Dear Parents/Guardians

What a busy couple of weeks we have had at Wattle Park!

The school concert “Back to the Movies” held last Thursday at the George Wood Performing Arts Centre was a real success. I have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback I have received from those who attended, some even saying “the best concert yet!” The students performed so beautifully. As well as our brilliant specialist teachers, the classroom teachers and support staff also put in a lot of effort, organising costumes, helping with rehearsals and supervising on the night. As I mentioned in my introduction at the concert, the live band makes the performance even more special. It was amazing to watch Mrs CL and Susan Wright working with the band during rehearsals, both really showing their musical expertise to collaborate with the band, changing arrangements and adjusting the music to suit the student’s performances. A big congratulations to all involved, it made me feel so proud to be part of the Wattle Park community.

Last week, a group of year 6 students attended the Burwood Youth Forum at Parliament House in the city. Here’s what the students had to say about the experience.
“The whole point of the forum was for the state government to hear what local school children thought of our state. Most of us asked great questions and got answers from the Minister of Youth Affairs, The Hon. Ryan Smith. He talked to us about how relevant education is to our individual lives. Once the discussion was finished we had some refreshments and received a book called “The Youth Statement” and it had information about how the government wished to involve the young people of Victoria. After that, we had a tour of Parliament which is a historic building with cool ceilings. We went to “The Dungeon” which is where some of the Ministers work. We all loved the experience and learned a lot about issues relevant to young people in our state. By Georgia, Thomas, Patrick, Matthew and Angelo”

Another highlight this week has been skyping with Gayle Cope, Amanda Dwyer (3D teacher) and Anna Saaksjarvi (5S teacher) who are on a cultural exchange trip to China. It was fantastic to have the technology including ipads and the interactive whiteboard to set up a video call and be able to project the image for all to see. The students in 3D and 5S were thrilled to be able to see their teachers, hear all about their adventures and ask lots of fantastic questions about life in China. What an authentic and powerful learning experience.

Our “Team 2013” Foundation students had their first “Step up to School” session this week. There were the usual nerves for all involved but all students enjoyed visiting the library, doing PE activities and working in the Foundation learning space. The Foundation teachers and Specialist staff contribute to our comprehensive transition program for our new students which includes the Step Up To School visits, working closely with Kindergartens, parent information nights and school tours. During our school review, our Foundation transition program was particularly highlighted as outstanding practice in our school, to ensure that all new members of our school community are well informed and ready to start school with confidence next year. When you see the new Foundation students, it is a great reminder of how much our 2012 Foundation students have developed and grown over the year.

The current Foundation students are also very excited about their Teddy Bear Picnic and Teddy Bear Maths night this week. I enjoyed visiting the classrooms Thursday morning to share in the students’ enthusiasm as they created profiles of their beloved teddies. I found out that teddies enjoy running, doing cartwheels, eating and giving cuddles and some aren’t too keen on mud!! Such a lovely learning task that connects with each individual student.

A final thank you to all staff and community members for your support while I have been the Acting Principal over the past few weeks.

Yours in education

Megan Ganter
Acting Principal
Dear Parents,

I am currently sitting in a Mandarin class of our sister school Mingde Primary School in Jiangsu Province in China.

Mingde Primary School has approximately 2000 students with the average class size being 40 students.

Mrs Dwyer, Anna and I are being treated as rock stars! Very few 'Westerners' make it into this part of China so we are very much a novelty. Students rush up to us of a morning wanting our autographs and the chance to practise their English skills.

The students, staff and Principal are so welcoming and very friendly. There are a number of English teachers who we rely on as interpreters and to help us understand the local culture.

This morning Mrs Dwyer, Anna and I took an English lesson where we introduced the students to Australian animals as well as the history of our country.

At the conclusion of the lesson we distributed small toy koalas, Wattle Park key rings and Scarecrow badges as gifts. The teachers and students were most impressed and have asked us to send over more, especially the koalas.

There is so much I could tell you but time is short. We have lots of stories to tell about our experiences but you'll have to wait until our return. However one quick snippet, when in China be prepared when going to hairdressers!

We have very much missed you all. It was so exciting to catch up with Mrs Dwyer's and Anna's class via Skype on Monday.

I have been keeping intermittent contact with Megan while abroad. I would very much like to thank her for taking charge of the school and the staff in supporting her in what can be a very challenging role.

Look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

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Gayle
Principal
2013 Student Enrolments and Exits

We are well underway in planning for facilities and staffing for 2013. All planning is based on our student enrolment and exit numbers and we urge parents to complete an enrolment or exit form (see below) as soon as possible. Enrolment forms can be obtained from our website or from the office.

Exit Intentions for 2013

I wish to advise that my child/children as listed below, will not be returning to WPPS in 2013.
Name: __________________________________________________________________
Current Home Group: _______________ Year level: _______________
Name: __________________________________________________________________
Current Home Group: _______________ Year level: _______________
Signed: _________________________________
Date: ___________________________

Reason: We would very much appreciate your comments/feedback to assist with future planning.
Moving house:

☐ Family moving suburb/interstate/overseas
☐ Transferring to independent school, please advise which school to assist with transfer arrangements
☐ School does not adequately cater to the needs of my child/children
☐ Other

I am happy for a member of the school community to make contact with me: Yes No

RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP
From the Uniform Shop ........

