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From the Principal

Tony Ryan

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the last newsletter of Term 3. It's been a very busy couple of weeks at school. A massive congratulations to all our students for their amazing performances as part of our school concert. We had a wonderful two nights last week and I want to extend a special congratulations to those students that performed in the lead and supporting roles. The performances were excellent. I also want to recognise the work of our Arts team Gemma Purchase and Lana Caldwell for their work in coordinating the concert and to Amy Clay for her work in organising our amazing backstage crew. The Kinnect2Dance team did a great job in preparing our students for their performance. Thanks also to our wider staff for their efforts in supporting our students in many roles across the two nights. I also want to acknowledge and thank Theircare as the major sponsor of the concert event and our instrumental music program provider NoiseCraft for providing prizes for our concert raffle. We very much appreciate their contribution towards the concert.

Lastly, thanks to our families for your support of the concert and providing the opportunity for our students to shine on the big stage!

Term 3

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th October for a wonderful Term 4!!!!

- **Swimming starts the first week back!**
- **Great Book Swap Wednesday 8th October @ lunchtime and after School**
- **Grade 6 Camp Monday 13th October to Wednesday 15th October**
- **Grade 5 Camp Wednesday 15th October to Friday 17th October**
- **Regional Athletics Wednesday 13th October**

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

Celebration of Learning:

Thanks to all those families that took the opportunity to attend the school on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning for our student celebration of learning session. This is the first year that we have conducted these celebrations in a more informal style and we hope that families found this change a positive experience. We are certainly open to hearing feedback from our community about this event, it's positives and how it might be improved in the years ahead. It was great seeing so many of our community supporting this event and the learning celebration of their child.



Footy Colours Day:

Yesterday was a great celebration of our sporting tribes that we are a part of. It was great seeing so many of our students dress up in their team colours (particularly those in brown and yellow!)

All the best to those supporters that still have teams involved in the preliminary finals. Go Hawks!

Division Athletics:

Congratulations to the 26 students that represented our school so wonderfully last Friday at the Division Athletics. Our students always represent our school with pride, show our school values, try their best and cheer on their peers. A special congratulations to Bailey Hobson and Felicity Ridsdale for progressing through to the Regional Athletics Carnival.

Thanks to Miss Massa and Kathryne for attending this event and supporting our students so well and to any of our families who were able to come along and cheer our team on the day.

Front Gate:

The school has been working through some challenges in getting our front gate security system to “talk” effectively to the DET secure network. We now have the system operational with a few little gremlins still to work through.

We have established the system so that during peak pedestrian time periods the gate will remain unlocked e.g before school foot traffic 7:00-9:30 and end of the day 3:00-6:30pm. During the school day visitors to the school will need to push the video intercom button, identify themselves and the purpose of their visit. The intercom connects you with our office staff. They will respond via the speaker and release the gate lock to allow access. The same process takes place upon your exit from the school. We ask that visitors entering the school ensure that they close the gate carefully after entry to ensure the system works effectively. Our staff will have keypad access to the gate system.

It should be noted that our other processes remain the same with all visitors needing to present to the office and sign in and out from there. We appreciate the patience of our community with us getting this system set up and in place. We believe this will be a positive step towards ensuring our school environment is secure during the school day.

2026 Student Requests:

As reported in recent newsletters we are starting the process of considering grade structures for next year.

If parents have any requests that need to be considered for their child in 2026, these must be sent through via email to the Principal. These must be received by October 31st at the latest. Requests received following this date, won't be considered. Please note that this process is not to select your child's teacher but rather to put forward any special circumstances that need to be considered. Any concerns raised in previous years will not be considered unless it is sent again for the following year. This is because many issues or previous concerns from prior years are historical and may no longer be relevant. Please do not put requests through to staff. Please also note that whilst the school actively considers parent requests around special circumstances, there are many factors that go into the composition of classes, and not all requests can be accommodated. Thank-you in advance for following this process.

OHSC Provider:

Our contract with Theircare as our Out of Hours Care Provider comes to an end at the end of this year. In preparation for this deadline, our school council has recently undertaken an Expression of Interest tender process, which saw 7 different service providers submit EOI applications.

