are, someone is there to help you

When I grow up, I want to be a: teacher

Some of my hobbies include: basketball, tennis and playing with friends

As part of JSC I am most excited about: helping the school



Name: Amelia Lines

Favourite things about WHPS:

When I grow up, I want to be a:

Some of my hobbies include:

As part of JSC I am most excited about:



Name: Sam Pearsall

Favourite things about WHPS: good learning and making friends

When I grow up, I want to be a: Geologist

Some of my hobbies include: soccer and playing with friends

As part of JSC I am most excited about: making the school a better and safer place

Photo of Natasa

Name: Natasa Kovacevic

Favourite things about WHPS: having friends and helping them

When I grow up, I want to be a: a surgical nurse like my mum

Some of my hobbies include: gymnastics, playing & drawing

As part of JSC I am most excited about: helping people when they are not feeling good

GRADE 5



Name: Maddy Abdallah

Favourite things about WHPS: The people and teachers

When I grow up, I want to be a: Vixens netballer

Some of my hobbies include: Netball and running

As part of JSC I am most excited about: Changing our school to make it better and doing it with Kayla. Also, speaking at assembly.



Name: Tilly Strickland

Favourite things about WHPS: Everyone can be themselves

When I grow up, I want to be a: nurse

Some of my hobbies include: Singing and sport

As part of JSC I am most excited about: Helping out the school



Name: Kayla Stabb

Favourite things about WHPS: The teachers and sports

When I grow up, I want to be a: A builder or an athlete

Some of my hobbies include: Sport and singing

As part of JSC I am most excited about: Changing our school to make it better and doing it with Maddy. Also, speaking at assembly.



Name: Ethan Howard

Favourite things about WHPS: The equipment, my teachers and friends

When I grow up, I want to be a: Singer

Some of my hobbies include: Engineering, painting, gaming models and mountain bike riding.

As part of JSC I am most excited about: Helping people and making the school safe for others.



Name: Amelia Denton

Favourite things about WHPS:

When I grow up, I want to be a:

Some of my hobbies include:

As part of JSC I am most excited about:



Name: Kosta Paximadas

Favourite things about WHPS:

When I grow up, I want to be a:

Some of my hobbies include:

As part of JSC I am most excited about:

GRADE 6



Name: Mohammed Almhza

Favourite things about WHPS: lunch, recess, camp and my friends

When I grow up, I want to be a: soccer player

Some of my hobbies include: playing sport

As part of JSC I am most excited about: new grass on the ovals, soccer goals and a gymnasium.



Name: Eleanor Smith

Favourite things about WHPS: seeing my friends

When I grow up, I want to be a: psychiatrist

Some of my hobbies include: netball and art

As part of JSC I am most excited about: doing things to help the school improve.



Name: Ethan Donis

Favourite things about WHPS: my friends

When I grow up, I want to be a: biologist

Some of my hobbies include: watching tv and going outside

As part of JSC I am most excited about: helping other people



Name: Brennan Stuble

Favourite things about WHPS: my friends, fun activities and learning

When I grow up, I want to be a: politician, investor, car specialist or author

Some of my hobbies include: biking, writing, working on electronics

As part of JSC I am most excited about: making the school a better place for creativity and helping others to stand out.



Name: Benson Zhang

Favourite things about WHPS: my friends

When I grow up, I want to be a: I don't know yet

Some of my hobbies include: reading and cooking

As part of JSC I am most excited about: getting to decide if things happen around the school and making things better for everyone.



Name: Cohen Bramich

Favourite things about WHPS: lunch, recess and interschool sports

When I grow up, I want to be a: NBA player

Some of my hobbies include: football, basketball and gaming

As part of JSC I am most excited about: trying to get football goals, better food at the canteen and new grass on the ovals.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SEMESTER 2 JSC REPRESENTATIVES

Grade 3/4

HOUSE ATHS

What an incredible day we had for our 3/4 House Athletics Carnival! The sun was shining, the energy was high, and it was wonderful to see our students giving their best effort across all events.

A huge thank you to our amazing parent community for your support. Whether you were cheering from the sidelines or assisting at field events, your help made the day run so smoothly. We are especially grateful to those who volunteered their time to help on the events to ensure our students had a positive experience.

To our dedicated staff, thank you for coming in early to help set up and for running the events with such enthusiasm. Your teamwork and support make days like this possible.

The winning house will be announced at Friday's assembly. We can't wait to celebrate these students.

A gentle reminder, placing 1st in an event does not automatically qualify a student for District Athletics. District team selection is based on a combination of results from Athletics Try Outs on Fridays, PE sessions, and yesterday's performances.

Thank you once again for making our 3/4 Athletics Day a huge success!

Amanda Macellari (Massa)



Grade 3/4

HOUSE ATHS



Grade 3/4

HOUSE ATHS

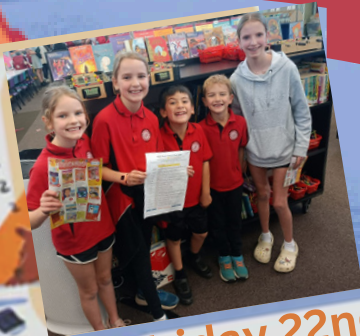


News from your Library

Book Week Save The Dates!