Summer Uniform Orders were due today. Please send your completed order with payment to the office **no later than Monday** (to ensure delivery before end of term).

Any queries, please call 9889 9759

Many thanks

Michelle

A huge thanks to the following parents who volunteered to help out at the Safeway Middle Camberwell Community BBQ on Saturday 20th October:

- Preshan Bibile
- Kate Delbridge
- Nigel Gladman
- Tim Humphries
- Andy Macdonald
- Scott Meneilly
- Belinda Miller
- Theo Poulis
- Jol Sinclair
- Shane Von Bergheim
- Rich Wilson
- Michael Witt

Also a big thanks to all of the WPPS families who came and purchased a sausage on the day!

A Kitchen Request

Donations of lemons or limes for the students to make preserved lemons and lemon curd would be most appreciated.

We also need jars similar size to the El Paso taco sauce size about 250-300gms or any other smaller jars about 150-200gms, preferably with their lids. Can all donations please come to the office.

Many thanks

Nadia
Art Show

Come and be inspired by your child’s/children’s art work in the main building corridor and Art Room, between 3.30-7pm on Thursday, 1st November.

All welcome, bring your family and friends.

Paul Frost
Art Teacher

MUSIC NEWS

Thank you to everyone who was involved in our School Concert last Thursday night. A whole school concert is a huge undertaking and made all the more successful when there are all hands on deck.

We hope you enjoyed the range of entertainment.

Well done to all the children, who performed brilliantly and looked amazing in their array of costumes.

There are still a couple of Music events to come.

SOIREE – Wednesday 21st November 7.00 pm in the Music Room. This is an opportunity for small group ensembles and individuals to perform.

CAROLS NIGHT – Thursday 13th December 7.00 pm on the lower oval. All grade levels perform one Christmas song and a communal Carol.

We look forward to seeing you at the above events.

Thank you.
Lorelle C-L

Notices gone home this week…..

⇒ Grade 6 and Foundation Working Bee Sunday 28th Oct 9.30-11.20am
⇒ PFA Kids Disco / Social Gathering / Art Show Thursday 1st Nov
⇒ CPCA Flyer
⇒ Burwood Village Halloween Flyer
⇒ Tea Towel Order Form Reminder
WPPS WORKING BEE for
GRADE 6 and Foundation
Parents and Students
Sunday 28th October 9:30-11:30am
Anyone interested in the school grounds please come and help
We are sprucing up the school. Lots to do!
Please bring a plate to share for morning tea – nothing fancy necessary.
Tools to bring: wheelbarrows, shovels, garden forks, brooms, hoes, weeding forks, gardening gloves!
PFA Kids Disco

Date: Thursday 1st November 2012
Time: Prep to Grade 2  5.00pm to 6.00pm
     Grades 3 to 6     6.30pm to 8.00pm
Venue: The Community Room in the new gymnasium
Cost: $5 per child covering entry and a lolly stick
Dress: As you like!

Dallas Rayner will be playing up a storm as our resident DJ.

Dinner orders may be placed on the night through Alison Dunn (more details to follow) and other food and drinks will be available for purchase over the counter.

Please be advised that parents will not be permitted into the disco area.

Whilst the children are kicking up their heels, we invite the adults to join us for a:

Parents only Social Gathering

Venue: Foundation Learning Space Verandah

We will be providing refreshments and nibbles and ask that you please make a donation.

Keeping in mind that this is an ‘adult environment’ children will not be catered for.

Art Show

Don’t forget whilst all this is going on, Paula Frost will be displaying our children’s creations in the Main Building in our annual Art Show.

For any enquiries please contact Alison Dunn on 0413-394-320 or Suzie Pitman on 0408-182-316
The Wattle Park PFA invites you to:

**An Oaks Day Ladies Lunch**

**Date:** Thursday Nov 8th  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m.  
**Venue:** 8 Durham Road, Surrey Hills  
(Yuli's House)  
**Dress:** Race wear

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

Race day Sweeps, Door prizes,  
Best Hat, Best Dressed and lots more....

For more information:  
Yuli Meneilly (1S & 4D) 0414 988 902 yuli_1@aapt.net.au or  
Tash Sinclair (1S & 3B) 0412 153 652  
natasha.sinclair@bigpond.com

Name ____________________________  
Child's Class ______________________  
No of Tickets ______________________

Payment is required in full by 01/11/12 to school office in a sealed named envelope.  *No children please*
TEA TOWELS Order Reminder!

This is your last chance to order the popular group tea towels we are doing to help raise funds for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

The unique souvenir tea towel contains self portraits drawn by all the students from Prep to Grade 6 including their teachers. The pictures will be arranged into ONE commemorative design and will be screen printed in RED onto high quality white tea towels.

