## Coming Events

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Great Start
What a great start we have had to the 2016 school year. The preps and new students to WASPS have settled in extremely well and getting into the school routine.

Our Library is really taking shape new furniture will arrive next week and children will be able to borrow books as of next Monday.

Meet and Greet
Next Tuesday evening, the 9th February, we encourage all parents to come along to our meet and greet evening at school. This is a great chance to meet your child’s teacher and the team as well as learn about the expectations and programs planned for the year. We know that when teachers, parents and students work together we get the best educational outcomes for all children. We have staggered the times for the meet and greet evening so that parents can get to meet teachers in different levels.

The times are as follows-
5.30p.m. Grade 1 and 2
6.15p.m. Grade 3 and 4
7.00p.m. Grade 5 and 6

Look forward to seeing everyone next Tuesday.

Staff Carpark
The Staff carpark is out of bounds to all parents before and after school. Children arriving and leaving school should always use the crossing when coming and going to school. For the safety of all of our children please do not use the staff carpark and have your children always enter and leave the school via the front gate.
School Council
The School Council is the governing body of the school and plays a key role in developing a vision for the school in collaboration with all members of the school community and is actively involved in the development of and endorsement of our strategic plan. This year we have a number of parent positions available on School Council. Parents can either be nominated or self-nominate for School Council. School Council meets once a month and meetings begin at 7.30p.m. and are generally over by 8.30p.m. - 9.00p.m. We have a great working School Council who are determined to continue to improve all aspects of our great school. If you would like to join our School Council or would like more information, please don’t hesitate to contact me at school or drop in for a chat.

Nominations for School Council close on Friday 19th February and forms are available from the school office.

Assembly
School assemblies will again be held each Friday but this year and will begin at 3.00p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. The format of assemblies will change slightly this year One week we will have a performance assembly where individual grades and various performing groups will perform and on alternate weeks we will give out student achievement awards where we recognise student performance. We will still have an Aussie of the Month assembly each month. We look forward to seeing everyone at assemblies throughout the course of the year.

Canteen
Our canteen will reopen for 2016 on Friday 19th of February, menus and price lists will come home in the next week or so.

Emergency Management
Over the last week there have been a number of hoax, threatening phone calls to schools. Whilst we have not received any hoax calls, parents can
rest assured that we, like all other schools, have emergency management procedures in place should we need to enforce them. A separate letter is coming home today to ease any concerns parents may have around emergency management. If you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

School Uniform
The new school uniform looks fantastic and we have had many positive comments from not only our school community but also from outside of our community. Whenever you introduce anything new we understand that there will always be some teething problems. We have had a few issues around sizing and having the stock available. These issues have been addressed and we apologise for any inconvenience in not having some items available at your time of purchase. Eventually parents will be able to buy all uniform items online and the only stock kept at school will be for sizing purposes.

Can I especially thank Dionne Dougan who volunteers her time and has done an amazing job not only this year but for many years, along with Lyndall Murnane in organizing the new school uniforms and sorting out the small teething issues we have experienced.

Ferntree Gully Endeavour Award
The Ferntree Gully Endeavour Award is an annual award made by Mr. Nick Wakeling, our local Minister of Parliament. The award is presented to a student who has upheld our school values, displayed determination, resilience and led by example. Jake our School Captain for 2015 was announced as the recipient of the Endeavour Award last year. Jake was an inspiration to all of us the way he handled adversity and displayed determination in all aspects of his schooling. On behalf of the WASPS community we all congratulate Jake on receiving the Endeavour Award.

Have a great weekend

Wayne Macdonald
Principal
2016 from the Assistant’s Office

It has been wonderful to watch the children settle back into the routine and structure of school with such ease, also to see the new students in Foundations adjust to school routines so well. In chatting and reflecting with many parents and staff it sounds like it was time for the structure and routine to become a part of our daily life again – we are such creatures of habit!

Each year brings about change, 2016 is no different. I am very excited commencing this year as I have the privilege to work as part of the Foundations team again and experience the success and growth the children make throughout the year. Every day from 9am until 12.30pm I will be working with the Foundations team experiencing the rewards, that we as teacher’s observe every year, in the relationships we build with children and the growth and development we observe in many areas (physically, emotionally, socially and academically).

Equally as exciting is the opportunity to visit and work with students and teachers across all levels of school. Each day I get to visit a different level to work with students and teachers, this will occur from 12.30pm until 1.30pm. I look forward to this opportunity immensely, as I will be able to work with students that I had in Prep and celebrate with them the growth they have achieved in their years at WASP’s.

