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# LINK LETTER



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## Term 2

- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
**World Turtle Day**  
**Wear Green and**  
**bring a gold coin**  
**donation**  
**& Library Open**  
**Afternoon 3:30pm -**  
**5pm**
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May**  
**ISS Bundoora vs**  
**WHPS**
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
**Division Cross**  
**Country**
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Fight MND Day**  
**Wear a touch of**  
**blue, wear a beanie**  
**and bring a gold coin**  
**donation**
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
**School Professional**  
**Practice Day-**  
**Students do not**  
**attend school**
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Kings Birthday**  
**Public Holiday-**  
**Students do not**  
**attend school**
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June**  
**ISS WHPS vs**  
**Watsonia**

## Across the Acting Principal's Desk:

**Tony Ryan**

Hello everyone and welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. I hope everyone has managed to stay warm after some particularly chilly starts across the past week. The school continues to offer a range of cocurricular activities that support the learning in the classroom and wellbeing of our students. An example of this was the Elephant Ed excursion last Thursday for our Year 5 & 6 students. Elephant Ed is a leading consent and respectful relationships education provider who presented an engaging and informative session around puberty and human development for our students. Our thanks go out to our Wellbeing team and 5/6 staff for coordinating this important program.

Our grade 2 students also went on a recent local walking excursion to Plenty River Reserve. This was a great opportunity for students to explore the local community, and they also collected local bird species data to support their classroom work. A big thank you to our staff and a number of parent volunteers for supporting this excursion. Our school also participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday this week as we do every year. It is a great initiative to grow the love of literacy amongst our students. Our thanks to Kathryne for supporting and publicising this event.

### **Parent Teacher Interviews:**

Our Term 2 Parent teacher interviews were held yesterday. Thanks to all those parents/ carers that engaged with this process, and we hope that this proved useful in building the picture of the progress of our students and what we can do at school and at home to support their growth. The interviews are designed to complement the other aspects of our school learning monitoring and reporting processes such as student led conferences, Individual Education Plans (IEP's) and Student Support Group meetings for selected students and our mid-year reports being released later this term. Many thanks go to our teaching team for facilitating this important conversation across what can be a very long day of up to 25 parent meetings. 4H have had their parent teacher interviews scheduled for a separate day, with these taking place on Tuesday June 10th.

## 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

### **Farewell and Congratulations:**

Ms Amy Davidson will be leaving us in the next few weeks to embark on an exciting new chapter in her life as she begins maternity leave. We wish Amy and partner Richard all the best with this exciting time.

I'd also like to welcome, congratulate and introduce Marc Westgarth as the newest member of our teaching team, who will be taking over from Amy as the teacher of 4D. Marc comes to us with a variety of experience within education and we look forward to adding his skillset to our strong staff team. To ease the transition process for our students, we will be performing a staged teacher transition across the next two weeks.

### **Division Cross Country:**

Our congratulations also goes out to members of our District Cross Country team who recently competed at Banyule Flats. As a result of some amazing performances our school team was crowned as the district Cross Country Champions! Most importantly we could not be more proud of the manner our in which our students behave, represent our school and support each other. An amazing effort by all and thanks to Miss Massa, our other staff and parents that supported our runners on the day. A number of our team now progress on to the Division Cross Country run on Tuesday the 3rd of June. We wish them all the best!

### **ATTOS:**

I recently sent out information to our Year 4-6 parent/carers about the upcoming Attitudes To School Survey. This is a survey to collect data to understand the opinions and experience of our students at school. The survey will be conducted at school between the 1st and 12th of June. There is information on the process for those that wish to withdraw their child from completing the survey in the Compass post.

### **Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week:**

The 26 of May marks the anniversary of the tabling of the Bringing Them Home report in parliament in 1997 and commemorates stolen generation survivors. National Reconciliation week follows this between 27 May-3 June. This year's theme Bridging Now to Next calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and let past lessons guide us.

### **ICAS Testing:**

Just a reminder to those families interested in signing their children up to perform the ICAS testing program that details regarding the registration process have been sent out through Compass my Ms Mclean.

### **Events:**

Just a reminder to keep an eye out for upcoming events that are circulated via compass. An example will be Grade 3 Camp coming up later this term or the school concert. For these events it's vital that we have secured parent permissions and payment prior to the event so that student participation isn't impacted. Where financial constraints are a barrier, we encourage families to reach out early in the process so that we can consider what supports we may be able to put in place.

### **Important Dates:**

A reminder that our school Professional Practice Day is approaching on Friday 6th June. This is a student free day. Our junior school teachers are planning on completing individual assessments on this day. For those families that are available to sign up for an assessment time on this day, information has been distributed via Compass about signing up for an available time. Students that are not assessed on this day will be assessed by their teacher at another time.

Also, a reminder that the King's Birthday Public Holiday is coming up on Monday 9th June.

Our **Fight MND fundraising event** coordinated by our Junior School Council is coming up on Thursday 5th June. More details to follow via Compass.

