Dear Parents,

The school is back to ‘normal’ this week with all of our Year 5 and 6 campers returned safely. The students had a wonderful time in Ballarat experiencing a day at Sovereign Hill, a night at the movies, a walk through the Botanical Gardens and Prime Ministers’ Avenue, participating at M.A.D.E (Museum of Australian Democracy Eureka), a night at the spectacular ‘Blood on the Southern Cross’ and last of all a visit to a wildlife sanctuary.

I would like to thank particularly the Year 5 and 6 teachers, led by Mrs Anna Saaksjarvi, for all of their organisation and commitment, during a difficult time, ensuring that our students would have the opportunity to participate in a camp this year. Integration aides Ms Michelle Harris and Ms Siobhan Taylor as well as parents Mr Daryl Barr and Mr Rohan Briglia were wonderful assistants maintaining our students safety and well-being at all times. It is indeed a responsibility to take care of 100 students and I know that I breathe a sigh of relief when everyone returns safely home.

Term Two is a very busy month on the school calendar. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for Years 3 and 5 students will be held next Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May.
These NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority. The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information is used by teachers to support learning and teaching programs and improve student achievement.

Later in the year, you will receive your child’s personal report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to National minimum standards. These describe minimum standards for students across Australia.

It should be noted that the NAPLAN results represent only a snapshot of your child’s progress at a particular point in time in their educational journey. The results should not be viewed as predictive of future academic success and are used by teachers to identify areas for improvement and enhancement on both an individual and collective level. If you have any questions about the NAPLAN tests please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or Megan or myself.

Already a number of tours have been conducted for prospective parents for students commencing school in 2014. The school ambassadors Grace R, Orla O, Sabrina S and Sammy D take turns to accompany me on these tours and represent the student body answering questions and giving their opinions. I am so impressed by their confidence, and the honesty and pride which they have for the school. They are truly great ambassadors.

Open Day this year is scheduled for Saturday 25th May from 9.00-11.00a.m. Mrs Moira Spierings has organised a unique advertising board on the Warrigal Road fence with the image of one of our students. Can you guess their identity?

May I express my sincere thanks to Mrs Alison Dunn for her outstanding organisation of this week’s Mother’s Day Stall. I wish all mums a memorable day on Sunday and hope you all have an enjoyable day with your family.

Maths Olympiads have commenced for the year 4, 5 and 6 students who have a particular talent or passion in mathematics. Their first ‘real’ competition commences in two weeks’ time. I have included one of their practice questions below, see if you can solve it correctly.

Please take the time to read the attachment regarding an outbreak across Victoria of Cryptosporidium (‘crypto’) infection that causes gastroenteritis. By all accounts it is certainly one to avoid. Enjoy the sunshine while it lasts and keep reading those books for the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Regards Gayle

**Maths Olympiad Problem**

A bowl contains 100 pieces of candy: 54 green, 28 red, 10 yellow and 8 blue. They are all wrapped in foil, so you do not know the colour of any piece of candy. What is the least number of pieces you must take to be sure that you have at least 15 pieces of the same colour?
Education Committee Meeting 14th May @ 7 – 8.30pm

All welcome!

Discussion topics for this meeting include:

- Continuing our eSmart Journey
- Revisiting our ICT Acceptable Use Policy and ICT Student Code of Conduct (see website for proposed changes)
- Discussion about opportunities for parent involvement in the school across all areas of the curriculum
- Initial feedback and discussion to develop a new School Camp Policy

Please register your attendance with Megan Ganter (Assistant Principal) ganter.megan@edumail.vic.gov.au

If you are unable to attend but wish to contribute to the discussion topics listed, you are welcome to email your feedback to Megan.

Megan Ganter
Assistant Principal
Wattle Park Primary School

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Notices gone home this week

Lice notices to affected classes
Raffle tickets
School Photo envelopes
Book Club orders
Naplan brochure
Level 4 Ballarat Camp 2013

Day 1 - Wednesday 1st
At 8am our camp began with an hour and a half bus ride. Once we arrived at Sovereign Hill it was freezing cold and raining, but luckily it didn’t last. At Sovereign Hill we looked around, shopped, panned for gold, watched a gold pouring demonstration, went to the education centre, otherwise known as the old school, and went on a Red hill self-guided mine tour. It was very dark and scary in the mine. It felt very enclosed; it must have been very hard being a miner. After Sovereign Hill we went to play mini golf, had dinner and finished the day with a movie ‘The Croods’.

Day 2 - Thursday 2nd
We started our day off at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka. We were one of the first groups to experience the museum. The grades 5’s were fortunate enough to be on TV and in the newspaper. At the museum we got to see the real Eureka flag, it was pretty cool. After the museum we went to the Ballarat Botanical Gardens where we saw trees and flowers and we went through the prime ministers walk where Ms Gilmour told us about the past leaders of our country. Our next activity was the Gold museum. We wondered around in groups of four or five and looked at everything. After the Gold museum we ate dinner and went to Blood on the Southern Cross. It was a fun experience that included lights, fire, water and amazing sound effects.