In the afternoon, it is ‘open door’ in the Assistant’s Office, time to meet with parents and carers, another very rewarding part of the role. If your concern is related to a class activity or event it is important that you have made contact with the class teacher first, as they are often more aware of how the event unfolded. As a team we combine to provide a successful year for your child. If you require an appointment please feel free to call the school or email: emonson.kerri.k@edumail.vic.gov.au.

In contemplating what will be for the year of 2016 – it is important to remember, that all students continue to achieve and show growth in their learning, however this may be at different rates. While some students continue to grow their learning quickly, others may be taking the time to consolidate areas of the curriculum content within their relevant level. Early years of schooling may sometimes see rapid growth across areas of the curriculum; however as your student progresses through the year levels the content criterion and expected outcomes broaden and may result in some student’s progress plateau while consolidation of required content occurs.

Have a wonderful year! Keep smiling!

Kerri Emonson
Assistant Principal

Always
wear a smile, because
your smile is a reason
for many others to
smile.

Smile !
It’s on again!

WASP’s ‘Meet & Greet’

We would like to extend a warm invitation to all families for our first event at WASP’s – the ‘Meet & Greet’ evening. In 2015 we commenced an evening to ‘Meet & Greet’ at WASP’s. This event was well attended by many families and another very successful evening for the community.

On Tuesday February 9th we wish to welcome all families for students in Year 1 to Year 6 to a ‘Meet & Greet’ session. The ‘Meet & Greet’ is an opportunity to meet the staff members working and learning with your children each day and to gain some information about important events that will take place during the term and throughout the year. The sessions will run for approximately 20 to 25 minutes. Please see below for the staggered start of sessions to ensure you have every opportunity to attend the ‘Meet & Greet’ relevant to your family.

Level 1 and 2                  Meet & Greet will start at 5.30pm
Level 3 and 4                  Meet & Greet will start at 6.15pm
Level 5 and 6                  Meet & Greet will start at 7.00pm

There will be time before or after the session to have a quick chat with members of staff; however we do strongly advise that if you wish to have an in-depth chat with a staff member that you make an appointment that is more convenient. Appointments can be made with staff members by sending them an email (see the parent information package) or phoning the school (9801 1900) leaving a message for the staff member to contact you.

Foundations (Prep) parents please be aware of the following information for your ‘Meet & Greet’ session and an opportunity to chat with staff, visit the classrooms and meet other families.

Foundations Family Picnic     Friday February 12th      5pm until 7pm.

At WASP’s we are committed to extending communication opportunities with families and sharing the learning that is occurring in the learning areas. Our ‘Meet & Greet’ session is only one part of the communication and reporting process we put in place to keep families informed about the teaching and learning at WASP’s.

We are excited about the year ahead, 2016 will be another great opportunity for community involvement (especially with our Production), meeting new families, fun and learning together. Please make sure you take this important opportunity to find out what is happening in your child’s level. Have a wonderful weekend.

See you next Tuesday!
Kerri Emonson
Assistant Principal
This week at The Hive we

On Monday we went outside because to play cricket, play with the Frisbee and make sandcastles in the sand pit. Olly and Sithum played with Nate and made him feel welcome on his first day at the Hive.

On Tuesday it was Play dough day. We played with different coloured play dough creating different sculptures. Meg and Evana made a rose garden whilst Kaelin, Matt and James created their own play

On Wednesday we played outside to get rid of all our left over energy! We played soccer and ‘tiggy’. We also created maracas in the art room.

Coming up next week:

On Monday we’re celebrating the Chinese New Year by creating monkey finger puppets as it is the year of the monkey!

On Tuesday we’re going to get outdoors, get some Vitamin D and enjoy some of our favourite games, we’ll play games like Scarecrow Tiggy and Fruit Salad! We will also have free time in the multipurpose room.

On Wednesday it’s kids choice day! We’ll take a vote and see who wants to get outside for some group games or free play, do some cooking or get into the art room to create something special.

On Thursday we will be getting busy in the kitchen making amazing chocolate mousse cups! The children will have to work together learning how to make the most perfect mousse!

On Friday we’ll head out to the big kids playground to get some sun. We will play some group games like Ship, Shark, Shore, and explore the plants and seeds outside.

For more information on the Hive OSHC Program please call, text or email us

Phone no: 0421 250 881
Email: osch@wantimamasouthps.vic.edu.au
WASPS Families Facebook Group

Policy for Administrators

Social Media is becoming an increasingly large part of our lives. It can be a useful tool, however there are also pitfalls associated with the use of Social Media which we should strive to avoid. Our school values of Respect, Inclusion, and Care should all be reflected in our use of Social Media.

The WASPS Families group is not an official school channel for communication, however it is becoming widely used by the school community at large, and as such, requires some guidelines to ensure that the use of this Facebook Group is fair, open, and in the best interests of the school community.

