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Michael Kent - PRINCIPAL

Hello everyone and welcome back to term 2!

I hope you have all thoroughly enjoyed the recent school holiday, Easter weekend and the ANZAC day long weekend.

I am excited to be back at school and looking ahead to all the wonderful opportunities that we have planned for our great school this term.

It has been great to have everyone back at school this week and it has been wonderful to hear the students reflecting on their holidays as well as discussing the term ahead.

Cultural Day

Yesterday our whole school enjoyed the amazing opportunity to enjoy our cultural day. The students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the Chinese culture along with the many other cultures celebrated on the day. A special thanks to Ms. Winnie Wang and Ms. Serina Lee for their hard work in co-ordinating and supporting such a fantastic experience for everyone to enjoy!

ANZAC Day

A very special day on our calendar. I hope you all enjoyed the ANZAC Day commemorations on Tuesday. Lest We Forget!

I enjoyed sharing in a dawn service and was reminded again of the importance of this day on our National calendar. Over the weekend, I also enjoyed the opportunity of exploring the memorial at the Shrine of Remembrance. There is so much rich historical information there to be explored and urge all families to take some time at some stage to engage with our national history. Our student leaders Joanne and Max admirably represented our school in laying a wreath at the ANZAC day service at Watsonia RSL. Thanks to both of them for their show of respect. A special thank-you to Kathryne Campara for her support on this day and for compiling a wonderful video recollection for everyone to enjoy.

<https://youtu.be/AVKIMrec970>

School Photo Day



Thursday 4th May is scheduled for our whole school photos.

Grade 6 is also having an additional day for their Graduation Photo on Thursday 11th May

2023 Term 2

- **Sunday 30th April**
Bunnings BBQ & Bake Stall
Bunnings Eltham
- **Monday 1st May**
WHPS 3-3 House Cross Country
- **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**
Thursday 4th May
- **Friday 5th May**
ISS WHPS vs Bundoora
- **Thursday 11th May**
Grade 1 Excursion Edendale Farm
- **Grade 6 Graduation & Leadership PHOTO DAY**
Thursday 11th May
- **Friday 12th May**
Ladies Mothers Day
Breakfast in GP Room
8am - 9am
- **Friday 2nd June**
WHPS School Disco
times to be advised

2023 Term Dates

Term 1: January 31 - April 6

Term 2: April 24 - June 23

Term 3: July 10 - September 15

Term 4: October 2 - December 20

House Cross Country

We look forward to the Year 3-6 cross country event to be held next week. Parents are welcomed to attend and support the day.

When: Monday 1st May 2023 (backup day Monday 8th May 2023)

Where: Central Oval, Glenice Street, Greensborough

Time: 11:30am – 1:45pm arrive back (approx.)

12:00pm	First event marshalled and started: 9/10 year old Boys (2km)
12:10pm	Second event marshalled and started 9/10 year old Girls (2km)
12:20pm	Third event marshalled and started 11 year old Boys (3km)
12:30pm	Fourth event marshalled and started 11 year old Girls (3km)
12:40pm	Fifth event marshalled and started 12/13 year old Boys (3km)
12:50pm	Sixth event marshalled and started 12/13 year old Girls (3km)



Ladies Day Breakfast

We look ahead to celebrating all of the amazing women/mothers/grandmothers at our Ladies' breakfast on Friday 12th May. We are hopeful to have some of our family community members come and help out on the day. This will help to make the day run smoothly and show your support of the wonderful Ladies in and across our community. Please see the RSVP document attached to the newsletter.



Permissions

Today we are sending home some information regarding parental permissions to publish student's digital images on various platforms at the school ie: in the newsletter / internet / social media. Parents are asked to review this documentation and opt out of these permissions if you choose.

Medical Updates

Please be reminded that any students whom have asthma or anaphylaxis plans are required to keep these up to date. This requires the plans to be approved by a medical practitioner and provided to the school. Staff will next week be continuing with their updated CPR training which will support the whole school staff in retaining their level 2 first aid qualifications.

Edendale Farm

Our Year 1 and 2 students will be enjoying their excursion Edendale farm. We hope for some nice weather to support these excursion days. The Year 2's had a great day today!!

Transitions

This week our year 5 students enjoyed their day at Bundoora Secondary college where the students got to enjoy a range of activities including PE, virtual reality, farming and gardening program. Our year 6 families are reminded to return to their 2024 Year 7 transition forms. Similarly, if there are any families with 2024 Prep students, I urge you to enrol asap to ensure your place for next year.

Term 2 Programs

As the term commences we are excited to be offering a range of additional supports to our students across the school.