Day 3 - Friday 3rd
Our day started with the Wildlife Park. We got to pat and feed Kangaroos! There are over 80 friendly Kangaroos that were willing to come up to you! After the Wildlife Park we went back to school.
Overall it was a great camp and we all have lots of memories! J
By Orla, Sabrina, Grace and Sammy (School Ambassadors)
School photos will be held on 
Wednesday the 22nd of May 2013.
This will be week 6 of term 2.

School photos will be taken by 
'Advanced Life Photography'.

Please be aware that the procedure with regard to payment has changed. Read the following information from 'Advanced Life Photography' in preparation for the order envelope, which has been sent home on Friday the 10th of May.

Please note: photo order envelopes must be back at school by Tuesday the 21st of May 2013.
Order forms will not be accepted after this date.

Kind Regards,
Ainslie Peszynski & Gayle Cope
ENVELOPE AND ORDER INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Parents & Students — PHOTO DAY IS Wednesday 31st May

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

Important Information

- Every student ordering photos must return an order envelope before photo day.
- Every student ordering photos must return their own order envelope — even if their payment is in their sibling’s envelope.
- Sibling photo order envelopes must be returned to one of the classroom teachers before photo day.
- Orders placed after photo day will be charged a late order fee.

Order Instructions

1. Select a photo package option — each option is explained on the flyer attached to the order envelope.
2. Complete your order envelope — use a black or blue ball point pen and fill in your order and contact details.
3. Complete payment — using one of the following options.

**CASH**

- Put exact money in order envelope.
- No change will be given.
- You can pay for all siblings in one order envelope — you must write on each order envelope the name and class of the sibling that has payment.

**CHEQUE**

- Write your name, address and telephone number on the back of the cheque.
- Dishonour fees will be charged if payment is declined.
- Make cheques payable to: ADVANCEDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY
- Allow up to 60 days for payment to be completed.

**CREDIT CARD**

- Payment can only be made online.
  1. Go to website: www.advancedlife.com.au
  2. Click on online payments and re-orders, then click on proceed
  3. Enter the three (3) letter online payment code found on your order envelope (example: SCH), then click on OK
  4. Follow the payment instructions
  5. Write your receipt number on your order envelope under payment method — online payment.
- You can pay for all siblings in one transaction — you must total the amount of all order envelopes and write the receipt number on each order envelope.
- Return order envelope to school before photo day.

From the team at AdvancedLife Photography.
02 May 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian of Children Attending Swimming Lessons or Swim Clubs

An outbreak of cryptosporidium infection (also referred to as 'crypto') is affecting Melbourne and many parts of regional Victoria. The Department of Health is requesting that parents and guardians of all children who attend swimming lessons or swim clubs in Victoria be provided with information on how to protect themselves and others when swimming. This letter does not indicate a problem with the facility your child attends - it is being provided across the State and contains advice that is important all year round.

Crypto is a parasitic infection that causes gastroenteritis, with the most common symptoms being diarrhoea, stomach cramps and nausea. Symptoms may last for weeks and have serious consequences for people who have weakened immune systems. During swimming, people can become infected by swallowing water which has become contaminated by human faeces, usually from tiny amounts that cannot be seen. Crypto can also be spread from person to person, especially in settings such as childcare facilities and in households where there are cases.

All swimming pool operators are able to become infected if the pool is contaminated with crypto because crypto parasites are not killed by the normal levels of chlorine used in swimming pools. Without realising, people with crypto infection can contaminate pool water up to 14 days after their diarrhoea has stopped. Pool operators have taken steps including decontamination of water where appropriate as a protective measure, but this cannot break the cycle of crypto infection without the help of patrons.

To prevent the spread of disease, parents/guardians should ensure they and their children take the following actions to protect themselves and others:

- Do not swim if you have diarrhoea or if you have had diarrhoea in the past two weeks;
- Shower and wash thoroughly with soap before entering the pool;
- Wash your hands with soap after going to the toilet or changing a nappy;
- Avoid swallowing pool water.

