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From the Principal

Tony Ryan

Hello everyone and welcome to our week 9 newsletter. As we approach the final week of Term 3, it is a wonderful time to reflect on what has been another busy and rewarding term at Watsonia Heights Primary School.

Our students have continued to demonstrate our school values through their learning, participation and contribution to our school community. There have been so many opportunities for students to challenge themselves, try new things, work together and demonstrate their growth throughout the term.
I would like to thank our students, staff and families for the continued effort and support that makes our school such a positive place to learn and grow.

Whole School Reward:
I am delighted to announce that our students have reached the target for our whole school rewards program!

This is a fantastic achievement and is recognition of the amazing effort our students have made throughout the term. Our students have been earning STRIVE points through their positive behaviour, learning and contribution to our school community, and together they have reached our whole school target.

The winning reward was a School Movie Day, which will take place next Friday. This will be a great way to celebrate the students' achievement and finish the term on a positive note. Well done everyone!

Term 3

- **Tuesday 15th September- CELEBRATION OF LEARNING-Learning in Action-3pm-3:30pm & Celebrating Learning Together 3:30pm-4:40pm & Wednesday 16th September 8:40am–9:00am**

- **Thursday 17th September - Footy FUN/Food Day**

- **Friday 18th September Whole School Movie Day & Picture Story Book of the Year closes**

Final Day of Term 3
Friday 18th September
2pm Assembly & 2:30pm Dismissal from classroom

First Day of Term 4
Monday 5th October

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

R U OK? Day:

Yesterday we recognised R U OK? Day across our school.

R U OK? Day provides an important opportunity to remind our students that asking someone "Are you OK?" can make a real difference. Throughout the week our students were encouraged to think about how they can look out for others, listen to their friends and seek help from a trusted adult when someone may not be OK. Our students in years 4-6 worked on creating messages of positivity that could be shared with their peers who may be having a tough time.

This is an important message for our students at any time of the year. Looking after one another, showing kindness and being prepared to speak up when we are concerned about someone are all important parts of being a positive member of our school community. Our thanks go to Kathryne for her work in coordinating a number of these student initiatives through the library program last week.

Footy Colours Day:

Our Footy Colours Day is coming up next Thursday!

Students are invited to wear the colours of their favourite footy team for the day. This is always a great opportunity for students to share their enthusiasm for their team and enjoy a little footy spirit around the school.

We will also have a special food day and family raffles associated with our Footy Colours Day. Further information about the food options and ordering arrangements have been shared with families separately.

Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation on this out of uniform day. We look forward to seeing the school filled with plenty of team colours!



Celebration on Learning Afternoon:

We are also looking forward to our Celebration of Learning Afternoon next Tuesday.

Our classrooms will be open from 3:00pm-4:40pm on Tuesday 15th September, with a second opportunity for families who cannot attend in the afternoon to visit between 8:40am-9:00am on Wednesday 16th September. This is an informal opportunity for parents/carers to engage in learning conversations with their child and teacher about their learning. The afternoon will have a slightly different feel across the two time periods:

3:00–3:30pm – Learning in action
This first half hour provides an opportunity for students to share some of their learning with their parents/carers and classmates in the classroom environment.

It's worth noting that classrooms may become busy or crowded during this period, but it is an opportunity for families to see the learning environment in action. Given teachers will both be actively supporting their class and trying to engage in some of the learning conversations, the learning environment will likely not represent the typical learning program. Tasks students are completing during this time will be more independent, with a lower cognitive load required and may not be a true reflection of the normal learning environment. Teachers are still teaching and supporting the class during this time, so they may be less available to join in with the learning conversations.

3:30–4:40pm – Celebrating learning together
During this period, students and their families can spend more time looking at and discussing their learning samples. Teachers will be roaming the room and joining conversations with students and families rather than conducting formal parent-teacher interviews.

Families do not need to book a time. We will ask you to sign in at the classroom when you arrive so that we have a record of participation levels across the school. Our teachers will also have some conversation prompts available to help facilitate the conversation with your child about their leaning.

We aim for this to be a relaxed and positive opportunity for students to share their learning and for families to gain an insight into their learning journey. So that our students have your undivided attention and due to the space constraints of our classrooms, we request that no prams/strollers/younger siblings are brought in for this session.

Our celebration of learning afternoon was a great event last year and we look forward to sharing this experience with our community again this year.

2027 Student Requests:
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 2027, these must be sent through via email to the Principal. Ideally we like to receive these requests during Term3, but they 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.

Parent Opinion Survey:
We have sent out details regarding our Parent Opinion Survey via Compass across the past couple of weeks. Our Parent Opinion Survey is still open through until the end of this term.

