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From the Principal

Tony Ryan

📚 An Amazing Book Week Celebration

What a fantastic Book Week we have had at WHPS! It was wonderful to see the incredible effort our students and staff went to with their costumes on Tuesday. There were some very creative and imaginative characters wandering around the school, and it was clear how much enjoyment everyone got from celebrating books and reading together.

We had some tricky weather to navigate, but thankfully we were able to go ahead with our Book Week Parade. It was great to see so many parents, carers and members of our community staying around to watch the parade and cheer on our students. Your support really does help make these special school experiences even more memorable for our children.

The parade was only one part of what has been a fantastic week of Book Week activities. Students have enjoyed getting involved in the Book Treasure Hunt, Book Trivia and Book Swap, as well as our Meerkat and Adam Wallace incursions. These activities have provided some wonderful opportunities for our students to celebrate their love of books, discover new stories and authors, and share the joy of reading with their friends.

A huge thank you to our wonderful librarian, Kathryne, for the enormous amount of work that goes into organising and coordinating Book Week activities each year. I would also like to thank all of our staff who have supported the activities and helped create such a positive celebration of reading across the school.



Term 3

- **Monday 31st August Grade 1 Melbourne Zoo Excursion**
- **Friday 4th September-Father's Day Breakfast 8-9am in GP Room**
- **monday 7th September - Adam Wallace Author Visit Grades 3-6**
- **Friday 11th September - Division Athletics**
- **Tuesday 15th September-CELEBRATION OF LEARNING-3pm-3:30pm & 3:30pm-4:40pm & Yakult Excursion Grade 3**
- **Thursday 17th September - Footy FUN/Food Day**
- **Final Day of Term 3 Friday 18th September 2pm Assembly & 2:30pm Dismissal from classroom**

Term Dates 2026

Term 3:
- Mon 13th July term start
- Fri 18th Sep term end

Term 4:
- Mon 5th Oct term start
- Fri 18th Dec year end

☕ Special Men's Breakfast

We are looking forward to our special Men's Breakfast before school on Friday 4 September. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the great men in our school community and to come together in the GP Room for a cuppa and some yummy breakfast treats.

If you are in a position to volunteer and support the event, please reach out to our Community Links team at communitylinks.whps@gmail.com. We would love to have your support.

🦁 Grade 1 Melbourne Zoo Excursion

Our Grade 1 students are eagerly looking forward to their Melbourne Zoo excursion next Monday. This promises to be a fantastic day of learning, exploration and adventure for our students, and I know they are very excited about the opportunity.

A big thank you to the staff and parent/carer volunteers who will be supporting our students on what should be a memorable day.

📝 Parent Opinion Survey

A reminder about the Parent Opinion Survey (POS) that I shared with families via Compass earlier this week.

The POS is an annual survey conducted by the Department of Education and provides families with an important opportunity to share their views about our school. Your feedback contributes to our staff identifying aspects of our school to celebrate, areas for improvement and professional development needs, as well as helping us target school planning and improvement strategies.

Details about how to complete the survey can be found in the Compass post. Thank you to the 9% of families who have already completed the survey. The higher our participation rate, the more reliable and useful the results will be for our school.

The survey remains open until Friday 18 September, and I encourage and thank all families that take the opportunity to provide their feedback.

📅 Important Upcoming Dates

There are a couple of important dates for families to have in their calendars as we head towards the end of Term 3.

Our Learning Celebration Open Classrooms afternoon will be held on Tuesday 15 September from 3:00pm–4:40pm. This will provide families with an opportunity to come into classrooms, see some of the learning that has taken place throughout the term and celebrate the achievements of our students.

A reminder also that we have a slightly earlier finish on the final day of Term. Our End of Term Assembly will commence at 2:00pm, with students finishing for the term at 2:30pm on Friday 18 September.

💙 Vale Effie Roubos

The school received some very sad news this week with the passing of former staff member Effie Roubos.

Effie was a much-loved and valued member of our Education Support team between 2015 and 2019. During her time at WHPS, Effie made a strong contribution to our school and was always committed to providing a caring and supportive experience for our students.

I know Effie's passing will be felt by many of our longstanding staff members and former families who had the privilege of knowing and working with her. On behalf of the WHPS community, we extend our deepest condolences to Effie's family and friends during this very sad time.

🧢 SunSmart Reminder

Our SunSmart period begins next week on 1 September. During this period, students are required to wear their school SunSmart hats when outdoors and are encouraged to demonstrate other SunSmart practices such as wearing sunscreen and seeking shade.

