Dear Parents,

Mrs Lorelle Caulfield-Lloyd and students are busily adding the finishing touches to our annual School Concert on Thursday night. It is certainly a highlight of the school calendar and an event that brings the school community together like no other.

I can clearly remember the first Wattle Park Primary School concert I attended and how proud I felt of ‘our school’. Some of the students were unrecognisable, so good was their costume and others sparkled with the opportunity to perform on stage.

Unfortunately this year, Mrs Amanda Dwyer, Mrs Anna Saaksjarvi and I will be unable to attend due to our involvement in the Internationalising Asia Education journey to China for eleven days, returning on October the 26th. I have already put my order in for a DVD of the night, but it’s certainly not the same as being there amongst the buzz and hype of the night. But I have assured Ms Megan Ganter that she is in for a night of pure entertainment.

Remember the night starts at 7.00p.m. sharp and most importantly remember to take your tickets!

At this week’s assembly it was entertaining and informative to have brothers Bailey and Wilson talk about their recent holiday to China. What I have heard too, is how advantageous it was for them to be able to utilise their Mandarin language that they had learnt at school in LOTE classes with Mrs Ainslie Peszynski. Special thank you to Ainslie for all that she contributes to our studies of Asia. At the end of last term families celebrated our first ever Moon Festival Lunch Celebration at China Bar Signature. It was quite special meeting and eating with a number of Wattle Park families in a relaxed friendly atmosphere. Many thanks Mrs Peszynski for organ-
The last week of term 3, Year three and Year five students would have received their NAPLAN results. Congratulations to all of our students. The results are very pleasing with particular strengths noted in our Reading, Grammar and Punctuation and Year 5 Spelling. Teachers are currently investigating the data and looking at why particular learning areas are our strengths as well as how to further improve our data.

Special mention too for Elliott H in Year 5C who will be awarded a medal for his outstanding performance in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) this year for Spelling. Elliott will be presented with his medal at The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in November. What an achievement!

On Wednesday, twenty-nine of our year 4 to 6 students represented the district at the Division Athletics carnival held at Knox Park. (See the attachment for photos). Congratulations to all students. Will 6N, Ruby 6N, Sam 5C, Mabel 4G, Emily 5S and Margaret 4D have progressed to the next level and will represent our school at the Regional Athletics. We wish them all the very best in their event.

Thank you to the teachers, Mrs Downes and Mrs Nield and parents, Mrs Tsatas, Mrs Warlond, Mrs Poppenbeek and Mrs Bird who assisted with transport for the day and supporting the students in their respective events.

Walktober is Australia’s walking month. All students have been given the opportunity to participate in Walktober by taking the challenge to walk to school or even part of their way to school. Please contact or see your class teacher if your child has not been given the information to participate.

‘Walktober’ is the ideal time to celebrate walking. The purpose is to promote every Australian to be physically active every day. October is that time of year when you feel a ‘spring’ in your step; the weather is warming up and it’s a great time to get outside.

It’s also a great way to reduce the traffic congestion around schools!

Our new school website is almost ready to go live, so stay tuned for updates via your class reps and a notice that will be distributed shortly.

The calendar for term 4 is a full one with swimming, excursions, incursions and music events so please mark all dates in your diaries now if you haven’t already. We endeavour to list as many activities as possible at the commencement of each year, November and December are by far the busiest months of the year.

Preparations for 2013 are well underway. Teachers will shortly be formulating classes for 2013. A number of factors are taken into account when placing students in class groups. Please note that it is not acceptable for parents to request specific teachers or friendship groups for their child. If parents feel their child has specific educational needs in relation to class placement all communication regarding this will only be accepted in writing, addressed to the Principal and must be received by Friday 16th November.
2013 Student Enrolments and Exits

We are well underway in planning for facilities and staffing for 2013. All planning is based on our student enrolment and exit numbers and we urge parents to complete an enrolment or exit form (see below) as soon as possible. Enrolment forms can be obtained from our website or from the office.

