Dear Parents,

As I type this last newsletter for the term it is great to finally hear the pitter patter of rain (not footsteps, we hear that all the time!) on the windows.

Our grounds are certainly very dry after the hot summer and hopefully we’ll receive the autumn rain we so desperately need for our gardens and water tanks.

Now, talking about our grounds, at our first School Council meeting on Tuesday night with our newly elected councillors Ms Julie Crowe presented the Grounds Master Plan. Julie’s final design took on board the many suggestions from students, teachers and parents and has produced a plan that we hope will serve the school with a vision for realistically the next 10-15 years.

The first priority on the list is the top grass oval as many of the other areas are directly affected by the run off from this area of the playground. Carol Hensley (who is the convenor of the Buildings and Grounds committee) has done a superlative job in arranging quotes from many subcontractors to arrange for this area to be addressed in the best possible way with the committed funds in our grounds budget. We have our fingers crossed that some of this work may commence in the second week of the school holidays.

Many thanks to Carol who has a specialised skill in this area; it is so valuable for the school to be able to tap into Carol’s knowledge and expertise.

Our assembly on Monday was a treat with a guitarist and drummer from Music World playing the introductory music as well as the Australian Anthem. I actually felt like we were in a scene from the movie ‘The Dish’ as the students sang the National Anthem along to what sounded like a Jimmy Hen-
drix performance on the guitar! You had to be there!

Music World is extremely appreciative of the opportunity to be involved with our school but is lamenting the lack of string players in our school.

So they have created a specialised program called "No Strings Left Behind", to encourage more students to learn string instruments such as violin & cello. The arrangements are as follows:

- There will be 4 per group from every year level (let's say if there is 8 from year 1, there will be separate 2 groups)
- It will be a 10-week program
- This consist of: 8 weeks of respective group lessons; 2 weeks of full ensemble when they are ready

Cost: $180

So if you are interested please let myself or contact Phillip directly at Music World on 9572 3391

In 2014, Wattle Park primary School turns 100 years old.

We are looking for interested parents who would be willing to assist once a month to begin to collate our history and generate ideas on what our celebration would look like. Maybe a neighbour or family friend would be interested? Ideally we would like to form a committee of past and present community members to drive the anniversary celebrations. Please contact Joy or Vicki in the office with any ideas or offers of help.

It’s time for the traditional ‘Wattle Park Easter Egg Grab’ must fly, be sure to ask students from Years 3 to 6 what that involves.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is upon us once again so the holidays is the perfect time for all students to commence this challenge. Please check the newsletter for attached forms if you haven’t already subscribed.

But lastly and most importantly, have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Parents please keep your children close and safe during the break and at Easter. They are very dear and precious to us all at Wattle Park.

Regards

Gayle
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge 2013

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All queries will remain confidential and all information that is to be provided to the Department will be held via a secure website and kept confidential in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2000.

Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge Consent forms are also available on our website under ‘Notices’.
It would be fantastic to have every student participating.
Dear parent/guardian


**SECTION 1:** Consent of a parent/guardian to authorise student entry and to authorise awarding of certificates of achievement for students who meet the Challenge in 2013

Please tick **only one of the boxes below.**

- I consent to my child entering the Challenge and authorise their name on a completion certificate (Certificate of Achievement).
- I do not give consent for my child to enter the Challenge in 2013.

Signed:  
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(Parent/guardian)  
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(print name)  
Date:  
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Signed by Student...........................................  
Student name (Print Full Name): ...........................................  
Class...........................................  
Age in years as at 1 February 2013 ...........................................  
Student’s Certificate Name: ____________________________ (Only required if different from name given above)

**SECTION 2:** Optional- Consent to publish child’s name in Achievers Honour Roll in the Age Newspaper

Please tick **only one of the boxes below.**

- I consent to publication of my child’s name in the Achievers Honour Roll in the Age Newspaper.
- I do not give consent for my child’s name to be published

I understand that if I wish to withdraw this consent to publication it will be my responsibility to inform the Reading Challenge Coordinator at my child’s school on or before 10 September 2013.

Signed:  
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(Parent/guardian)  
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(print name)  
Date:  
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ART ROOM REQUEST......

Wanted: Clear plastic soft drink bottles. One or two litres are most preferred. Please drop them off at the Art Room.

Many thanks

Pia
Art Teacher

From the Uniform Shop

Grade 6 Memento Polo's will be here ready for Term 2. They will be sent home with students as soon as they arrive. Thank you for your patience.

Winter uniform order forms will be sent home in the first week of Term 2. Forms for tunics, stockings and 5/6 jumpers will also come home. Take the holidays to try on for growth and make a list!

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Winter Divided Skirts Sizes 10, 12, 14, 16 $10.00
Winter Tunics Sizes 6, 10, 12 $20.00

Discontinued Stock

Windcheaters Sizes 6, 10, 12, 14 $10
Plain Track Pants Sizes 6, 12, 16 $15

Have a terrific Easter

Michelle
A HUGE thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to work on the BBQ at Bunnings last Saturday, and to the families who came down and purchased a sausage and drink.

We raised $1575 for Wattle Park Primary School, and wish to send a shout out to Coles East Burwood for their donation of $200 for us to purchase supplies.

Shane Von Bergheim (Charlotte & Lucas’ Dad) & the PFA

Grade 1 and 2 Excursion to Rickett’s Point

The Grade 1 and 2 students had a wonderful excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium and Rickett’s Point. This term they have been investigating marine creatures and habitats as part of the integrated unit “Under the Sea”. We hope you enjoy some of their recounts of the day and photo highlights.

