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Hello everyone, and welcome to term 2! I hope you have all enjoyed your break and managed to spend some time relaxing over the break. The term ahead is filled with lots of learning and fun! Please view a 'Welcome back to term 2' message from the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, the Honorable Ben Carroll short video message. [short video message](#)

A friendly reminder that the staff parks are for teachers only, please use the Visitors carpark/surrounding streets to ensure the safety of all WHPS students. Please note the public holiday next week to observe ANZAC Day. Thursday 25th April will be a student free day as we take time to recognize this special day on the calendar.

Anzac Day



A very special day on our calendar. I hope you all get to enjoy the ANZAC Day commemorations next Thursday. Lest We Forget!

I look forward to sharing in a dawn service and remind myself of the importance of this day on our National calendar. Our student leaders are looking forward to laying a wreath on behalf of the school at the RSL service in Watsonia at 10am on ANZAC Day. 

Important Dates

- **Thursday April 24th – ANZAC Day – students not required at school**
- **Wednesday 15th May – Parent Teacher Interviews - students not required at school**
- **Monday 10th June – Monarch's Birthday – students not required at school**
- **Tuesday 11th June – Curriculum Day – students not required at school**
- **Friday 28th June – Last day of term 2 – 2.30pm finish**

School Photos

Wednesday 1st May is scheduled for our school photos for class and individual photos and the 10th May for family and group photos. We sent home the Schoolpix documentation with students this week. Should you have any questions regarding ordering please head to the SchoolPix website at www.schoolpix.com.au or call them on 1300 766 055.

2024 Term 2

WELCOME BACK to TERM 2

- **Monday 22nd April**
Grade 3-6 House X-Country
- **Tuesday 23rd April**
Grade 6 Excursion to Channel 7
- **Thursday 25th April**
ANZAC DAY
Students do not attend school
- **Friday 26th April**
Inter School Sport vs St Mary's
- **Wednesday 1st May**
School Photo Day #1
- **Thursday 2nd May**
Grade 1 Excursion to Healesville
- **Friday 3rd May**
Inter School Sport vs Bundoora

Term Dates 2024

Term 1: January 31 – March 28
Term 2: April 15 – June 28
Term 3: July 15 – September 20
Term 4: October 7 – December 20

Ladie's Day Breakfast

We look ahead to celebrating all of the amazing women/mothers/grandmothers at our Ladie's breakfast on Friday 10th May. We are hopeful to have some of our male 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. Further details to follow.



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 22nd April 2024 (backup day Monday 29th April 2024)

Where: Central Oval, Glenice Street, Greensborough

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



Colour Run

As a follow up to our colour run last term, I thank you again for your support and fundraising efforts. The raised money will go towards supporting our new Prep-2 playground. As a result of this fundraising, we have moved ahead with planning our new playground. With lead times for ordering this equipment we have scheduled the installation for the end of term 2. This installation requires significant infrastructure and the \$20,000 raised will help to support this installation. With the equipment and shade sails, the school is looking to invest somewhere near \$120,000. The fundraising efforts will help considerably to fulfilling this investment.

RCH appeal

Thank you to everyone for their recent support of the Royal Children's Hospital, Good Friday Appeal and special and HUGE congratulations to Minnie for her initiative, hard work and enthusiasm in running the whole process of this fundraiser!! Please see the photo of Minnie with the CEO of RCH.



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. This term staff will be continuing to update their CPR and anaphylaxis training which will support the whole school staff in retaining their level 2 first aid qualifications.

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

This week we will farewell Mrs. Rancie and Ms. Kucewicz whom are heading off to maternity leave this week. We wish them both well for their respective pending arrivals. Jess is expecting her second child with husband Chris and Jamie-lee expecting her first child with her husband Taylor.



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 Compass Kiosk, and any students leaving early are to be also signed out of the school. Parents are then required to take early leave passes/Compass Kiosk print-outs 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.

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.



Kind regards,

Michael



Success Teamwork Respect Individuality Visionary Effort !!

