Dear Parents,

The blinds are down, the lights are off and I’m trying to hide away in my office after last night’s grade 2 sleepover! The students had a wonderful time—asleep at 1 2.30a.m. awake at 5.30 a.m. after a night of movies, popcorn and late night chatter.

Some staff slept soundly while the others amongst us were up with an all night vomiter and listening to every murmur around us. The morning started with a neighbourhood walk (it was actually a beautiful morning!), exercises and Ms Gilmour’s version of Tai Chi. (you had to be there!) A healthy breakfast was consumed and then it was off to Taskworks for a day of activity.

I’d put money on the students sleeping well tonight, but I think I’d put more money on the teachers sleeping peacefully!

A special thank you to Helen Sterling, Natasha Larocque, Samantha Teng, Megan Ganter, Robyn Gilmour and Vicki Keith who looked after the students last night ensuring they felt confident, safe and comfortable.
Most independent schools have already finished their academic year but we in the government sector still have lots on. Swimming, Bike Education, Carols and SAKG grade 2 cooking are timetabled but please don’t forget other events such as the Live Mathletics Program on Monday 10th - Tuesday 11th December. You still have time to practise. See your classroom teacher if you have mislaid your password.

Class Lists and staffing for 2013 are still to be finalised. A teaching appointment still needs to be confirmed. The students and community will be informed of their new classes and teachers on transition afternoon on Tuesday the 18th December. Notices will be sent home with the students on that day confirming their placement.

The Building and Grounds committee met last night for the final time this year. Carol Hensley has done a magnificent job; organising working bees throughout the year, following up with surveyors and engineers about the ground levels and drainage and researching ideas to complement our Draft Grounds Master Plan. Those of us who attended the meeting came away with jobs to do in order to begin the redevelopment of our grounds. Sorting out the drainage and the resurfacing of the top oval is our first priority. So stay tuned.

The Education Committee led by parent, Rowena King and Megan Ganter our assistant principal had the school’s new homework policy passed at our last School Council meeting. Next year there will be a renewed focus on how homework is to be implemented consistently across the school.

Lastly, congratulations to Elliot H in 5C who scored a High Distinction in the ICAS Spelling competitions this year- so close to a perfect score- 49/50. What an achievement. I’d like to know Elliot’s secret so we can spread the skill across the school.

See the attached photo.

It’s an extremely busy time of year but the school doors do eventually close in two weeks’ time. If you need to see me or any of the teachers before the end of the year please don’t hesitate to email or organise a time to meet- time is tight!

See you all at Carols Night on Thursday.

Regards Gayle
Congratulations to Elliot 5C
Highest Score Grade 5 ICAS Spelling in Australasia

Gone home since last ‘The Wattle’

Lice notices to affected classes
Book Club Orders
School Tea Towels
Super Speak Drama School
Burwood Village Girls Night Out
Bubble Dome
Get Active Sports Tennis
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
No Hat No Play—remember all children must wear a hat and recess and lunch-times, otherwise they will be required to stay in designated shaded areas.

It's incredible to see many unnamed items of school uniforms and the ever increasing amount of unclaimed articles of clothing. I ask parents to please check the lost property box, situated outside the photo-copy room if your child/children are missing items of clothing. Please check your child/ren’s jackets to make sure they are not accidently wearing someone else’s jacket. All pieces of uniforms must be clearly named.

Wattle Park Primary School Teacher Appreciation Lunch - Tuesday 11th December

It is not too late to contribute to this special lunch to say 'thank you' to our wonderful teachers and staff. Please let Sally (0408 771 899) or Rowena (0418 887867) know if you haven't responded and you wish to contribute something to the lunch. A huge 'thanks' to everyone who has already responded!
Osteo 4 Kids

Dr Miranda Cox (Osteopath)
Freya, Amelie Gladman’s mum

We treat:
- All ages 0 – 90+ yrs
- Paediatric problems, reflux & gastrointestinal problems
- Pre- and postnatal muscular and joint pain in mothers
- Back & neck pain
- Headaches
- Arthritis-related muscle & joint pain
- Musculoskeletal problems associated with Asthma
- Sports injuries & foot pain

766 Riversdale Road,
Camberwell
(Next to Conti)
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JOEY, CUB AND SCOUT GROUPS for Boys and Girls

- Exciting programs and fun activities planned every week in a safe environment.
- Be prepared for new adventures and new challenges and make new friends.
- Learn about Bush Skills, Leadership Skills and Life Skills.

REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION
Contact us to receive a pamphlet in the mail with an offer for 3 “COME AND TRY" NIGHTS for FREE!
New program will start in Feb 2013.

FRESHLY CUT CHRISTMAS TREES
Support your local Scouts and purchase a freshly cut Christmas tree this year from us.
You won't be disappointed.
December 1st, 2nd, 6th, 9th 9 am till sold out.
1st Mont Albert Scout Hall (Sat Only)
(cnr Alexander St/Surrey Dr)
9th Box Hill Scout Hall
(cnr Riversdale Rd/Station St)

How to Contact Us
Go to our websites and register your interest
www.1stMontAlbertScouts.asn.au
www.9thBoxHillScouts.asn.au
Make a phone call to Ian Talbott (Group Leader)
(03) 98986652
Come and visit us at the Scout Hall
9th Box Hill Scout Hall
Corner Riversdale Rd and Station St.
(Both groups are currently meeting here due to renovations at the 1st Mont Albert Hall).

When the groups meet
Joey's (ages 6 to 8) meet Mondays 5:45 to 6:45 pm
Cubs (ages 8 to 10) meet Mondays 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Scouts (ages 10 to 14) meet Wednesdays 7:15 to 9:15 pm
Groups meet every week during the school term and break only during the school holidays.
Bring the family to:

CAROLS AT GRACE PARK

Hilda Crescent, Hawthorn (Melway Map 45, B9) featuring Boroondara Brass and Exaudi Youth Choir led by Daniel van Bergen with Andrew Strano and Holly Loughran

performances by Auburn PS and Deepdene PS
guest appearance by Santa

Sunday December 16, 5 - 7pm
Sausage sizzle from 5pm or BYO picnic
Drama Time

Only $13 per class! Term 1 $104

Drama Time
create - discover - inspire

Daniele loves it. She is excited on the morning of and equally lifted after! Thank you Drama Time - the teacher is brilliant!” Chris, parent, St Hilaire's

“IT's the best thing to do at lunchtime in the world!! I love it!” Charli, grade 1, Elwood PS

DRAMA TIME @ WATTLE PARK PS

Junior class: Thursday (1.45pm – 2.25pm)

If you would like to enrol your child for Term 1 2013 please email us the details below to rene@dramatime.com.au or call Rene on 9528 8998

Or you can post this form to Drama Time 19 William St, Balaclava 3183

Encourage resourcefulness & communication!
Enhance creativity & self confidence!
Develop group awareness & presentation skills!

Please do not return this form or payment to the school, return to Drama Time only.

Student name: ___________________________ Grade: ________________
Parent name: ___________________________ Mobile number: ________________
Email: ___________________________ Home number: ________________

School: Wattle Park PS

Payment options (please circle): Direct debit Credit card Cheque

- Direct deposit: Please insert your name/invoice # when paying online or at a bank.
- Westpac Bank: BSB 039947 ACC 452236
- Cheques: Payable to: "Drama Time Pty Ltd", Mail to: 19 William St Balaclava 3183
- Credit card: Visa or Mastercard only. Please note there is a 2% surcharge on credit card

Credit card #: ___________________________ Expiry date: ________________
CVV # (last three digits in italics on reverse of card): ________________

For more information head to www.dramatime.com.au or call us any time on 9528 8998.
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Surrey Hills 3127

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Office Administrator
Full time or school hours available
Computer skills and
MYOB essential

Please email your interest to: belinda@2mdental.com.au