Dear Parents,

It’s a cold, clear morning in Canberra with blue skies above. Yesterday was certainly an experience sitting at the Anzac memorial service.

The Level 4 students have without doubt had an action packed week visiting many notable landmarks in our capital city.

Grace R and Nick E wrote on Thursday their impressions of their experiences of Canberra so far.

The camp to Canberra is a great experience. You learn so many different things from how Parliament is organised to how trees survive. It’s also about learning independence, looking after yourself and getting along with a group sharing a Motel room. Another really important piece of information that you need to know is that if you come to Canberra in April, it’s cold! Grace R 5S

Canberra is a wonderful place full of spectacular things to see. On a personal level it’s good because it encourages you to make new friendships. It has many pleasant surprises and interesting facts within prominent places like Parliament House.

We also learnt that the information that the teachers told us about bringing and wearing warm clothes is absolutely true! Some advice for future campers, don’t be anxious about who you get to share your room with because you’re hardly in them. Nick E 5C
During the week I have been in regular contact with Megan and the office to be given an update on school matters.

Teachers Robyn Gilmour and John Davey as well as parent Dave Bell braved the inclement weather on Wednesday to conduct the school’s traditional Anzac Dawn Service. An enormous thank you to Robyn, John and Dave and the school families and a Cameron Close resident who attended.

The Anzac Day ceremony in Canberra is certainly one that the Level 4 students will remember for a long time. It was extra special as we were warmly greeted by our local Federal member for Chisholm, Ms Anna Burke. But that’s where the warmth ended! Fortunately we were spared rain, but the wind chill factor was significant.

I look forward to seeing you all again next week and catching up with the students and hearing what they have been up to. Next week it’s the month of May! Now that’s incredible!

Regards Gayle

Introducing our new Assistant Principal

My name is Megan Ganter and I am the newly appointed Assistant Principal at Wattle Park Primary School. Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome in my first week. I am thrilled to be joining a fantastic school community and feel lucky to be working with such committed and passionate teachers and staff. The highlight of my first week was working with a group planting beans out in the vegetable garden. I am really impressed with this program and the generosity of the volunteers who support it.

I began my teaching career in Central Queensland, which is where I grew up. I have taught most grade levels over the years and have also worked as a PE, Science and ICT specialist teacher and coach. Science is a real passion area of mine, and I learnt a great deal when I worked as a Primary Science consultant for the University of Queensland, running a science resource centre, working alongside cutting edge scientists and writing science programs for local schools.

I was an Assistant Principal at a school for a number of years in Queensland before I decided to have a “sea change” and move to Victoria in 2010. I absolutely love living in Melbourne. Since my move, I have taught at Ashburton Primary School and was the Acting Assistant Principal at Auburn Primary School.

I look forward to meeting you and your children.
From the Uniform Shop

Winter Uniform Orders went home earlier this week. Please return them to school by Friday 27th April. Orders will be filled from existing stock first. Items out of stock will be ordered on 27th April and usually take 4 weeks for delivery.

2nd hand Winter Tunic Sale
Size 8, 10 and 12’s available priced from $15-$25.

Any queries please call 9889-9759,
Michelle

Cake Stall

Burwood Village Autumn Festival Sunday 6th of May. This year we will be having a cake stall at the festival. Last year’s, was a great success.

Calling on all Bakers
Chefs and Cooks to put on your thinking caps and to start thinking about creating a culinary delight to sell at our cake stall. More details on cake stall to come home soon.

Notices Gone home this Week

Cake Stall Notice
Sibling Photo Form
Book Club
Wattle Park Primary School Cake Stall 2012

We are so lucky to have been invited to hold a cake stall at the local Burwood Autumn Festival on Sunday 6 May 2012.

If you are able to assist with baking we would appreciate all contributions.

Ideas to cook: chocolate cakes, orange cake, poppy seed cake, hummingbird cake, chocolate crackles, honey joys, chocolate balls, muffins with icing, rocky road, caramel slice, peanut slice, lemon slice, muesli bars, shortbread, ginger bread men, mud cake, brownies...

All items need to have a list of ingredients attached (no cream please). Items can be delivered to Suzie Pitman’s place at 12 Aylwin Ave Burwood on Saturday 5th May (between 12pm and 4 pm) or delivered to the school office on Friday 4th May until 4pm.

We are happy for items to be delivered in containers to be packaged by us on Saturday 5th (containers will be returned if named) or if you would like to collect your own packaging we would appreciate items in self sealing, clear plastic bags (Burwood $2 shop sell these).

This will be a wonderful event. It was a lot of fun last year for all the families that were involved. We will need volunteers to man the stall on the day and also to help package items on the Saturday before. Please contact Sue Dags on 0413 990 152 or Kerryn Stirling on 0412 729 721 if you would like to be involved.

We will also have a hamper available to raffle on the day. Raffle tickets will be distributed prior to the event for families if they are unable to attend the Festival.

Thank you all for your wonderful support.
**Kelly Sports**

After school multi sports activities for boys & girls from Prep-Grade 4. Term 2 program of Basketball, Soccer and Aussie Rules footy starts FRIDAY 27th April.

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For more information and to apply online, visit our website www.koonung.vic.edu.au
For more specific enquiries, you can contact the High Achievers Coordinator Luke Day-Smith by email (ldayr@koonung.vic.edu.au) or by phone on 9890 9662.
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Email: rene@dramatime.com.au  Mail: 19 William St, Balaklava 3183

Please do not return form to the school office

Student: ___________________________  Grade: ________________

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Join the ‘Garage Sale Trail’ Sat 5 May!!

City of Boroondara residents are supporting the Garage Sale Trail in impressive numbers, with more than 140 sales happening locally on Saturday 5 May.

Of the 35 councils taking part across Australia, Boroondara is leading the way with a staggering 143 registered garage sales. Next best is the City of Sydney and then Liverpool City Council, both in New South Wales.

Mayor of Boroondara, Councillor Heinz Kreutz praised local residents for showing outstanding support for an event that promises to divert waste from landfill. “I have been thrilled to see so many Boroondara people support an event that will do great things for the environment and bring communities together,” Cr Kreutz said. “To be leading the way nationally is a tremendous achievement for all concerned.” Now all that is left to be done is hold this national celebration of pre-loved possessions and community spirit.

“For those Boroondara residents not holding a sale themselves, I urge you to hit the pavement on 5 May – there will be bargains to be had at all corners of our City.”

This burgeoning national event will see simultaneous garage sales happening not only across Boroondara, but across the country on Saturday 5 May.

At this stage, there are more than 2700 garage sales registered nationally.

Households, churches and community groups at all corners of Boroondara have joined the Garage Sale Trail and many are donating a portion of their proceeds to charity.

To find the closest sale to them, local residents can visit the Garage Sale Trail website www.garagesalestrail.com.au or use their smart phone to visit truelocal.com.au.