Dear Parents,

It’s been a fortnight of very productive meetings. Last Wednesday Carol Hensley (mother of Matilda) led an exciting Buildings and Grounds meeting where members were presented with our first ever ‘draft’ Grounds Master Plan. The School Council last year approved the appointment of Julie Crowe, a local landscape architect, to design a concept plan for our grounds. Now that our building program is complete we will put time into instigating a coordinated approach to developing our outside spaces.

We would like as many community responses as possible—from students, staff and parents. It is important to note that this is a preliminary plan open for consultation with the view that it will take ten years to achieve.

The plans will be available to peruse from Monday in the office foyer, outside the new teaching and learning space as well as on the school website.

This Wednesday the Education Committee met for the first time this term. Megan led a very informative session on the purpose of the School Review as well as a discussion about the school’s homework policy. I must honestly admit that the current school’s homework policy is one that I feel needs immediate attention. The current policy was written in 2005 and reviewed in 2009. If you’re particularly interested in reading the current research, Dr Ian Lillico’s work is worth a look about Homework Grids.
Once again we would like the school community’s feedback. The action from the committee was to seek your input through forums led by the class representatives. So stay tuned for an email from Suskia Malafu (Parent Rep Coordinator) who will inform you about an upcoming meeting to discuss the information process.

The Finance Committee Meeting was also held this Tuesday. Finance Meetings are always scheduled the week prior to School Council Meetings. The Finance Committee is responsible for ensuring that the school is monitoring all monies coming into the school as well as tracking exactly where and when our money is being spent. Mrs. Robyn Hunter, our office manager, does an exceptional job monitoring the school’s finances. The school is in a healthy financial position and historically always has been, due to prudent financial management under Robyn’s stewardship.

On Monday and Tuesday, next week I will be involved in a professional development program, titled Building Trust Through Open-to-Learning Conversations. The program will be conducted by Professor Vivianne Robinson and hosted at the Bastow Institute. It is a requirement before I attend, that I complete some pre-reading, ‘Teaching Smart People to Learn’. In other words, I have homework due! Homework is a fact of life for people of any age and in any profession. All of us have to manage it in different ways.

During this time Megan Ganter will be holding the fort. Please don’t hesitate to contact her with any questions or concerns.

During the upcoming school holidays the school grounds will be alive with activity. The two empty mod 5 classrooms are scheduled to be removed and the upgrade to the power grid is finally to be completed. Over the past month, on average we were losing power once a week! Very frustrating, as well as an imposition on our students’ learning. Hopefully at the beginning of term 3 all will be resolved.

We are also hoping to have a telephone upgrade installed to our entire school telephone system which will be completed during the vacation. The school’s current telephone system was actually donated ten years ago by another school. It is literally hanging together with string!

You should have received Parent/Teacher/Family Meeting Request forms this week for next Thursday night. If you have not yet requested a time to meet with your child’s class teacher please do so immediately. Confirmation times will be distributed with your child’s mid-year report to be distributed on Tuesday.

Please take the time to discuss your child’s school report with them. It should be a three way communication tool about your child’s progress involving yourself, classroom and specialist teachers and student.

The reporting process at Wattle Park is a vital communication tool about what your child has achieved so far this year. It also suggests areas for improvement and future learning and how your child will be supported in this learning at school. There is also a separate page for parent comment that teacher’s find invaluable for the means of reflection.

There have been a number of Playball basketball finals in our school gymnasium on Thursday and Friday nights of this week involving our school students. I observed a fantastic game last night with a team of our year 4 boys. It was heart stopping! Won literally in the last second of the game! Congratulations to Flynn, Harry, Sasha, Hayden, Cooper, Noah and Josh. A great team effort!

Last weekend the school had some unwelcome visitors trying to set alight the buildings with cans containing accelerants. Fortunately they were unsuccessful. If you are wandering through the school grounds on weekends and see something suspicious please don’t hesitate to contact the Camberwell Police on 9882 0688.

One last reminder- don’t forget Chess Club in the library on Wednesday lunchtime for all interested students.

Enjoy your weekend.

Regards Gayle
Parent Helper workshops
From the Uniform Shop

Green Winter Tights order forms were sent out this week. There are two styles available:

**Cotton/Nylon/Elastene/Knitted Tights $10.50**
Thick cotton blend, most durable and the warmest.
Sizes by Age: 3-5, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12

**Opaques 70 Denier Tights $6.50**
Thicker than normal stockings.
Sizes by Age: 3-5, 6-9 and 10-12

Please place your order by **Monday**, stock should arrive before the end of term.

Any queries, please call me on 98899759.

