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## Across the Principal's Desk:

Tony Ryan

Hello WHPS Community,

I hope everyone had a happy and positive holiday period and have enjoyed the first week of Term 3! It has been great catching up with our students and staff this week and hearing about all the fun adventures they have been on during the break. Our students have hit the ground running in terms of their dance practices. It was great hearing from Kyle one of our great dance instructors from Kinect2dance that many of the classes have retained their learning from last term and are really starting to nail their dance moves. The concert promises to be a fantastic school event.

We have a number of exciting events approaching. Guess who is about to celebrate 100 days of Prep next week? You'll never...ok, you guessed it... it's the Preps (you're good at this game!). How exciting! Our preps have done an amazing job adapting to school life and flourishing at the start of their educational career. Big thanks to our prep team who have planned a range of fun activities to mark this special occasion.

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## Term 3

• **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July**  
**ISS Division Netball**

• **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July**  
**ISS Division Tee Ball**

• **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August**  
**WHPS Grades 3&4**  
**House Athletics Day**  
**&**  
**ICAS Writing**

• **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**  
**ICAS Digital Tech**

• **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August**  
**WHPS Grades 5&6**  
**House Athletics Day**  
**&**  
**ICAS English**  
**&**  
**National Science Week**

• **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Grade 6 Science Fair**

**Book Week**  
**18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

**CURRICULUM DAY**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Students are not required at school**

## 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

### **Gate Security System:**

You may have seen my Compass post earlier this week about our new front security gate installation across the holiday period. The school is still working through a few logistical elements with the installation company and so the gate and intercom system isn't yet operational, but we hope to have it ready for use within a week or so. It does provide an opportunity to do some staff training around its operation and to share further details about how the system will operate with the community prior to initiating the system. We look forward to having it in place and appreciate your patience in the interim as community members currently need to ring the office and we need to physically open and close the gate during the school day. A massive shout out to our office staff who have been getting 'their steps up', whilst we get things sorted out.

### **School Survey:**

At WHPS we value the feedback and input of our community about how we can continue to make our great school even better. Our amazing staff consistently STRIVE to improve the learning and wellbeing environment for our students and families. In support of this intention, the school has created a short online survey asking for parent/carer feedback about our reporting and information sharing practices and how they could be improved. I have posted this on Compass today. The survey should only take approximately 5 minutes to complete and provides the school with rich feedback so that we can continue to best cater to the needs of our community. We really appreciate those members of the community that take time to share their thoughts.

### **Staffing Celebrations:**

Speaking of our amazing staff, we have had a few recent things to celebrate!!! We offer our congratulations to our year 4 teacher Ms Amy Davidson and her partner Richard who recently welcomed into the world their adorable baby girl Frankie, born on the 11<sup>th</sup> July. Both Mum and bubs are doing well, and Amy sounds completely smitten! Congratulations!

In bittersweet news we also farewelled Ms Ally Clarke this week on maternity leave. We are sad to see Ally leave us as she has such a large impact as a member of our school wellbeing team, but are also excited for her and partner Ant as they eagerly await the birth of their third child. All the best and thanks Ally!

We also welcome back to the WHPS staff team Ms Maddy Henskens this term. Maddy, will be providing a range of support and extension programs to our upper school students and we are excited to have her back as part of the team. Welcome back Maddy!

### **North-East Community Fund Grant:**

In other super exciting news, the school has just been notified that our North-East Community Fund grant application for the installation of a Yarning Circle, native garden and play space has been successful! A big thank you goes out to members of our school council grants committee Rebecca Nisbet and Jasmina Bojadzieva for their work in pulling together our grant application. This will be a great addition to our school!

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## **Sporting Superstars:**

A large number of our students have been performing at very high levels in a range of sporting fields as Miss Massa continues to cultivate her sporting empire! Our school AFL football team participated in the Division AFL Round Robin tournament on Tuesday and did a great job against very stiff competition and in very wet and slippery conditions.

The State Cross Country was also conducted yesterday where we had Ellie Elms competing. Ellie did an amazing job finishing midfield in such a high level of competition. Former WHPS alumni and daughter of Mel Edmonds in the office Dakota Edmonds also competed in an older age bracket finishing in 35<sup>th</sup> position. Our congratulations go out to both girls on an amazing effort.

Our school netball and softball teams have also won their way through to Divisional level and represent the school next week. Good luck to all involved.

## **Volunteers – We Need You!**

We love having parents and carers involved in the life of the school, and we truly appreciate those who are able to 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

## **Optional Programs:**

As we start the term, it's worth reminding our school community about some of our great co-curricular program offerings such as our instrumental music program, Chess Club and Code Camp. These optional user pays programs offer great impact and enrich the school experience for those involved. Please see some further details below regarding the Code Camp program.

