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# LINK LETTER



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## From the Principal

Tony Ryan

Hello everyone, I hope you've had a great week, a little shorter than usual with our report writing curriculum day and the Melbourne Cup Holiday across Monday and Tuesday. The past couple of weeks have continued to be busy with a variety of special events taking place. Our WHPS Trivia Night was an amazing success on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Oct, with much fun had by all involved. We thank those members of the community that supported this event and the Community Links team for their coordination. In addition to raising much needed funds for our school, this event is a great way to meet other parents/families within the community.

Our school camping program has also been in full swing with our Year 2 students enjoying their Year 2 Sleepover last Thursday and our Preps having a great time at their school breakfast this morning. A big thank you to our dedicated staff team that ensured that these were such happy and successful events for our students.

### Warm Welcome:

We extend a warm welcome to two new members of our staff. Ms Lisa Dimitriadis joins our school office team and Miss Annalise Perichon joins our Educational Support Staff team. We are excited to add Lisa and Annalise to our wider staff team. I'm sure our community will enjoy getting to know them and welcome them as part of our WHPS family.

## Term 4

- **Prep-2 Swimming**  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- **Prep 2026 Transition #3:**  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November
- **Off-Site Evacuation Drill:**  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 1.45-2.30
- **P-2 & 5-6 Swimming & WORKING BEE-**  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November
- **Prep-2 Swimming**  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November
- **Grade 1 Scienceworks**  
Excursion: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November
- **P-2 & 5-6 Swimming**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November
- **Grade 4 Camp Alexandra**  
Adventure Resort: 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> November
- **Prep-2 Swimming**  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November
- **Prep 2026 Transition #4**  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November
- **P-2 Swimming**  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November
- **Prep-2 Swimming**  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- **Prep-2 Swimming**  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- **Prep-2 Swimming**  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December
- **Year 7 State School**  
Transition Day: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December & Grade 2 Bundoora Farm Excursion
- **Prep 2026 Transition #5:**  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December
- **Year 6 Graduation: Thursday**  
11<sup>th</sup> December
- **Curriculum Day: Student**  
Free Day- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- **Last Day of School Year:**  
1:00pm Assembly – 1:30pm dismissal – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### 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

### **Swimming Program:**

Our junior school students continue to enjoy our Term 4 swimming program. This provides an important opportunity for them to have fun, develop vital water safety skills and life skills in learning to swim. Our middle and senior school students will also participate in a condensed water safety program including some fun day activities later in the term.

### **Kelly Club Info:**

Below you will find a welcome letter and some additional information from our new OHSC provider from 2026. Kelly Club will be progressively sharing information with our community across this term about their fee structure and how to make bookings etc. They will be organising a coffee van and a meet and greet session in the morning on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November. This will be a great opportunity to meet some key members of the team and learn more about the service in preparation for 2026. Kelly Club will be operating a school holiday program beginning on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### **2026 School Fees:**

You will have received the 2025 school fee documentation in school bags on Friday. We ask that you complete this paperwork and return to the school as soon as practicable. This does not need to include payments at this stage, but simply returning the documentation will allow us to prepare for the 2026 school year in establishing your family accounts for next year. We are committed to providing a comprehensive learning program that involves many disciplines and subject areas. Our ongoing challenge is to continue to provide these experiences in a way that provides a depth and thoroughness for our students. We STRIVE to provide the most up to date resources and subscriptions in order for your child to access the highest quality teaching and learning provision.

### **Remembrance Day:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> of November marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914-18). Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. We remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and acknowledge the ongoing efforts of those special people who continue to serve our great nation. In addition to our school captains and vice captains representing our school at the ceremony at Watsonia RSL and laying a wreath, our staff and students will take time on this day to pay our respects and reflect on their sacrifice at school.

### **SunSmart:**

Despite the current wet weather, it's important to remember to remain SunSmart during the SunSmart period when UV readings are often at their highest levels (even on overcast days). It's important that our students come to school each day with their school hat clearly labelled with their name and that they are wearing it when outdoors.