1. Membership.
   a. The WASPS Families Facebook Group is open to current school families only.
   b. After families have left the school for over 12 months, they should be removed.

2. Posting
   a. Posts should be school related and of an informative nature.
   b. Use of bad language will be prohibited and any such posts should be immediately removed by administrators.
   c. All posts should be friendly, helpful, and positive. Cyber bullying will not be tolerated and any posts which are deemed as not conforming to the above should be removed.
   d. Continuing to make inappropriate posts will result in a member being removed from the group.
WaSPS Parent’s Association

Who are we?

The WaSPS Parent’s Association is a friendly group of parents who meet about twice each term. We are responsible for running fun events for the children at WaSPS and raising money to benefit our wonderful school.

We’re not just about raising $$$, but are also involved in putting on fun events for the benefit of the school community – such as the BBQ at Twilight Sports night and the Carols by Candelight evening, Hot Dog Day on the last day of Term 3, a Father’s Day breakfast, and school disco.

Why Join Us?

The Parent’s Association at WaSPS has been very successful in recent years, however this success cannot continue without the help of parents in the school community. Each contribution to the Parent’s Association is valuable, whether it is large or small. Even if you are not able to attend meetings, but would like to assist, your contribution is more than welcome.

Being involved in the Parent’s Association also directly benefits your children. Research has shown that Parental Engagement in education is an important factor in children’s success at school. This engagement can take many forms – it is important that we engage with our children directly in their learning, but we can also be engaged at the school level by volunteering. Helping out at school shows your child that you think school and education are important. They will have a sense of pride when they see you at school helping out!

By joining the Parent’s Association, you also get to know people within the school community, making friends and building relationships that will last beyond Primary School.
Welcome back to all of our Students, we are looking forward to another fun and active year in PE and Sport.

**Swim Squad**
Our Swimming team is looking forward to the District Swimming Competition to be held on the 13\textsuperscript{th} February at Croydon Memorial Pool. Well done to Bailey and Phoenix who have been announced as the Swim Team Captains.

Good luck also to the following students-
Chloe, Zoe, Talan, Max, Maddie, Phoenix, Scarlett, Indi, Rauri, Jordan, Hayden Sund, Bailey, Makayla, Zak, Charlie, Stephie and Zoe (emergency).

**School Sports Records**
I have gone back over sports results from 2012 – the present and have compiled a list of School Record Holders in Athletic, Swimming, Cross Country, Beep Test and District Sporting events. These results have been obtained during PE class time, or during team trial sessions and do not include results achieved outside of School in club situations. The cross country running course has changed a few times over this period, therefore the Cross Country champions have been determined by the number of times a Student reached Regional representation as well as their finish position in this event. Results can be viewed on the Sports noticeboard in the Multi-purpose room and will be updated as Students achieve new records.

**Sports equipment from Rebel Sport**
Thanks to all families who have shown their Rebel Sport Season Pass card when purchasing items from Rebel. This has resulted in me being able to
purchase $300 worth of sporting equipment at no cost to the School. To all families that shop at Rebel, please remember to show your card or if you don’t have one, ask when next at the register to link it to our School.
Check out the new equipment below - Thank You.

Sports Dates for 2016
10th Feb – Grade 3/4 Hockey Clinic
19th Feb – District Swimming (Croydon pool)
29th Feb – 4th March – Grade 5/6 Water Safety Program
8th March – Twilight Sports, 5 – 7pm (Whole School)
15th April – School Cross Country 11.30 – 1.30pm
27th April – District Athletics (Knox Aths Track)
20th May – District Cross Country
7th, 14th, 21st June Grade 3-6 Melbourne Victory Soccer Clinics
16th August - Hooptime Grade 5/6

Nicola Tuohey
PE and Sport
Level 3/4 Term Topic – POWER

In level 3/4 we are studying the book WONDER. It is a terrific book that focuses on being kind to others and the relationships we have with our friends. The following are some of the thoughts the students in 3/4A have had so far.