We chose this project because it involves the children, produces a wonderful memento and meaningful gift for parents, relatives and special friends. They make great Xmas presents too! The tea towels look amazing, are so easy to post and make a fabulous reminder of your child’s early years. There is an example of last year’s tea towel above...

It is only $12 for one limited edition souvenir tea towel or $30 for three. They can be ordered by sending the order form below with payment to Wattle Park Primary School in an envelope clearly marked “TEA TOWELS”.

Final orders are due by this Friday 2nd November, 2012.

If you have any queries please call or text Susan Wright (Amy and Robbie’s mum) 0415 953 153

TEA TOWEL ORDER FORM
Child’s Name: __________________________ Class: __________________
Number of Tea Towels Ordered: 1 2 3 or more → __________

Phone number
Please enclose payment with your order. TOTAL Enclosed: $______________
Cash or cheques made payable to: Wattle Park Primary School
The Melbourne Estee Lauder Corporate Store is extending an invitation for you to attend a 1 week shopping extravaganza.
Specials are exclusive to:

WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
in support of the
JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION
Saturday 10th November to Saturday 17th November 2012 inclusive
(Excluding Sunday 11th November 2012)
10am – 4pm
Kings Technology Park, Level 1, 100 Dorcas St, South Melbourne

Brands include Estee Lauder, Clinique, Mac, Bobbi Brown, Aveda, DKNY, Tommy Hilfiger, Michael Kors, Aramis, Lab Series & La Mer.

This invitation entitles you to shop up to 40% off the recommended retail price and enjoy extra savings on the following products:

- **$15**
  - **ALL BRANDS INDIVIDUAL LIPSTICKS**
  - *Including Tom Ford lipsticks*

- **$10**
  - **ALL BRANDS INDIVIDUAL LIPGLOSS**

- **$20**
  - **ALL BRANDS INDIVIDUAL FOUNDATIONS**
  - *Including benefit and bobbi brown repair*

- **$10**
  - **ALL BRANDS INDIVIDUAL SINGLE EYESHADOW**

- **$30**
  - **ALL BRANDS INDIVIDUAL 50ML FRAGRANCE**
  - *Including tom ford, michael kors, jo malone & private collection*

- **$10**
  - **CLINIQUE BLUSH BRUSH EPADU**

We thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in store!

**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.

This flyer must be accompanied by the invitation to receive these one-time offers.

Please surrender your invitation along with this flyer to counter staff at the time of purchase.

All merchandise is sold on an as-is basis so please choose carefully - no refunds or exchanges for change of mind.

Limit of 2 of any one item.

Please consider other store customers by using the tester provided and not the stock displayed for sale.

We reserve the right to cancel this invitation and promotion at any given time.

As a recipient of this invitation you agree this card & the merchandise purchased by you is for your own personal use or for gifts and will not be resold.

Cash & all major credit cards accepted.
FUNDRAISER

The Melbourne Estee Lauder Corporate Store is holding a 1 week fundraising shopping extravaganza exclusive to
WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

in support of the

JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation)

PURCHASE AN INVITATION FOR

$10

All invitation proceeds go directly to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

This invitation entitles you to shop up to 40% off the recommended retail price and enjoy extra savings on the following products:

Estee Lauder, Clinique, Mac, Bobbi Brown, Aveda, DKNY, Tommy Hilfiger, Michael Kors, Aramis, Lab Series & La Mer.

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We are not open to the general public.
OSHLC NEWS

Welcome back to term 4!

We are excited to introduce our new afternoon assistant, Dean. Dean will be taking the place of our much loved assistant Daniel, who has moved on to a full time position within his family’s business.

Dean is studying to become a teacher and enjoys playing sport. He has been getting to know our attendees and we are sure that he will fit in with the OSHC team.

This term we have so many great activities planned, including an entire week of spooky themed crafts and games during Halloween week (20th of October - 2nd November).

Come join the fun! We offer casual and permanent bookings and would love you to see you before or after school care.

OSHLC TIMES

REMINDERS

How to get started: Before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaustalia.com.au

Once registered: You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime online.

Save on Care: You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 100 343 Monday to Friday.

Curriculum Day: Don’t forget to add your name to the expression of interest form (located in the OSHC room) for the curriculum day on Monday 5th November (Cup Day Eve). Minimum numbers are required for the session to run.

Please remember to contact Camp Australia with any changes to your usual schedule. Using the parent portal online, or calling the customer service hotline will ensure that your booking is correctly processed and recorded on our rolls.

www.campaustalia.com.au
Halloween

Trick Or Treat?
October 31st 2012
3:30pm - 5:30pm

Bring the kids & dress up in your favourite Halloween costumes

Watch out there may be a witch or a wizard with a lolly or two!

“Capture the Moment!”
Scary faces, spooky costumes
Let’s pick the best!
Upload your image or video and WIN $200 in cash!

For more information and terms & conditions visit:
www.facebook.com/burwoodvillage