Level 2 Team

On Friday we went to the Aquarium. We saw seahorses, some were tiny and colourful. It was fun and I saw a baby blue tang fish. The baby blue tang fish is yellow. It was tiny. And I saw jellyfish. The jellyfish were white. I got to touch a seastar. At the beach we built a sandcastle. We put lots of shells on it.

Tara 1C

On Friday the Grade one’s and two’s went to the Aquarium. We saw fish then we got in the bus and drove to the beach and played with our bucket and spade.

Matilda 1S

On Friday the grade 1’s and 2’s went to Melbourne Aquarium. Our group was called stingrays. We saw some stingrays, sharks and schools of fish. After the Melbourne Aquarium we went to Rickett’s Point Beach. At Rickett’s Point Amelie, Layla and I dug a hole with three waterfalls. My favourite part was when I saw a seajelly.

Aidan 1K

On Friday we went to the Aquarium and Rickett’s Point. I liked Marge the Stingray. I liked seahorse pier! I saw a baby seahorse who was trying to swim away, but it couldn’t until it realised it was still holding onto seaweed! At Rickett’s Point we found a crab, sea snails, sea stars and we built sand castles. It was a great day.

Rose 2D

On Friday the 15th of March the Grade 1’s and 2’s went on an excursion to Melbourne Aquarium and Rickett’s Point. I learnt that if you want to know if a fish is a fish you check if they have eyes, fins, a brain and a skeleton. I loved the “Shark’s Alive”. There was a swordfish named Charlie and that’s my name, there was also a big shark named Mitchell. There were huge stingrays and just normal fish swimming around in the tank. After we went to Rickett’s Point to look in rock pools. It was FUN!

Charlie 2A
22/3/2013

Today the Grade 3 students played a round of Tabloid sports which included basketball hoops, rebound nets, frizbees and soccer dribbling. Each team worked together to get the highest score possible.

Congratulations to all the Grade 3 students who participated in the special sports program. Photos taken by Thomas Wilson.
Blackburn High School – Open Night – Wednesday May 1, 2013 – 6pm – 8pm

There have been a lot of changes at Blackburn High School. Come along and see the new facilities and hear about our new learning model.

Leaders of the four Houses will be presenting a comprehensive overview of the House and Mentor Class organisational model at 6pm in the House areas.

The Principal, Dr Sandra Woodman, will be speaking in the School gymnasium at 7pm.

All Faculties will be on display and Faculty Heads, staff and students will be available to speak with you about the educational opportunities available at Blackburn.

Thanking you in anticipation of your assistance.

Kind Regards

Georgia Pashias
Primary School Links Coordinator
SATURDAY JUNIOR FOOTBALL

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SURREY PARK
NETBALL CLUB

ATTENTION GIRLS IN YEARS 3 & 4

Net Set GO! is Netball Australia’s Junior Netball Program. The program enables children to develop a positive introduction to Netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation within the sport.

In Term 2 Surrey Park Netball Club is conducting a Net Set Go! Program for girls in grade 3 & 4. This program aims to develop their skills and learn to play netball in a fun environment!

The venue will be determined based on the location of those who are interested in participating, but will be in the Box Hill/Box Hill South/Surrey Hills area.

Registration and program commencement is Saturday 27th April and will run for 10 weeks each Saturday from 9.00am until 9.45am.

If ready, the players may form a team with Surrey Park Netball Club and play in the WDNA Saturday morning modified competition at the Ashwood courts.

The cost will be $60 per player which includes annual Netball Victoria registration and insurance.

If you wish to join us, please contact Tracey Leithbridge on 0426 788 129 or by email surreyparknc@gmail.com no later than 20th April 2013
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Venues
> Friday 4-5pm
  Warner Reserve, Ashburton
> Saturday 9.15-10.15am
  Cooper Reserve, Burwood

www.runready.com.au
Fashion Club 2013

Next term we will be continuing our popular after school program, Fashion Club. We will be offering two session groups a week. Sessions will be available on Wednesday or Thursday. Fashion Club will run from 3.45 to 5.30, for a total of 1 hr and 45 min. Cost will be $18 paid weekly, or if paying all up front a discount of $33 will be applied for a total of $165 for 11 sessions.

What is Fashion Club? Fashion Club is a fun and creative after school program for budding young designers in grades 3 - 6. The program will run over 11 weeks in term 2, beginning on Wednesday 17th April and Thursday 18th April respectively. We will cover both theory and practical elements of fashion design. Some of the things new members will cover over the eight weeks are:

- the history of fashion
- creating a mood board
- discover design inspiration
- discuss individual style and influences
- make an accessory
- basic sewing skills
- create a t-shirt print
- learn the use of croquis (fashion figures) in design
- create a hand-made flower embellishment
- discuss the impact of current fashion trends on the environment

Most importantly we will discuss the distorted images presented in the media, and how these are manipulated for a fantasy world. We will discuss concepts of body image and self-esteem and the impact that the media can have on these. Existing Fashion Clubbers will expand on the skills they learnt last year and deepen their insight into the fashion process.

Please feel free to leave any comments or concerns on the form below, or contact Rebeca via phone on 0434 990 235 or email on edahuna@edahuna.com.

Please return this form to the office by Monday 15th April (or email me your wish to enrol!).

Fashion Club Expression of Interest

Student Name: __________________ _______, Year Level: _______________________

Preferred Day: (please circle) Wednesday Thursday

Parent email: ____________________________________________________________

Parent phone: __________________________________________________________

Comments: ____________________________________________________________
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