PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Well it’s all happening! We are moving in to the new building. The school was given access to the new teaching and learning space on Wednesday and since then, teachers have been busily moving in resources, teacher and student materials and bits and pieces. Removalists will be in attendance on Monday and Tuesday to move furniture and other heavy items into the teaching and learning space.

At this point in time we are utilising the existing furniture as teachers and students have to make some decisions as to what it is they would actually prefer in terms of seating requirements, tables, work area furniture and even the type of technology. It is a totally different space and can be adjusted to a variety of configurations. So we are beginning a journey of discovery as to what we as a learning and teaching community will be a best fit for our students.

As you can imagine it is a huge undertaking moving twelve classrooms and two specialist areas into new locations. I cannot thank the staff enough for their forbearance, tolerance and patience during this time. Students too! But the wait has definitely been worthwhile.

Students will have classes in their new rooms on the first day back of term 2, Monday the 16th April. This will be an exciting time for everyone but I ask the community for their support in heeding the directions and instructions of the teachers during this time. Protocols and processes need to be in place with regards to the entry and exit points to the new building.

Visit your local dealership where experience counts

Penfold Mazda 59 Burwood Highway Tel: 03 9268 1222
Proud sponsor of Wattle Park Primary School and generously supporting the Wattle Park community.
for the students’ safety. The students who are placed in the new building will need to bring along a pair of slippers to be kept at school, especially for the Winter months. As you are all well aware the grounds become very muddy in term 2 and 3 after rain. So to alleviate the potential cleaning issues, slippers seem to be an easy option to help maintain the longevity of the new carpet. If this decision poses a financial difficulty for any family please do not hesitate to contact me personally in my office.

During the holidays the school will still be a very busy place. We have painters in, (applying an anti-graffiti solution) plumbers, (removing and re-installing air-conditioners) furniture removalists, a security firm (installing cameras), workmen (installing vinyl in the Stephanie Alexander kitchen), electricians (completing electrical work) and our ICT technician (returning our leased computers). As well teachers preparing for the upcoming term!

The School Council Annual General meeting took place last Tuesday night as well as the first meeting of the newly formed council for 2012. We welcomed Mr Jordy Kaufman (father of Zach 1P), Mr Tim Humphries (father of Holly FH and Will 2W), Ms Carol Hensley (mother of Matilda FG) and staff representatives Mrs Amanda Dwyer and Mrs Anna Saaksjarvi. I would like to sincerely acknowledge the tireless efforts and involvement of the outgoing councillors Mrs Annie Craw, Mr Stephen Skinner, Mrs Kim Wheatley and Ms Robyn Gilmour.

Annie, Stephen, Kim and Robyn have made outstanding contributions to the school - true ‘Wattle Parkers’ in every sense. I will miss their honest opinions, knowledge and candour.

The following are a number of new staff appointments to commence for term 2.

Firstly it is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of our new Assistant Principal Ms Megan Ganter. Megan is currently the Assistant Principal at Auburn Primary School. Megan will be introduced at Monday’s assembly (16th April) to the students and community. Megan is one very talented educator and has strengths in many areas.

Welcome Ms Natasha Larocque (Grade 2W). Mrs Wheatley will be taking a part-time position working in the library on a Wednesday and Thursday. Natasha comes highly recommended. Natasha is a trained psychologist as well as a teacher. Mrs Wheatley will be working with Natasha for the first week of term 2 to ensure a smooth handover.

And the library will be functional once again! Mandarin classes will take place in the single portable vacated by grade 2W.

Mr Hugh O’Shea (Music) will be joining the school while Mrs Caulfield-Lloyd is taking 7 weeks leave and Mrs Judy Bridges-Tull (Art) also while Mrs Paula Frost is on leave for 2 weeks.

Three very quick but important notes-

Special, special thank you to Emma Pleasance and her band of grade 3 and 4 parent helpers for working especially hard last Sunday at the Working Bee. So much was achieved- many trees pruned, gardens weeded, paths swept, rubbish collected and an all round tidy up! The grounds looked noticeably different.

If you are visiting the school grounds during the holidays could you please keep an eye on our garden produce? Everything that is growing we will certainly need to harvest for our kitchen classes that will be commencing next term. Please give the office a call if you notice anything untoward.

Congratulations to all who performed at last Monday’s assembly. Both Senior and Junior Choirs were delightful! I actually felt a lump in my throat as they sang.

