Dear Parents,

You probably won’t have the chance to read this newsletter tonight with all the organisation and flurry to arrive at Movie Night on time! We have certainly been blessed with the weather and it’s sure to be a great night for the whole community.

This morning students from Year 1 to Year 6 were entertained by very skilled musicians who are the music teachers for our new instrumental program conducted by MusicWorld. All students who are currently enrolled with MusiCorp need to re-enrol with MusicWorld, please give them a call on 9572 3391. Similarly for those students who would like to commence an instrument, flyers are available attached to this newsletter and are available at the main office. Please give Lillian and Phillip a call at MusicWorld, they are most helpful.

At the commencement of this year the staff introduced a new homework schedule that was approved by the Education Committee. In the early stages we received parent comment and have hopefully addressed most issues. We would still appreciate your feedback so please contact either myself or Megan Ganter our Assistant Principal who has driven this change throughout the school on ganter.megan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au.
Our first Education Committee for the year is scheduled for next Tuesday night, please see attachment.

The topic of Education has certainly been a dominant feature in the media of late from teaching training to what constitutes equitable school funding. Having worked in the education sphere for over 30 years, I see it as a real positive that we are engaging the whole community in discussion on what will best serve our children and ultimately our grandchildren’s learning.

I am constantly amazed and in awe of what and how our students learn. Just yesterday I was in the sick bay listening to one of our students converse over the phone, one minute in Chinese the next in English, highly proficient in both languages.

Our ICT leaders this year have quickly learnt how to set-up the intricate technologies needed for microphones, speakers and keyboards. What’s most impressive is that they understand why cords go in particular places and not just because they have been told.

Today two of our music leaders, Nick and Kyarna spoke confidently and clearly to an audience of over 300 people when they introduced and thanked our visiting musicians, admirable public speaking skills. Our students learn so much more than the 3R’s- Reading, writing and arithmetic, like it or not our world is more sophisticated. So the skills and ‘learning’ our students need are diverse and many. If you have the time take a look at the ACARA website which gives an overview on how our students in Year 3 and 5 have travelled over the past five years in their reading, writing and numeracy. We are travelling well compared to other schools nationally and also schools of similar socio-economic background.

It’s a bumper issue this week- lots of slides and attachments, please take the time to read them as they are student contributions and our valued supporters of Movie Night.

One last thing, thank you to the School Ambassadors and everyone involved in the Crazy Sock Day It was a fantastic student-led initiative!

I’ve just returned from the Crazy Sock disco and collapsed in my chair!

Regards

Gayle

Parent Helper Session
Notices Sent Home this Week……

- **Student Information Update**—please make any alterations to the form and return it as soon as possible to your teacher. It is most important the school has the latest contact details for your children. **Even if there are no changes, please return.**

- **2013 Permission and Authority Form**—giving permission for children to go on local walks outside the school grounds

- **Head Lice Inspection Permission Form**

- **Religious Instruction Permission Form**

- **Photographic Permission Form**

- **Internet Permission**

Please return these forms to **your child/ren’s teacher** as soon as possible

Hot Cross Buns order form
Scarecrow Leaders Report

Hi our names are Chloe and Nathan and we are Scarecrow Leaders of the school. Our leadership role involves promoting a sustainable school. One of the ways we do this is by reminding teachers and students to take out the compost bins and remind class mates to take home their classes’ compost bins to wash them.

The best thing about having compost bins is putting the scraps into the garden and helping the environment by reducing rubbish in our bins. This means we don’t put compost in our regular bins. So please don’t forget- put all fruit and vegetable scraps in the compost bin in your classroom and help Wattle Park to be a sustainable school!
On behalf of all the students, teachers and parents in the Wattle Park Primary Community, I would like to thank Whitehorse City Council for their extremely generous donation of 60 high visibility vests for our Bike Ed program. In particular I would like to thank Sherri, the Sustainable Transport Officer, for all of her wonderful support in organising these vests, including the printing of our WPPS logo on both the front and back of the vests. Sherri has not only donated these fantastic vests, but she has also donated her time in support of our program by offering both herself and colleagues from the Whitehorse Council to assist in the implementation. We are very lucky to have such active involvement and generosity from our council.

The Bike Education program began this week and will be running over the next two weeks for all grade six students. During these sessions students will be involved in practicing on-road riding under supervision whilst wearing their gorgeous high visibility vests! They will also be involved in learning the rules of the road through activities at school, which will incorporated further skill practice.

