CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND MARKET NIGHT

Yes, this is happening tomorrow evening commencing at 5:00pm. Don’t forget to bring the picnic rug and come along for an evening of wonderful student performances, food and market stalls.

In order to ensure an entertaining and safe event, we remind families attending to give due consideration to the following:

- Students must be accompanied by an adult to gain entry.
- Parents/guardians will be responsible for the supervision of children throughout the event.
- During the carols we ask that children partake in the singing with their families and refrain from playing on the playground.
- No bikes, skateboards, scooters or roller blades are permitted to be ridden on school grounds during the event.
- In compliance with Department of Education and School’s Health Education Policy, this will be a smoke and alcohol free event.

STAFFING FOR 2016

Following a comprehensive recruitment process, I am pleased to announce the following staff who will be working at Watsonia North next year, Jacinta Benson, Ashlee Sandars, James Monk and Kristie Morrison. We are very excited to welcome these individuals to our school and look forward to the contributions they will make.

Now that the recruitment process has been completed and after many weeks of consultation and planning, the following staffing structure will be implemented across the school for next year:

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Students will be advised of their grade placements for next year on Monday 14 December. An opportunity to meet their teacher and fellow class members will be provided as part of our transition program on this day.

STUDENT REPORTS AND 2016 STUDENT PLACEMENTS

This Friday, all children will bring home an envelope containing the following important documents:

- End of year written report
- Acknowledgement of School Report Form

Principal’s Report continued .....
STUDENT ABSENCES
In order to maximise learning opportunities, it is essential that students have regular school attendance. The individual student report will outline the number of days your child has been absent throughout the second semester.

How many days of school has your child missed this semester?

0-6 Days
A student with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the learning and teaching opportunities available to them.

7-10 days
A student with this attendance rate could miss over one year of schooling between Prep and Year 10.

11-20 days
A student with this attendance rate could miss up to 2 years of schooling between Prep and Year 10.

20+ days
A student with this attendance rate could miss over 2 years of schooling between Prep and Year 10.

How many days has your child been late this semester?

Being late at the beginning of the day disadvantages the child due to missing vital instruction, and they may feel disorientated by not knowing what learning is taking place. Going home early also disadvantages the child as they may miss necessary instructions for the following day as well as school notices. Missing 15 minutes at the beginning or the end of a day could add up to missing over two weeks of schooling per year.

Tina King (Principal)

Last day of School
Friday 18 December 2015
Dismissal at 1:30 pm
FAREWELL TO YEAR 6 GRADUATES STARTING AT 1.00PM

Advertisements in the Wednesday Weekly are included in good faith; however, neither Watsonia North Primary School, nor the Department of Education can endorse or accept responsibility for the goods or services offered in these advertisements.
Thank you for all the wonderful donations we have received already. We are still collecting food for families in need this Christmas until TOMORROW!

The SRC are collecting non-perishable food and toiletry items for families in crisis in the lead-up to the festive season.

It’s all part of Wesley Mission Victoria’s Food for Families appeal, which helps families who are struggling with the basic cost of living by providing nutritious food and household essentials, at Christmas time and all throughout the year.

Wesley is encouraging people to consider donating items that are most in need by families and people experiencing homelessness. These include pasta and pasta sauces, ready-to-eat meals, baby food, breakfast cereal and essential toiletries.

We look forward to your generous support.

SRC - 2015

A special mention to EJ Love Real Estate ..... Rav Dhnoa (Jagga’s mum, J11) rallied all of her workmates and collected money for this great cause. They then purchased a huge range of goodies which were donated last week. Thank you so much for this great initiative Rav and EJ Love – you are superstars!

Most Needed items

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT!

Canteen News

Thank you to all our wonderful families who have supported the canteen again this year. We have had a lot of regular helpers and a lot of new helpers as well. Thanks to all our Year 6 helpers who eagerly signed up for canteen duty – you all did a great job! Good luck next year – we will miss you.

