Dear Parents,

Events today have included Year 5 and 6 focus groups informing me about the quality of the teaching and learning programs in their classrooms. Life Education for Year 5 & 6 students (behind closed doors), instrumental music lessons, Year 2 Party Mathematics Night (that was lots of fun!) and then Foundation Information Night for students enrolled for 2014. And that’s without the day’s program of literacy, numeracy, integrated units and specialist programs. The school is a very busy place!

Each year I endeavour to meet with a group of eight students from each Year 5 and 6 classes to give feedback on what they consider we do well in terms of our teaching and learning programs. They offer suggestions for improvement and are also candid about themselves as learners and reflect on the attributes of what for them makes an effective teacher. They are indeed perceptive!

Some comments made: ‘Our teacher really supports us when we learn. She helps us through the challenges, checks that we are comfortable but encourages us and gives us time to learn new concepts.’

‘Our teachers are energetic and passionate. They treat us as adults, are honest and truthful. They know us individually as people.’

‘Year 5 & 6 are busy years. We have many and varied opportunities to learn and make independent decisions about our learning. We like that.’
Their suggestions for improvement? Air-conditioners! Even though that’s not about teaching and learning, the students certainly felt that in the hot Summer months ahead, it would be beneficial to learn in comfort.

Thank you to everyone who voted for us in the competition by the Credit Union of Australia. Wattle Park Primary School actually came second in the Victorian Doncaster division. As a consolation prize we were awarded $1,000.00. Early in term 4 we will be organising a Twilight Fun Run for families to hopefully raise the remaining amount needed for air-conditioners.

It’s a week ago that our Year 3 & 4 students returned home from camp at Phillip Island Adventure Resort. It was a magnificent camp with all students returned safely, healthy and very, very tired! They experienced a range of outdoor activities; canoeing, ponding, giant swing, archery, flying fox and Nature Spot-to. The students faced new challenges away from home and coped admirably.

I’d like to especially thank all of the staff who attended and gave of their time. Mr Davey, Ms Gilmour, Ms Nield, Ms Albert, Ms Kellahan, Megan, Ms Harris and Ms Alderson-Roes. Also to our band of volunteer parents who contributed magnificently to the team; Mr Pervan (Emma 4H), Mrs Miravet (Emma 3L), Ms Hooper (Will 3H) and Mr Perry (Tara 3L) many thanks.

Attached to this newsletter is a notice about the upcoming Grandparents and Older person’s Day on Monday 14th, October. It was such a success last year that we have decided to conduct it again. So please pass on the date to those you know would like to attend.

On Tuesday night we had our inaugural guitar concert organised by Nathan from MusicWorld. Our students have improved their technique and confidence in such a short time. It was delightful to see students perform individually, with their teacher or as a duet.

Next term we have a number of musical events, most notably our School Concert on Wednesday 30th October. This year for the first time tickets will be purchased on-line using TryBooking. Further information will be distributed next term. So stay tuned!

Next Friday, we say farewell to Mrs Cynthia Tuck as she leaves us to commence maternity leave. We wish Cynthia and her husband Michael all the very best for the birth of their first child. Cynthia has made a wonderful contribution to the school with her knowledge of the mathematics curriculum, the transition process to secondary school and teaching as a team member in the flexible learning space.

We look forward to Cynthia joining us at the Year 6 Graduation with her little one in tow.

Don’t forget next week is the last week of term and Friday is Sports Day. Students can wear any code of sports attire on that day- AFL, rugby, basketball, netball, tennis, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, just to name a few. A gold coin donation to the Cancer Council would be appreciated.

*Regards Gayle*
Music World Guitar Concert
Eight of our students headed off to Somers Camp on Tuesday, very keen and eager to have a fabulous time for the next 10 days.
ART LEADERS

HELPING ART TEACHERS

On the 30th of August we helped Miss Antonino by helping the Foundation students to make a coat hanger for Father’s Day. They laminated and decorated a little piece of paper, and then they punched some holes in the piece of paper, tied it to the coat hanger and added beads and held it together with pipe cleaners. After we did a little circle gallery to show the work they had done.

NEXT TERM

Coming up next term will be an art show. Everyone’s work will be presented. More information will be coming next term.

QUIZ

Who created the famous Mona Lisa Painting?

What tool does the Aboriginal use to paint?

Another famous painting is the BLUE _____?

How do aboriginals make paint?

Nower days the artists paint on a ________?

Finger Painting is another way of traditional ________ painting?
MUSIC MADNESS

Hi, we are the 2013 Music Leaders, Riley Chintock, Nick Edwards, Kyarna Bonnot and Alanna Kirally. We hope that you love music as much as we do, so we put together, this page for you. Keep on grooving!

2013 CONCERT- This year’s school concert will be held on Wednesday the 30th of October at Yarra Valley Anglican School at 7pm onwards. We hope to see everyone there for a fabulous night of performances. The theme of the concert this year is ... GENRES! All the grade levels have been putting in some very hard work to make their songs great. A big thank you to Mrs C-L for organising the concert again this year. Hopefully all the students have kept their songs a surprise for the night.