## **Exclusive to Watsonia Heights Primary School Students**

### **Minecraft Engineers (Years 3– 6)**

At Minecraft Engineers, learn fundamental concepts of engineering, coding and command-based programming while creating a new project each term including fully featured rollercoasters, spy headquarters and castles. Using Minecraft: Education Edition, students will add new technical elements to their projects using commands and electrical circuits using redstone and creative design that's only limited to their imagination.

SECURE YOUR SPOT: <https://my.codecamp.com.au/course/5561>

There are limited spots for this class. Register today!

Starting Mon, 28 Jul 2025

Parents can reach Code Camp by leaving a voicemail on [1300 263 322](tel:1300263322) or emailing [hello@codecamp.com.au](mailto:hello@codecamp.com.au) for any other info.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Tony

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# Interschool Sports

At the end of last term, four of our teams competed in the District Interschool Sports finals against other schools in the area.

The Girls' Netball team played with great determination against Watsonia North Primary School but were narrowly defeated.

The Mixed Netball team followed with a fantastic performance, securing a win against Watsonia North!



A huge congratulations to our Tee-ball team, who brought home a win in their final—what an outstanding effort!

Our AFL team faced St Mary's and came away with a strong victory, while the Soccer team showed incredible effort and teamwork, making it to the semi-finals before a tough loss to St Mary's.

We are incredibly proud of all our students for their sportsmanship, teamwork and determination throughout the finals!







# State CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July we had Ellie Elms represent Watsonia Heights at the State Cross Country at the Yarra Valley Racing Club in Yarra Glen. We are so proud of her Cross Country journey and were cheering for your success. Well done Ellie.

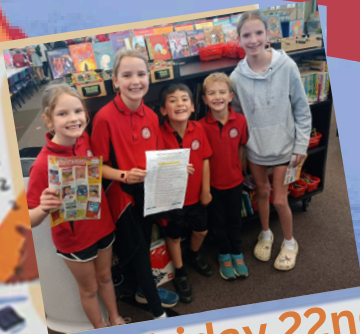


# News from your Library

**Book Week Save The Dates!**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Book  
Treasure  
Hunt  
3:30 - 5pm**



**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
Book  
Character  
Parade  
9:15 am**



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Meekat  
Productions  
Book Play  
9 & 10 am**



## BOOK AN Adventure



**Adrian Beck**  
Gr Prep - 2  
students will  
meet Adrian Beck  
on 19.08.2



**Jack Heath**  
Gr 3 - 6  
students will  
meet Jack Heath  
on 20.08.2





# Student of The Week

Week 1

CONGRATULATIONS



Sadie, Audrey, Lucas, Emily, Riley, Emma, Tom,  
Hannah, Aleeza, Hendrix, Fletcher, Blake,  
Sebastien, Camilo, Xavier, Lola, Erin,  
Cyrus, Violet, Emerson, Sonny, Ethan.

Congratulations!



# Sponsor Our School Production

*Support theArts.*

*Promote your business.*

*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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Monday 28 Jul - 15 Sep  
3:45PM - 5:00PM



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Years 3 - 6

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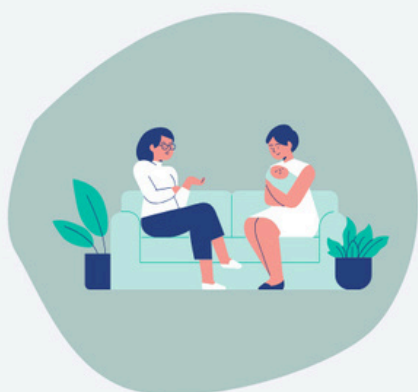
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# MINDS OF ALL KINDS PSYCHOLOGY



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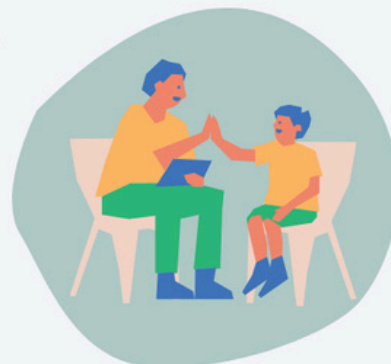
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## LOOKING FOR PSYCHOLOGY SUPPORT?

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- NEURODIVERGENCE - E.G., AUTISM, ADHD
- COGNITIVE AND EDUCATIONAL - E.G., DYSLEXIA, LEARNING CHALLENGES



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