THE CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN ON FRIDAY, 18 DECEMBER (last day of school).

EVERY LUNCH ORDER on the last day of school will get a FREE FRUIT STICK!

Slurpees will be available from the canteen on Thursday evening at our Carols Night for $1.50. Call in and say hi!

Cheers, Di & Karen

PE & Sport News

2016 Online Registration Process for 12 Years & Under Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) and Netball SSV Teams

In 2016, registration to trial for most SSV 12 Years and Under Team Vic teams to compete in School Sport Australia Championships, is done through an online process managed by the School Sport Unit. Please note that registrations will open 25 January 2016.

The School Sport website has all the information that you need, including a short video to watch, image of the pathway, information document and frequently asked questions. For more information, visit the website: https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au

Or come and speak to me regarding this new process.

Trent O’Sullivan (PE & Sports Coordinator)

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING YEAR 6 GUITAR STUDENTS

If you are planning to continue your guitar studies in 2016, you should consider private music tuition. Our instrumental teacher Gunar Ulrich offers private, professional tuition to those students who prefer to learn outside of school hours.

Gunar teaches from his home studio in Watsonia North and caters for beginners to advanced students.

Preparation for exams, and for VCE guitar are available upon request. Take your playing to the next level!

For all enquiries, phone Gunar on 9432 3651.
2016 CHOIR
It’s time to start thinking about choir for 2016. For our current Year 2s, next year will be their first experience of singing in a choir: remember that for all of Term 1, all students in Years 3 and 4 are in the choir. This culminates in an impressive performance at the end-of-term assembly. We already have some exciting activities planned for 2016 – it’s good to be in the choir! Invitation letters and application forms for students in Years 4 and 5 will be issued this week.

CHOIR TOUR
Two busy yet incredibly productive days for our choristers (plus a couple of guests). Our choir captains have put together a report about these two very exciting excursions that promoted our school and provided some very rich learning experiences for our choristers.

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)

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Christmas Creative Art Competition
Prizes to be won!!!
From Thursday 26 November to Thursday 17 December – there are two separate sheets for you to colour! Please bring your finished entry/entries and the $2.00 entry fee (which includes both pages) to the office by Thursday 17 December.

CAROL’S NIGHT – TOMORROW!
5pm to 8pm
Program as follows:
5pm-7pm Stalls (including food stalls – see menu below) will be operating around the canteen area
7pm Stalls will close
Raffles will be drawn
Carols will commence
8pm A special guest appearance from Santa and then home time!

Food available at the Carol’s Night:
Sausage in bread $2.50 (with or without onion)
Roast Lamb Rolls $5.00
Roast Pork Rolls $5.00
Our rolls will come with all the trimmings – crackle, gravy, coleslaw, apple sauce, pickles, etc – all included in the price! Get in early, before they sell out!
DON’T FORGET TO BRING YOUR GOLD COINS AND CASH – HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE TOMORROW NIGHT!

Thank you for your continued support from the Fundraising Committee
**2016 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN**

New timetable at:
www.dancestreet.com.au
All ages - Toddlers thru Adults
DANCE, HIP HOP, ACRO, LYRICAL, TAP & SINGING

Leadership @ WNPS
Term 4 - Week 10: Monday 7 Dec – Friday 11th Dec

- Successful House Captain applicants will present their speeches to the Year 4 and Year 5 students in their respective houses on Friday / 11th December at 3:30pm in the Year 5 /6 classrooms.
- Voting will commence on Friday 11th December immediately following the House Captain applicants speeches.
- Votes will be counted on Friday 11th December and successful House Captains and Vice-House Captains will be presented to their respective houses on Friday 11th December.

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Leadership @ WNPS
Term 4 - Week 11

- The WNPS House Captains and Vice-Captains are presented to our school community at assembly on Monday 14th December, 2015

Future Leadership 2016 @ WNPS

- Student Representative Council (SRC), Green Team and the Wellbeing Team representatives will be elected in 2016.

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