When the SunSmart period begins, students can sometimes need a few reminders to remember to pack their hats. We will generally provide a few days of reminders and support before implementing our 'No hat, no play' policy.

This is also a good time to remind families of the importance of clearly labelling all student uniform items with your child's name. Named items are much more likely to find their way back to their owner when they are misplaced.

🩺 **Keeping Our Community Healthy**

We have seen a recent increase in health-related concerns across the school, including a number of students being unwell and experiencing a particularly persistent cough. We have also seen a spike in cases of head lice across a few year levels.

We encourage parents and carers to actively check their children for head lice and, if they are found, ask that students remain at home until appropriate treatment has been completed.

While we always encourage students to attend school regularly when they are well, it is equally important that children stay home when they are unwell so they can rest and recover and to help prevent the transmission of illness to others.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain healthy practices across our school community.

Combating Racism:

At WHPS we value the diversity of culture, ethnicity, and faith of all our students. We are proud of our diversity, and everyone is welcome at our school.

Celebrating the diversity of our community makes us stronger, kinder and innovative. We are committed to ensuring that students from all backgrounds feel accepted, supported and are empowered to learn.

To achieve our values and aims, everyone at WHPS plays an important role, and we are writing to ask for your support.

We ask that you support your child/ren to:

- understand that we celebrate diversity and multicultural inclusion
- understand the importance of everyone at school being treated with respect
- understand that WHPS takes racism very seriously
- understand that the school will support students if they experience or see their classmates experience this racism
- Discuss with your children the impact of using racist slurs or making fun of another culture and the harm it may cause other students, and the importance of using respectful language at school and in the broader community.

Your partnership in reinforcing these values at home will significantly help us create and maintain a respectful and inclusive environment at our school.

For more information, please see Racism: talking with children and teens, Raising Children Network. If you or your child/ren have experienced racism or other unfair treatment, our school is here to help. Talk to your classroom teacher or a member of our school leadership team. They can help you understand the school policies and access support to make a complaint. If you don't feel comfortable reporting the incident to school, you can call or email the Report Racism hotline. The Department of Education runs the Report Racism hotline. It is available 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) on 1800 722 476 or via email at report.racism@education.vic.gov.au.

If you need an interpreter to call the school, please use the details available at: Guide for Families: How to use an interpreter to contact your school (https://go.vic.gov.au/4h9ivgm)

🚶 **Respecting Our Neighbours**

We have recently been contacted by one of our neighbours regarding damage to their garden, including students walking through garden beds and landscaped areas trampling plants. Out of respect for our neighbours and the broader community, we ask parents and carers travelling with their children to school to closely monitor their actions and encourage them to remain on footpaths and utilising school crossings, rather than taking shortcuts through gardens or other private property. For those children who travel independently, we would also appreciate parents reminding them that they are representing both their family and our school when they are out in the community. Being respectful of other people's property is an important part of being a responsible member of our community.

On a positive note, I have noticed that many of our students have been doing a great job of walking their bikes and scooters when entering and leaving the school grounds and the immediate surrounding area. This makes things considerably safer for pedestrians, particularly during our busy morning drop-off and afternoon collection times. Thank you to everyone who is helping to make these areas safer for our community.

Have a great weekend, Tony

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

On Thursday 20th August we had a number of our grade 3 to 6s represent Watsonia Heights at Meadowglen for our annual District Athletics Carnival. Our students represented Watsonia Heights very respectully and in such a positive mannor. We are so proud of all of their achievements on the day.

We congratulate our whole team for achieving the trophy of "MOST IMPROVED SCHOOL" for 2026. We came 3rd overall which is HUGE.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our parent supporters who came down to cheer all of our athletes on! We appreciate you all. Special mention to Jessie Morgan and Duncan Williams for your help at triple jump.









