From the Principal ………..

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday night, many parents from Years 1 to 6 were in attendance at school learning from the classroom and specialist teachers about their child’s teaching and learning program for the year and dates of special class events. Teachers prepared information booklets for each Year level and these are available on the school’s website. If you were unable to attend on the night it is imperative that you are familiar with this documentation.

The purpose of these information sessions is to disseminate information but also provides an opportunity for you to actually meet teachers and put a face to their name as well as introducing yourself as a parent.

Thank you to all the parents who attended and to the teachers for their professional presentations.

How do you find out about what’s happening at Wattle Park Primary School? The newsletter and Noticeboard is a weekly communication tool that focuses on whole school events, celebrations and important changes in our environment.

Student school diaries in Years 3 to 6 also have daily updates, notices and homework reminders.

Please ensure you are the one taking the opportunity to share in your child’s schooling.

Our school app is for whole school reminders or sudden changes in events. I have been very pleased with the large numbers of new subscribers to Konnective this year.
Compass is our communication tool that was introduced last year for our new reporting process. Each parent from Foundation to Year 6 has a unique log-in and password where you can access your child’s reports. The school is beginning to send out emails to specific school groups when necessary regarding educational matters. Please ensure you have accessed the Compass site and if you have forgotten your password details please contact the office.

Of course please email me if you want to mention something specific or have a celebration or concern, cope.gayle.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Finally please be aware that all teachers have a meeting schedule after school and if you need to have a chat please organise a meeting, when both the teacher and parent can make time to discuss the concern or celebration in a timely manner.

2016 Class Representatives
This is not a very demanding role, and can be shared with another parent. The role of the Class Representative includes the following:

- Organising class/level social activities for parents (e.g. dinner, coffee mornings)
- Encouraging parents to support social/fundraising and community events.
- Providing a communication link between PFA and class parents.
- Welcoming new and current parents to the school to develop and foster a friendly, supportive group.
- Preparing a Class Contact List for those who wish to be included. (to assist with play dates)
- Participation in occasional Class Reps Meetings (when possible)

If you are interested in being a Class Representative in 2016, please indicate your interest by contacting your class teacher or alternately email me at cope.gayle.l@edumail.vic.gov.au making sure you indicate your child’s class and teacher.

The new class representatives will be informed by next Wednesday. Each grade may have two representatives to share the role.

2016 will be an exciting year for Wattle Park Primary with a number of focus areas:

- To continue to build excellence in teaching and learning
- Remaining focussed on English, Mathematics, Science and Digital Technologies curriculum
- Building a new school leadership team including our Year team leaders
- Providing a safe, supportive and positive environment for all students to thrive
- Continuing our focus on having high expectations for our students in all areas of the school
- Making sure all areas of the curriculum continue to be rich and exciting

It’s also a fete year! That’s sure to be exciting.

If your weekend is not yet filled with sporting or family events, the State Library of Victoria is holding a fantastic free fun day on Saturday 13th February to celebrate the wonderful world of children’s literature and illustration. If you are looking for a great day of family fun, check out the link below.


Everyone will have received their letter from our School Council on Wednesday (Foundation families on Thursday) regarding voluntary donations and associated levies. Please be aware that all components of the contributions; essential, library, building and voluntary are incredibly important for our school. The Department of Education and Training does not provide funding to address all of the works and essential items needed for our school.

If you require further clarification or information about parent payments please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

And lastly, Monday’s assembly will be extra special with all Year 6 students receiving their Leadership badges. Assembly commences 3.00p.m. sharp. See you there!

Regards
Gayle
No Hats No Play
All students are required to wear school 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.

School Subject Contributions Notices
All families should have received information regarding Parent Contributions for 2016. If you have not received this notice, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Full payment is due Tuesday, 15th March.

Camps Sports and Education Fund (CSEF).
Please find attached application forms for eligible families to receive government funding. All applications must be handed into the office by 29th February.

Canteen—Will re-open in March

Monies to the Office
Parent/Guardians, please make sure all money be it cash, cheque or credit card payments that comes to the office is in a named envelope, with child’s name and class. If payments are not clearly named in an envelope, it is often difficult to track.

Parking
Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking in side streets. Do not park across their drive ways. Parking inspectors will be out to make sure local traffic laws are being followed.

WPPS Running Club
The Wattle Park PS Running Club has started back again! It will be running every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday so if any of you are able to assist on any of the days that would be much appreciated! That goes to those of you that have helped out in the past, and those that haven't experienced it yet. It will go from 8:15 - 8:45am with everyone meeting at the office area. Please remind your students about it if you can.

Get your running shoes on!

Hope to see many of you there at some stage.

James


Notices Gone Home This Week
•  Parent Contribution Letter
•  Lice Letter to affected classes
•  Book Club
Valentine’s Day with the Foundation & Year 6 Buddies

Sylah & Astrid
Yoyo
Caroline

Beni & Ethan
Scarlett & Liv
Kristen & Tiana

Michael, Dion & William
Cameron, Breck & Caleb
Year 4 Design Process

Students in Year 4 worked in groups to collaborate to construct a bridge using up to 30 pieces of A4 paper and masking or sticky tape. The models were then tested to hold the weight of a pencil case, filled drink bottle, sticky tape holder or even a dictionary. The results were very impressive and (most of the models!) are currently on display in the Farley Forum.