Now for some latest songs:

Australia Top 10:
1. Let's Get Ridiculous
   By Redfoo
2. Wrecking Ball
   By Miley Cyrus
3. Roar
   By Katy Perry
4. Summertime Sadness (radio edit)
   By Lana Del Rey and CeeDee Gervais
5. Love Me Again
   By John Newman
6. Something I Need
   By OneRepublic
7. Wake Me Up
   By Avicii
8. Classic
   By MKTO
9. Hold On, We’re Going Home
   By Drake
10. Can’t Believe It
    By Flo Rida

MUSIC QUIZ!!!

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In Memory
It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Mrs Walters. Mrs Walters was a wonderful supporter of the reading program from Cameron Close and will be greatly missed by students and teachers alike. A tree will be planted in memory of Mrs Walters at a date to be announced soon.

FOUNDATION 2014 ENROLMENTS

It is that time of year when schools are preparing for the following year and student numbers are critical to the school’s staffing structure.

Could you please complete the required Student Admission Enrolment Form if you intend enrolling your child at Wattle Park Primary School in 2014. This form is available from the office or on the school’s website. It can be forwarded by mail if requested.

If you are aware of any families who may live near you and have not enrolled, please encourage them to put in their enrolment forms as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Don’t forget to check out our website at: www.wattleparkps.vic.edu.au to keep up to date with the happenings of the school: notices, news, events, dates etc.

Notices gone home this week.
Grandparents Day
Sports Day Special Lunch Day Order Form
NO HAT, NO PLAY
IT’S HAT TIME AGAIN
On Monday 2nd September, all students are required to wear hats outside during recess and lunchtime. Any student without a school hat, will need to sit in the designated area. If you know your child has lost his/her hat now is the time to purchase one. Please make sure your child’s hat is clearly named!

Upcoming PFA Social Event
Save the Date!

Oaks Day Ladies Luncheon
Thursday 7th November
**More information soon**
SCHOOL CONCERT

Our School Concert for 2013 is coming up in Term 4. The theme this year is “THE BEST OF THE BEST”. All classes have been hard at work learning their songs selected from a variety of musical genres or styles.

The children are very excited as they have been workshopping their items in Music classes. It is always a journey as they contribute ideas, create the actions and dance moves and in many cases help arrange the songs.

Once again the class teachers will coordinate the costumes with notices being distributed to parents where needed.

Please put the date in your diary as we look forward to some wonderful performances and amazing efforts by the children to entertain you all.

“THE BEST OF THE BEST”
Wednesday 30th October, 2013
George Wood Performing Arts Centre
Yarra Valley Anglican School
Kalinda Road,
Ringwood
7.00 pm start

Lorelle Caulfield-Lloyd
Music Teacher
The Best of the Best
A Variety of Musical Genres

Wednesday, 30th October 6.45 for a 7pm Start
The George Wood Performing Arts Centre
Yarra Valley Grammar School
Kalinda Road, Ringwood  Melways 36D17

Mark in your diaries now for the event of the year, ticketing will be done on line and further information will be available soon. Please note that initial ticket sales are limited to 2 tickets per family.
Grandparents' Day

All grandparents & special older friends
are invited to visit

Wattle Park Primary School
on
Monday 14th October 2013

We hope you will join us for a morning of entertainment!

8.50am  Visitors arrive & are seated in the gymnasium
9.05am  Whole school assembly, including choir & instrumental performances
9.45am  Classroom visits
10.30am Morning tea in the hall
11.15am  Conclude
SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMP

TRINITY GRAMMAR, KEW. TUE 1 & WED 2 OCTOBER

HEAD COACH
Nigel Purchase - 250 NBL games MelbourneTigers & Brisbane Bullets. CHASE / ABR Head Coach leading a team of Coaches. Ratio 1:10

CAMP DETAILS
Trinity Grammar Sports Centre, Charles St Kew. 1 & 2 October - Week 2 school holidays. 6-12 year old Boys & Girls. 9:00AM - 3:00PM

COST
$127 which includes Camp Tee-Shirt and GAME Basketball to keep.

STANDARD
For beginners to intermediate, children grouped accordingly

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At: playballbasketball.com under Information then Holiday Camps or download & complete PDF from website

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School Holiday Children's Tennis Program at Wattle Park

**When:** 23rd- 25th September  
**Times:** 9am til 12noon, Monday to Wednesday  
**Cost:** $105.00 for 3 days or $40.00 per day.  
**Bookings:** Contact Val on 0409 581 322 or email energytennis@hotmail.com  
All levels welcome. Tennis programs in term 4 are also available. Visit www.energytennis.com.au for more details.
BUSHLAND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Spring has sprung in Whitehorse!
These free interactive sessions have been developed for 5-12 year olds.
Limited spaces are available so please book early.

Discover the Mullum Mullum
Celebrate the International Year of Water! Join us for a ‘hands-on’ exploration of the Mullum Mullum Creek to see what lives there and how we can protect this important waterway.

When: Wednesday 2 October, 10am-11:30am
Where: Yarran Dheran Visitors Centre, Ashburton Drive, Mitcham.

