Dear Parents,

Well, the countdown is on for our annual school concert, only five sleeps away! The students have been practising, props are constructed and hopefully families are busily gathering costumes together. Just a reminder that the second round of tickets for the concert have gone on sale this morning. At the time of typing, 59 tickets are still available.

On Wednesday we had our first Step Up To School session with our Foundation students for next year. There will be two Foundation classes for 2014 comprising approximately twenty students per class. Although not quite into November, many aspects for the organisation of the 2014 school year are in progress. Staffing is not finalised for 2014 but all will be in place for our transition day on Tuesday 10th December.

Our class structure will be two Foundation classes, three Year 1, three Year 2, two Year 3, three year 4, two year 5 and two year 6 classes. Just a reminder that if parents feel their child has specific educational needs in relation to class placement all communication regarding this will only be accepted in writing, addressed to the Principal and must be received by Monday 4th November.

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The term 4 calendar is probably the busiest of the year. Not only are teachers presenting new learning and consolidating previous learning they are also assessing and gathering information for reports. They are analysing data and working to diagnose why some learning areas are strengths and why other areas need support. Teachers need to plan where to next for individual students as well as determining what particular style of learning is most beneficial, because it will not be the same for each student.

Friday the 25th of October is World Teacher’s Day and an occasion to celebrate the essential role of teachers in providing quality education at all levels. Teaching is a highly skilled profession with many different demands and you are always met with new challenges! Teachers are on a perpetual learning curve!

In our rapidly changing and interdependent world, teachers today not only have to ensure that students acquire solid skills in basic subjects, but also that they become responsible local and global citizens, at ease with new technologies and able to make informed decisions about health, the environment and other challenges.

If you get the chance, please wish your child’s teacher a ‘Happy World Teacher’s Day.’

This year for the first time staff have been organised into Curriculum Teams to align with the AUSVELS curriculum. This consists of the Literacy, Numeracy, Arts, Humanities and Science and Languages Teams. The purpose of each team is to promote the profile of key learning domains in the school including whole school/special events, manage resources effectively and assist teachers to implement high quality curriculum programs through professional development and sharing of skills.

Each Curriculum Team has made considerable achievements this year and has set goals for 2014. Some of the goals are internal such as ensuring that there is a whole school agreement that English is taught for 10 hours per week, 5 hours of reading and 5 hours of writing, implementing a whole school numeracy planner template to assist with consistent teaching across class levels. Yet others goals involve a broader perspective such as working together with neighbouring schools to moderate or determine the skill level of students’ writing.

For our school’s Strategic Plan our overall goal for student learning is to maximise achievement in English and Mathematics for every student. The key strategies we have outlined to do this is by developing and enacting a shared vision and consistent approach to teaching and learning from Foundation to Year 6 as well as building the accountability and responsibility of all staff for the improvement of student outcomes.

Curriculum Teams were established as a mechanism to help achieve our student learning goals.

It’s 6 o’clock on Thursday night and it’s time for the Foundation Teddy Bear Mathematics Night! What a great opportunity to entice our youngest students to enjoy Mathematics. So must be off it’s an event not to be missed!

Enjoy your weekend.

Regards Gayle
Reminder Student Free Day
Monday 4th November.
No children to be at school on this day

Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking in side streets. Do not park across their drive ways etc. Parking inspectors will be out to make sure local traffic laws are being followed.

Twilight Fun Run
5-7pm
The Twilight Fun Run will be on the 15th November 2013. Make sure to get as many people to sponsor you with the fun run. Don’t forget you can win some great prizes. Hope to see you there.
The money raised by the Fun Run will go towards the air conditioning for the Year 5/6 area.

NO HAT, NO PLAY
IT’S HAT TIME AGAIN
All students are required to wear hats outside during recess and lunchtime. Any student without a school hat, will need to sit in the designated area. If you know your child has lost his/her hat now is the time to purchase one. Please make sure your child’s hat is clearly named!

