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Across the Principal's Desk:

Tony Ryan

Dear WHPS Community,

Welcome to the final newsletter for Term 2!

I'd like to begin by sincerely thanking everyone who has reached out over the past week to offer their congratulations and support following my appointment as the substantive Principal of Watsonia Heights Primary School. Your kind words and encouragement mean a great deal to me.

It has been a privilege to serve as Acting Principal this term, and I'm genuinely excited about the opportunity to continue working closely with our amazing community in a more permanent capacity. I've been incredibly grateful for the support of our dedicated staff, especially during a term where we've been operating with one fewer member of our leadership team. Their professionalism and commitment to our students' learning and wellbeing have been nothing short of inspiring.

Having served as Assistant Principal for the past 10 years, I've developed a deep connection with our students, families, and staff. I truly value the strong sense of community that defines WHPS, as well as the positive culture and high standards that are evident across our school.

It's an honour to be entrusted with the leadership of WHPS. I feel fortunate to be part of a school with such passionate learners, engaged families, a supportive School Council, and an exceptional team of educators. I firmly believe Watsonia Heights is a special place, with a proud history and a bright future and I'm excited about the journey ahead as we continue to grow, work and achieve together.

Term 2

- **Monday 21st July**
First Day of Term 3
- **Tuesday 22nd July**
ISS Division AFL
- **Thursday 24th July**
State Cross Country
- **Wednesday 30th July**
ISS Division Netball
- **Thursday 31st July**
ISS Division Tee Ball
- **Monday 4th August**
WHPS Grades 3&4
House Athletics Day
&
ICAS Writing
- **Tuesday 5th August**
ICAS Digital Tech
- **Monday 11th August**
WHPS Grades 5&6
House Athletics Day
&
ICAS English
&
National Science Week
- **Wednesday 13th August**
Grade 6 Science Fair

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

School Reports:

Semester 1 student reports were released on Wednesday afternoon. As noted in our previous newsletter and the report cover letter, the Department of Education has launched Victorian Curriculum 2.0 this year, which brings significant updates to the English and Mathematics curriculum across all year levels.

One major change is the shift from three progression point categories in Mathematics to a single progression point, making direct comparisons with last year's reports more complex. In some cases, students may appear to be in the same achievement band as in December 2024. This does not necessarily indicate a lack of progress; rather, it may reflect the relatively short time frame (six months) they've had to engage with the new content and consolidate their learning.

Please remember that comparisons are now being made across two different versions of the curriculum. As teachers and students continue to embed the revised framework, greater consistency in assessment outcomes is expected over time.

Milo's Birthday Party:

Today, our Prep students celebrated one of the highlights of their school year—Milo's Birthday Party! It was wonderful to see them dressed as their favourite animal characters from the Milo Monkey's Birthday Party book.

A huge thank you to our dedicated Prep teaching team, who went above and beyond to make the day special. The classrooms were full of balloons, decorations, and delicious smells from the cooking preparations much of which continued into Thursday evening. It's another fantastic example of how our staff go the extra mile to create a fun, engaging, and memorable experience for our students.

Term 3 Key Dates:

As always, Term 3 promises to be a vibrant and busy time, with many special events complementing our strong classroom learning programs:

- **Weeks 3 & 4 (4th & 11th August) – WHPS Athletics Carnival:**

This year, for the first time, we've split the carnival across two days to accommodate our growing student population and to ensure every student has the chance to participate in multiple events. Students will begin practicing these events in Sport classes from the start of term.

- **Week 4 (13th August) – Science Fair:**

Our senior students will present their creative and thought-provoking experiments to the school community which is always a highlight!

- **Week 5 – Book Week Celebrations:**

A range of exciting activities are planned throughout the week to celebrate the magic of books and storytelling.

- **Week 7 (Friday 5th September) – Celebration of the Men in Our Community:**

A special day to recognise and celebrate the positive male role models in our students' lives.

- **Week 8 (Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th September) – School Concert:**

Our major event for the term! Students are already preparing dances, rehearsing scenes, and working on props. It promises to be an unforgettable showcase of talent and teamwork.

- **Week 10 (Monday 15th September) – Curriculum Day:**

There will be no school for students as staff undertake First Aid Training.