Exit Intentions for 2013

I wish to advise that my child/children as listed below, will not be returning to WPPS in 2013.
Name: ________________________________________________________________
Current Home Group: ____________________ Year level: ________________
Name: ________________________________________________________________
Current Home Group: ____________________ Year level: ________________
Signed: _________________________________
Date: ___________________________

Reason: We would very much appreciate your comments/feedback to assist with future planning.
☐ Moving house
☐ Family moving suburb/interstate/overseas
☐ Transferring to independent school, please advise which school to assist with transfer arrangements
☐ School does not adequately cater to the needs of my child/children
☐ Other

I am happy for a member of the school community to make contact with me: Yes No

RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 10.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent

* i.e. – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).
PFA Update.

Just a reminder that there will be a PFA meeting this coming Monday October 15th at 9 AM in the staff room. This meeting we will have lots to discuss with the upcoming school disco which will be held on Thursday November 1st. Please mark in in your diaries as this will be a fun event as always for the children. We will also be hosting the inaugural Wine and Cheese Night that night as well. If you have more than one child at the school, I know you'll agree it is always a dilemma to know whether to stay or come back for the second session. This year you will have the opportunity to stay and socialise whilst the children are dancing the night away. We can also have fun!

Finally mark in your calendar, The Ladies Oaks Day Lunch which will be held on Thursday November 8th at Yuli’s house which also promises to be a fantastic day out.

You will receive hard copies for both these events but we would just like to give you notice.

If you would like to have any input into these events, please join us on Monday after drop off.

Regards

PFA

Save the Date

PFA meeting Monday October 15th
School Disco and Wine and Cheese Night Thursday November 1st
Oaks Day Ladies Lunch Thursday November 8th.
Dear Parents,

Musicorp is currently taking enquiries for a group of instrumental lessons to be conducted before school hours. This is the perfect opportunity for any students who would prefer to have lessons outside of school time. The available instruments are Guitar, Trumpet, Trombone, Alto Sax, Clarinet, Flute and Percussion. If you are interested, please contact Amber Horwood on 0422 389 311 or via email amber@musicorp.com.au

Notices gone home this week.

- Canteen Term 4 Menu
- Half Day Stop Work
- Cup Day Fundraiser
- Concert Ticket Sales Reminder
- Summer Uniform Order Form
Deakin Science

The children in Years One to Six participated in two sessions in the final weeks of Term Three, presented by Deakin student teachers. The Deakin students are in their second year of the Bachelor of Education and were completing a Science unit, supervised by their respective tutors and WPPS staff.

In small groups, the children were engaged in a range of activities linked to their level focus units. The Deakin supervisors and students were very positive in their comments and appreciative of the opportunity to visit our school. Teachers from all grades were thrilled with the diverse range of hands on activities in which the children participated. It was exciting to see the level of engagement and enthusiasm exhibited by everyone involved.

Vicki Phillips

The photos below were taken during the sessions with the children in Years One and Two.
Division Athletics held on Wednesday 10th October
Our Sports Stars in Action
The Wattle Park PFA invites you to:

**An Oaks Day Ladies Lunch**

**Date:** Thursday Nov 8th  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m.  
**Venue:** 8 Durham Road, Surrey Hills  
(Yuli’s House)  
**Dress:** Race wear

$50 includes lunch and drinks  
Please notify us of any dietary requirements.

Race day Sweeps, Door prizes,  
Best Hat, Best Dressed and lots more....

