Dear Parents,

It’s been a busy time of celebratory weeks—first there was Book Week then Literacy and Numeracy Week, followed by Science Week and in other weeks’ time Environweek! It has been great to see the students take the initiative and organise some of the events and follow-up activities across the school. The highly successful book character dress-up day was an idea from our Year 6 Literacy leaders and the Environweek activity has arisen from the SRC representatives. Please take the time to read the attachments that the students have created, this week its two interesting science experiments.

Foundation classes received the first lot of their new furniture—some very bright couches and aricubes delivered yesterday. New tables are arriving shortly but we would really like to dispose of our current Foundation tables. So if you would like to purchase a table for $10.00 please see Vicki or Joy at the office. Or alternately if anyone knows of a school or kindergarten that could utilise the tables please let the office know. We actually don’t have the need for tables of this size and we have nowhere to store them.
Thank you to the Year 1 and 2 families who attended last Sunday’s Working Bee, Archer, Demoitie, Hore, Mackinnon, Parr, Peel, Tsatas, Wilhelm, Wong, and Mrs Phillips and Mrs Skantzos. Carol Hensley (mother of Matilda 1S) is our buildings and grounds convenor who does a magnificent job coordinating all duties. It was a superb day with our scheduled tasks achieved. The mulching of the area around the Year 3&4 building has been welcome alleviating the muddy bog. You should also spy some new plants from the work, gracing our cyclone fencing along the northern wall in the Spring.

Working Bees are not the only responsibility of the building and grounds committee. In the foyer, outside Megan’s office our Grounds Master Plan outlines the future development of our gardens and grounds. At this point in time we have appointed a landscape designer that is working on the specific area outside the gymnasium. We are hoping that the construction work will commence in a holiday period this year ready for 100 year celebrations in 2014.

The school certainly appreciates the offer of parents and community members who have volunteered to join the 100 Birthday committee led by Mr Scott Sutherland (father of Hanisi 4S and Lani 1K). Meetings will commence shortly so stay tuned!

It was wonderful to hear our school band play at assembly two weeks ago and hear our Boite choir sing last week. We have some extremely talented musicians and choristers. I am in awe of our musicians as I begin to learn the piano. The performance skills that they have learnt at such a young age are quite astounding.

We have received some very exciting news that we will be able to share with our school community on the 27th August. It will be a great addition to our curriculum programs and a community relationship that we hope is sustainable for years to come. It’s so hard to keep a secret but I can’t divulge any more!

Enjoy your weekend and don’t forget to read about our Australian scientists as we celebrate their contribution over 100 years - check out the display in the foyer that Megan has created!

 Regards Gayle

Education Committee

Tuesday 20th August @ 7pm in the Staff Room.
All welcome.
Agenda items:
• Finalisation of our new First Aid and ICT policy before they are presented to school council
• School Transition Policy
PFA Fundraiser - Aussie Farmers Direct Fruit & Veg Box drive

With our healthy fundraiser this month, $10 from every $39 fruit & veg box from Aussie Farmers Direct goes to WPPS! Plus, if you are a current Aussie Farmers customer you can sign up to contribute 2% of your grocery bill to the school on an ongoing basis.

A century of education”
Next year WPPS turns 100! This is quite an achievement for any organization, and the school council would like to celebrate this milestone accordingly. We are excited at playing a part in this celebration, and we are keen to hear from members of the school community who are interested in joining the subcommittee, which will develop and plan appropriate activities and events for 2014.
If you are interested in joining in the fun and excitement of mapping out our centenary year, please let Gayle Cope know on 9808 2165 or cope.gayle.l@edumail.vic.gov.au .”

From the Canteen.
Monday 26th August
Due to House Athletics Years 3-6 there will be no canteen on this day.

From the Uniform Shop .......
The Uniform Shop will be closed Monday 26th August due to Athletics.

Our supplier of thick knit stockings has gone out of business so I cannot order them anymore. What I have in stock is all I can get, so if you would like to stock up for next winter, come in or ring me on 9889 9759.

Limited stock of sizes: 3-5, 4-6, and 7-9.

Reminder. There is no assembly on Monday 26th August due to house athletics.

Gone home since last ‘The Wattle’

- Aussie Farmers Fundraiser Drive
- Book Club
Whole School Photograph

On Friday, 30th August, advanced life photography will be at Wattle Park Primary to photograph the entire school.

If you would like to order the photo, envelopes will be sent home shortly. Please return these envelopes ON PHOTO DAY to your teacher.

Please make sure your child/children are in full school uniform.

Below is an electronic version of the order form which will be sent home soon.