Towards the end of the year, grade five students will also participate in the skill development aspect of the program, which sees students building their skills and knowledge by completing activities in the safety of the school’s grounds.

Again, I would like to thank Whitehorse City Council for their fantastic support of our program. I would also like to thank all of the parents who have offered their time to come along and help. The Bike Ed program would not be able to run as effectively without the wonderful generosity of parents, so thank you all very much! I hope you know how much we appreciate it.

Anne Saakjarvi
Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday 19th March
7-8pm in the staffroom
All parents welcome

The Education Committee is a sub-committee of the Wattie Park School Council. The committee's role is to:

- Inform the school community of new education initiatives at Wattie Park Primary School
- Communicate current education programs and policies in the school
- Include parents in the consultative phase of school policy development
- Support parents through parent forums on a range of topics

This year, the Education Committee will begin work on the eSmart Program. To achieve our eSmart accreditation, we need to review our school policies and develop programs in the following areas:

- Effective school organisation
- School plans, policies and procedures
- Respectful and caring school community
- Effective teacher practices
- An eSmart curriculum
- Partnerships with parents and the local community

This will be developed over a three year cycle.

Our first meeting will include a general introduction to eSmart, sharing of some great cybersafety activities and an opportunity to feedback to the school about your children’s ICT use at home. This will provide us with a great starting point for our eSmart journey.

Please RSVP Megan Ganter (Assistant Principal) ganter.megan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au if you are interested in attending.

Welcome to eSmart

eSmart aims to make cybersafety a normal part of everybody's life by equipping them to use technologies in ways that are positive and that protect them from the potential risks. This first mover brand of eSmart is a tool which helps schools create a cultural norm of smart, safe and responsible use of digital technologies.

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Invite you to attend our
Annual General Meeting
To be held on
Monday 25th March 2013
8pm.

All PFA positions are open and vacant and seeking interested parents to get on board.

The PFA is a great way to make a real contribution to the school as well as to get to know other families within the school community.

Nomination forms can be found at the school office.

Interested?
Please call Sue on 0413 990 152 for more information.
Monies to the Office

As the Office receives lots of cash for many different things, please remember that all monies to the office must be in a clearly marked envelope with student’s name, class and what the money is for. The office cannot allocate money to the right place if it is not clearly marked.

ART ROOM REQUEST……

Wanted: Clear plastic soft drink bottles. One or two litres are most preferred. Please drop them off at the Art Room.

Many thanks

Pia
Art Teacher

Calling Dads to play AFL 9’s (9 a side touch Aussie Rules)

Thought your playing days were behind you? Miss dashing down the wing or snapping a goal from the boundary?

After participating in a successful season of AFL 9s over summer, we are establishing an AFL 9s competition with teams from primary schools from around the local area and would love to see dads (and teachers) from Wattle Park Primary involved.

What: AFL 9s is 9 a side non-contact modified Aussie rules, played on a smaller ground (100m x 50m) with two 20 minute halves. Perfect for us older blokes!!
When: Matches will be on each Monday night at 7:30 pm starting on the 15th April. The season will run for 8-10 weeks (with finals).
Where: Under lights at Warrawee Oval, Warrigal Road, Oakleigh.
Who: Anyone who is interested in playing some footy and having some fun. AFL 9’s suits players of all abilities. We are looking to establish a competition of predominantly over 35’s.
How much: The cost equates to under $10 per game per player and includes insurance and umpires provided by AFL Victoria.

We will be having a registration night and trial match before the Easter break on Monday 25th March @ 7.30 pm at Warrawee Oval, Oakleigh. Come along either with a full team (a team of 12 is ideal) or by yourself/with a few mates/neighbours etc and join up with one of the other teams.

We are also having an informal training session and scratch match at Nettleton Reserve, Glen Iris, on Monday 18th March at 7pm. So come down, have a kick, a bit of fun and give it a try.

See afl9s.com.au for more info or feel free to send me an email.

Cheers,
Matt Bradley

Matt Bradley 0430 230 840
matt.bradley@bigpond.com
Hello, and we have the answers to the last maths questions!

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Hard Question: (Yr 5 to Yr 6)  
36 + 60 + 2^3 + 2^4 / 2

Medium Question: (Yr 3 to Yr 4)  
(14x2) + 26 + 9 + 6

Easy Question: (Yr 1 to Yr 2)  
31 + 9 / 10 + 53

Very Easy: (Foundation)  
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Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too.

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