Your opinions are important to us and will contribute to identifying areas to celebrate, areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school.

The survey will be conducted online and only takes 20 minutes to complete. It can be completed on any internet enabled device (desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.

To this point we have had 17% of families respond to the survey. It would be great if we could lift that percentage as high as possible to build as broad a picture as possible of community opinions. A big thank you to those families who have already completed the survey. Please see the details on my Compass post on how to complete.

Emergency Management:
On Friday, we conducted one of our regular Emergency Management drills, with students and staff participating in a Shelter in Place drill.

I would like to congratulate all of our students and staff on the calm and orderly manner in which the drill was implemented. These drills are an important part of ensuring that our school community understands what to do in the event of an emergency, and it was pleasing to see students respond so sensibly to the instructions provided.

We will continue to undertake our scheduled emergency drills throughout the year to ensure that our procedures remain familiar to students and staff.

1:1 IPad program:
As has been shared in previous newsletters, our school has made changes to our 1:1 iPad program in response to a change in DET policy around student device use in schools. WHPS is phasing our BYOD program out over time. This means that students who are already part of the program and have a personal learning device at school are welcome to continue to use them at school, but the school has ceased introducing new students into our program. As of next year, this will mean it will only be students in years 5&6 that are part of iPad program. The school will provide access to learning devices when required for activities for students in years Prep- Year 4.

SunSmart Reminder:
A reminder that our SunSmart period has now commenced, and students are required to wear their School SunSmart hat whenever they are outdoors.

We have provided a reminder period for students at the beginning of this season. Moving forward, we will now be implementing our No Hat, No Play policy.

Please ensure that your child has their school SunSmart hat at school each day. It is also important that hats are clearly labelled with their name so they can be easily returned if misplaced. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our students SunSmart.

Final Week of Term:
A reminder that we have an early finish on the final day of Term 3, Friday 18 September.
Our final assembly will commence at 2:00pm, followed by dismissal at 2:30pm.

It is hard to believe we are already approaching the end of Term 3. Thank you once again to our students, staff and families for everything you have contributed this term.

I hope everyone enjoys the final week of Term 3, and I look forward to finishing the term together with our School Movie Day and other opportunities to celebrate the wonderful efforts of our students.

Tony Ryan
Principal





100 DAYS OF PREP

This term the preps reached an amazing milestone! We are so proud of our Preps for reaching 100 days of school. To mark the special occasion, the students dressed up as 100 years old, wore 100 things and showed off their very creative outfits! We had the best time celebrating with a special party, making delicious fairy bread, enjoying a magician and getting our faces painted. It was a fun-filled day of laughter, excitement and lots of memories. Congratulations, Preps, on 100 amazing days!







YEAR 1 EXCURSION

On Monday the 31st of August, the Year One students headed off to the Melbourne Zoo! We visited this animal wonderland to complement our literature unit of **Eric Carle's Book of Amazing Animals**. Whilst the bus trip is always a highlight of any excursion, the Year One's were blessed with perfect weather, active animals and sights galore. Please enjoy these snaps of our superstar explorers!





















Please note, at the upcoming **Celebration of Learning**, our students will be sharing their magnificent projects with their families. We hope you can make it!



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







Student of The Week

Week 8



Sadie, Alex, Siena, Rylan, Meilli, Ivy, Josh, Arjun, Ivy, amelia, Isaac, Bodhi, Ella, Matilda, Amelia, Charlie, Alisha, Finn.

Week 9



Harrison, Jesse, Arlo, Isaac, Samuel, Puran, Eli, Evie, Margot, Levi, Freddie, Bailey, Izzy, Jadon, Lenny, Natasa, Harsaev, Ollie.

Congratulations!

SEPEP In Grade 5 & 6

SEPEP is a term-long tournament where Year 5 and 6 students compete in teams to try to achieve victory in rounders. Rounders is an important sport in our PE program and is similar to softball.
Last Friday, we played our second and third rounds of SEPEP. Our teams were selected by the Year 6 Sports Board Committee members, who were voted in by their peers. Everyone played really well, showed great effort and tried their hardest!

There are four SEPEP committees: the Rules Committee, Newsletter Committee, Sports Board Committee and Ladder Committee. The Rules Committee organises the rules, the Newsletter Committee writes about the games and takes photos, the Sports Board Committee helps select teams and set up, and the Ladder Committee updates the results and ladder.

SEPEP stands for Sport Education and Physical Education Program. It helps us develop our sporting skills while also building teamwork, trust and resilience. Throughout the tournament, we have been showing our STRIVE values, leadership and integrity while working together and having fun!

-Newsletter Committee











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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

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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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