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**Whole School Photograph**

A group photograph will be taken of all the students at your school (Whole School Photograph). These photographs do not happen on a regular basis, and are great to look at in the years to come. A copy of this photograph is available for you to purchase.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS ORDER FORM, ENCLOSE THE CORRECT MONEY AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL BY THE DUE DATE.**

Photos ordered after the due date will incur an extra charge of $8.00 to cover individual handling and delivery of your order. PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: ADVANCEDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY, with your address on the back. Our money back guarantee applies. Please note that fees apply for dishonoured cheques.

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**BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

We have had some great happenings at Wattle Park to help us celebrate Book Week. On Thursday we had performances from the Tony Bone’s Theatre group. The Grade Prep-3 children enjoyed a performance of the Gus Gordon story ‘Herman and Rosie’ and the Grade 4-6 students saw ‘Other Brother’ by Simon French. Both performances and after show question and answer times were highly entertaining, thought provoking and informative.

Last week we also had our annual Book Fair in the Library. It was fantastic to see such an enthusiastic response from the school community. We had an enormous number of families visit and browse through the Book Fair. There was a great variety of quality titles to select from and I hope everyone has enjoyed their purchases.

This year the Book Fair raised $2000 in sales commission. Every cent of this money has already been spent purchasing new titles for the school. Mostly new books have been purchased for the Library, but I have also been able to include extra titles for Listening Post packs, Literature Circle texts and some non-fiction guided reading sets. We also received generous donations from the teacher wish lists. Thank you to the Skinner, Shelley, McComb, Ross, Davies and Holden families. Some of our new texts will be on display at the front of the school underneath the television and on the ‘New Arrivals’ shelf outside the Library before they go into circulation so please come and have a look at some of the items purchased through your generosity.

Thank you to Amanda Dwyer and Ros Cordiner for their assistance. Thanks also to Kellie McDonald, who generously assisted at the desk every morning and most evenings. Thanks to our Library Assistants: Sabrina Seymour and Kitty Grant who did a fantastic job managing the variety table at each session, both before and after school. Kitty and Sabrina have been consistently outstanding helpers in the Library over their time here at Wattle Park. This was their last Book Fair as they prepare to move on to secondary school; I will miss them both. They have trained two new helpers on the job and I look forward to Brynne and Millie helping in 2014. Special thanks again to Michelle Wridgway. This will definitely be Michelle’s last Book Fair for Wattle Park as I am sure she will have her own class to run next year. Every year I have run the Book Fair, Michelle has generously assisted. Her pleasant, efficient manner and amazing organisation is a major reason that the Book Fair always runs so smoothly. I have sincerely appreciated her help over the years. It has also been great fun Michelle!

Most importantly “thank you!” to the whole school community who have so enthusiastically and generously supported our Book Week activities. It has been a pleasure to run the Book Fair this year and a great team effort has produced an excellent outcome for Wattle Park.

Kim Wheatley
Librarian
Science Week

Science week is when we celebrate the science of Australia, it occurs from the 10th to the 18th of August each year. This week we are celebrating “A Century of Australian Science”. You can try the experiments that are below for fun. There are also different experiments on the web. The reason we celebrate science week is because science is everywhere and in every part of our day to day lives! It is also lots of fun and is very interesting to learn about!

Akira and Richard

Experiment D.I.Y at home
How to Make Bouncy Eggs
Materials:
Egg (Shell On)
Vinegar
Cup
STEPS
1. Put the egg in the cup. (Make sure it doesn’t crack)
2. Pour vinegar over the egg.
3. Make sure all of it is covered
4. Leave it for at least 3-4 days. (Note: the eggshell will unscrew itself
5. Once it is done wrap it in tissue paper.
6. You will see wavy things coming out when that happens, take it out.
7. Unwrap it and test drop it from a low height.

Experiment D.I.Y at home:
How to Make Colour Rainbows
Materials:
Torch
Clear plastic cup
Clear square container (optional)
Water
STEPS
1. Darken a room.
2. Carefully pour the water three quarters of the cup.
3. Switch on the torch.
4. Carefully hold the torch under the cup.
3. (Optionally) repeat step 2 to 4 with the square container.
If you used the square container, did you notice any differences? Write it down.
Yarrabee Excursion

On Thursday 8th August me and my class went to Yarrabee. When we got on the bus I sat next to Rory. It took about five minutes to get ready then we set off. It was a fun hour of pulling pranks and telling jokes while we were on the road. When we got to Yarrabee we got into groups. One person in my group was Henry. The first activity we did was games. The first game we played was hit the hoop. The second game we played was egg and spoon. Then flip the pancake, get the horse shoe on the pole and throwing the boot. After that we had recess. I played kick the can. After recess I went into the house. Then it was lunchtime and I played kick the can again. After lunch we went into the school. Overall it was a fun time at Yarrabee!!!!