A school council committee then thoroughly considered the submissions, shortlisted these applications and invited 3 companies to present to school council in person. Following this process, council has deliberated on which company should be the provider from 2026 onwards. This is an important decision with many different factors to consider such as the quality and variety of the service offering, OHS and child safety standards, out of pocket fees to parents, school commissions, healthy food provision, company processes and digital platforms, close connection with our community and the quality of the staff. After a comprehensive review of these factors and having completed this important process, the company appointed as our OHSC provider from 2026 onwards was Kelly Club.

During Term 4, Kelly Club will start to introduce themselves to our community, outlining their online platforms for booking and payments etc, their program offering and fees etc in preparation for them taking over the program in the new year.

Our school has had a long and constructive working relationship with Theircare. We thank them for the positive and safe climate that they have created for our students and for their wider contribution to our community. We look forward to continuing this positive association and partnership through until the end of this year.

Staffing Changes:

We are sad to farewell a member of our office team Kiera Roberts at the end of this term. Kiera has been offered an exciting full-time role at another school and we wish her all the best for that opportunity and thank her for her contribution to our school.

We welcome a new IT technician to the school with Sukhraj Basra joining our team. We look forward to leveraging off his knowledge and skills in the tech space.

As mentioned in the last school newsletter we have also welcomed a new Assistant Principal to the school. Stuart Hunt is joining our team as of next term. We were lucky enough to have Stuart spend a couple of days in our school this week meeting classes and staff and starting the process of learning about WHPS. We are excited to add Stuart to our team. He has prepared some introductory information below about himself so the community can learn a little more about him and start putting a face to the name in advance of his start next term.

Finally from me, thanks for the support and congratulations from our community across what has been a very busy term. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first official term as Principal of WHPS and love the opportunity to work with such great people in our community including students, families and our awesome staff. To those families getting away across the break, safe travels and to everyone else I hope the break provides an opportunity for rest and recovery as we turn the corner into what is always a busy Term 4.

Regards,
Tony



Dear families,
I'm very excited to be joining Watsonia Heights Primary School as the incoming Assistant Principal from the beginning of Term 4. It's a real privilege to become part of such a welcoming and supportive school and I'm really looking forward to getting to know the students, staff and families who make WHPS such a special place.
Over the past few years, I've been fortunate to work with wonderful students, teachers and families in other school settings and what I've enjoyed most is building strong relationships and working together to help our students learn and grow. I'm especially looking forward to being out in the yard, classrooms and around the school so that I can connect with as many of you as possible.

Please don't hesitate to come and say hello or reach out directly to me at stuart.hunt@education.vic.gov.au

I'm thrilled to be joining the WHPS community and I look forward to working with you soon.

Kind regards,
Stuart Hunt
Assistant Principal

What's happening in Prep!



100 DAYS OF PREP!

This term we celebrated 100 days of Prep.

Our Preps dazzled us with their amazing costumes. We enjoyed a fun day filled with fairy bread making, counting to 100 and finished the day off by watching TimCredible the Magician.

CONCERT

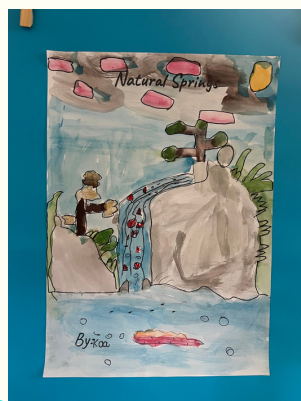
The Preps worked incredibly hard, learning not only one dance but two for our school concert.

All of their practice led to an outstanding performance, as they took the stage and sang their little hearts out, shouting, "I want candy!" We are very proud of everyone for their effort!



READING IN PREP

In Reading, we unpacked the story 'Tom Tom'. We built up background knowledge about families, the materials homes can be made of, natural springs and how to make damper before reading the text. We used this knowledge to make a prediction, retell the story, answer questions about the text and make text to self connections to the character Tom Tom.



Division ATHLETICS

26 of our superstars made it through to the Division level of Athletics at Meadowglen Athletics Track on Friday, 12th September. We are so proud of the way they represented themselves and the school. They put up an unreal fight in all of their events, and we had some amazing results on the day. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our parents who came along to support our superstars on the day. This was much appreciated and very special for our little athletes. A HUGE congratulations to Bailey Hobson and Felicity Ridsdale, who are off to Regional Athletics next term.