These include:

The Victorian VHAP program. Identified students in year 5 and 6 are re-commencing their involvement in the Victorian High Ability program.

Our term 2 clubs programs commence next week with the likes of chess, knitting, coding, skateboarding, library, social skills, puzzle, lego, comedy and green team clubs all kicking off.

Term 2 tutoring and support programs commencing next week. This involves small groups, one on one intervention in and out of the classroom.

Our wellbeing support program commence next week as well with our peaceful kids program, mentoring and support programs, buddy programs, social skills groups and advocacy program re-commencing.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Ms. Demanuele who got married over the holidays. We congratulate her and her husband Jake on their nuptials and wish them every happiness for their life ahead.



We farewell Melissa McCarthy from our office team, she will be sorely missed and we thank her for all of her hard work & dedication whilst at WHPS. Look out for her on the 86 Tram on Plenty Road!!

Team Newsletters

Next week you will receive a newsletter from your child's year level team. This will outline the term ahead.

School Hours

Whilst students can arrive at school anytime from 8.30am, please be aware that the school grounds are supervised from 8.45am. Parents are asked not to leave their children unattended prior to this time. Students who arrive at school prior to 8.30am will be directed to before school care and similarly students still at school after 3.45pm will be sent to the office prior to be directed to after school care.

Arriving/Leaving School

A reminder that students arriving late must be signed into the school via the office and any students leaving early are to be also signed out of the school. Parents are then required to take early leave passes to classrooms to collect their children. Parents and guardians are the ONLY people to sign students in and out of the school. Students are not allowed to do this on their own.

Winter Sport

Upper school students have been training and practising for the upcoming winter sport fixture of our inter school sports program. The sports that are played this term are: football, soccer, netball and softball. Please see the term 2 fixture attached to this newsletter. Hopefully you are able to spare a few minutes to come along and support our sports stars during the term. All sport games are played on Fridays 9.30-11am.

eSafety

As we know cyber safety is a hugely important element for our students as they navigate the digital world and online connections.

How cyber safe are you? Does your child have access to the internet at home? Do they have access via their phone? Are they allowed to search the internet freely without your supervision?

The staff continue to model and teach our students about the impacts of being cyber safe! This is a very real and current issue with so many young and vulnerable people having access to devices and internet access. This involves social media as well. There are many age restrictions on certain Apps and social media sites. Parents need to be aware of these. They exist for a reason. Many of these software packages are trackable and without appropriate settings being applied, locations are easily visible. Additionally to this is the fact that a young person chatting to another unknown person may seem and feel innocent to the user....how do they (or you, or me) know who is actually on the other end of the chat site???

Cyber safety is a real issue. Apart from perpetrators there are also so many examples of cyber bullying that students need to be aware of. There are potential dangers of using such software and communications. We often talk to children about stranger danger...what about cyber stranger danger?

As a school we are committed to educating and promoting safe online practices. We continue to do this via our participation and accreditation as an e-smart school. This involves teaching the students and modelling targeted and explicit cyber safe practices. We also promote a positive and supportive learning culture through our whole school wellbeing programs. This permeates across the school and helps to ensure students conduct themselves in a positive and respectful manner at all times (online or in person). As parent you have a significant role to play in educating, modelling and policing online behaviour and activity. Be aware not alarmed! And most importantly be proactive and educated on the ever evolving cyber world.

If you have any concerns please contact myself or your child's teacher.



Enjoy the weekend ahead!

Warm regards,

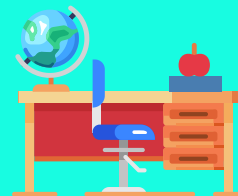
Michael



Success Teamwork Respect Individuality Visionary Effort !!

ACROSS THE AP'S DESK.....

Tony Ryan - Assistant Principal



Hello WHPS community and welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone in our community had a happy holiday period and it provided opportunities for quality family time.

Our students certainly seem to have come back renewed and refreshed and have enjoyed reuniting with their mates and staff. It has been a busy start to the term. It was great to bring our staff together on the curriculum day on Monday for some valuable collective professional development.

ANZAC day on Tuesday provided us all with the opportunity to pay our respects and express our gratitude to all those that have and continue to serve our country in the armed services. I was fortunate enough to attend the Watsonia RSL ANZAC Day ceremony where our student school captains Max and Joanne represented our school by laying a wreath.



They did an amazing job representing our school and we thank their parents and Katherine Campara for supporting them at this event. We followed this on Wednesday with our own ceremony at school, where the school captains and vice captains led our school through a ceremony to pay our respects. We are very fortunate to live in such a great country and to enjoy the freedoms and quality of life we do. We owe this lifestyle to those that have gone before and those that continue to protect it on our behalf.