For more information:  
Yuli Meneilly (1S & 4D) 0414 988 902 yuli_1@aapt.net.au or  
Tash Sinclair (1S & 3B) 0412 153 652  
[mailto:natasha.sinclair@bigpond.com](mailto:natasha.sinclair@bigpond.com)

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[tear off]  
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Name ____________________________

Child’s Class________________________

No of Tickets ____________________________

Payment is required in full by 01/11/12 to school office in a sealed named envelope.  *No children please*
The Melbourne Estee Lauder Corporate Store is extending an invitation for you to attend a 1 week shopping extravaganza.
Specials are exclusive to

WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
in support of the

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION
Saturday 10th November to Saturday 17th November 2012 inclusive
(Excluding Sunday 11th November 2012)
10am – 4pm
Kings Technology Park, Level 1, 100 Dorcas St, South Melbourne

Brands include Estee Lauder, Clinique, Mac, Bobbi Brown, Aveda, DKNY, Tommy Hilfiger, Michael Kors, Armani, Lab Series & La Mer.

This invitation entitles you to shop up to 40% off the recommended retail price and enjoy extra savings on the following products:

- **ALL BRANDS INDIVIDUAL LIPSTICKS**
  *Including Tom Ford lipstick*
  -$15

- **ALL BRANDS INDIVIDUAL LIPGLOSS**
  -$10

- **ALL BRANDS INDIVIDUAL FOUNDATIONS**
  *Excluding Becca and Bobbi Brown Repair*
  -$20

- **ALL BRANDS INDIVIDUAL SINGLE EYESHADOW**
  -$10

- **ALL BRANDS INDIVIDUAL 50ML FRAGRANCE**
  *Excluding Tom Ford, Michael Kors, Jo Malone & Private Collection*
  -$30

- **CLINIQUE BLUSH BRUSH**
  -$10

We thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in store!

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

One invitation per person, per entry and must be presented on arrival. The invitation is a one time use and must be surrendered at the time of purchase.

This flyer must be accompanied by the invitation to receive these one time offers.

Please surrender your invitation along with this flyer to counter staff at time of purchase.

All merchandise is sold on an as-is basis so please choose carefully - no refunds or exchanges for change of mind.

Limit of 2 of any one item.

Please consider other store customers by using the testers provided and not the stock displayed for sale.

We reserve the right to cancel this invitation and promotion at any given time.

As a recipient of this invitation you agree this card & the merchandise purchased by you is for your personal use or for gifts and will not be resold.

Cash & all credit cards accepted.
FUNDRAISER

The Melbourne Estee Lauder Corporate Store is holding a 1 week fundraising shopping extravaganza exclusive to
WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

in support of the

JDRF

juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

PURCHASE AN INVITATION FOR

$10

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We are not open to the general public.
Community Notices

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Our Term 4 after school Sensational Spring sports program of Basketball, Cricket, Soccer and Hockey or T-Ball is scheduled to start FRIDAY 19th October and our lunchtime “Hip Hop” Dance program is scheduled to start WEDNESDAY 17th October.

✓ Safe Environment - on the school grounds with fully trained coaches
✓ Develop Skills - catch, throw, kick, bounce, balance, spatial awareness
✓ Keep Fit & Healthy - run, jump, active movement
✓ Have Fun & Build Confidence!

Enrolment forms with program details distributed prior to end of term 3 with the school newsletter. Enrol ONLINE for Term 4 now! go to http://kellysports.com.au/zone/burwood also for details about programs at your school or call Mark @ Kelly Sports on 9596 5439, email mlouis@kellysports.com.au for more details.

Kelly Sports is a registered Child Care Provider, so those eligible can claim a rebate via Centrelink.
GET INTO TENNIS

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1 x Free Hot Shots Session

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3 DAY MASSIVE

GARAGE SALE

24 Banksia St Burwood
Next to the Park

9am- 4pm NO EARLY CALLERS
Thursday 18th, Friday 19th &
Saturday 20th of October

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO WORLD CHALLENGE
MILO CRICKET

Who: Girls and boys aged between 5 and 10

What: Learn skills and play modified games

Where: Lynden Park
(Home of Burwood Uniting Canterbury Cricket Club)

When: Sunday mornings 9:00 to 10:30 am

Contact: John Sandy 0439009391

Registration will be held on Sunday 14th October 9-10:30
(Or register online http://in2cricket.com.au)

First session is on Sunday 28th October 9-10:30

Cost: $75 includes pack