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd August

**Monday 18th
Book
Treasure
Hunt
3:30 - 5pm**



**Thursday 21st
Book
Character
Parade
9:15 am**



**Friday 22nd
Meekat
Productions
Book Play
9 & 10 am**



BOOK AN Adventure



Adrian Beck

Prep - Gr 2 students
will meet Adrian Beck
on Tuesday 19.08.2



Jack Heath

Gr 3 - 6 students
will meet Jack Heath
on Wednesday 20.08.2



Student of The Week

Week 2

CONGRATULATIONS



Maddison, Samuel, Jake, Everly, Yasmine, Ivy, Ariana, Olive, Hamish, Isla, Gabby, Arlo, Emma, Thea, Archer, Sam, Hannah, Joaquin, Evelyn, Madelyn, Shira, Penny, Isla. .

Week 3

CONGRATULATIONS



Lachlan, Corbin, 2J, Elijah, Ella, Aaron, James, Zoe, Leo, Zoe, Miles, Ava, Ethan, Indi, Lachlan, Liam, Marc, April.



Congratulations!
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Sponsor Our School Production

Support theArts.

Promote your business.

Be part of the magic.



Be Part of Something Special

This year our school production brings the stage to life with music, dance, and storytelling—showcasing the incredible talents of our students. We are excited to offer local businesses the opportunity to sponsor our upcoming School Production - a vibrant end-of-term concert that brings together students, families, staff, and the wider school community to celebrate the Performing Arts.

Our Vision

With the support of local businesses, our students are given the opportunity to shine on stage, build lifelong memories, and experience the joy of performance.

Your Support

- Costumes
- Technical support
- Licensing
- Venue Hire & Transportation



Benefits For Sponsors

As part of your sponsorship, your business will be featured in the professionally designed digital concert program, on event materials, and during the live performance.



Increased Brand Exposure Locally

Reach a highly engaged school community with your business message.



Support Education & Creativity

Help foster confidence, teamwork, and artistic expression in students.



Gain Brand Recognition

Be acknowledged in our program, on stage, and across digital platforms.

As this is a business sponsorship, your contribution may be claimed as a marketing or business expense. We'll provide an official invoice outlining your sponsorship benefits for your records.



Sponsorship Packages Offered



INCLUSIONS	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
COST	\$100	\$250	\$500
Logo in digital concert program	✓	✓	1/4 Page Advertisement
Logo shared on 'thank-you' slide at the show	✓	✓	✓
Social media mention		✓	✓
Verbal thank you during concert			✓
Advertisement in the school newsletter for 1 month			✓

Concert Night Raffle

Not ready to become a sponsor? Donate a prize for our Concert Raffle instead!

You can still support our school production by donating a prize for our Concert Night Raffle.

This is a fantastic way to contribute while gaining exposure on the night.



How to Book

To reserve your sponsorship, please scan the QR code below and follow the prompts. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please Note:

- Artwork must be supplied as a high-resolution PDF or JPG



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New signalised pedestrian crossing on Diamond Creek Road in Greensborough



Project update July 2025



Map of the new signalised pedestrian crossing.

What we're doing

We're building a new signalised pedestrian crossing on Diamond Creek Road, south of Greenhill Road in Greensborough to improve pedestrian safety and access to bus stops.

As part of the improvements, we will also:

- Relocate the northbound bus stop at Greenhill Road/Diamond Creek Road approximately 100m south so it's closer to the new signalised pedestrian crossing.
- Remove the existing pedestrian refuge north of Greenhill Road.
- Install pedestrian fencing in the median of the new signalised pedestrian crossing.

- Consolidate bus stops with low usage in the area by permanently closing the bus stops at Avandina Crescent/Diamond Creek Road and Spring Street/Diamond Creek Road.
- Trim and remove two trees and some low-lying vegetation.

To make these improvements, we will need to remove up to four on-street parking spaces outside 100 and 102 Diamond Creek Road.



What's next

We're currently in the development stage of the project, which involves undertaking technical assessments and site investigations that will inform the final design.

Major construction works to build the new pedestrian crossing are expected to begin in early 2026.

Why we're doing it

The section of Diamond Creek Road between Civic Drive and St Helena Road is a key connection to local schools and amenities.



The new signalised pedestrian crossing will improve pedestrian safety for everyone, including local students and bus users.

Between May and July 2023, there were two crashes resulting in the serious injury of two students within this section of road.

Pedestrians are completely exposed to the full force of a crash, making them some of the most vulnerable road users. The new signalised pedestrian crossing will assist pedestrians to safely cross the road, including students and bus users accessing the bus stops.

This project is jointly funded by the Australian Government and Victorian Government under the Road Safety Program.

Find out more

For more information, visit transport.vic.gov.au and search for "New signalised pedestrian crossing on Diamond Creek Road in Greensborough," call 133 778, or email DOTroadprojects@transport.vic.gov.au