Oak’s Day Ladies Function
Reminder notice re concert tickets to selected families
Lice notices to affected classes
BIKE IT

On the 23rd of October Dougal, Matt.C, Matt.P, Harry, Chris, Elita, Freya, Nikola, Olivia, Jess and Anna went to bike it. We arrived at East Burwood Reserve and due to bad weather it was cancelled. 90 children left but we stayed on. We made popcorn by attending the activity, “Future Sparks”. It’s the first time we’ve ever had to work hard to make popcorn (it burned our quads). After we finished our popcorn we headed to the drink van to get a free hot chocolate. Because we had the whole day ahead of us, we headed down to the basketball centre to have some fun in games. When we got there we decided to make a basketball tournament, three teams played, Old Orchard Primary, Wattle Park Primary and Ashburton Primary School. We won the grand final! So this didn’t ruin our Bike It! Experience at all. We even designed a helmet with all wacky things in it. At the end we were judged on our drawings and won prizes. The runners up were Jessie from Wattle Park and Annika from Old Orchards and Liam from Ashburton and the winner was Elita from Wattle Park. Even though the bad weather prevented us from riding the course, we still had lots of fun.
Regionals

Regional athletics was held on the 7th of October. Emily, Ella, Sofia and Margaret all went and tried their best. Emily came 7th out of 10 in the 100m sprint, Ella 9th out of 18 in long jump, Sofia 7th out of 18 in high jump, Margaret came 6th out of 18 in long jump and came 1st in high jump which means she’s going to state!! Congratulations to Margaret and everyone wishes you all the best and good luck!

Fun Run

Just a reminder the fun run is going to be held on the 15th of November at Wattle Park, don’t forget to get sponsors to raise money and win great prizes!

Teddy Bears Picnic

On the 24th of October the grade 6’s and their buddies came up to the level 4 area because the weather wasn’t great. We still had a great time lining up our teddies in patterns and size orders. Rathana had the biggest teddy and Hannah had the smallest teddy.
### 3H Reflects on their time in the garden.

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Reflection</th>
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<td>Rhys</td>
<td>I remember when my group did the harvest and we found spring onions.</td>
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<td>Nate</td>
<td>In gardening, I liked when I won the snail race and weeding the garden beds.</td>
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<td>Ysabella</td>
<td>I enjoyed learning about worms.</td>
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<td>Alice</td>
<td>I like the mulching and the chopping competition.</td>
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<td>Archie</td>
<td>The chickens are my favourite because I can get them back into the party house.</td>
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<td>Olivia</td>
<td>Thankyou for teaching us about the garden.</td>
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<td>Chloe</td>
<td>I like harvesting the best because we get to use it in the kitchen.</td>
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<td>Lu</td>
<td>I remember when we planted the olive trees and hopped into the holes and pretended that they were elevators.</td>
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<td>Will</td>
<td>I love eating fennel!</td>
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<td>Jessica</td>
<td>I enjoyed the wheel barrow licence test.</td>
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<td>Olivia</td>
<td>I enjoy looking after the chickens because they are soft and give us eggs.</td>
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<td>Bella</td>
<td>I like weeding with my Mum and my friends.</td>
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<td>Ed</td>
<td>I liked all the competitions to race the girls at weeding.</td>
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<td>Bailey</td>
<td>I loved the snail race.</td>
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<td>Mihail</td>
<td>Thankyou for teaching me about all the tools in the garden shed.</td>
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<td>Matt</td>
<td>I like when my group does compost because I get to dig.</td>
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<td>Zoe</td>
<td>I like doing the chickens and when my family come to volunteer.</td>
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<td>Sam</td>
<td>My favourite thing in garden this year was when we watered ourselves with the watering can on a hot day.</td>
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<td>Elisa</td>
<td>Thankyou for teaching me to plant and pick parsley.</td>
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<td>Lotte</td>
<td>Thanks for squirting us with the hose when it was very hot.</td>
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<td>Angela</td>
<td>Thankyou for teaching us all the wonderful things in the garden.</td>
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<td>Thomas</td>
<td>In gardening I like mulching and feeding worms to the chickens.</td>
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The Best of the Best
A Variety of Musical Genres

