Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are at the business end of the year with only four weeks of the school year remaining. It's a frenetic time with teacher's finalising end of year reports, interviews for teacher positions, planning budgets for 2014, student placements for 2014, organization for the swimming program, final preparation of our Year 6 Graduation as well as our usual teaching and learning programs! And amongst it all our school soiree.

Our school soiree on Thursday night was a wonderful event showcasing the many musical talents of our students. Instrumental performances included the cello, clarinet, flute, piano, guitar, trumpet and trombone. There were also a number of vocal performances. It was a most entertaining night and reaffirmed the fact that music is alive and well at Wattle Park Primary School. Special thanks to Mrs Caulfield-Lloyd for all of her organization as well as her compering of the night and also to the many parents in attendance. It was standing room only!

A week ago the school conducted it's very first Fun Run at Wattle Park. Amongst a week of rain, we were fortunate to have a clear, balmy
night. Just perfect for running! We had students, parents and even some teachers running! Michael Osbourne from Hawthorn Football Club led the run and was quickly overtaken by students out to impress.

I would like to thank our School Council President, Mrs Jo Holland and our School Council Treasurer Mr Tim Humphries who organized the event along with Parks Victoria. We even had Jo’s husband Mark cooking sausages. It was a huge success and hopefully an event that will remain a permanent fixture on our school calendar. Can we please ask that all funds raised and donations be sent to the school office by Tuesday the 26th November.

I'm certain that you would have heard about the unwelcome visitors roaming our school at night recently—foxes! Three of our Isa Brown chickens were taken over a week ago along with many possums as well as pet rabbits and birds. Wattle Park is a favourite haunt for foxes and unfortunately they have strayed into the school’s very cosy environment. But not for much longer. Be assured that this family will be eradicated by the weekend.

On the 21st October, the school received planning proposals from Whitehorse City Council regarding the out of hours use of the school gymnasium. The conditions include restricted hours of operation to three week nights and one day of the weekend. Other conditions include no bouncing of basketballs outside the gymnasium and increased lighting to the car park. If you would like to see the Planning Permit in its entirety it is attached to the school website. At the School Council Meeting on Tuesday night the issue of the Planning Permit will be discussed.

At assembly last Monday we briefly discussed the arrival of what is termed the 'silly season'-meaning December and it's associated rush and busyness. Already there is an increase in the volume and speed of the traffic particularly around shopping centres. Our school like most have limited car-parking spaces and congested neighbouring roads. Please ensure that during the last few weeks, drivers take extra care around the school. Even consider walking, scooting or riding to school if at all possible.

This week all students would have received swimming notices for the final two weeks of school. How fortunate are we to have a swimming program as we head into Summer, virtually at our doorstep with the exclusive use of the PLC pool? Please ensure that forms and payment are returned promptly.

End of Year student reports will be distributed in the last week of term. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child’s learning and achievements with class teachers I would encourage you to arrange an appointment with them at your earliest convenience.

Enjoy the weekend

Regards

Gayle
Year 2 Sleepover and Excursion!!!!!!

On Friday 8th November the Two’s had the Year Two sleepover. We all had a back pack and a sleeping bag. We went up to the Year 5 and 6 area.

We went to the bus with our back pack and sat on a seat. It took a while to get to Jells Park. We had our brain food and snack. We went to the park and played on the playground. It was a lot of fun. We went for a walk around the lake. We sang “Walk a Country Mile.”

Then we went to the bus to go to TaskWorks. We sat on the floor waiting. We got in our groups and went to where the direction card told us to go. First we had Make a Scene, then it was Build It, Stomp a Stump and then it was Cable. Last but not least the Puzzle Room.

We hopped on the bus and went home to school. We watched Cloudy with a Chance of Meat balls. Then we went to bed. In the morning we packed our bags, had breakfast and then we left one by one.

Sammy
Year 3 Excursion to the Museum
Twilight Fun Run
Friday, 15th November
Health Leaders

FUN RUN

The Fun Run was held on Friday 15th and it was a great success. It was a great chance to support our school and also be active. We would like to a big thank you to Mr Michael Osborn for supporting the Fun Run and running with the kids and we would also like to say thank you to all the people who helped cook the sausages and get lots of donations.

It was a huge success and thank you to all the kids, parents and teachers who participated and raised lots of money.

REMINDES:

- Remember to wear your hats so you don’t get burnt and to also keep you cool.
- Drink lots of water so you don’t get dehydrated.
- Eat lots of fruit and vegetables because they are good for you.
- Be active outside because it makes you fit and healthy.
WPPS WORKING BEE

Grades 3,4,5 Students

And Parents

Sunday 1st December 9:00am-1:00pm

Please bring a plate of food to share

We are fox proofing the chicken house, making the compost bays bigger, planting and tidying up in front of Aftercare, fixing irrigation and generally cleaning up

Tools to bring: buckets, shovels, garden forks, rakes, secateurs, hoes, weeding forks, gardening gloves! Please name your tools so there are no mixups at the end.

Come for a short while or longer. All help appreciated!
There are a few vacancies available with Bernadette Packer for piano lessons. Please phone Bernadette on 0430 183 044 for further information.

Fun Run Sponsorship Monies

Thankyou to the school community for your fund raising efforts for our air conditioners via the Fun Run held last Friday. Please note that all money and booklet must be returned to the office by Tuesday, 26th November.

