Dear Parents,

What a magnificent experience to attend the Boite Chorus Coco de mer Sounds of Seychelles on Thursday afternoon at the BMW Edge to hear a selection of our students sing as part of the choir. The talent that abounded in this event was truly inspiring. To be able to perform along with so many talented choristers and musicians was a memory our students will hold forever. As always these events can’t happen without the hours of practise by the students and the dedication of our staff: Mrs Lorelle Caulfield-Lloyd and Mrs Susan Wright. Well done to the students, you made all in the audience extremely proud.

As we have already commenced planning for the 2014 school year it is imperative that all Foundation enrolments are entered as soon as possible. If you or a family you know of are as yet to enrol their Foundation child at Wattle Park Primary School, yet intend on doing so, please make this an immediate priority. It is also important for our office staff to be made aware of any students that will not be returning to Wattle Park Primary School next year with the exception of our Year 6 students who will move onto their Secondary School Education.

The 2013 Parent Opinion Survey has been distributed to a randomly selected group of families from Wattle Park Primary School. The information that we receive from the results of the survey contribute to future school planning and improvement. We use it in conjunction with the response data from the Student Attitude to School Survey and the Staff Opinion Survey and, together, these give us a broad picture of the climate of the school. If you are one of the families selected we are very appreciative of your participation and request that the envelopes are returned immediately to the office.
Can you believe that our Foundation students have been attending school for 100 days! How quickly time flies. Thursday was a celebration of this event with a special visit from the Superhero ‘Captain 100 and her trusty friend Ten Tens’. Ten Tens taught the students how to count by tens to one hundred as well as sharing amazing facts about 100. Later on in the afternoon the Year 6 buddies assisted with making special 100 spectacles.

It’s been an eventful week of Literacy and Numeracy activities. Thank you to those parents who attended the Maths Forum on Tuesday night and participated in a number of activities where they challenged their own understandings and competencies in mathematics. Megan and Stuart’s dad-Greg may be off for a job offer in Silicon Valley after his solution and explanation of Bill Gates’ problem!

The library looks a treat due to Mrs Wheatley creative flair advertising the Book Fair. Please make the time to visit the library next week in order to purchase books for your children or donate one to the school. I must admit the library is my favourite room in the whole school but this week it’s even more inviting with a carnival atmosphere.

There are a number of students who have been absent due to illness. Two cases of Whooping Cough have been reported to the school in years 4 and 6. If your child has persistent and hacking coughs please ensure that you visit your local doctor for a diagnosis and inform the school immediately of any infectious diseases.

More events have been added to our whole school calendar so please take the time to check if any of these dates affect your family. Grandparent’s Day has been added to the list as well as an information night next week for the upcoming Year 3 and 4 camp to Phillip Island.

Saturday Night is our annual school trivia night organised by the PFA. For those parents unable to attend please make certain that you visit the CUA link www.cuacomunitycare.com.au instead and vote for Wattle Park Primary School. This is our chance to win $5,000 towards the air-conditioning in the Year 5 and 6 classrooms that will benefit all current and future students. Spread the word amongst family, friends and work colleagues to ensure that Wattle Park Primary has the most votes!

Regards Gayle

There has been reported cases of Whooping Cough in the 3/4 & 5/6 areas.

Canteen

The term 3 & 4 Canteen roster has now been emailed home to those whose volunteer forms I have received, but it is not too late to be added to the roster still... for even once a term. Canteen is really easy and fun and your kids get a real thrill out of seeing Mum, Dad, Grandma or special person behind the counter. All training and support provided. Please drop into the canteen on Friday mornings if you would like to add yourself to the roster. Helpers mostly required for Fridays. Or email Alison alisondunn06@optusnet.com.au to be added or to ask any questions. Everyone welcome to come and give it a try!

Alison Dunn
Canteen Manager
0413 384 320
Head Lice

Please check your child’s/children’s hair regularly for nits and head lice. These pesky creatures are out once again and with everyone being vigilant, we can minimise their activity. As per our school policy both notices regarding head lice must be returned to the classroom teacher, indicating hair has been checked. Please inform the office if your child has lice so a notice can be sent to the class.

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.

Library News
Lice Notices—affected classes
Coach Approach
A Word from Your School Council President……

Hello, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and the role I have taken on within the School Council. I am the new WPPS School Council President and thought I might inform you about myself and then explain my role.

Who am I?
Who – Jo Holland

What – Mum to Chloe, 3H and Peter 2A. Sometimes turn up to school in my uniform (Ambulance Paramedic). Have a background in nursing and outdoor education.

Where – Occasionally seen at pickups and drop offs mid-week. Or cheering loudly on the side lines at Friday Play ball basketball. Am seen pounding the local streets as a bit of a crazy runner.

When – Like all busy parents I am not always at the right place at the right time but try to ensure the right kid is in the right clothes at the right time.

Why – We chose Wattle Park due to the space, the community and the lovely welcoming feel.

My role as president
Who – I have been on the Council for 3 years now in a variety of roles as the Building and Grounds Coordinator, Secretary and now as President.

What – The School Council plays an important role in the school by acting as a team to support the Principal to provide the best possible outcomes for our kids. There are representatives from the parents, community and staff.