Wednesday, 30th October 6.45 for a 7pm Start
The George Wood Performing Arts Centre
Yarra Valley Grammar School
Kalinda Road, Ringwood, Melways 36D17

Tickets sales are available now for purchase. Please go to our website to book
online: www.wattleparkps.vic.edu.au

Please note that initial ticket sales are limited to 2 tickets per family.

If you haven’t booked your initial 2 tickets yet, please do so quickly
as Second Round Ticket Offers will go on sale, Friday, 25th October
at 9am.

Please note, Second Round Tickets are limited to
again, 2 tickets per family.

A WPPS event not to be missed
Twilight Fun-Run

We will be holding an *adidas School Fun-Run* as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Friday the 15th November at Wattle Park from 5.00p.m. to 7.00p.m.

The *adidas School Fun-Run* is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase much needed air-conditioners in the Year 5 & 6 classrooms.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Students wanting to train for our event and to receive advice from sporting heroes like Sally Pearson and Jonathan Brown, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and clicking on *mi adizone*.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the *adidas School Fun-Run* event day at Wattle Park to help cheer on the students.

If students are unable to participate in the Twilight Fun Run on Friday 15th November due to other sporting activities and commitments, the Fun Run’s route will be distributed prior to the event in order for students to run with parent supervision on a suitable day and time.

If you would like to volunteer and help out on the day please contact the school on 9808 2165

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!
The Wattle Park Primary School PTA invites you to:

An Oaks Day Ladies Lunch

Date: Thursday 7th November
Time: 11am - 3pm
Venue: 8 Roslyn Street Burwood (Bec Perry’s home)
Dress: Race wear

$50 includes lunch and drinks
Please notify us of any dietary requirements

For more information please contact:

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Bec Perry
0408 172 165
rperry70@optusnet.com.au

No children please

Payment is required in full by Thursday 31st October to the school office in a sealed named envelope.

Name: __________________________________________

Child’s class: ______________________________________
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10am – 4pm
(Excluding Sunday’s CLOSED)

All Invitation proceeds go directly to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

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TERMS & CONDITIONS
One invitation per person, per entry and must be presented on arrival.
The invitation is a one time use and must be surrendered at the time of purchase.
We are not open to the general public.
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An evening with Mem Fox

Mem Fox is the Australian bestselling author of the popular Anhinga and Possum Magic. She will discuss the importance of sharing books with children from the moment they are born.

Join us for an intimate book launch (including tea & cake, Baby rhymes) and take questions from the audience and sign books after the presentation.

November 1st, 7:00pm
Grosvenor RC College, The Drive, Coffs Harbour

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Reminder: In terms 1 and 4 children are required to bring a hat to OSHC. Please also bring personal sunscreen if you are allergic to ingredients commonly found in regular sunscreens.

Next week OSHC will be celebrating Halloween week. Every child is welcome to wear a costume over their uniform during before and after school sessions, but don’t worry if you don’t have a costume (or if you forget) because we will be making spooky things that can be worn all week. We will also be doing some Halloween themed activities and making some creepy critters.

As you may know we have been decorating a scrapbook and alphabet letters to send to children in Ethiopia. Earlier this year The Camp Australia Foundation donated $10,000 to build classrooms in Ethiopia. The decorated scrapbooks and letters will display Aussie culture and will help to increase awareness about poverty and Ethiopian culture.

Check out some of the things we’ve been getting up to recently...

Come to visit and see us in action. We’re open 7.30am until 8.45am and then 3.30pm until 6.00pm.

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

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Holiday Clubs: Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs this school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program:


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.

HOW TO GET STARTED
Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

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