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From the Principal

Tony Ryan

Hello WHPS,

Welcome to our Week 3 newsletter. I want to start by thanking our community for your contribution towards our very successful Colour Run last Friday. This was a wonderful school event full of fun, colour and mess! It was also a massive success as a fundraising event for our school. The grand total raised was \$35,870! This is an amazing whole school effort and is a record Colour Run fundraising amount for our school. Our school has already started using the funds raised to update and improve our student bathroom spaces.

In amongst a fantastic whole school fundraising effort, I want to acknowledge some amazing individual and class efforts. Our thanks and congratulations go out to our top 5 student fundraisers

1.	Lola Tabb,	PCB	\$1045
2.	Yaami Porthuguntla,	6C	\$840
3.	Zahlia Raval,	PCB	\$725
4.	Taylor Smith,	5R	\$675
5.	Alessia Salvucci	PCB	\$550

Lola as our leading individual fundraiser is the school receives special Outstanding Achievement award medallion. We hope to present this at next week's assembly.



• **Monday 11th May**
District Cross Country

• **Friday 15th May**
ES Celebration Day

• **Monday 18th May**
Parent Teacher
Interviews - Students
are not required to
attend school.

• **Wednesday 20th May**
World Turtle Day
3:30pm-5pm

• **Friday 22nd May**
Yarning Garden
Opening & Welcome to
Country @ 3:45pm

• **Wednesday 27th May**
National Simultaneous
Story Time - 11am

Term Dates 2026

Term 1:

- **Thursday 29th January**
Years 1-6 Students
return

- **Friday 30th Preps start**
half day

- **Preps Wednesday's off**
during February (apart
from assessment day)

- **Thurs 2nd April term 1**
end

Term 2:

- **Mon 20th April term**
start

- **Fri 26th June term end**

Term 3:

- **Mon 13th July term**
start

- **Fri 18th Sep term end**

Term 4:

- **Mon 5th Oct term start**

- **Fri 18th Dec year end**

With 3 of our top 5 student fundraisers being in Prep CB it is no wonder they took out the leading fundraising class! We have a special Cool Pop party planned for them as a class reward! We thank and congratulate the top 5 fundraising classes.

1. Prep CB	\$4712
2. Prep T	\$2426
3. 4L	\$1940
4. 1P	\$1897
5. Prep D	\$1816



With our 3 Prep classes in our top 5 raising classes, as a year level they contributed almost 25% of the total funds raised. A massive effort from our prep families!

I also wanted to thank our staff and volunteers for their efforts in making the Colour Run such a fun and successful event. A special shout out to those staff members that braved being slimed by some of our students.

An important reminder to our community that now is the time to claim your rewards on your portal. These orders need to be placed by next Wednesday the 13th May. Please see the instructions below from the company on how to complete this process.

- Students who raise over \$10 are eligible for a prize or to send their donation to one of the six causes
- Parents/Students are required to log into their [MYPROFILEPAGE](#) and scroll down to the "Order My Prizes" section to order prizes/causes
- Once students order their prize/select a cause their entry in the Prize Order Tab will change to be orange and have a tick in the ordered and confirmed column
- Students can mix and match up to a total of 5 prizes based on the total amount raised or choose a Cause to support instead (prizes and causes cannot be combined)

Example: \$50 raised, Monty the Monstar can choose one of the following options:

- A. 1 prize from the \$50-\$74 category
- B. 2 prizes from the \$25-\$49 category
- C. 5 prizes from the \$10-\$25 category
- D. Send the donations to one of the six Causes available



Mother's Day:

Wishing all the Mum's in our community a very happy Mother's Day this Sunday. It was fantastic to see so many of our students celebrating their Mum's or other significant people in their lives this morning at our Mother's Day breakfast. It was a great opportunity to grab a cuppa, a bite to eat, a social chat and take in the photo booth that was set up. A massive thank you to our Community Links team for their coordination of this event and to our volunteers and teachers that supported the running of the event.

Native Garden and Yarning Circles:

Our school is also loving the addition of our new Native Garden and Yarning Circles. This space will develop into a great place for reflection and outdoor learning. The school has planned an official opening of the garden after school on Friday May 22nd. To mark this occasion Wurundjeri Elder Annette Xiberras has been booked to perform a smoking ceremony and welcome to country. All in our community are welcome to join us for this event.



Congratulations:

Our congratulations go out to Mrs Stephanie Giammarco and partner Daniel on adding to their growing family. We are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Mietta Giammarco a couple of weeks back. Big sister Gia is loving having a little sister.

Parent Teacher Interviews:

A reminder that we have an upcoming **Curriculum Day on Monday the 18th May. Students are not required to attend on this day.** Kelly club will be offering a full day program for families wanting to take up that option.

Our Term 2 Parent/Teacher interviews are conducted on this day. Keep an eye out for the Compass booking system details being released in the coming days. As mentioned above students are not required on this day. We will provide short term supervision of students in our Library space again for families that have no supervision options for their children during their interview time. Parents/carers need to sign their child in and out to access this service.

