Dear Parents,

This week began with a visit from 20 Principals, Assistant Principals and Heads of Curriculum from Mt Cootha cluster of schools in Queensland who were visiting Victoria for a Leadership conference. Two schools had just been awarded the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden grant and are yet to embark on the journey of constructing vegetables gardens and kitchen. So they were certainly in admiration of what Wattle Park had achieved. Our School Ambassadors, Grace R and Sammy D accompanied the group tours and gave insightful student accounts of what it is like to be 21st century learners at Wattle Park Primary School. I was so proud of their confident and astute answers to probing questions.

There are certainly differences between the Queensland Education system and Victorian system in terms of school autonomy and leadership. For example, schools in Queensland are governed by a central bureaucracy whereas Victorian Principals make many school-based decisions. The visit reaffirmed that we have a lot to be proud of in terms of our teaching and learning programs throughout the school. We are a great school!
Our assemblies are becoming music fests because we have so many talented young musicians. It was lovely to see the keyboard players Sean R, Grace M, Tashi S-N performing as well as flautist, Grace R. The Junior Choir then completed the assembly by singing two songs. It was just delightful!

Congratulations to the PFA for raising just over $1,000.00 for the school through the recent Burwood Festival cake stall. Thank you to the many families who baked specially for the day and manned the stall.

At our School Council meeting on Tuesday our new School Council President, Ms Jo Holland was elected. Jo has been a school council member for two terms and is a great supporter and contributor to the school.

Our School Council comprises of Mr Tim Humphries, treasurer, Mr Scott Sutherland secretary and council members, Mr Arpad Cseh, Mr Brent Dankestreither, Mr Jordy Kaufman, Mr Graham Parr and teacher representatives Ms Megan Ganter, Ms Anna Saaksjarvi and Mrs Amanda Dwyer. Mrs Robyn Hunter is our minute secretary.

We certainly have a full agenda once all of our sub-committees report back to the council and discussion on correspondence takes place. Note that the school council minutes are available for your perusal at the general office if so required.

This is a gentle reminder to our Wattle Park families who have siblings commencing Foundation next year, to please complete your enrolment form and forward it to us as soon as possible. Copies can be found on our website or hardcopies can be obtained from the school office. This will greatly assist our forward planning for 2014. Reminder that our first Information Night for 2014 Foundation Students is next Thursday the 30th May at 7.00pm.

It’s a very busy Wattle Park weekend. Open Day on Saturday (9.00-11.00a.m). Families are most welcome to drop into the school to view their child’s classroom and have an informal chat with the teacher. Devonshire tea will be served in the staffroom. There is also a Working Bee on Sunday (10.00a.m. -12.00 midday) for the Foundation and Year 6 families. There are a number of targeted tasks around the school grounds which need to be completed. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The Yearly calendar is now on the website, and includes most school events:- camps, sleep-over, meetings and music events. Please take the time to read the calendar and put relevant events in your diary.

It’s winter next week. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately in winter uniform.

Stay warm this weekend,

Regards Gayle
WPPS WORKING BEE AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Foundation & Year 6 Buddies

And Parents

Sunday 26th May  10:00am-12:00pm

Yummy Sausage Sizzle at Midday

We are putting in a grass barrier between the oval & the vegie beds, planting olive trees and having a social BBQ afterwards

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.
Hi I’m Bailey (grade 3)
I liked cross country because it was really challenging and I like running. I really liked running for Blue Gum House and I came 8th.

Hi I am Wilson (grade 3)
I was doing cross country because I like running. I came 7th.

On the day of the school cross country, most people had butterflies in their stomachs. We watched and cheered on our friends and houses. “Go Blue Gum!” I was calling. Then it was time for my race.

I stood on the starting line, heart pounding, doing my best to stay positive. Then I heard the whistle blow. Sometimes that whistle means stop, look, and listen, but that day it meant the exact opposite. The thumping of feet was quite loud as we sprinted from the starting line. We all knew where we wanted to be: in the very first group of runners. I successfully made it into that group, and then relaxed a little, settling into my pace.

I tried my hardest to keep running the entire way. I didn’t mind if I didn’t make the team, my aim was just to cross that finish line, having not stopped running once. When I saw the line swiftly approaching, I decided to push myself a little harder. Down the hill and around the bend I ran. Across the oval and over the finish line! Phew! I’d made it. I’d achieved my goal.

I congratulated the people who’d made it through, then we all walked back to school. It was great to see everyone trying their hardest, doing their best, and running proudly for their houses.

Freya P 6T

My name is Eleni, and I am in Blue Gum House. I participated in the cross country on Friday the 10th of May. At cross country before I was going to race I felt nervous, but I ended up having a good time even though I came 15th.

