Dear Parents,

I can't believe it's term 4 but when I go into the Foundation classes and see how confident they are, how well they read and how constructively they play you realise it's time for them to 'move up'.

It was a similar feeling being in China with Brianna S, Charlotte V, Georgia W, Mabel W, Stella M, John B, Liam C, Will B and John B. All of the students were such great ambassadors for the school. They were chivalrous, showing respect and appreciation of different cultures and traditions. They were tolerant and patient when situations were beyond their control such as waiting in Beijing traffic! They always looked for the positives of the situation and relied on humour to relieve any stress. The students proved they could be trusted to make decisions about their own personal safety in a foreign country. All of them are and will continue to be global travellers and learners. I am so very proud of them all and feel sad to think for the Year 6 students their Wattle Park journey is drawing to a close. But they too are ready to 'move up'. The values of the school and of course their parents are embedded in their characters. I sincerely thank their parents entrusting their children into my and parent Jane Borden's care. It is certainly one of the highlights of my 30 year career in education. Hopefully the relationship with our sister school, Mingde Primary School in Taicang, Suzhuo Province will continue to grow strong. It is important that the proficiency of our students' Mandarin language skills improves over time and should with lessons commencing from the Foundation year. (The above students had only learnt for two years).
As you can imagine planning for 2015 classes and events has well and truly begun. It is imperative that families who are exiting the school for other schools inform the office immediately. Enrolments for next year are still not confirmed with seven new enrolments just emerging this week. All schools of course face the same issues. It does prove to be a difficult task for Principals and leadership teams when appointing and placing staff.

Student placements for next year are currently being considered by classroom teachers. Parents who have any requests with regards to their child’s placement for next year based on educational grounds are required to write and address their concerns to me by Monday 3rd November.

As Ms Julie Nield stated in the Year 5 & 6 term 4 newsletter ‘buckle up for the ride’, it’s an extremely busy term. Please ensure you read the many newsletter attachments this week to ensure you know what’s happening, when and what start time.

The school fete is fast approaching along with the whole school concert both less than six weeks away. Before I go, congratulations to all of our students who competed yesterday in the Regional athletics carnival. Wattle Park has some very, very talented athletes. The students who were placed first or second go on to the next level, Regionals. But to me all the students were winners. There is a lovely photo of the team, attached, taken by Kerryn Stirling mother of Finn, Sam and Louis P.

MusicWorld are coming out for assembly on Monday and trial lessons will be week 3 and 4. See attachment.

That’s it apart from congratulations to the ‘Diamonds’ our Australian netball team who defeated New Zealand because I’m definitely not talking AFL football!

Regards

Gayle

Also, thank you to the parents for transporting - Mrs Tsatas, Mrs McDonald and the parents and grandparents who came to watch and support as well as Mrs Melinda Downes for her time, effort and organisation.
PREMIERS!!

Congratulations to the Under 10A girls on their championship win.

FOR YOUR DIARY……………

The End of Year Music Concert is coming.

Keep Tuesday, 18th November free. 6.45pm for a 7pm Start.

The George Wood Performing Arts Centre
Yarra Valley Grammar School
Kalinda Road
Ringwood

Tickets will be on sale via Try Booking, Wednesday 29th October.
Student Enrolments and Exits

We are well underway in planning for facilities and staffing for 2015. 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 2015

I wish to advise that my child/children as listed below, will not be returning to WPPS in 2015.

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

Gone home since last ‘The Wattle’

- Lice Letters to affected class
- Uniform order forms
Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday 14th October
7-8pm in the staffroom
All parents welcome

The Education Committee is a sub-committee of the Wattle Park School Council. The committee's role is to:

- Inform the school community of new education initiatives at Wattle Park Primary School
- Communicate current education programs and policies in the school
- Include parents in the consultative phase of school policy development
- Support parents through parent forums on a range of topics

The agenda for the meeting includes the following:

- School assessment and reporting – new guidelines
- To design a parent survey to inform our new reporting format for 2015

Please RSVP Megan Ganter (Assistant Principal)
ganter.megan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au if you are interested in attending.
NO HAT, NO PLAY

IT'S HAT TIME AGAIN

All students are required to wear hats outside during recess and lunchtime. Any student without a school hat, will need to sit in the designated area. If you know your child has lost his/her hat now is the time to purchase one. Please make sure your child’s hat is clearly named!

Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking in side streets. Do not park across their drive ways etc.

From the Uniform Shop.........

Dear Parents,
The Uniform Shop now can offer girls bike shorts/briefs, to wear under the summer dress. They come in both black and bottle green and are sized 4-6, 8-10 and 12-14.
The cost is $7 per pair.
Please visit the Shop to take a look and check on sizing and place an order.
wpps.uniform@gmail.com
Remember, they are an undergarment only and cannot be worn alone.
Regards
Georgia.

Not long now to our Fete on November 29th
Please like us on Facebook for updates.
www.facebook.com/WattleParkPrimary100
You are invited to the annual Wattle Park Oaks Day Ladies Lunch:

Date: Thursday 6th November
Time: 11am - 3pm
Venue: 3 Roslyn Street Burwood (Beo Perry’s home)
Dress: Race wear

$50 includes lunch and drinks
Please notify us of any dietary requirements

For more information please contact:

Beo Perry
0408 172 165
r.perry70@optusnet.com.au

Yuli Meneilly
0414 988 908
yuli1@optusnet.com.au

No children please

Payment is required in full by Thursday 30th October to the school office in a sealed named envelope.