All of the musicians- recorder players, students playing the glockenspiels and Aisha on the keyboard. Well done!
And lastly our grade six presenters and technicians. It is quite a daunting task facing over 400 people in an audience but you do it well and with gaining confidence.

Lastly, 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
MUSIC NEWS

This term has seen much enthusiasm by the children in all areas of Music. Our Instrumental Programs are up and running with many children learning a variety of instruments.

BAND – Our Band met for the first time on Tuesday 13th March at 8.15am with our Band Leader Geoff Dawson. Those children who learn an instrument outside the school and would like to also join our School Band are welcome to do so. Please contact Musicorp first (1300 858 911) so that your child is enrolled officially. Please also keep in mind that there is a small fee involved.

CHOIRS – Both choirs have been very well attended. The children have been allowed the first few weeks to decide if they would like to join the respective Choirs and have now been asked to make a commitment with regular attendance. We also saw our first performance by our Choirs at Assembly last week. Well done to all those children involved, what a great job!

Thank you

Lorelle Caulfield-Lloyd
Music Teacher

For your Diaries:

The following are reminders of our curriculum days for 2012:
Friday, 1st June
Monday, 5th November.
Put them in your diaries/calendars today!

Reminder

Daylight Savings ends this Sunday 2am 1st April. Don’t forget to put your clocks back 1 hour this Saturday night.
Grade 3/4 Puppet Play Team Building
Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they will participate in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30.00 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are outlined below:

- Electoral Education Centre
- Museum of Australian Democracy @ Old Parliament House
- High Court of Australia
- Embassies Drive Tour
- Parliament House Guided Tour
- Parliament House Education Program
- Parliament House Hospitality
- Cockington Green (a miniature village)
- Mount Ainslie Lookout
- Australian War Memorial (we will be participating in the National ANZAC Day ceremony)
- Australian Institute of Sport
- Black Mountain Tower
- Australian National Botanic Gardens
- AMF Belconnen Ten Pin Bowling
- National Museum of Australia
- National Gallery of Australia
- Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre

We are sure that the camp will be a rewarding experience for all students.

Level 4 team.
On Behalf of the
Surrey Park Lacrosse Club

I Invite You to

iPlay Lacrosse in 2012

Welcome to the great game of Lacrosse.
The Surrey Park Lacrosse Club invites players and their families to our 2012 Friday Evening iPlay competition.

- The iPlay Friday Evening Competition - starts Friday 27th April running for 14 weeks and finishes on Friday 24th August. The games will begin at 6.00pm and finish at about 7.00 pm followed by a sausage and a drink. It will be held at the Mont Albert Cricket Club - the home of Surrey Park Lacrosse Club.
- All players receive a stick, t-shirt, ball & drink container, all included in the price.
- Training is held at the club on Thursdays from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm and it starts on Thursday 29th March.
- The cost of the program is $180.00 for the entire season.

Please contact me if you have any queries and I will be happy to assist you. My mobile number is 0411 049 588 and my email: nickfarley54@gmail.com

Nick Farley
On behalf of the Surrey Park Lacrosse Club

www.mavfooty.com is a new online kids AFL footy tipping competition. It is mostly designed for students, teachers and their Victorian schools. Free to enter and prizes can be won by individuals and their respective schools. So for more details and to register please refer to: www.mavfooty.com

It’s not too late to register and hopefully you can also highlight their normal AFL tipping sister-site: www.scorefivefooty.com
Do you recognise this wonderful student?
WATTLE PARK PS

BASKETBALL, FOOTY & SOCCER

DON’T MISS OUT ON THIS BRILLIANT CATCH! We provide a range of dynamic activities over 9 weeks. 3 weeks each of Basketball, Aussie Rules Footy and Soccer. This program will not only provide an essential base for your child’s motor skills but help build awareness and co-ordination, all in an enjoyable environment. Boys & Girls of all abilities welcome.

WHEN: Friday
COMMENCING: 27/04/2012
CONCLUIDING: 22/06/2012
TIME: 1.35pm – 4.15pm
YEAR LEVELS: P – 4

DANCE, DANCE, DANCE

Shake, move and let the beat enter your feet with Kelly Sports. Our trained dance coaches can get your child’s hips swinging, heads bumping, feet rocking and bodies shaking to all of modern contemporary music’s classics. Sign up fast as places are limited and let our coaches beat ignite your child’s dancing feet.

