Dear Families,

Welcome back to Wattle Park Primary School for another busy and fun filled year. Welcome to Juliana and Karla in 2D and Therran in 2P and their families who will be starting at Wattle Park this year. We hope that you are very happy at our school. All of the Year 2 students have settled back into school life extremely well. The independent behaviours and work habits that have been re-established have enabled the students to start the school year smoothly. They are enthusiastically following the classroom structures and routines. The children have begun to make new friends and many are already willing to become leaders and take on responsibilities, such as Scarecrow and SRC monitors.

**MORNING ROUTINE**

When the music at 8:50am is played, this is the time for students to come into the classroom, put down chairs, hang up their bags and change their readers. Parents may also wish to take the opportunity to briefly pass on information to their child’s teacher during this time.

**CLASSROOM MATERIALS & PARENT HELPERS**

We would appreciate if your family could donate a box of tissues and a bottle of Coles Moisturising Handwash Aloe Vera 250ml to share with the children in your child’s class. Please give these to the class teacher. It is essential that all children have a Wattle Park green notice folder which is brought to school each day. These can be purchased from the uniform shop for $5.00. An invitation to participate in the Parent Helpers Program and a notice to set up a roster for Literacy Group support will be sent home soon.

**HOMEWORK**

Commencing next week all children at Wattle Park will receive weekly homework tasks. In Year 2 this will include home reading and spelling of words from the Oxford Most Used Words Lists, an opportunity to document how your child has helped at home and a mathematical activity.
SPECIALIST PROGRAM AND SPECIAL FEATURES OF YEAR 2 PROGRAM IN TERM 1

The Year 2 students will participate in a variety of specialist programs in 2014. The following timetable indicates the specialist timetable for Year 2 in Term 1.

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It is important that each child brings an art smock and library bag to school. Weather permitting the children will be participating in a fitness session with the Year 2 teachers. Please consider appropriate footwear for your child on Thursday so that they can fully participate in each session.

HOME READING

It continues to be very important that you get back into daily home reading routine in which you praise all attempts made by your child to trial new reading strategies that they have learned at school. Year 2 parents will notice the 100 - 200 Word list in your child’s Take Home Folder which reinforces not only the sight words learnt in Year 1 but the correct spelling of many useful common words. In addition each child will have a personal reading journal in which they will record the books which they read at home.

MATHS BAGS

The very popular Maths Bags will recommence in term 2. As in Year 1 each child will have the opportunity to bring home a Maths Bag which includes Maths games, activities and a reflection book for the children to record and share what they have done with the class.

Please ensure that the Essential Item component of the School’s requisites and contribution levy is paid by Friday 14th March and return your child’s permission form as soon as possible.

YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER

We are conscious of informing you as soon as possible of upcoming events. For your information the Year 2 sleepover is planned for the Friday after Cup Day, Friday 7th November.

We encourage you to pop in and say hello if we have not yet had a chance to meet. We value the partnership between school and home so that we can support your child to be happy and achieve success in Year 2 in 2014.

Kind Regards,

Amanda Dwyer, Robyn Gilmour, Vicki Phillips and Gayle Cope