The President’s role is to chair the Council meetings by making sure all Council members have a say and are heard. I am signatory for certain documents and with the principal Gayle Cope I am the Council’s official representative at public occasions. The other role is to make sure the focus and direction of the school is on improving our children’s learning outcomes.

There are 4 subcommittees that the Council members take ownership of: Finance, Building and Grounds, Education and Communications and Marketing. Parents can attend sub-committee meetings at any stage. If you are interested please ask Gayle or Megan Ganter.

Where – In the school staff room for Council meetings and all Councillors are on a subcommittee. Subcommittees are either held at school or at parent’s homes.

When - The Council is mandated to meet 8 times a year. Most years we have 9 School Council meetings. The meetings are usually run about every 4 weeks except over school holidays and the sub committees usually meet in the week before the Council meeting.

Why – For so many reasons. Here are a few. I want to be involved in the school but can’t come during the day to help in class. I am not a very good cook so don’t offer to bake. I have time in the evenings. I want to teach my children the importance of contributing to our community and how you can make a difference. I want to learn new things and meet new people. I want to be informed about the direction of the school and support Gayle, Megan and the teachers. It makes me feel good and I enjoy it. Why not?

The wonderful thing about WPPS are the people, as we make up the community at this present time. Everyone has the ability to help out no matter what your skills. If it is helping in the kitchen garden, classrooms, canteen, showing a new family how things are done or smiling at a mum or dad who is standing by themselves in the playground at pick up. You don’t have to be super human to take on any of these roles. You just have to say, why not, you never know what might come out of a good deed.

Jo Holland

WPPS School Council President
Schools’ Tree Day 2013

The grey clouds cleared and the sun came out just in time for the Year 2’s to walk to Lynden, Park in Camberwell to participate in Schools’ Tree Day 2013. It was lovely to have so many parents join us. Rob Brierley from Friends’ of Back Creek coordinated the planting, assisted by Paul from Boroondara Council, who brought a truck full of tube stock. They showed how to use the “pogo stick” diggers to make a hole, carefully remove the plant from the pot, and then plant the tube stock snugly in the ground.

In groups of four or five, the children cooperatively shared the roles to plant 300 tube stock. A mammoth effort! Chocolate cake and a drink revived our energy for the walk back to school, along the pathway to see how plants established in previous School Tree days were flourishing. How special that students from Wattle Park have been involved for the past twelve years!

Vicki Phillips, Amanda Dwyer and Narelle Albert
WPPS WORKING BEE AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Years 1 and 2 Students
And Parents
Sunday 11th August 10:00am-12:00pm
Yummy Sausage Sizzle at Midday

We are planting native climbers along the fences and having a general tidy up.

Tools to bring: buckets, shovels, garden forks, secateurs, hoes, weeding forks, gardening gloves! Please name your tools so there are no mixups at the end.
Tuesday 23rd July 2013.
Archie and Sam 3H "The Cheeky Chickens In The Party House"

**Kitchen Writing: "Level 3 MasterChefs"**

I liked the broccoli frittata because it was in neat small pieces, yummy and just plain good. I enjoyed making it too, except cutting the onions made me cry. Sam P 3H.

I enjoyed the Chinese Cabbage Salad. The flavour was delicious because it was spicy but not too spicy. I also liked the crunchy part of the salad that was dry noodles. YUM. Lotte SN 3H.

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**“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 sub-committee, 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.”
**Literacy and Numeracy week!!**

This week is Literacy and Numeracy week and the literacy leaders would like to celebrate it by doing the task at the bottom of the page.

**JUST A REMINDER**

On the 15th of August the Literacy Leaders have organised an event to come dressed as your favourite book character for the week of Tony Bones. Choose your favourite book character and come dressed as them! There will also be a best dressed competition that the Literacy leaders will be judging. Thank you from Archie, Angus, Ella and Ellie

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**Winter Word Search Puzzle**

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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](http://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!
2013 Book Fair

Our fantastic 2013 Book Fair will be held in the library on:

Monday, August 5th
Tuesday, August 6th
Wednesday, August 7th

We will be open for browsing and sales from

8.30-9.30 and 3.30-4.30 each day.
ENROL NOW!

Instrumental Ensemble Program

Violin, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet & Saxophone

8 weeks program
1/2 hour small group lesson each week at the school

Cost $180 (incl. 1st month rental of instrument)

Rental costs starting from $20* per month

Please feel free to contact us for more information!

Music World
☎ 9572 3391
✉️ musicworld@y7mail.com
Footy boots for kids campaign

The Age has now launched the Boots For Kids campaign, asking people to donate their kids' footy boots at the end of their junior season by dropping them into boxes in Coles supermarkets, from where Linfox will truck them to remote destinations across Australia to take them to kids who have none.

For more information please see the link below.

Tuning Into Kids
emotionally intelligent parenting

A six session program for parents/caregivers of children aged between 3 to 7 years

Does your child:
Have difficulty managing their emotions?
Explode easily?
Become fearful in many situations?
Find conflict challenging?

Learn about teaching your child to understand and regulate their emotions in a small, friendly group environment.

$295 - concession fee available to eligible participants.

* for parents/caregivers only to attend, no children please.

Psychology4Life - 1st Floor, 1385 Toorak Rd Camberwell
Monday Evenings, 6:30pm - 9:30pm
From August 12 - September 16

Contact: Judy Poll, Psychologist Phone: 98091234

www.psychology4life.com.au