### Key Dates:

A couple of key dates to list in your calendar. We have a **Curriculum Day on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Our teaching teams will be completing Term 1 planning for next year on this day. **Our last day of school is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. On this day we will have a final school assembly at 1:00pm with a 1:30pm finish to the school day.**

### Transitions:

We continue to conduct our 2026 Prep Transition program. This is an important opportunity for next year's prep students to become familiar with WHPS life and get to know school routines and each other. We have already conducted 2 transition sessions with another three to go including one this week on Wednesday.

Our Year 6 students will also be undergoing an important transition at the end of this year. In preparation the statewide transition day for State Secondary Schools will be conducted on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Those attending public secondary colleges will attend their new school on this day.

We are also gearing up our Internal transition program across the school. This is being done less formally than in the past with students participating in a range of activities across the term in mixed grade groupings. This approach gives both students and teachers to the opportunity to experience and observe a range of group dynamics across the level informing the formation of 2026 grades.

### Canteen Parent Helpers:

The WHPS Canteen welcomes volunteers. Anyone can help out. All you need is a Working with Children Check and have signed our school Volunteer form. Volunteering in the canteen is a great way to meet other parents and to give back to our fantastic school. Friday is the most popular day for lunch orders, so volunteers on a Friday are greatly encouraged and appreciated. Without our wonderful volunteers on this day, we would not be able to offer the full canteen service to the students. If you are in a position to assist, please make contact with Cara in the canteen or our school office.



### **Working Bee:**

We also have a Working Bee scheduled after school for this coming Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> November. Working Bees are a great opportunity to get to know others in the community. It is also a way to contribute to making the school grounds look great and to assist us to better reflect the great teaching and learning that is going on inside the walls.

Likely tasks to be completed on this afternoon are painting external wooden structures such as outdoor seating, spreading mulch, pruning bushes, sweeping, pulling weeds and other gardening related tasks.

If you are in a position to assist on this afternoon for an hour or two, please register your interest via the link below. If you have a preference of task from the above list please also let us know this in your response. Registering is important as we will provide a sausage sizzle for participants, and it will assist our catering needs. It will also assist us in allocating tasks on the afternoon. Please click on the below link to register.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsj2XH56H2h1diX6H3NeeTxC7z52JjUJPCzujEE1RvgXp-w/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=105937919496781506401>

Students are welcome to attend with their parents, but we ask that they are supervised by you and assist you in your work. As our staff in attendance will also be in working on tasks, we won't be able to supervise children during this time.

We appreciate all members of our community that support our school operations financially and/or offer their time in a variety of ways to support the operation of the school from canteen assistance, breakfast club, reading support, volunteering to support camps and other events and working bees, this contribution is vital for our school and appreciated.

Have a great weekend,

Tony





Dear Families,

We're excited to introduce ourselves as the new Outside School Hours provider at Watsonia Heights Primary School!

At Kelly Club, we're all about building a supportive community where children love to come. Our goal is to offer programs that keep your kids inspired, active, and happy every day.

We provide a range of activities which include sports, arts, cooking, imaginary play, construction/building and group games, led by a team who genuinely enjoy working with children. Whether it's discovering new hobbies, building skills, or making friends, your child's growth and well-being are our focus.

We know picking the right OSH provider is a big decision. You can trust that your child's safety and happiness are our top priorities. Our professional and caring team is dedicated to creating a welcoming space where every child feels valued.

Stay tuned, as we will soon provide an enrollment link, family handbook and program contact details to support the transition to Kelly Club.

We are genuinely thrilled about this exciting new venture and eagerly anticipate working with the parents, children, and the wonderful community.

The Kelly Club team will be at the following events through Term 4, so make sure you come along, get a free coffee and say hello.

**Free Coffee Van and Meet and Greet - Thursday 27th November 8:30am - 10:30am**

For more information about Kelly Club, you can visit our website at [www.kellyclub.com.au](http://www.kellyclub.com.au)



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# From the Assistant Principal

Stuart Hunt

I hope our WHPS community were able to make good use of the extended weekend last week despite the mixed Melbourne weather! I was able to spend quality time with my 2-year old daughter and experienced a throwback gig with Oasis performing in the city - the perfect tonic as we approach the halfway point of Term 4!