Name: ________________________________

Child’s class: __________________________
Wattle Park Primary
2014 Fete Sponsors

We are most grateful for the financial support of the following organisations.

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GOLD

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BRONZE

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Dear families,

Great news! Wattle Park Primary has been selected as a finalist of the Leader Local Grants Program. We are up against nine other local projects to win $1,000 to fund the ‘Centenary Avenue of Trees Project’. To give you some background, in celebration of our centenary year in 2014, the school would like to install an avenue of dwarf lemon scented gums in the school’s front garden.

The project with the most votes wins, so we need your help!

We would greatly appreciate if you could;

2. Search for Wattle Park.
3. Register your details.
4. Once you have registered you will be given ten votes. It would be fantastic if you gave Wattle Park your ten votes.

Please encourage family and friends to vote also by forwarding this on. The more people who vote for us the better chance we have of winning.

**Hurry, voting closes at 5pm next Friday October 17**, so please start voting now.

Thank you kindly,

Astrid Blackburn (Holly FC)

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on behalf of the Building and Grounds Committee
This certificate is awarded to

... Year 2 Wattle Park Primary School

in recognition of your valuable contribution to TOP

$610.90

Thank you very much
for your generous donation to The Orangutan Project (TOP). It is much appreciated and will go directly to help endangered orangutans in Borneo and Sumatra.

It is support like yours that has allowed TOP to contribute significant funds to conservation, rehabilitation and habitat protection programs over the past year. Whilst we are very proud of this accomplishment - and have been able to make significant progress with orangutan conservation - there is still much to be done. We rely on the generosity of our donors, Members and those who are part of our orangutan program to continue the vital work.

[Signature]

Founder and President of The Orangutan Project
Leif Cocks

Please keep visiting and helping our projects on www.orangutan.org.au
Music Lessons

Our music lessons are available during and after school hours.
Spaces are limited, so hurry!

Now Enrolling for Term 4 and 2015

Free Trial Lessons

Want to try an instrument first?
Free Trial Lessons in 3rd and 4th weeks
Fantastic Opportunity to try new instruments
Booking info: musicworld@y7mail.com

Music World
J (03) 9572 3391
musicworld@y7mail.com
EXCITING LUNCHTIME DRAMA AT WATTLE PARK PS!!

Junior class Foundation – Year 1 THURSDAYS in the GYM: 1:45pm-2:30pm
Senior class Year 2 and up COMING SOON please contact us

Enrolment options are as follows:
- Online at www.dramatime.com.au & click "enrolments"
- Email the information below to contact@dramatime.com.au
- Post this form to Drama Time 19 William St, Balaclava 3183
- Or call Drama Time on 9525 9977

Please do not return this form to the school, return to the Drama Time office only.
Student name: ______________________ Grade: ____________
Parent name: ______________________ Mobile number: ____________
Email: ________________________________
School: Wattle Park Primary
An invoice will follow after the enrolment is submitted.

"Elise was so excited to tell me about the amazing fun she had and all the things she's going to do in drama." Parent, Ormond PS

"Eden loves her Drama class; she always comes home on Tuesdays with stories from the session." Parent, St Finbar's

"Enrique’s confidence has increased enormously over the last few years thanks to Drama Time." Parent, Brighton Beach PS
Community Notices

ASHWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE
2014

Ashwood Secondary College cordially invites you to join us in celebrating our
Arts Exhibition and Community Opening
Stage 1 of the College Building Futures Program
on
Tuesday 21 October 2014
6.00pm - 7.30pm
Collaborative Learning Centre
(enter via the northern car-park)

Student guided tours of all new facilities will be available
For catering purposes we ask that you RSVP to the General Office no later than
4.00pm Wednesday 15 October 2014

Special Introductory Programme
AUS KIDS KARATE
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New Uniform
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Ashburton

Special
Beginners
Classes
Six Days
Each Week

FOR AGES
4 YRS & Above

Martial Arts Tuition Specialists
City of Whitehorse

Parent Information Session

Andrew Fuller
Presents

Tricky Teens

Come and enjoy a fun and informative evening with well known Clinical Psychologist, Andrew Fuller as he discusses raising teenagers and gives insights into the minds of adolescents.

This forum will focus on practical strategies and tips you can use to help young people manage their moods, improve your communication strategies and build positive relationships.

Date: Thursday 23 October 2014
Time: 7.30-9.30pm

Location: Waratah Room
The Whitehorse Centre
397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading
(Rear of Nunawading Library Melway Ref 48G9)

Cost: $10 per person payable on the night
Bookings and enquiries: 9262 6332
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Fun Day
26 October 2014
10am to 3pm

Treasure Dig ~ Glitter Cave ~ Sausage Sizzle
Craft Activities ~ Smoothie Cycle ~ Rides
Face Painting ~ Home Baked Goods
Second Hand Childrens Toys and Books

27 Rowen St, Glen Iris