I hope everyone has an awesome weekend,

Tony

**Success Teamwork Respect Individuality Visionary Effort!!**

# News from your Library

Have you logged into your Premiers' Reading Challenge portal?

Victorian  
**Premiers'  
Reading  
Challenge**



The **Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC)** is in full swing and is a great way to combine your child's love of reading with an opportunity for them to win fantastic, randomly drawn prizes.

All of our book-lovers received a hard copy of their **PRC username and 2025 updated password**. So, they have everything they need to start logging all the wonderful books they read before the closing date on the **5th of September 2025**.

So far, our amazing book-lovers have read **2277** books, and **24** of our book-lovers have already finished the PRC! Woo-Hoo! Sensational work book-lovers! Don't worry. There are **still 121 days left** and lots of great, randomly drawn prizes up for grabs! So, jump online and register all your wonderful books now.

## Dashboard

EK 10

School: Watsonia Heights Primary School

2025 challenge in progress

66 days

Campus: All Campus

Start 03 Mar, 2025

End 05 Sep, 2025 121 days left

520

Eligible students

520

(100 %)

Students registered

24

(4 %)

Students completed

## Books

619 (27%)

Added

1658 (73%)

Finished

2277

Books Read

0

Books to

0 (0%)

Books to

1658 (73%)

Verified books

**Congratulations to our 24 book-lovers who have finished the PRC challenge!**

**Prep D** - Sebastian

**1H** - Emily

**2J** - Aria & Gabbie

**3B** - Sierra, Mivaan, Quinn, Josephine & Riya, **3D** - Nakshatra & Sebastien,

**3MT** - Bodhi D, Harriet, Amelia, & Hanna

**4D** - Ivy & Emilia, **4H** - Ava, **4L** - Praise

**5C** - Lola, **5F** - Yaami & Evelyn **5S** - Grace **6A** - Nam

20 years of  
Words and Wonder

# WHPS IS TURNING BLUE

THURSDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE

PLEASE WEAR YOUR  
MND BEANIE OR A  
TOUCH OF BLUE

GOLD COIN DONATION



**FIGHT  
MND.**

# Student of The Week

Week 4

CONGRATULATIONS



3B, Archer, Sadie, Hamish, Freddie, Reggie, Leki, Hana, Michael, Mitchell, Elinor, Mila, Lily, Preston, Amal, Remy, Amelia, Sienna, Ivy.

Week 5

CONGRATULATIONS



Harry, Otis, Ashy, Jayden, Ned, Patrick, Margot, Akash, Felicity, Vivaan, Serena, Henry, Koby, Finley.

Congratulations!

Do you have a daughter in Grade 5?

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Hear from our Principal  
 Stephanie Evans



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THURSDAY NIGHT LEVEL UP PROGRAMS  
 FOR EXISTING UNDER 12/14 DOMESTIC PLAYERS  
 AVAILABLE WHO WANT TO PUSH TO REP

SCAN QR CODE FOR EOI



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# Reconciliation Week Family Day and Market at Barrbunin Beek

Saturday 31st May 2025

11.30am to 3pm

Barrbunin Beek Aboriginal Gathering Place invites you to join us for a family fun day for National Reconciliation Week.

The National Reconciliation Week 2025 theme, Bridging Now to Next, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future.

At a time when Australia faces uncertainty in its reconciliation journey, this theme calls on all Australians to step forward together. Bridging Now to Next urges us to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

Come along with the whole family for a wide range of fun activities and to learn what you can do to make a difference. All Allies and Friends welcome!!

**Barrbunin Beek Aboriginal Gathering Place**  
**55 Catalina St Heidelberg West**

Sausage sizzle will be available for a gold coin donation.

Bookings can be made at <https://www.trybooking.com/CZOMT>

For more info please check out our Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/BarrbuninBeekGP](https://www.facebook.com/BarrbuninBeekGP)

Contact Kristen on 0423 063 737 or Blair on 0419 579 451



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

## Bridging Now to Next

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

#NRW2025 | [RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU](https://reconciliation.org.au)



  
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- 02** Basketball, AFL, Netball, Soccer and Hockey on offer
- 03** Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- 04** Guest appearances at selected programs



**It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants**



## THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!

#### LOCATIONS

- Camberwell Grammar School, Canterbury
- HA Smith Reserve, Hawthorn
- Box Hill High School, Box Hill
- Trinity Grammar, Marles Playing Fields, Bulleen
- M.L.C, Kew
- Camberwell Hockey Club, Canterbury
- Doncaster Secondary College, Doncaster
- Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre

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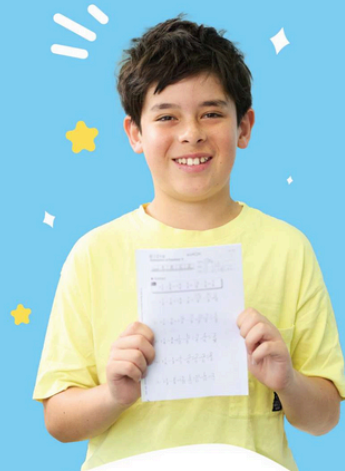
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