Division ATHLETICS



Student of The Week

Week 8

CONGRATULATIONS



Artie, Elsie, Emerson, Charlotte, PD, Ivy, Riley, Harley, Alfie, Addie, Hendrix, Lachlan, Madi, Luca, 3MT, Alex, Will, Kosta.

Week 9

CONGRATULATIONS



Nam, Murphy, Finn, Andrea, Dhruv, Theo, Jake, Levi, Leo, Yaami, Freddie, Eiri, Benji, Finley, Elsie.

Congratulations!



Seeing Eye Dogs
Vision Australia

Introducing Jojo

You might have noticed Burra hasn't been around at school for the last few weeks. He's moved on to full time Guide Dog training and he's doing great! This week we welcomed Jojo to school. She's our adorable 9-week-old Seeing Eye Dog puppy. She's already winning hearts and will be with us for the next year.



NoiseCraft Studio

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Your New Instrumental Music Program at Watsonia Heights Primary School

Dear Watsonia Heights Primary School Families,

I'm excited to announce that NoiseCraft is now providing instrumental music lessons at Watsonia Heights Primary School. For the past 25 years, I've had the privilege of working with local primary schools, and we're excited to bring our instrumental music program to your school.

Music lessons are a fun and powerful way for children to grow, fostering creativity alongside academic, social and emotional development. By balancing challenge with success, they build confidence, resilience and problem-solving skills, **creating strong foundations for success and life skills they will carry into the future.**

Our lessons are tailored to each student's needs, with music that is developmentally appropriate, relevant, and engaging. **Our goal is to ensure every child feels connected to their learning and confident in their progress.**

We look forward to getting to know the school community and meeting the students. If you'd like to chat about how music could support your child's development, please call or email me at the details below.

Warm regards,
Matt Stone
NoiseCraft Studio

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During School
Hours**

In-School Music Tuition



Keyboard - Guitar - Drums

Unlock your child's full potential through the power of music

Children will learn music that is relevant to them in a supportive and fun environment; learning at a developmentally appropriate level that balances challenge and success.

Lessons are tailored to each child's individual needs, fostering both emotional wellbeing and academic growth. This holistic approach equips children with essential skills such as critical thinking, creativity, and resilience, benefiting all aspects of their lives.

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Kids holiday fun with Scouts

Banyule City Council is hosting a free school holiday event at Warringal Park Oval to get kids outdoors. Kids can take part in a variety of fun activities. After all the fun, enjoy a sausage sizzle with friends and family!

2 Beverley Rd, Heidelberg VIC 3084

Tuesday, 30 September 10am to 1pm

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Register now



Diamond Village – Planning your local activity centre

Is Diamond Village Shopping Centre important to you? Help us plan for future improvements.

Share your thoughts through an online survey **from 8 September to 20 October** or come and talk with Council officers at the **Diamond Village Artisan-Craft Market on Saturday 13 September and Saturday 11 October**. A walking tour will also be available on the day, departing at 11am.

To get involved and to register for a walking tour, visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/DiamondVillage





3 Great Party Options!



Up to 12 Guests

Additional Guest

Inflatable World Playground

Party food celebrations

Hosted Sports

AFL, cricket, basketball, soccer,
dodgeball, netball, party games
or nerf

Total party time

Drinks

Food

Party crockery & cutlery

Cake cutting

Party table 90 minutes

Party invitations

Table drinks tab optional

Inflatable World Party DIY

\$288

\$24

90 mins

30 mins

NA

2 hours

juice box and water

DIY

DIY

DIY

✓

✓

✓

Inflatable World Party catered

\$408

\$34

90 mins

30 mins

NA

2 hours

juice box and water

hot chips

chicken nuggets (4)

margarita pizza slice (1)

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

Sports Combo Party catered

\$468

\$39

45 mins

30 mins

45 mins

2 hours

juice box and water

hot chips

chicken nuggets (4)

margarita pizza slices (2)

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓



Pre-order Share Platters for all Parties

Chicken nuggets \$35

Hot Chips \$30

Pies & sausage Rolls \$40

Spring rolls & wedges \$35

Spring rolls & samosas \$35

Pizzas (BBQ chicken, Hawaiian,

Pepperoni or vegetarian) \$24

Sandwiches \$40

Fairy bread \$25

Fruit \$45

Pre-order Extras

Ice cream cakes \$25

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Café

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