Miss Massa

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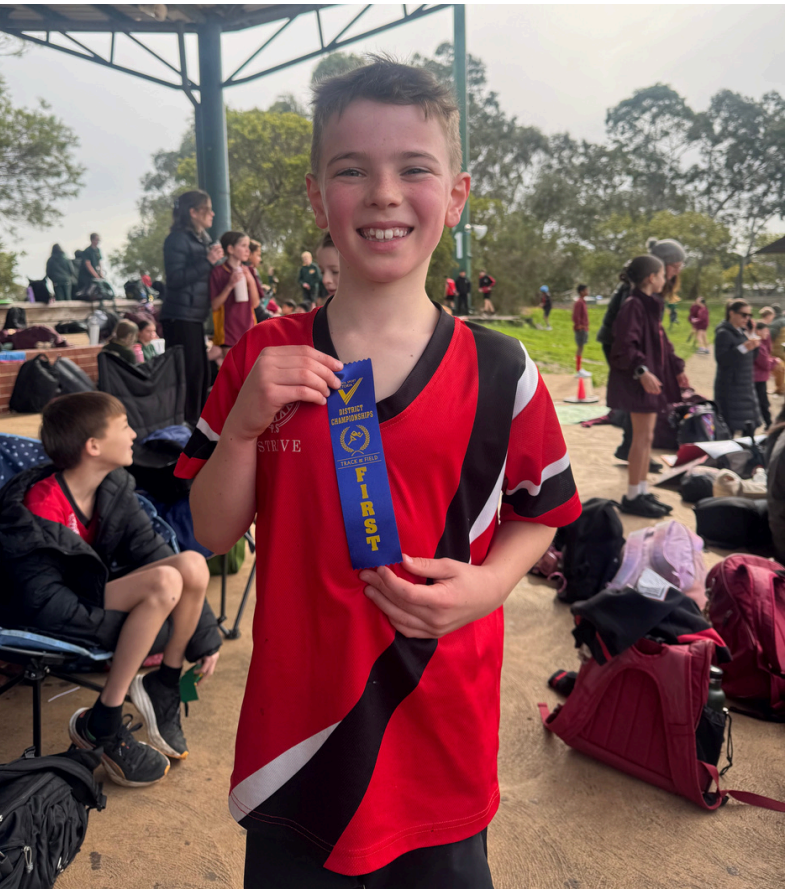






Miss Massa

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Miss Massa

Dates for your DIARY 2026

By Miss Massa

Term 3 - 13th July - 18th September 2026

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

National Science Week

Last week we celebrated National Science Week at Watsonia Heights Primary School. A highlight of the week was our annual Science Competition and the entries this year were amazing. Congratulations to all of our entrants and winners!













All entries are on display near the Front Office. Come and have a look!









Student of The Week

Week 6



Akash, Charlie, noah, Amelia, Amber, Gus, Elle, Jana, Albert, Maddie, Ciara, Dhruv, CHarlotte, Hanna, Briar, Michael, Olivia, Riley, Bryan, Trevor, Riley, Sadie.

Week 7



Puran, Eden,Lola, Octavia, Hannah, Tommy, Lucas, Alaia, Javier, Amelia, Isla, Lachlan, Hannah, Carter, Zoe, Aria Matthew, Emily, Ziggy, Kosta.

Congratulations!

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Does your child experience any of the following?

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- Fears and phobias
- Difficulty separating from you or worrying about parental safety
- Trouble sleeping alone in their bed
- Fear of the dark
- Scared of lifts, trains, and people
- Fear of dogs and other animals
- Excessive worry and constant reassurance seeking
- Fear of germs and other health problems

The One Step at a Time Program involves:

- Comprehensive psychological assessment of your child's anxiety
- Seven sessions of online counselling through video conferencing
- Parent-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) skills to help you manage and support your child's anxiety
- Two combined parent-child sessions
- Reflective parenting strategies
- Access to a website with self-help materials to supplement therapy.

Cost

$20 per session/assessment. Treatment consists of seven therapy sessions plus one assessment session.

Contact us

Referrals and enquiries can be made by contacting the Swinburne Psychology Clinic at:

Telephone: 03 9214 8653

Email: psychprojects@swin.edu.au

OR, by accessing the online registration form by using the QR Code or the link below:

https://forms.office.com/r/kxjjie5YcM





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KELLY CLUB SPRING 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WATSONIA HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL
61 HENRY ST, GREENSBOROUGH, 7:00AM - 6:00PM