PSW-Uniform Supplier:

Please be advised that we have received notification from our uniform supplier PSW, of a price increase effective October 1st 2025. This is due to rising labour costs and operational costs which previously have been absorbed by the company.

Volunteers – We Need You!

We love having parents and carers involved in the life of the school, and we truly appreciate those who generously give their time to support various programs.

We're currently seeking volunteers to assist with reading practice for students in Years 5 and 6 who have recently exited our literacy support programs. These students benefit greatly from continued opportunities to read aloud to an adult, helping to reinforce their skills.

If you hold a current Working with Children Check and would like to support this important initiative, please contact our Learning Specialists:

✉ Sarah Wise – Sarah.Wise@education.vic.gov.au

✉ Mikayla Auld – Mikayla.Auld@education.vic.gov.au

Student Wellbeing:

On the next page, you'll find information about the One Step at a Time program offered by Swinburne University. This low-cost support service assists parents in managing childhood anxiety in children aged 6–11 years. We encourage interested families to review the attached flyer for more details.

School Concert Sponsorship:

Our school concert is a great community event, but is increasingly costly to deliver for a school our size. We have been actively seeking opportunities to keep costs as low as possible for our families. We have developed sponsorship opportunities for businesses associated with our school that would like to support the facilitation of the concert and establish some brand recognition in our community. Further details are attached in the following pages. If anyone is interested in this opportunity please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Front Gate:

Just a reminder that the school is installing a new secure front gate entry system. This system will be deactivated at peak foot traffic times to assist the flow of traffic across the school. At other times visitors to the school will need to use an intercom system to communicate with the office staff to be granted access to and from the school. We hope to have this installed across the holiday period and will provide extra information to families at the start of term. The system won't be in active operation until we can distribute further information.

Wishing all our students and families a happy, safe, and restful holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 21st July for the start of Term 3.

Warm regards,
Tony



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ONE STEP AT A TIME PROGRAM: PARENT SUPPORT FOR CHILDHOOD ANXIETY

Swinburne Psychology Clinic

Parents / guardians:

Do you have a primary school-aged child experiencing symptoms of anxiety?

Clinicians at Swinburne University have developed a program to help parents manage childhood anxiety in children aged 6-11 years.

Does your child experience any of the following?

- Difficulties sleeping at night due to worries
- Fears and phobias
- Difficulty separating from you or worrying about parental safety
- Trouble sleeping alone in their bed
- Fear of the dark
- Scared of lifts, trains, and people
- Fear of dogs and other animals
- Excessive worry and constant reassurance seeking
- Fear of germs and other health problems

The One Step at a Time Program involves:

- Comprehensive psychological assessment of your child's anxiety
- Seven sessions of online counselling through video conferencing
- Parent-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) skills to help you manage and support your child's anxiety
- Two combined parent-child sessions
- Reflective parenting strategies
- Access to a website with self-help materials to supplement therapy.

Cost

\$20 per session/assessment.

Treatment consists of seven therapy sessions plus one assessment session.

Contact us

Referrals and enquiries can be made by contacting the Swinburne Psychology Clinic at:

Telephone: 03 9214 8653

Email: psychprojects@swin.edu.au

OR, by accessing the online registration form by using the QR Code or the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/kxjjie5YcM>



ALL ABOUT Prep

Yarning Circle

This Term, the Prep students were introduced to 'Yarning Circle'. They had the opportunity to share information about who is in their family, what traditions they celebrate and what countries their families are from.

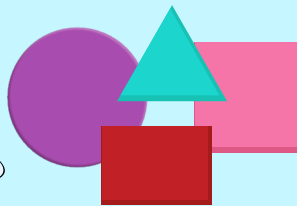


NUMERACY

Our Prep students are well on their way to becoming confident mathematicians! They've been exploring how numbers can be made in different ways using the part-part-whole strategy, helping them build strong number sense and deepen their understanding of addition. With lots of fun and hands-on activities, they've been practising counting to 20 and recognising numbers in everyday contexts. Our young learners have also been discovering 2D shapes all around them, identifying circles, squares, triangles, and more in their classroom and environment. It's been exciting to see their enthusiasm grow as they connect maths to the world around them!