Across the AP's Desk



Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to Term 2. It has been fantastic catching up with our students and staff this week and hearing about all the adventures they had across the holiday period. The rest during the holiday break seems to have been a positive for our students to recharge their batteries as the school has been a very settled and focused environment this week.

We have hit the ground running with a number of fun and engaging activities across the place. I loved touching base with some of our grade 1 and 2 students early in the week where they were sharing some of their holiday experiences through a multimedia art piece. Our 3/4's have had the engaging task of baking hot cross buns together and driven the rest of the school mad with the yummy smells coming from the kitchen spaces! A number of year levels are gearing up for upcoming excursions that are linked to their enquiry units. Our Year 6 students are setting off on an adventure into the city to visit the Channel 7 news studio. They have played an active role in planning the journey using public transport to navigate their way to the studio and back again and interpreting train schedules etc. We thank Miss Agnew, Mr Mackie and some supporting staff for providing this experience for our students. Our Grade 1 students are also preparing for a trip to Healesville Sanctuary on the 2nd of May to support their learning about birds and their habitats this term. This promises to be a fun and interactive learning experience for our students. Details and permissions regarding both these excursions have been shared with parents/carers via Compass.

“On your marks”

Our Year 3-6 students are also gearing up for our Year 3-6 Cross Country event this coming Monday. This is always a great event where we promote participation of students to show our STRIVE values. It's great to observe our students cheering on their peers and encouraging them as they make their way around the course. The run occurs at Central Oval close to our school grounds starting around 11:15am. Parents/carers are welcome to attend. Miss Massa has also circulated information via Compass and had invited volunteers to assist on the day. Our sincere thanks go out to those that are donating their time.



ANZAC DAY

Next Thursday is the ANZAC DAY holiday and we don't have school on this day. It is an important and unique opportunity to pay our respects to those who fought and fell serving and protecting our country. It always warms my heart to see so many young people attending ANZAC Day ceremonies and to observe so many families passing on the importance of showing our respect on this day. Lest We Forget.

I hope everyone has a great weekend,

Tony

FROM THE SPORTS SHED TERM 2 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 2

- WHPS 3-6 House Cross Country 22nd April @ Central Oval
- WHPS 3-6 House Cross Country BACKUP 29th April @ Central Oval
- District Cross Country Monday 13th May @ Banyule Flats
- Backup District Cross Country Monday 23rd May @ Banyule Flats
- Division Cross Country Wednesday 29th May @ Banyule Flats
- Grade 3 Camp Monday June 17th- Wednesday 19th June Mount Evelyn
- Grade 4 Camp Wednesday 19th June-Friday 21st June Mount Evelyn



PARENT HELPERS NEEDED for WHPS 3-6
House Cross Country @ Central Oval
11:00am-2:00pm

Please email me if you are able to help
out
massa.macellari@education.vic.gov.au



WINTER INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Round 1 Friday 19 th April	Round 2 Friday 26 th April
<p>Streeton v Bundoora Greensborough BYE</p> <p>Watsonia North v Watsonia Heights (AWAY) AFL played @ Binnak Park, Soccer @ Warrawee Park, Netball and Softball played @ school grounds.</p> <p>St Mary's v Norris Bank</p>	<p>Watsonia North v Streeton</p> <p>St Marys V Watsonia Heights (AWAY) AFL and Soccer played @ Whatmough Park; all other sports played @ school grounds.</p> <p>Bundoora BYE</p> <p>Norris Bank v Greensborough</p>
Round 3 Friday 3 rd May	Round 4 Friday 10 th May
<p>Streeton BYE</p> <p>Bundoora v Watsonia Heights (AWAY) AFL played @ Telfer Reserve; all other sports played @ school grounds</p> <p><u>Greensborough v St. Marys</u> <u>Norris Bank v Watsonia North</u></p>	<p><u>Streeton v Greensborough</u> <u>Bundoora v Watsonia North</u> St Marys BYE</p> <p>Watsonia Heights V Norris Bank (HOME) AFL played @ Central Park, Soccer, Netball and Softball played at school grounds.</p>
Round 5 Friday 17 th May	Round 6 Friday 24 th May
<p>Watsonia Heights v Streeton (HOME) AFL played @ Central Park, Soccer, Netball and Softball played at school grounds.</p> <p><u>Greensborough v Bundoora</u> <u>Watsonia North v St Marys</u> Norris Bank BYE</p>	<p>St Marys v Streeton</p> <p>Watsonia Heights v Greensborough (HOME) AFL played @ Central Park, Soccer, Netball and Softball played at school grounds.</p> <p>Watsonia North BYE <u>Norris Bank v Bundoora</u></p>
Round 7 Friday 31 st May	<p>Due to wet weather cancellation.</p> <p>Make up round 1- Friday 7th June</p> <p>Make up round 2- Friday 14th June</p>
<p>Bundoora v St Marys Watsonia Heights BYE</p> <p><u>Greensborough v Watsonia North</u> Streeton v Norris Bank</p>	<p>Finals day 14th June if make up round 2 not required due to wet weather cancellation.</p> <p>Make up round 1- Friday 7th June</p> <p>Make up round 2 or Finals- Friday 14th June</p> <p>Finals day- Friday 21st June.</p>