Gone home since last ‘The Wattle’
Lice notices to affected classes
Fun Run Monies return by 26th November
Swimming Notices
Bushland Education - Summer Holiday Program

Sessions have been developed for 5-12 year olds but all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bookings Essential – 9262 6211 lucy.menzies@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Quackers!
15/1/14 : Blackburn Lake Visitor Centre 10.00-11.30am
Blackburn Lake Sanctuary is home for many Pacific Black ducks. These sociable birds have a range of amazing features that help them survive. Join us for a fun session exploring what life would be like with webbed feet and a bill!

Wriggly Worms!
21/01/14 : Blackburn Lake Visitor Centre 10.00-11.30am
Join us in this ‘hands on’ exploration of the little creatures that have 5 hearts, no eyes and can breathe through their skin! Learn how something without a brain can do so much good for the environment and how to look after a worm farm at home.

‘Pop in’ weekdays — All Welcome!
The Visitor Centre will be open from 9-10.30am on the following days with informal activities for pre-schoolers:

December 11th and January 16th
Bring the kids and enjoy a cuppa in the courtyard!

Education Program Enquiries or monthly email update requests: lucy.menzies@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Visitor Centre Open to the Public Sundays 2-4pm
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www.surreyparkswimclub.com.au
Dear Teachers,

As per requested by Gayle, trial lessons will be **postponed to next week**. Since it was a short notice to the school, they need to make announcements during the week so that students are aware that trial lessons will be happening. Please find below the changes:

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Cheers,
Sherlynn

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ROBOTICS with LEGO® WEDO
Workshop (I) - 13 Jan (Mon), Workshop (II) - 15 Jan (Wed), Workshop (III) - 17 Jan (Fri)
9am – 3pm ($119 per child) For School Year Levels 1-3
This workshop provides students with an introduction to robotics as they build LEGO® models fitted with motors and sensors and learn how to program the models with a simple drag-and-drop software. They will have fun building the models as well as developing their skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Workshop (I) involves building a drumming monkey, soccer trio and a crane. Workshop (II) involves building a plane, a giant and a Ferris wheel. Workshop (III) involves building a flapping bird, a spinning top and racing cars.

MOVIE MAKING/ STOP MOTION ANIMATION - 14 Jan (Tues)
9am – 3pm ($119 per child) For School Year Levels 2-6
Students will use their imagination and creativity to make a stop motion film. The workshop will cover the basics of the art and science of stop motion animation. Students will write their own story, use materials to create the scene, film and add sound to their animation with SAM Animation software.

ROBOTICS with CUBELETS and LEGO® - 16 Jan (Thurs)
9am – 12pm ($69 per child) For School Year Levels 2 – 6
This workshop introduces students to robots. They will work with Cubelets, snap on modules that interact with one another and the environment through a range of light, distance and motion sensors. Students will learn logic and cause and effect. The modules are incorporated with Lego® so that students can create a unique robot of their own.

LITTLEBITS ELECTRONICS with LEGO® - 16 Jan (Thurs)
1pm – 4pm ($69 per child) For School Year Levels 2 – 6
Students will unleash their creativity and by incorporating the award winning Littlebits interactive electronics modules with Lego® or other materials. These modules will make their creations ‘come alive’ with sound & light!

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CSIRO presents
Holiday Science Activities
at Highton and Glen Waverley!

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| **Glen Waverley** |                                       |
| Burning Science | Have you ever wondered what it is that makes things burn? Why do fires start and what makes them stop? What is inside a candle flame? Find out with us as we explore this intriguing side of chemical science! |
| Sense-sational | Can you trick your senses? How many senses do we use to taste something? What happens when we can't use one or more of our senses? Learn to observe your world with more than just your eyes! |
| Terrific Terrariums | Explore how Earth’s water cycle works and discover its importance in maintaining life on this planet. Create your own terrarium to take home. Please BYO soft drink bottle (2L) with lid. |
| **Dates:** |                                      |
| Senior (10-13 y.o.) | Tues 14th Jan, 10am – 4pm |
| Intermediate (8-10 y.o.) | Wed 15th OR Thurs 16th Jan, 10am-4pm |
| Junior (7-9 y.o.) | Fri 17th Jan, 10am – 4pm |

| **Little Learners (Highton ONLY)** |                                       |
| Curious Crystals | Crystals come in all sorts of shapes, sizes and colours. Learn about how these fascinating structures are formed as you perform experiments and even grow your own! |
| Breezy Boats | Explore a variety of ways boats can move through water. Craft your own mini boat propeller and race your friends. |
| **Parents and guardians are welcome to attend Little Learners sessions** | |
| **One date only:** | Friday 17th Jan, 10am – 1pm |

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These school holidays the CSIRO Science Education Centre is offering a fun-filled day of entertaining and educational science activities in your area!

**Cost**
- 7 – 13 year olds (full day) $95 ($85 for Double Helix club members) *Pizza lunch and morning tea provided!*
- 5 – 6 year olds (half day) $55 ($50 for Double Helix club members) *Morning tea provided!*

**Booking procedure**
To make a booking, please visit our website: [www.csiro.au/VicHolidays](http://www.csiro.au/VicHolidays)

**Locations**
- **Highton** - CSIRO Science Education Centre, Graham Rd, Highton (Melway 77 E10)
- **Glen Waverley** - Glen Waverley Guide Hall, Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley (Melway 71 A3)

Holiday Science Activities are also held in Kew and West Footscray. Please check our website or call for details.
Sign Up Mon 9th Dec 2013 - 6pm
Mont Albert Reserve (Melrose St)

- Comp will run on Mondays from 10th Feb to 31st March 2014
- 5.30—6.30pm at Mont Albert Reserve
- All primary school age children welcome

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