- I like the book and it is interesting that he has never been to school before – James
- I like that it tells you not to stare at people because they are different – Callum
- The book is different, at this part of the book Auggie is trying to get to know everyone – Chloe
- Auggie seems like a really nice person, other people see him as different because of the way he looks – Mya
- The book is written creatively, and it is interesting for us to read – Makayla
- I think that Auggie is nice, but he is not ordinary. Auggie wants to be ordinary – Stephie
- I think that the book is interesting. Auggie has had 27 surgeries and he has been very brave – Zoe
- August wants to blend in but he was born to stand out – Kai
- This book is funny in some parts, especially when they talk about Mr Tushman – Robin
- I like this book because it is different to other books I have read – Ethan
- Auggie wants to make some more friends but he is unsure how it is all going to go – Lee
- This book is very easy to read because it is entertaining - Connor
• When Auggie was young he would get sick easily, but that doesn’t happen now - Zoe
• I think that Auggie is lucky not to be the same as everyone else because he can achieve great things – Charlotte
• Auggie doesn’t worry as much about some things like other people do – Max
• I like the book because August is different, he looks different but he is a very nice person – Miranda
• Auggie is a normal kid, who does normal things but he looks different – Talan
• Auggie has been home schooled and he is nervous about going to a ‘normal’ school – Kaylee
• Auggie doesn’t know anyone at his new school and this scares him a little – Sunny
• August is scared to go to a school on his own, he wants to go to his sisters school so he would know someone – Justin
• August sometimes doesn’t act his age when he is unsure about something happening - Lachlan
PLAYGROUP
Playgroup will start Wednesday next week. Information updates are available on our Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com/waspsplaygroup

UNIFORM SHOP
On-Line Store Coming Soon!

We still have some old stock available at discounted prices as follows:-

- Shorts (Sz. 10 only) $10
- Windcheaters Sz. 10, 14, 16 $10
- Bomber Jackets Sz. 14, 16 $20
- Summer Dress Sz. 4 – 14 $20
- Long Sleeve Polo Sz. 4 – 10 $10
- Short Sleeve Polo Sz. 4 – 16 $10
- Boys Trackpants Sz. 4, 12, 16 $10

Great bargains as the old design uniform can be worn indefinitely.

The Uniform Shop is open each Tuesday of term from 3.15pm to 3.45pm.

Dionne & Julie

CANTEEN
Please note that the first day for lunch orders will be Friday 19th February.
School Choir

School choir will meet on **Friday 5th February at 1:40 pm** for all who are interested in grades 2-6. Rehearsals will be every **Friday lunchtime** thereafter.

**Junior and Senior Band**
The audition process for Junior and Senior band will begin **on Friday 5th February**. Children from Grades 2-6 can audition for vocals, keyboard, guitar or drums. If your child is interested please encourage them to prepare a short piece or song (no longer than one and a half minutes in duration). A CD player will be available for anyone requiring backing music. It will take some time to audition all the children so please encourage patience.

The schedule for auditions is as follows:

**Junior Band (Grades 2-4 only)**

10am  SINGERS : please prepare a short song or part of a song no longer than one minute in duration. Bring a CD if needed.

11:30am  KEYBOARDS : please prepare a short song or part of a song no longer than one minute in duration.

12pm  GUITARS  please bring your guitar and a short piece to play.

12:30  DRUMS : All drummers from Grade 2-6 for Junior and Senior Band at this time. Please prepare a short piece

**Senior Band (Grades 5 and 6 only)**

1pm  KEYBOARDS : please prepare a short piece or part of a piece no longer then one minute in duration.

2:30pm  SINGERS : please prepare a short song or part of a song no longer than one minute duration.

3pm  GUITARS : please bring your guitar and a short piece to play.

I look forward to unveiling all WASPS musical talents.

Vicky Howse
Junior Players Wanted!

Girls and Boys
Under 7 – Under 15

Come along and have great fun learning about and playing football.
Become the next Socceroo or Matilda!

Open 2016 Training Times

Under 7                Saturday 6th February at 9.00–10.00am
Under 8 – Under 11    Saturday 6th February at 10.30 – 11.30am
Under 12 – Under 15   Tuesday 9th February at 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Where:  Egan Lee Reserve, Wallace Road, Knoxfield

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UNDER 9’S – Born 2007
UNDER 10’S – Born 2006
UNDER 11’S – Born 2005
UNDER 12’S – Born 2004
UNDER 13’S – Born 2003
UNDER 14’S – Born 2002
UNDER 15’S – Born 2001
UNDER 17’S – Born 2000/1999

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For 2016

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U8’S $110 - U9/10’S $140 –U11/17’S $170
2nd child $20 off total
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EFL insurance ($15) per player must be paid online prior to Round1**

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There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks for sale – FREE for all registered players

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Potential Auskickers come down to meet our coordinators for 2016
Chris Munro- 0407242035
auskick_coordinator@wsjfc.org.au
Registration Via www.aflauskick.com.au (Wantirna South)
Fees for 2016 will be $91 which includes a participant pack

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New Hive Phone Number
0421 250 881

2016 TERM DATES
Term 1  28/1/16 - 24/3/16
Term 2  11/4/16 – 24/6/16
Term 3  11/7/16 – 16/9/16
Term 4  3/10/16 – 20/12/16

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