For more general information on avoiding crypto and other infectious diseases while swimming, please go to: http://www.health.vic.gov.au/water/recallinfo/cryptosporidium.htm
If you have any concerns about your health or the health of your child, please consider seeking medical advice. A simple stool (poa) test is available to diagnose crypto infection if your doctor considers that crypto may be a cause of symptoms.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr Rosemary Léger
Chief Health Officer
Dinosaur Diggers Workshop

On Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May our class (2A) went to the Dinosaur diggers workshop with 1K and Sandra in the hall. First we had a look at some fossils and talked about them. After we went to the main part of the hall to do some other activities. First we measured how many kids long dinosaurs were. Then we did fossil digging. After we did an awesome T.Rex puzzle. After the bell went to go outside for play. I had a lot of fun.
By Izak B

Dinosaur Diggers Workshop
On Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May we had a person come to talk about dinosaur fossils. We had our fossil talk on the stage of the stadium. We had this talk with grade 1K and 2A and of course the teachers too. First we had a talk about the dinosaur fossils. Then we had three ropes. Then we did a T.Rex puzzle and we also found heaps of fossils. After everybody had a great time and we went back to our class room to have recess. It was so much fun!
By Chloe R
Dinosaur Diggers

On Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} May we had a Dinosaur Diggers incursion. I was the first person that Sandra asked to come up. I was just about to sit down when Sandra mumbled, “No you can actually stay up here please.” Finally I sat down after that.

We did some questions and answers. Then we measured a T Rex, a Stegosaurus and a Giganotosaurus. I was in the T Rex. Then we had two activities. We did fossil digging first. Then we did a very hard jigsaw. It was made of wood.

Rory

On Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} May we had an incursion about dinosaurs. Sandra was very funny and licked fossilized pp. We did a puzzle. It was a bit hard. The skeleton turned out to be a skeleton of a T Rex. Mrs Phillips took a picture of me and Alaa in a T Rex’s skull. We did some diggings for 5 things. My favourite thing out of all of them was my 5 shark teeth.

Estelle
Dinosaur Diggers

On Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May we had an incursion in the hall. Sandra told us that if the dinosaurs have plates like Stegosaurus they make it glow red so that the girls say, OOH La La!

Sandra had some fossilized Poo which is very important because if you crack it open it tells you what the dinosaur had eaten.

The fossils were made from hard rock and we went fossil hunting and we got a few little fossils, which was cool!

Sandra showed us an egg which was round and big. I got chosen to put some dinosaur horns and I said RAAH!

I liked the incursion very much!

By Ava M

On Thursday the second Of May we had an incursion and it was called Dinosaur Diggers. When we got there Sandra showed us a T Rex skull and its name was Tom!

She told us that a fossil is made from rock and we actually passed around dinosaur poo! Then Sandra got a really, really, really large rope and it was the length of eighteen kids, the same length as a Brachiosaurus!

We dug for fossils and we did a big T Rex puzzle. I thought this incursion was great!

By Brooke

On Thursday the second of May Dinosaur Diggers came to school to teach us about dinosaurs. My favourite thing was the Stegosaurus plate and Triceratops horns.

Sandra showed us how long a Stegosaurus was and also the length og a Brachiosaurus. They were huge! I also liked that The Tyrannosaurus was called Tom. It was the best incursion ever!

By Will V

On Thursday the second of May we had an incursion called Dinosaur Diggers. We learnt that a Stegosaurus could change the colour of its plates to scare off predators. We also learnt that dinosaurs weren’t the only things that could be fossilized. I liked it when we got to take some fossils home.

By Jack L
WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# WATTLE PARK P.S. UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM (April 2013)

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**TOTAL of ORDER**

Payment in full is required. Cash/Cheque/Credit Card (minimum $25)

Any queries, please call Michelle on 9889 9759
Wattle Park Ps
Pupil Free Day
Friday 7th of June

Come join us at Wattle Park Outside of School Hours Care for nonstop fun with friends, including outdoor group games & sport, cooking, art & craft and much more!!!

Time: 7:30am – 6:00pm
Location: OSHC Room

To register your child in the fun pupil free day programs we have on offer, please visit our website www.camaustralia.com.au and book in directly using the Parent Portal. For more information contact our Customer Service Team on ph: 1300 105 343 or drop in and speak with the Coordinator Nicole.

Minimum numbers are required to operate this day.
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

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Support the Cancer Council

20 Year Anniversary

Date: Thursday May 23rd 2013
Time: 9.00-10.30 am
Cost: $5 Donation, including cuppa, cakes, etc. raffle ticket for hamper
Host: Miranda Gladman
(Freya, Amelie, Evie’s Mum)

Venue: WPPS Stephanie Alexander Kitchen
Information for the school community

There has been a reported case of chicken pox in the school. Please see below for DEECD guidelines:
Schedule 7 Minimum Period of Exclusion from Primary Schools and Children's Services Centres for Infectious Diseases Cases and Contacts (Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009)

Chickenpox

Exclude until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash appears in unimmunised children, but may be less in previously immunised children.
Any child with an immune deficiency (for example, leukaemia) or receiving chemotherapy should be excluded for their own protection. Otherwise not excluded.
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Shortening - Lengthening - Resizing - Tailoring - Repairing.

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Reasonable prices. If you are interested in this service, please contact Jenny, parent of Year 3 student on 0478063050