Lest We Forget.

Yesterday we celebrated our **Cultural Diversity Day**. This links beautifully to the comments above about the great culture that exists in Australia and the lifestyle that we enjoy. Our society is a melting pot of many different nationalities and cultures. Yesterday was a great opportunity to celebrate our diversity and all the great things that are brought to our Australian culture by all the different cultural groups that make up our community.

It was great to see so many of our students and staff dress up in clothing that represented their family heritage. Our students got to participate in a variety of culturally rich incursions and performances with activities such as mask-making, African drumming, Panda art and a Chinese cultural live performance. The day concluded with the school coming together for an assembly and parade to show off their cultural heritage. Yesterday was a great experience for our students and we owe a debt of gratitude to our Mandarin teachers Ms Wang and Ms Lee for all their efforts in organising and coordinating the day.



Building Updates:

Our building works continue to gather momentum. Many of our community will have noticed that much of the roof is now in place for the structure and lots of the brickwork has been completed across the holiday period. We look forward to the work increasingly moving towards the internal fit-out of the building with the expectation that we will receive the building in time for Term 4 this year.

Cricket Nets Upgrade and Renovation:

Our community will notice some other construction works going on across the next few weeks with our cricket net facilities undergoing renovation and extension. This will see that corner of the main oval surrounded by a temporary fence for approximately a month. I'm sure many of our students will look forward to having great cricket practice and play facilities for our school in the coming weeks.

Have a great weekend everyone,
Tony



WINTER INTERSCHOOL SPORT FIXTURE

Round	Date	Venue	Special Info
1	Friday 28 th April St Marys vs WHPS AWAY GAME	St Marys PS (210 Grimshaw St, Greensborough VIC 3088)	AFL + Soccer played @ <u>Whatmough Park</u> (Diamond Creek Rd, Greensborough VIC 3088) All other sports played @ School Grounds
2	Friday 5 th May WHPS vs Bundoora HOME GAME	Watsonia Heights (61 Henry Street, Greensborough)	AFL played @ Central Oval <u>Glenice Street</u>
3	Friday 12 th May WHPS vs Norris Bank HOME GAME	Watsonia Heights (61 Henry Street, Greensborough)	AFL played @ Central Oval <u>Glenice Street</u> No AFL Team and No Softball Team
4	Friday 19 th May Greensborough vs WHPS AWAY GAME	Greensborough PS (130 Grimshaw St, Greensborough)	AFL played @ War Memorial Oval (Henry Street) Soccer and Softball played @ <u>Whatmough Park</u> (Diamond Creek Rd, Greensborough VIC 3088) Netball played @ School Grounds
5	Friday 26 th May Streeton vs WHPS AWAY GAME (walking)	Streeton PS (209 Yallambie Rd, Yallambie VIC 3085)	Soccer played @ Central Oval (<u>Glenice St</u>)
6	Friday 2 nd June Watsonia vs WHPS	BYE ROUND	
7	Friday 9 th June WHPS vs Watsonia North HOME GAME	Watsonia Heights (61 Henry Street, Greensborough)	AFL played @ Central Oval <u>Glenice Street</u>
Make Up Round	Friday 16 th June	Make Up Round	
Finals	Wednesday 21 st June	Finals	



**WATSONIA HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Strive for the Heights

Miss Massa



Save the Date - **Sunday 30th April**
Bunnings BBQ & Bake Stall
Bunnings Eltham - **8am - 4pm**



Join in the fun and meet other **W.H.P.S** community members at our **Bunnings BBQ & Bake Stall** on **Sunday 30th April** from **8 am - 4 pm**

*Thank
You*
to our wonderful
W.H.P.S Community



Ladies Breakfast

Mums and special women in our lives, you are invited to join us for breakfast on
Friday 12th May

Grab your yummy treats in the GP room between **8.00am and 9.00am**.
(Yes, kids are invited too of course!)

We hope to see as many of you as possible!

*Help us be sustain able! **BYO** coffee/keep cup!
(Don't worry if you can't BYO. There will be compostable cups and plates.)*

****There will be a coffee van, but please note, this is only available for adults****

We also need volunteers (any available dads/pops/uncles out there?!)
to help serve our special guests their tea, coffee, juice and pastries.

To help with catering, email your RSVP to communitylinks.whps@gmail.com
or fill in the form below.

I will be attending the Ladies Breakfast	
Name:	
Child's name:	Class:
Phone/email:	

Are you available to help? If so, email us at communitylinks.whps@gmail.com
or fill in the form below.

I will be a helper at the Ladies Breakfast	
Name:	
Child's name:	Class:
Phone/email:	

Please hand this form back into the office once completed