MEET OUR WONDERFUL WELLBEING LEADERS



Hi! Our names are Lucy and Lucinda and we are proud to be your wellbeing captains for 2024. Get to know us a bit more below...

Why is wellbeing important to you?

- Lucy:** I have always understood wellbeing and how important it is. When you learn more about it you can help to calm yourself down.
- Lucinda:** It is something that I have struggled with and knowing more about it has really helped me.

What are you hoping to achieve this year as the wellbeing captains?

- Lucy:** I'm excited to help set up the new wellbeing room. I love helping people and the room will be a nice place for people to calm down.
- Lucinda:** Being able to help and support people. It will help with everyone's happiness.

What is one tip you can give to our community about looking after their own wellbeing?

- Lucy:** Put your wellbeing first. If you are feeling stressed try some mindfulness.
- Lucinda:** If you ever feel like you need to talk then make sure you reach out to somebody.

WATSONIA HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

Wednesday 1st May: Classes & Portraits

Friday 10th May: Siblings Photos

Early Bird orders with **FREE DELIVERY**
to your school **CLOSE 5 WORKING DAYS** after
your last photography session.

A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.



SIBLING ORDERS

must be placed
prior to 8am on
Friday 10th May



Order at order.schoolpix.com.au

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Please visit www.schoolpix.com.au and use the student search to find your child's unique ID or contact our **Customer Care team** on **1300 766 055** or help@schoolpix.com.au.

TERM 2 AUSSIE HOOPS MINI HAWKS



FOR
CHILDREN
AGED
5-10 YRS

LEARN BASKETBALL THROUGH FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES

Duration: 8 Weeks

When: **Tuesdays**
Apr 30 – Jun 18

Thursdays
May 2 – June 20

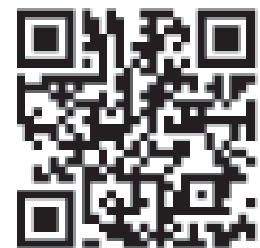
Wednesday
May 1 – Jun 19

Saturdays
Apr 27 – Jun 22

Times: Check website for 5-6yrs, 7-10yrs
& All Girls session times

Cost: **\$104.00** for returning participants
\$13 per session inclusive of all fees & charges
+ \$42.82 New Participant Pack
(includes personalised singlet & ball) if required

Where: **Macleod YMCA**



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Registration & further info at
banyulehawks.com.au



Harmony Week Celebration



Join us to celebrate Harmony Week, a celebration that recognises our diversity and brings people from different backgrounds together.

Browse our vibrant market with diverse artists and makers and connect with local organisations and groups from our community.

You can also enjoy live music and performances showcasing our multicultural community.

Saturday 20 April 2024

12pm – 4pm

Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub

275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe

This is a free family community event. All welcome.



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This year's Harmony Day event is proudly held in partnership with Yarra Plenty Regional Library.



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