Thanks,

Michelle

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**FOUNDATION 2013 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 2013. This form is available from the main 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.
School Holidays
Jewellery Making Workshops @
The Foodrinkery
22 Banksia St Burwood
ph 9808 2468

Mondays 2nd & 9th July - Ages 5+
Wednesdays 4th & 11th July - Ages 10+

Time - 10am till 11.30am
Cost - $20.00 per child
We provide a wide selection of glass beads and all
materials to create gorgeous jewels.
Each child will have their own beading tray and set
of various pliers.
Activity is run by Deb of Tree Sparrow Treasures a
silversmith & jeweller, now hosting jewellery
making parties for the 6+ set.
Please call Deb 0417 355 364 to book a place at
our craft table as numbers are limited.
More details at
www.treesparrowtreasures.blogspot.com

Holiday Club
For Primary Aged Children
At Wattle Park Chapel
234 Elgar Rd
Box Hill South
Tues 10th - Fri 13th July 2012
9.30am - 12.00 noon
Cost: FREE
Family night
Friday 13th 6-8pm
Includes BBQ Tea

Enquiries: Daniela (03) 9808 2728
office@wpchapel.org
LUNCHTIME DRAMA AT WATTLE PARK PS

PREP - GRADE 2: THURSDAY
1.45pm - 2.25pm
Senior class on day TBC

SPECIAL RATE
$12 per class!*
Term 3 = $120

If you would like to enrol your child in
DRAMA TIME @ WATTLE PARK PS
IN TERM 3
... either call Rene on 9528 8998 or email/mail the information to
Email: rene@dramatime.com.au  Mail: 19 William St, Balaclava 3183
*WAS $14 per class. Special rate will apply to Term 3 and 4 2012

Please do not return form to the school office

Student: ____________________________  Grade: ____________________________
Parent name: ________________________________
Parent mobile: ____________________________  Home phone: ____________________________
Parent email: ________________________________

School: Wattle Park PS

PAYMENT OPTIONS (please circle):  Direct debit  Cheque  Credit Card

• Direct deposit: Please insert your name/invoice when paying online or at bank. Westpac Bank: BSB 033047  ACC 452136
• Cheques: Payable to: "Drama Time Pty Ltd", Mail to: 19 William St, Balaclava 3183
• Credit card: Visa or Mastercard only. Please note there is a 3% surcharge on credit card.

Card Number: ____________________________
Expiry date: ____________________________  CVV number: (last three digits in italics on reverse of card) ____________________________

Enquiries ph: 9528 8998  Email: rene@dramatime.com.au
www.dramatime.com.au
**WATTLE PARK PS**

**BASKETBALL, NETBALL & SOCCER**

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS BRILLIANT CATCH!
We provide a range of dynamic activities over 8 weeks:
3 weeks each of Basketball, Aussie Rules Footy and Soccers. This program will not only provide an essential base for your child’s motor skills but help build awareness and coordination, all in an enjoyable environment.
Boys & Girls of all abilities welcome.

- **WHEN:** Friday
- **COMMENCING:** 20 July 2012
- **CONCLUDING:** 14 Sept 2012
- **TIME:** 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- **YEAR LEVELS:** P - 4

**DANCE, DANCE, DANCE**

Shake, move and let the beat enter your feet with Kelly Sports. Our trained dance coaches can get your child’s hips swinging, heads bumping, feet rocking and bodies shaking to modern contemporary music, including Zumba. Sign up fast as places are limited and let our coaches beat ignite your child’s dancing feet.

- **WHEN:** Wednesday
- **COMMENCING:** 25 July 2012
- **CONCLUDING:** 19 Sept 2012
- **TIME:** 1:30pm – 2:30pm
- **YEAR LEVELS:** P - 4

**COST:** $84 inclusive of the initial free session (enrol online for $80 – go to [http://kellysports.com.au/zone/burwood](http://kellysports.com.au/zone/burwood) and search for your school)

Early bird rate of $76, if you enrol by 13th July, 2012

**VENUE:** At School. Sports: Meet outside the office. Dance: Hall

Kelly Sports is a Registered Child Care provider.

**ONLINE ENROLMENT**


**ENROLMENT FORM**

- Basketball, Netball & Soccer (After school)
- Dance (Lunch time)

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At the completion of after school clinics, does your child?
- [ ] Go to after care
- [ ] Get collected

**Parents’ consent**

I hereby authorise Kelly Sports to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Kelly Sports Burwood from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Kelly Sports programme.

- [ ] I authorise the use by Kelly Sports of any photographs or video image of my child or legal charge for any reasonable purpose.

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Not all good Books must come to an end!

The 2011 | 2012 Entertainment™ Book may have expired on June 1st, 2012, but the good news is that the sequel is here...

The new Book is packed with offers from the best restaurants, attractions, cinemas, sports, hotel accommodation and much more... receive up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers.

Here are a few examples:

- Treat your special someone to a night they'll remember at Nobu or Ezard
- Grab some friends for a night at the pub at: The Provincial or The European
- Get away with the family to SeaWorld and Movieworld and Wet'n'Wild
- See the latest blockbuster in style at Hoyts La Premiere
- Cheer for your team with admissions from the AFL or Melbourne Storm
- Save every day at Woolworths, Coles, Caltex, Dan Murphy's and more...

TOTAL SAVINGS: $400 + many more!

To purchase your Book, please contact:

See the school office