WEEK 1

Mon 21 Sep		**ARRR ME HEARTIES!** Climb aboard and start the long voyage across the seven seas. Will you be a pirate on the ship or a mermaid under the water?	FULL FEE $75 AFTER MAX CCS* $7.50
Tues 22 Sep	 INCURSION	**COMMANDO KIDS** Bring your detective skills to Kelly Club today. We are going to be putting your brain to the test with clues and clever obstacle courses! Can you solve the mysterious case?	FULL FEE $105 AFTER MAX CCS* $10.50
Wed 23 Sep	 EXCURSION	**MOVIES - HOYTS** Join us for an exciting trip to the movies! Sit back, relax and enjoy a film on the big screen, complete with popcorn and a drink.Join us for an exciting trip to the movies! Sit back, relax and enjoy a film on the big screen, complete with popcorn and a drink.	FULL FEE $115 AFTER MAX CCS* $11.50
Thur 24 Sep	 CREATE & TAKE	**AFL GRAND FINAL DAY** Celebrate footy finals fever with our AFL Create & Take day! Design and make your own AFL-themed creations to take home, enjoy exciting footy games, and show your team spirit in a fun-filled day of Grand Final excitement!	FULL FEE $90 AFTER MAX CCS* $9.00
Fri 25 Sep	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	**PUBLIC HOLIDAY** We are closed.	FULL FEE AFTER MAX CCS*

WEEK 2

Mon 28 Sep	 CREATE & TAKE	**FINN-TASTIC** Stuff, Style & Smile! Join our Stuffem Create & Take workshop! Kids hand-stuff their own Under the Sea plush buddy, design a custom heart, and take home a new best friend with an official adoption certificate.keepsake activity	FULL FEE $90 AFTER MAX CCS* $9.00
Tues 29 Sep		**WHEELS DAY** Bring your bikes, scooters or other wheels for races, obstacle courses and relays and then see what else you can make move. Please remember your helmet.	FULL FEE $75 AFTER MAX CCS* $7.50
Wed 30 Sep	 INCURSION	**SILENT ESCAPE ZONE** Step into the Silent Escape Zone with Supreme Incursions, where children will work together to solve interactive challenges using silent headphones. This exciting experience encourages teamwork, communication, problem-solving and plenty of fun in a unique, immersive environment.	FULL FEE $105 AFTER MAX CCS* $10.50
Thur 1 Oct	 SUPER EXCURSION	**SOCIAL FAIR** Get ready to enjoy an exciting day at Social Fair Coburg, exploring the Clip 'n Climb walls, Adventure Play and Sky Net. It's a fantastic opportunity to stay active, challenge themselves and have fun with friends!	FULL FEE $140 AFTER MAX CCS* $14.00
Fri 2 Oct		**FRIDAY FUNTIME** Get ready for silly games, crazy challenges, and non-stop fun! Step into our wacky world and let the adventures begin.	FULL FEE $75 AFTER MAX CCS* $7.50

Contact: Heidi Email: watsoniaheights@kellyclub.com.au Phone: 0421 201 569
Further information: www.kellyclub.com.au/hp#info

*Childcare subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia Childcare Subsidy for eligibility and entitlement.

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LOCATIONS

- Trinity Grammar, Kew - **28, 29, 30 September 2026**
- Anderson Park, Hawthorn East - **22, 23, 24 September 2026**
- Hays Paddock, Kew East - **30 September, 1, 2 October 2026**
- Melbourne Girls Grammar, Richmond - **30 September, 1, 2 October 2026**
- Camberwell Hockey Club, Canterbury - **21, 22, 23 September 2026**
- Doncaster Secondary College, Doncaster - **30 September, 1, 2 October 2026**
- Bundha Indoor Sports Centre - Fitzroy North - **1, 2 October 2026**
- Boroondara Sports Complex, Balwyn North - **23, 24 September 2026**

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

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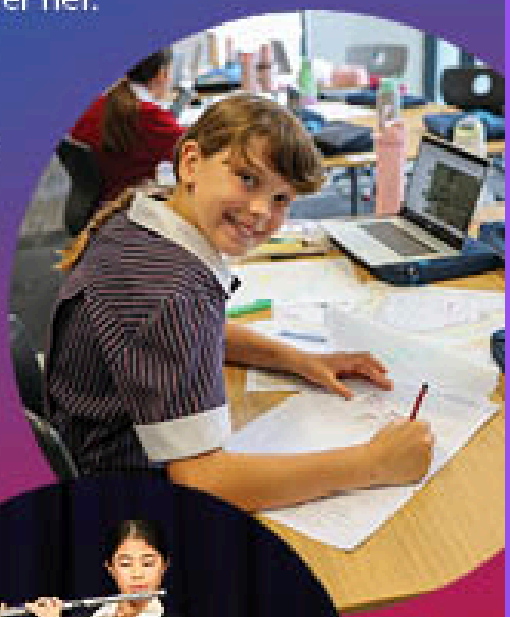
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