Update regarding the Industrial Dispute:

Members of our community may have seen reports in the media that due to strong progress in the negotiations for a new agreement between the DET and AEU, the rolling stop work actions have been suspended for a period of two weeks through until the 18th May.

The scheduled stop work action for our region is **Thursday the 28th May.** We are hopeful that the recent negotiation progress leads to an in principle agreement being struck in the near future and the associated industrial actions are no longer required.

The other possible outcome is that no agreement is struck during that period and the rolling stoppages may recommence. Given this possibility, I wanted to flag this date (28th May) well in advance to assist families in making arrangements, as our school would likely see significant disruptions to our normal operations on this day. I will keep our community informed as further details come to hand.

Another impact of the current AEU work bans includes the writing of student comments in semester 1 reports. As a result, our school is currently working through an altered reporting template for our mid year reports this year.

The following information is provided by the AEU union for our school community.

*School staff pay and conditions and continuing industrial action
Term 2, 2026*

“As parents and carers know, staff at our school who are members of the Australian Education Union (AEU) have been involved in long-running negotiations with the state government and the Department of Education for improved pay and conditions.

Despite an increased number of ongoing negotiations and the commencement of industrial action, including the statewide full day stopwork last term, there is still no fair offer on the table to address the key issues facing public school staff. Victoria’s public schools remain the lowest funded in the country, teachers are the lowest paid, with education support staff and school leaders underpaid as well. School staff also continue to face significant workload pressures. Staffing shortages continue to be experienced in public schools across the state.

AEU Letter continued ...

As part of the campaign, AEU members will be taking further industrial action, including half-day stopworks on a rolling, region-by-region basis. This means each school will be affected once. We understand this can cause disruption for students and families. Staff are taking this action because they care deeply about public education and want to see our schools properly funded, and to receive fair pay and conditions, all of which are critical to a prosperous future for Victoria's public school students.

Union members at Watsonia Heights PS will stop work for half a day on Thursday 28th May. We will continue to keep families informed about any action that may affect our school community."

Have a great weekend everyone,

Tony



Grade 5 Buddy Program

This term, our Grade 5 students have begun buddy sessions with our Prep students, supporting them during PMP (Perceptual Motor Program). PMP helps develop coordination, balance and movement skills through fun physical activities.

Our Grade 5s have shown great leadership, being supportive and exceptional role models while building positive connections with their Prep buddies.



What's Happening in Grade 6!

The Grade 6 students are beginning the term off with learning about Farming and Food Production.



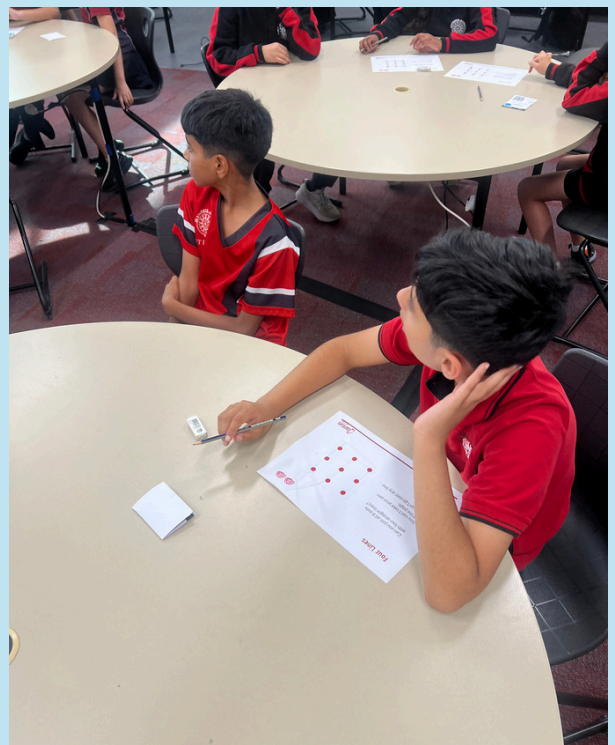
The Grade 6s went on an excursion to VEG Education where they learnt about how they grow, harvest, package and distribute vegetables all across Victoria.



Grade 6

Maths Enrichment Day

Last Thursday, 19 Grade 6s went to Quantum Victoria to participate in a Maths Enrichment day with 4 other schools. Our students excelled in applying their knowledge of chance, measurement, geometry and numerical computation to work their way through a series of mathematical puzzles and games.