## Off-Site Evacuation

Notices will be sent this week to remind families of our upcoming Off-Site Evacuation drill this Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November to Central Park. Every year, the Department of Education requires schools to conduct at least four emergency procedure drills across the four terms to practise for the unlikely event of a real emergency.

As all staff, students and visitors are required to participate in the drill for full compliance, the school office will be closed between 1.45pm and 2.30pm. Parents/carers are asked to ensure that student pick ups and drop offs occur outside of these times. Our drill will be attended by an OHS representative from the Department, who will be able to provide us with any feedback on how we can continue to make our drills efficient and safe for all involved.



## From the eSafety Commissioner

From 10 December, Australian young people under 16 will not be allowed to create or hold accounts on certain social media platforms. This is not a ban, it's a delay to having accounts.



Being logged into an account increases the exposure under-16s have to design features that encourage them to spend more time on screens, while serving up content that can harm their health and wellbeing. The delay is an opportunity for them to build their digital literacy skills and resilience.

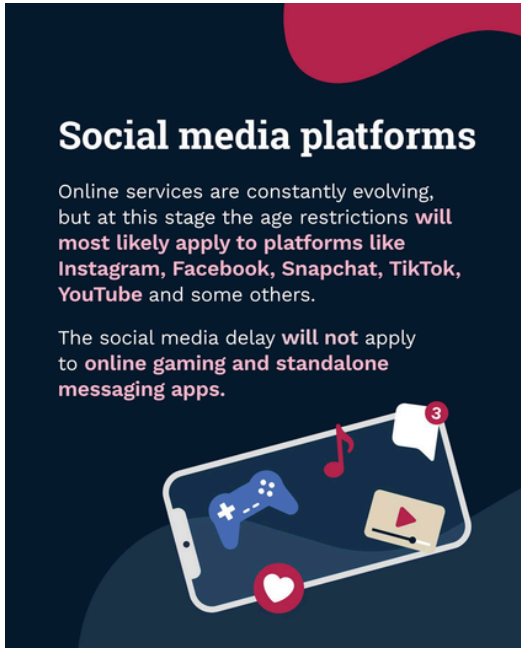
The restrictions are likely to apply to Facebook, Instagram, Kick, Reddit, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, X, and YouTube, among other platforms.

Information and resources to support parents and carers, and young people to prepare for the change are available at **[eSafety's Social media age restrictions hub](#)**.

Have a wonderful weekend and please don't hesitate to reach out to your child/ren's teacher or myself if you require any further information on our upcoming drill and/or state-wide delay on social media use.

Stuart

# From 10 December 2025...



# BANDANA DAY

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought a bandana this year. JSC has raised \$587 for Canteen!



# Student of The Week

Week 4

CONGRATULATIONS



Nyah, Corbin, Lola, Benji, Dyron, Noah, Christina, Lauren,  
Maddie, Oscar, 2N, Layla, Michael, Josie, Lily, Bodhi,  
Lachlan, Bodhi, Lucas, Toby, Bailey, Derin, Adele

Week 5

CONGRATULATIONS



Arlo, Margot, Ollie, Kaden, Dorothy, Yasmine, Neve, Rhea,  
Joyce, Thomas, Will, Matilda, Jax, Mivaan, India, Rylan,  
Mackenzie, Ethan, Kosta, Poppy, Charlotte, Charli.

Congratulations!



# 16 NOVEMBER

**SUNDAY**  
**11 AM TO 4 PM**

**MALAHANG RESERVE, HEIDELBERG WEST**

Join a free celebration with the local community. Proudly featuring a culturally diverse program with heaps to see and do for everyone!

Circus play | Live music | Art & craft workshops for all ages | Council displays  
Kids' rides | Come and try sports | Sensory friendly space | Food trucks

For more information and to view  
the full event program please visit  
[banyule.vic.gov.au/MalahangFestival](https://banyule.vic.gov.au/MalahangFestival)



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Dogs to be kept on lead . This is a no smoking event.

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ELTHAM **FUN RUN  
& WALK**

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Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025