Dear Families,

We hope you all enjoyed your Term Two holiday and you’re ready for another busy and fun filled Term Three. The children have settled into the term extremely well and with a lot of enthusiasm for our integrated topic “The Olden Days”. We will be researching the daily lives of family members now, compared with daily life in previous generations.

**MORNING ROUTINE**
A reminder to all families that children should be at school at 8:50am. When the music at 8:50am is played, this is the time for students to put down chairs, hang up their bags, change their readers and be prepared for the day. Parents may also wish to take the opportunity to briefly pass on information to their child’s teacher during this time.

**TAKE HOME BOOKS**
Your child’s take home book is aimed at being easy to read. This promotes confidence; the ability to make predictions; fluent orchestration of reading behaviours; expressive oral reading; awareness of text structure; independent problem solving and further enjoyment of reading.

**HATS**
As part of our Sunsmart Policy, children will be required to wear their school hats beginning the month of September. “Remember in September; Put it away in May”
PARENT HELPERS
Parent helpers will commence in Week Three. Please remember that if you are helping in the classroom that you bring your Working with Children Check and leave a copy at the office. Your child’s teacher will hand out a copy of the date and time you are helping.

Magazines
If you have any magazines at home, which you no longer need, can you please donate to your child’s teacher ensuring they are appropriate for children. They always come in handy and are a great resource in the classroom.

Cameron Close
Children will continue to visit the residents of Cameron Close on a rotating basis from 11.30-12.30 on a Wednesday. Children have enjoyed the experience of showcasing their reading skills and interacting with the residents.

HOMEWORK
As you know this year at Wattle Park the students have been receiving weekly homework tasks. These tasks are sent home on a Monday and due the following Monday. Thank you to the families who have provided feedback. It is very much appreciated.

SPECIALIST PROGRAM AND SPECIAL FEATURES OF YEAR 1 PROGRAM IN TERM 3
This year Grade One students will participate in a variety of specialist programs in 2013.

The following timetable indicates the specialist timetable for Year One in Term 3.

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*It is important that children bring their library bag to school each Thursday.
*Appropriate footwear to be worn during PE sessions.

Kind Regards,

Amanda Chetcuti, Moira Speirings, Kathy Skantzos and Gayle Cope