Eleni K 4H

On the 10th of May the grades 3-6 went to Coopers Reserve to compete in cross country. We were all very excited, especially the grade threes because it was their first time! We were allowed to wear our house colours which are blue, green, gold, and red. I felt scared when I was about to start but that was good because it gave me a jump start of energy. All in all it was a great day and I really enjoyed competing!

William L 3D

This Page brought to you by the Blue Gum House Captains: Freya P, Harry C, Tekla K, Dougal K, and Megan F
WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are open
Saturday 25 May 2013
9am - 11am

225 Warrigal Rd, Burwood
Phone: 9808 2163
www.wattleparkps.vic.edu.au
Communications Committee Meeting

Tuesday 4th June @ 7 – 8.30pm in the Staff Room

Some discussion topics for this meeting include:
- High and low-tech methods of communicating information to parents
- Use of the noticeboard, newsletter and website
- Communication of WPPS information to the community

Other issues
All welcome!
RSVP to the office 9808 2165

I have a few requests for the art room:

Plastic trays
Bottle tops
Old cds
Colouful yarn
Fabric
Old fence palings
That would be amazing!!
Also I need some parent helpers to sew year 1 cushions in the next few weeks. If any parents are interested could they please come and see me

Thank you

Pia Chadwick
Art Teacher

LOST JACKET
Melina in 3L has misplaced her jacket. Please double check your child/ren’s jackets to make sure they have gone home to the rightful owner. A reminder too that all clothing must be clearly marked.
Earn & Learn

Collect the stickers being handed out at **WOOLWORTHS** – sticker sheets available from the office. Stickers available from 8/04/2013 to 9/06/2013. You will probably have to ask for the stickers as they are not always offered.

**EDUCATION WEEK**

Education Week will be celebrated in all Victorian communities this week, between 20th and 24th May. Education Week promotes the achievements and dedication of students, staff and the school community. **Education Week will be celebrated at Wattle Park Primary School by an Open Morning this Saturday, 25th May from 9.00am till 11.00am. Current and new families welcome.**
Band Practice Now Commencing!

Every Tuesday at 8:20am - 8:50am

Band practices will now be held every Tuesdays from 28 May onwards.

Non-Music World students are welcome to join the fun for a small fee of $5 per session only.

Contact us directly at: musicworld@y7mail.com or 9572 3391 to sign up, or for any other enquiries.
Wattle Park Ps
Pupil Free Day
Friday 7th of June

Come join us at Wattle Park Outside of School Hours Care for nonstop fun with friends, including outdoor group games & sport, cooking, art & craft and much more!!!

Time: 7:30am – 6:00pm
Location: OSHC Room

To register your child in the fun pupil free day programs we have on offer, please visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au and book in directly using the Parent Portal. For more information contact our Customer Service Team on ph: 1300 105 343 or drop in and speak with the Coordinator Nicole.

Minimum numbers are required to operate this day.
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

www.campaustralia.com.au
WPPS PFA
Upcoming Event
Trivia Night
2013

Save the Date & Book the Babysitter:
Saturday August 3rd 2013, from 6:30pm

Trivia – Silent Auction – Games – Disco
Wattle Park PS | May 2013

Sneak Peaks
Have a look what we’ve been up to lately:

Some of our grade 4 girls made a wonderful lady out of blocks. She was bright, colourful and was holding two presents in her hands.

Our boys have also been making leetering Jenga block towers. They have built the towers so high that they were almost as tall as the people building them!

On Thursday morning, we began making bendable people from beads, pipe cleaners and straws. They are pretty cool and can be customised to be girls, boys, ninjas, superheroes... whatever our imagination wants.

We have (yet again) rearranged our room and we now have our pool table back in use. We don’t have any pool cues, but have been improvising with cricket wickets and inventing our own games just using our hands and the pool balls.

Also, don’t forget that we are gathering interest for running 7am-6pm Curriculum Day care on Friday 7th June. If you are interested, you MUST enrol online (via the parent portal), as minimum numbers are required. You will be notified of the outcome on Friday 31st May.

We hope to see you soon!

Once registered
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

Saves on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 106 343.

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 fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au
WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL

Thursday 30 May – Sunday 2 June

Winter Concert Thursday 30 May 7.30-9pm
Art Exhibition Opening Friday 31 May 6-8pm
Art Exhibition continues... Sat-Sun 1 & 2 June 1-4pm
Cafe open weekend 1-4pm
Music all weekend Sunday 2 June VCE concert
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For all enquiries and enrolments Call 9888 8182
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info@starfishelc.com.au
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School Holiday

Vacation Care Program
Bookings Open 3rd June 2013.
Get in Early.
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8 Warner Ave, Ashburton

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