Seb

It was a warm day at Yarrabee but it still had puddles, so we could not play in the wet area. I did skipping and it was fun. I found it was interesting to learn about the olden days. I sat next to Serena in the school. I got the dunce’s hat. I loved Yarrabee.

Sammy
On Thursday the 8th of August the grade 1’s and 2’s went to Yarrabee Rural School and Farmhouse.

At school if you talked you would have to put your nose on an X for the day. If you were naughty you would either get the strap, cane or have to wear the dunce’s cap.

Outside we played throw the boot, horse shoes, egg and spoon race, in the hoop, out of the hoop, skipping and roll the hoop.

In the kitchen we learnt about milk, cream and Jack Frost.

I had the best excursion ever! **Lysandra, 2A**

On Thursday 8th August we went on an excursion to Yarrabee. Me and Charlie wondered if we were going over the West Gate Bridge, shoo! We were not going over the West Gate Bridge which was good.

After that we went to school I had to put my nose on the cross. Chloe got the strap and Mike got the dunce cap.

Then we went to the games, we wondered what games they played.

I came second. Then we went to the house. **Jay, 2A**
On Thursday we went to Yarrabee Olden Days School, it was awesome! We went on a time machine, which was a bus. When we got there they put us into lines and we went to assembly.
After that we played some games. We played egg and spoon race, it was great! We also played throw the gumboot. The winner was Rory. Then, Ding! Ding! Ding!
The Bell, Recess.
After I finished my food we went into an old house. Audrey talked about how they had no electricity in the olden days. Children had to do chores when they got home from school. Time for lunch! Yumm!
I think I should play Kick the Can. Wow, that is fun! Time to go into the school.
First Brenda told us about writing in the olden days. It had curls. Now punishments. Brooke got the strap, Lucas got six of the best. For talking, Jesse got his nose on the board. The teacher asked Jack to ring the bell. Ding!
Time to go on the bus. I sat next to Nicholas. We had a great excursion.

By James 2D
On Thursday the 8th of August I went on an excursion about olden days. I was also seven and a half on that day. First we did assembly. I didn’t know the song so I just did mouth actions. Then we played some outside games. The first one was hoops which was very hard. Then we did an egg and spoon race and it was lots of fun. Then we did champion boot throwing and Rory was the champion.

Then we went in the house. We talked about lots of olden day things that have changed from now. We talked about how bread was made and the milkman delivering milk and money like pennies.

Then we went from the house to the school, we did some olden days writing. Then Brenda called me up to demonstrate the strap, well she didn’t really hit me she just hit my desk. I had so much fun I feel like I want to do it again!

By Brooke 2D
On Thursday 9th August 2013 we went on an excursion to Yarrabbee Rural School and Homestead. After play we went into this house and the lady told us about the olden days. She even told us about how to make skim milk and butter. She also told us how to keep warm in the olden days. Next up was the school. She told us to get out our slate boards and write olden day’s writing. Next she showed us lots of whips. Jesse was talking so the teacher put a cross on the board and Jesse put his nose on it. Charlie
Well deserved refreshments for those who attended the working bee last Sunday. A big thank you to all who attended. A job well done!
$5,000 Fundraiser for the School Air-conditioners

At Wattle Park Primary School, we believe it's very important to encourage our students to lead active and healthy lifestyles. Through our participation in the adidas School Fun Run – a healthy alternative to the traditional chocolate fundraising drives – we have been eligible to enter a program called ‘CUA Community Care’ that gives us the chance to win $5,000 for a school or community project of our choice.

This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia’s largest customer-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to assist with the purchasing of air-conditioners in the new teaching and learning building for the Year 5 and 6 classes. The $5,000 prize is awarded to the school that has the most votes irrespective of the money that is raised for the Twilight Fun Run (that will be conducted later in the year.) So we need all your relatives, family friends and work colleagues to vote on-line and/or visit the CUA store at Doncaster.

We’re up against 11 other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and given the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes!

Voting is open from 29 July – 23 August and you can register your vote online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and in CUA’s Doncaster branch. Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. So, please give us your support and help us win $5,000 to improve our school!
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This term at OSHC we have seen so much creativity and imagination at our sessions, and not just in our craft areas.

<< One morning we used coloured icing to decorate plain biscuits with some amazing results. The group used primary coloured icing as a base and then added toppings of coconut, dried apricots or rice bubbles.

<< Danielle from grade 5 made a wonderful fan from popsicle sticks and scrap material.

<< This is only one of MANY examples that have been created this term using our wooden Jenga blocks to build something new and different.

If you’re not creative, don’t worry! We also have a range of sporting, outdoor and indoor games to keep you occupied.

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