Well done Year 4’s!

Dan, Hayley and Vicki
Foundation BBQ

Special thanks to Year 1 parents Wendy Baker (mother of Cameron and Bec), Anthony Dempster (father of Max), John Chantri (father of Emma) and Aggie Sutherland (mother of Samara and Lani) for their assistance on the night.
What’s great about Wattle Park PS?

The Communication Leaders went around to each year level, asking students what they like about the school.

There were some very interesting thoughts such as, a foundation student said she loved the butterflies in the garden (look closely in our photograph!)

Buddies, the Year 6 Leadership program and the Stephane Alexander Kitchen Garden program were very important to our students, as well as our friendly community and of course, our friends!

The table below summarises the students’ responses.

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It was a great experience, we had lots of fun, and it was fabulous learning about the students’ thoughts on Wattle Park Primary School.

By Liv, Chloe and Tashi - Year 6 Communication Leaders
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Application Form

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb State Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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<th>Child's surname</th>
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<th>Student ID</th>
<th>Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)</th>
<th>Year level</th>
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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant

Date / /
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility
To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:
• on the first day of Term one, or;
• on the first day of Term two;
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria
School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

Closing Date
Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by 29 February 2016, so that payments can be made from March 2016. However schools can accept parent applications up until 30 June 2016.

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.
• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.
This year, school photos will be held on **Friday the 18\textsuperscript{th} of March 2016.**
This will be week eight of Term 1.

The photography company that Wattle Park Primary School will be working with is ‘Advanced Life Photography’.

Kind Regards,
Annabelle Sizeland, Ainslie Peszynski & Gayle Cope
FIRST AID ROOM ROSTER 2016

In order to keep our First Aid Room clean and tidy, we require volunteers to assist with this task. We need approximately 40 families on our roster to ensure that every family only needs to do this once per year. It is not time consuming and requires approximately 15 minutes of your time on a FRIDAY.

The duties include:

- Changing the sheets, pillow cases and re-making the bed with clean linen (all provided in the first aid room).
- Washing and returning the clean linen for the following Friday.
- Checking that the area is clean and tidy.
- Wiping over the cupboards, bench tops and the sink.
- Tidying the spare clothes cupboard if needed.

This year we’re using VolunteerSpot to organise the parent roster. Here’s how it works in 2 easy steps:

1) Copy/type the following link into a browser to sign up and the following page will appear: http://vols.pt/Fh9I4P

2) Enter your email address; select the date that you would like to volunteer and then Sign Up! It’s Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot. Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone.

If you prefer not to use VolunteerSpot then please email carelinevanwest@gmail.com with your preferred date and you can be signed up manually.

Thank you in anticipation.

Vicki Keith
First Aid Co-ordinator

Careline van West
Parent Roster Co-ordinator
**PUZZLERS**

Teachers can photocopy this page to use in class

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**FOUNDATION**

**CAN YOU FIND?**

What can you find in our classroom that there are two of?
(eyes on each person, hands, feet)

What can you find in our classroom that there are four of?
(legs of the chair, seats at the tables, four people with glasses, four brown teddies)

What other numbers can you count in our room?

Children could draw what they find or the teacher could take photos to make a *Numbers in our classroom* book.

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**YEARS 1 AND 2**

**WHAT'S YOUR NAME WORTH?**

Each letter of the alphabet has a value according to alphabetical order, eg A = 1, B = 2 etc.

What is your name worth? Add the values for each letter.

How did you add your letters? What strategies did you use?

Who has the name with the highest value? What if you used your last name as well? Or your middle name? How would you add the letters now?

As an extra challenge, can you write a word that is worth exactly 20? Or 50? Or 100? What about a sentence with a value of 20 or 50 or 100?

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**YEARS 3 AND 4**

**CHRISTMAS CRACKERS**

Last month I sent off for a kit to make Christmas Crackers. It contained:

- Three colours of hat: red, yellow and blue
- Four types of novelty: toy car, spinning top, magnifying glass and miniature hairbrush
- Four different types of joke slip

All the other parts were the same type. The kit contained enough bits for 50 crackers. Can I make each cracker different from all the others?

[https://www.mathsisfun.com/puzzles/absolutely-christmas-crackers.html](https://www.mathsisfun.com/puzzles/absolutely-christmas-crackers.html)

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**YEARS 5 AND 6**

**TEN DIGIT NUMBER PUZZLE**

Find a 10-digit number where the first digit is how many zeros in the number, the second digit is how many 1s in the number etc. until the tenth digit which is how many 9s in the number.

[https://www.mathsisfun.com/puzzles/10-digit-number.html](https://www.mathsisfun.com/puzzles/10-digit-number.html)
Canteen Volunteer Form
Terms 1 & 2 2016

Our canteen could not be able to run without the wonderful support of the volunteer Parents, Friends and Grandparents of our school. We would love to have you volunteer for us, whether you are an experienced hand or an eager learner. All you need to do is fill out the form below and we will schedule you for 2 shifts for 2.5 hours each, for the term. If you would like to help more, then just let us know and we can give you extra shifts. All shifts will have a canteen coordinator present, who will coordinate and assist in the smooth running of the day.