Wild about flowers
Spring has sprung at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary and that means the flowers are blooming! Join us on a ramble to explore a range of wildflowers and investigate why they look and smell so wonderful.

When: Tuesday 1 October, 10am-11:30am
Where: Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Visitors Centre, Central Road, Blackburn.

Steve’s Bees – Buzz on!!
Meet a real bee keeper and investigate the weird world of bees. Discover the many reasons we should encourage them to buzz on!

When: Thursday 3 October, 10am-11:30am
Where: Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Visitors Centre, Central Road, Blackburn.

Bookings are essential for all bushland education programs
Phone: 9262 6211 E: lucy.menzies@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

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Wattle Hill Kindergarten

Wattle Hill Kinder has places available for the 2014 kinder year

Our kinder is a wonderful place to be. In the words of many of our children: "You are lucky to come to Wattle Hill kinder".

In choosing Wattle Hill your children have access to:

- A beautiful, natural garden to inspire their imagination
- A nurturing environment where our children feel safe, respected and important
- Reggio Emilio Inspired teaching delivered by an Award Winning teacher and a caring, passionate assistant
- Consistent teachers across the 2 years of kinder

Please call if you are interested in seeing our kinder - 98088848
ENROL NOW
Babies to 5 years old
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- Purpose built Early Learning Centre
- Qualified, professional and experienced teachers providing a stimulating play-based program.
- Dedicated cook providing a nutritionally balanced menu using only fresh produce.
- Our rooms and landscaped gardens have been designed to enchant, enrich and provoke your child’s imagination, creativity and curiosity.
- We value diversity and encourage a community of learners where children and families are welcomed and respected.

For all enquiries and enrolments Call 9888 8182
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St Dominic’s Tennis Club

School Holiday Tennis Clinic

Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th September
10.00am – 2.00pm
- Morning tea & Lunch provided
- Trophies and Prizes
- All standards welcome

For all bookings and enquiries contact:
Peter Caruana
9836 0097
petercaruana@bigpond.com

St Dominic’s Tennis Club

Come and try Wilson Pee Wee tennis FREE!!
Tuesday 8th October

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Australia’s #1, 4-7 year old program

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- Junior Hot Shots after school classes
- Pee Wee Tennis for 4-7 year olds
- Ladies morning group classes
- Adult evening classes
- Private Lessons
- Mums and Tiny Tots
- Friday Night Competition (6.20-8.00pm)

ALL STANDARDS WELCOME

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It's hard to believe that we are almost into Term 4 of the school year. We might be tired, but we're still getting involved and having fun at OSHC.

Lately we've been playing some new board and puzzle games. We have Monopoly, and are learning the rules and having a great time passing Go, winning the Party Box (or Free Parking, as it's usually known) and buying properties.

Nicole our coordinator also brought in some games from her childhood and we have been testing our brains by sorting colours, rearranging fish pieces and moving cars and trucks to let that one special red car out of the parking lot!

We also play outside on a daily basis and have even been going out to the oval and bottom playground in the mornings. Hooray for Spring and it's warmer weather.

Also don't forget that for the month of September we will be getting involved in raising money for the Smith Family Back2School appeal. Back2School helps to support disadvantaged families in the community by raising money to support primary school kids in 97 of the most disadvantaged communities in Australia.

We will be holding a ‘guess the number of lollies in the jar competition’. We ask that you give a silver coin (that’s a 5 cent, 10 cent, 20 cent or 50 cent coin) per guess, and you can guess as many times as you like! The person or people who guess the correct amount (or the closest amount) will be able to take the jelly bean and sock filled jar home!

Holiday Club bookings are open and you can find your most convenient Club using the Holiday Club finder online. The closest location to Wattle Park is at Hartwell Primary School, which is a little further down Toorak Road.

Come to visit and see us in action. We’re open 7:30am until 8:45am and then 3:30pm until 6:00pm.

How To Get Started
Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

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Holiday Clubs
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children's tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruits. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

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EXCITING LUNCHTIME DRAMA AT
WATTLE PARK PS!!!

Junior class (P – 2): Thursday in the gym: 1.45pm – 2.25pm
Senior class (G3 – 6): TBC
Enrolment options are as follows:
- Email the information below to freyja@dramatime.com.au
- Post this form to Drama Time 19 William St, Balaclava 3183
- Or call Drama Time on 9528 8998

Please do not return this form to the school, return to the Drama Time office only.

Student name: ___________________________ Grade: ________________
Parent name: ___________________________ Mobile number: _________
Email: ___________________________ Home number: _____________

School: Wattle Park PS

An invoice will follow after the enrolment is complete.

"Elise was so excited to tell me about the amazing fun she had and all the things that she’s going to do in drama." Parent, Ormond PS

"Eden loves her Drama class; she always comes home on Tuesdays with stories from the session." Parent, St Finbar’s

"Enrique’s confidence has increased enormously over the last few years thanks to Drama Time." Parent, Brighton Beach PS

For more information please call us on 9528 8998 or head to our website www.dramatime.com.au