BUDDIES



Our Prep students have been thoroughly enjoying their time with their Year 5 Buddies, forming special connections through a range of fun and meaningful activities. Together, we've been on bug hunts, linking their discoveries to our Literacy learning, and have explored shapes in the environment as part of our Maths focus. Whether we're playing games, reading together, or simply enjoying each other's company, these moments are helping to build confidence, curiosity, and a strong sense of belonging.



JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to everybody who wore their pyjamas to school last Thursday. JSC raised a whopping \$549.00 for Watsonia Heights Primary School. Thank you to everyone for their donations. Keep your eyes peeled for some exciting additions to our school!

From your Semester 1 JSC Team



News from your Library

*Congratulations
to our
2025 BrickMasters Champions*



A huge **THANK YOU** to the **146** very creative Lego loving kiddos (in their **59** teams), who wowed us with their fabulous creations during this year's BrickMasters championship.

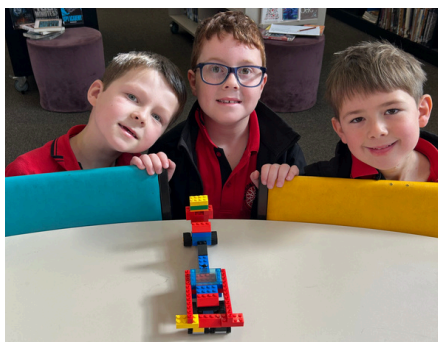
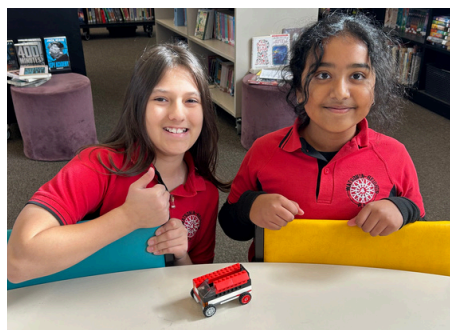
After **6** sensational heats, an action packed **Elimination final** and an extremely **Grand Final**, we can now introduce our **2025 BrickMasters Champions!**

Congratulations to **Girl Power Team** members **Amelia, Eden, Matisse and Mika!**

Great work superstars! Your fantastic car building skills well and truly got you over the line to take out the BrickMasters trophy and Scholastic Book Club voucher.

Here is a little highlight reel from this years championship and i'm sure you'll agree we have lots of very talented Lego lovers at W.H.P.S!

Congratulations must also go to all of our Grand Final teams! Great work Lego lovers!



Student of The Week

Week 10

CONGRATULATIONS



Ariana, Harvey, Indie, Kate, Elle, Harrison, Ariana, Audrey, Niamh, Frances, Ruby, Georgia, Ebony, Cooper, Toby, Patrick, Oliver, Grace, Ella, Lucy.

Week 11

CONGRATULATIONS



Kyrie, Ariel, Riya, Melina, Maya, Sam, James, Sophie, Ciara, Riya, Lily, Liam, Isaac, Nandan, Hassan, Minnie.

Congratulations!

Sponsor Our School Production

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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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- those who are facing hardship.**
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SATURDAY, 16TH AUGUST 2025	11.00 AM	1.30 PM	4.00 PM

To book tickets, please email your name, preferred showtimes, and number of ticket required to...

meredithnewman@showintent.com.au

or call / text **0404-367-782**

Monday 30th June 2025

Re: Price Adjustment Notification

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of an upcoming adjustment to our pricing. Effective October 1st 2025, we will be implementing a modest 2.5% increase across our uniform range.

This decision has not been made lightly. Like many businesses, rising labour costs and unfavourable exchange rates have impacted our operations. We have absorbed these pressures over the past two years, opting not to increase prices during this period to support families facing cost-of-living challenges. Our focus remains steadfast on ensuring affordability and quality for families, and this approach has allowed us to offer consistent value despite difficult external economic challenges.

We deeply value our partnership with **Watsonia Heights Primary School** and the trust you have placed in us. We remain committed to delivering quality uniforms that reflect both durability and value. Please rest assured that this price adjustment is necessary to sustain our high standards and continued service excellence.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. We look forward to continuing our partnership with **Watsonia Heights Primary School** and ensuring your students are well-equipped for success.

Yours sincerely,



Adam Wilkinson
CEO