Student of The Week

Week 1



**MATILDA, DAISY, HARVEY, JOSIE, MARLO, ISLA, ALBERT,
JAMES, IVY, LEILA, MATISSE, LACHIE, MIA, IVY, TOBY,
ZACHARY, LIAM, ETHAN, GRACE.**

Week 4

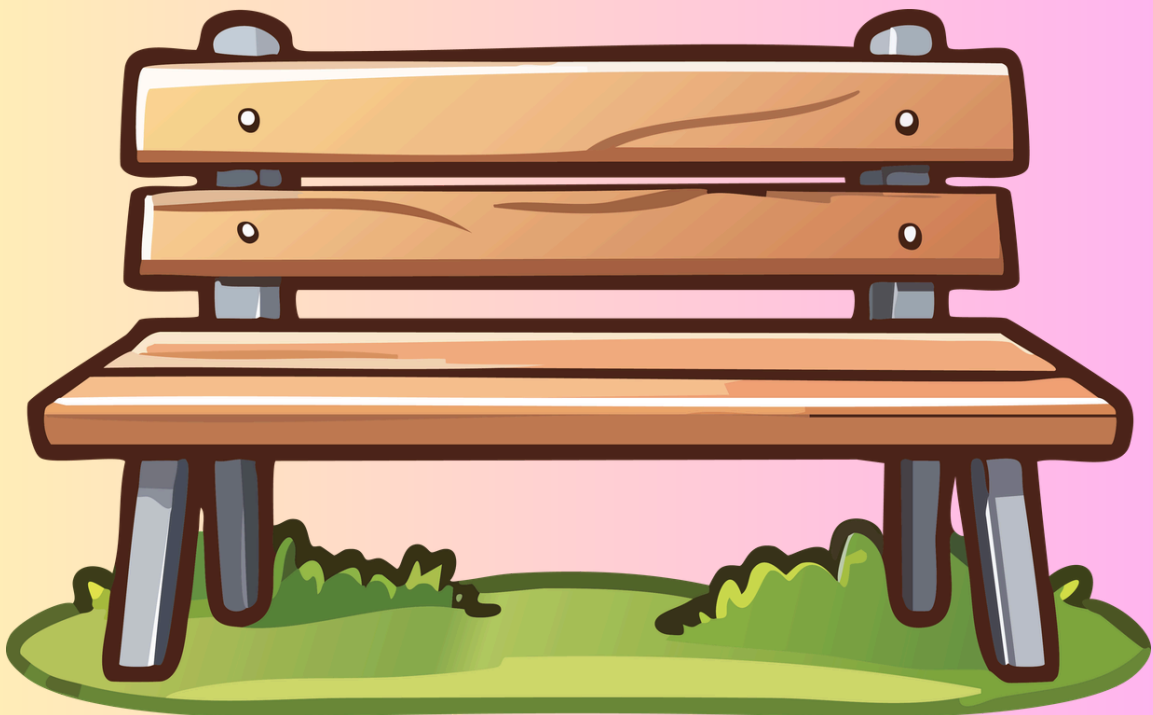


**GEORGIA, JANA, AUM, HOLLY, LUIS, ERASER, THEO,
LAUREN, SAM, SIERRA, INDIA, RASHED, LEVI, LUCAS,
HUDSON, HAZEL.**

Congratulations!

**2026
JSC**

**COMING
SOON**





Dates for your **DIARY 2026**



By Miss Massa

Term 2 - 20th April - 26th June

WHPS 3-6 House Cross Country Monday 27th April 2026 @ WHPS

Colour Run (P-6) Friday May 1st 2026

WHPS 3-6 House Cross Country BACKUP DAY 4th May 2026 @ WHPS

District Cross Country Monday 11th May @ Banyule Flats Reserve

Division Cross Country Wednesday 3rd June

Northern Metropolitan Regional Cross Country Wednesday 17th June

Grade 3 Camp Mount Evelyn - Wednesday 24th June-Friday 26th June 2026

Term 3 - 13th July - 18th September 2026

WHPS 3/4 House Athletics Monday 20th July 2026 @ Willinda Park

AFL 9s Division Thursday 23rd July

WHPS 5/6 House Athletics Monday 27th July 2026 @ Willinda Park

Netball Division Tuesday July 28th

Soccer Division Wednesday July 29th

T Ball Division Thursday July 30th

District Athletics Thursday 20th August @ Meadowglen Athletics Track

Division Athletics Friday September 11th

Term 4 - 5th October - 18th December 2026

Northern Metropolitan Regional Athletics Wednesday 14th October 2026

Grade 5 Camp Sovereign Hill - Wednesday 14th October- Wednesday 16th October 2026

Division Basketball Thursday 15th October

Division Softball Wednesday 21st October

Grade 4 Camp Alexandra Adventure Resort - Monday 26th October- Wednesday 28th October 2026

Cricket Blast Wednesday 28th

Grade 6 Camp Coastal Forest Lodge - Wednesday 2nd December - Friday 4th December 2026



SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) Demonstrate appropriate social behavior by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials
- b) Students play organised sport for enjoyment. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
- c) Don't let your behavior detract from their enjoyment
- d) Applaud good performance and efforts by your team AND the opponents. Congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- e) Respect the official's decision. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure of the sport in order to question the decision and teach the children to do likewise.
- f) Never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivating.
- g) Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- h) Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- i) Encourage players to play according to the rules and the officials' decisions.
- j) Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used eg digital mediums such as twitter, facebook, email and texts.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) Play for enjoyment.
- b) Play by the rules.
- c) Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
- d) Don't be induced into 'throwing' a game for the benefit of another team or individual
- e) Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing equipment is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- f) Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- g) Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of another player.
- h) Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents.
- i) Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used eg digital mediums such as twitter, facebook, email and texts.





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