WHEN: Wednesday
COMMENCING: 16/04/2012
CONCLUD: 20/06/2012
TIME: 1.40pm – 2.30pm
YEAR LEVELS: P – 4
** No Clinic on 25th April (Anzac Day)

COST: $35 each (enrol online for $30 – go to http://kellysports.com.au/zone/burwood and search for your school) Early bird rate of $89.50 if you enrol by 13th April, 2012

VENUE: At School. Sports: Meet outside the office. Dance: Hall

Kelly Sports is a Registered Child Care provider.

ONLINE ENROLMENT

ENROLMENT FORM

☐ Basketball, Footy & Soccer (After school) ☐ Dance (Lunch time)

School: Wattle Park PS Year Level:
Name: ___________________________ Room No: _________
Address: ___________________________ Post Code: _________
Phone: ___________________________ Mobile/Work: _________
Email: ___________________________ Medical Conditions / Special Needs: _________

At the completion of after school clinics, does your child? ☐ Go to after care ☐ Get collected

Parents’ consent

I hereby authorise Kelly Sports to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Kelly Sports Burwood from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Kelly Sports programme.

☐ I authorize the use by Kelly Sports of any photographs or video image of my child or legal charge for any reasonable purpose.

Parent/Caregiver name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________

Amount Paid: $ ___________________________ Credit card payment: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card Number: ___________________________ Expiry Date: ________/________

To enrol, please visit our website link or fill out the enrolment form below & send with a cheque or credit card details or pay by internet banking.
ANZ Bsb 015 680 Acct 4956 66412 (use child’s first, last name as reference)
Mail to: PS BOX 214, Bentleigh VIC 3204. Email: mios@kellysports.com.au
Payment options available. Do not leave enrolment forms at the school office.
Integrated Health Camberwell
Physiotherapy Clinic
Open Day

Saturday 21st April 2012

11am – 1pm

Come & check out our newly renovated
Clinic and Pilates Studio!

✓ Free 30min Pilates Floor Classes (bookings required, please call)
✓ Free Physio Advice on sports & spinal injuries

Free Face Painting & story telling for the kids
BBQ Lunch (gold coin donation to charity)

Ph: 9836 1333
893-897 Riversdale Rd Camberwell
(car of Essex Rd)

Blackburn High School

Open Night – Thursday 26 April, 2012
Session 1 – 5.00pm – 6.30pm - Open Night Presentation at 5.15pm
Session 2 – 7.00pm – 8.30pm – Open night presentation at 7.15pm
All Welcome – come along and see the exciting new facilities and learn about our new teaching and learning model.
Your local Auskick is back... Register for Auskick 2012

Each year, hundreds of boys and girls throughout Australia, take part in AFL Auskick Football clinics on Saturday mornings. Children from Prep up to Grade Six join in to allow children to play sport in an environment where making friends, having fun with their parents and improving their skills are all important. Children, regardless of their ability, will improve their ball handling skills, health and fitness and confidence playing a team sport. Children also may get an opportunity to play a match on the MCG or Etihad Stadium!

Registration for season 2012 is now open

We are now taking online registrations so please feel free to sign your son or daughter up. Online credit card payment is available, and all children registered and paid using the online system by March 30 will receive free tickets to the football through the AFL Club connect program.

Type in your postcode and the register with the Auskick centre that is closest to you or meets your child's needs. The following Auskick centres operate in the Glen Iris/Ashburton area:

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AFL Auskick Packs collection and paper registration day will be held at each centre on 24th March 2011 from 9.30am to 11.30am. If you have not registered online we will have forms available on the day, and you will be able to make cash or cheque payments. We encourage you to use the online payment option available on the Auskick website.

The registration cost ($70) which includes the NAB AFL Auskick back pack.

Auskick centre's location and contact details...

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Ashy Redbacks is the affiliated club of all three centres and we encourage Auskickers aged 8 and over who are interested in playing club football to join the Ashy Redbacks. A representative from Ashy Redbacks will be in attendance on March 24 to take questions/registrations.

*** Tell your friends about Auskick and come on down and have a kick!! ***
CAROLINE’S LITTLE STARS
MUSIC 2012

* Children 6 months to 5 years old
* Qualified primary teacher and musician
* Bonding fun for children and their parents/caregivers

* Monday mornings in term time,
  9.30-10.15, 10.30-11.15
* $120 per 10-week term for 1 child
  ($80 each additional sibling)

* Venue: St Faith’s Anglican Church
  4 Charles Street
  Glen Iris
  (near Burwood Village Shops)

Contact: Caroline Morpeth, 0400 328 832

Birthday Party bookings welcome