Please fill out the form below and return to the office by the end of February so that the roster can be organised and distributed. We are expecting to have the canteen re-open in March. Date to be confirmed.

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Yes I would like to volunteer for the canteen for term 1 and 2

Name: ________________________________________________________

Phone Number ____________________________ (this number will be on the canteen roster)

Email address ________________________________________________________

Child’s Class ___________ Preferred Day ___________Monday _______ Friday

(please circle)

Preferred session time 10am till 12.30pm (Monday and Friday)
12pm till 2.30pm (Monday and Friday)
9am till 11.30am (Friday 1 person each week)

Whilst we endeavour to give you your time preference, sometimes that is not always possible.

Any other information ________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________
Hi Everyone, and welcome back to a New Year at Wattle Park Primary School! In particular a big welcome to the new families joining us in 2016.

We had a very successful 2015 with many new and traditional fundraising activities. Thanks again to all those who came along to a meeting, assisted with the co-ordination of an activity, attended an event, and purchased a cookbook, box of mangoes, or some Hot Cross Buns amongst many other things!

Our first activity for 2016 was the Bunnings Community BBQ held at Box Hill which was run by Shane Von Bergheim, and assisted by Frank Van West on Saturday 30th January. It was a great day with a profit of $1,164 towards the PFA 2016 budget. Thank you also to the following families who helped out on the day: Beattie, Blackburn, Buick, Cooke, Davies, Holmes, Perry, Porter, Sayers, Sinclair, & Stanaway. If you came along and bought a sausage, that was appreciated too.

Coming up next is our Twilight Movie Night on Friday 18th March. We are screening ‘The Peanuts Movie’. To those families new to WPPS, this is a family event where a movie is on the big screen on the grass near the Banksia Street entrance. There will be a BBQ, a wine stall, a movie food stall and the return of our gourmet picnic boxes. Look out in the newsletter for further information on how to pre-purchase tickets via TryBooking (at a reduced rate), and to place your order for your gourmet picnic box.

We are extremely grateful to the WPPS families and local businesses who happily sign up for a Movie Night sponsorship package year after year. We advertise these businesses in many ways to the WPPS community surrounding Movie Night. Please email natasha.sinclair@bigpond.com for more information on how to become a Movie Night sponsor.

Movie Night would not be the success that it is without the help of parents. If you or an adult member of your family can assist on the BBQ, Wine Stall, Gate, Set-Up and Pack-Up, we want to hear from you! Our next meeting is this Tuesday 16th February at Tash’s home at 8pm. If you would like to attend but would like to join in, please let us know!

Our PFA AGM will be held on Wednesday 13th April in the WPPS Staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend, and all positions are vacant. We are always looking for new people to get involved and hand over to, as we head towards our end of time at WPPS. It is very rewarding and a great way to meet new parents at WPPS. It also makes your children very proud.

Cheers,
G & T

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E: gemma.anderson@live.com

Tash Sinclair
Mum to Rory 5C & Hamish 3S
P: 0412-153-652
E: natasha.sinclair@bigpond.com
WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS
TWILIGHT MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY 18 MARCH

ALL LOCAL FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WELCOME!

THE PEAUNTS MOVIE

TICKET INFORMATION AND FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW

FROM 6PM
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Nunawading Vikings

Celebrating 50 years
(1966-2016)

REGISTRATION

WINTER SEASON

2016

In person..
SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
SLATER RESERVE
GROSVENOR ST
BLACKBURN NTH
FROM : 2-5 PM
Or register online
www.nunawadingvikings.com.au
CONTACT JODY WALKER
(REGISTRAR) on 0497 095 457
Welcome back to the new school year!

We hope you have all enjoyed the holiday break and are excited for a fantastic new year. After having a great holiday ourselves, we are back on board and excited to see familiar faces returning – as well as some new faces.

To help get your family back into the swing of things, here are some tips that you might find handy for easing your children into After School Care.

**Tips for easing you kids into After School Care:**

1. Give your child as much advance warning as you can that they’ll be coming to After School Care.
2. Pop into the program with your child to meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
3. Speak with the Camp Australia Coordinator if your child is nervous, and let us know how your child felt after their first visit.
4. If there is something in particular your child would like to play when they are in our care, encourage them to tell us what they want you can give us a call.

We’re here to make after school care visits the best experience possible, if you have any questions about the program – feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in After School Care first hand.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Camp Australia Team.

**Program Details**

To find out more about our program and to register and book visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

From all of the team at Camp Australia we wish you a fantastic 2016 and we look forward to seeing you and your family in the program soon.
GET INTO TENNIS
this summer

everyone welcome to our
family open day

AT BURWOOD TENNIS CLUB
(Driveway after 35 Queens Pde, Glen Iris)
Sunday 21st of February
12:30-2:30pm

Have a hit of FREE tennis, meet our award winning coaching team:
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