Dear Parents,

This term all classroom teachers in Years Foundation to Year 6 are available for a parent/teacher interview on Wednesday 25th March. These meetings offer you an opportunity to discuss, with your child’s teacher, aspects of your child’s progress and their future learning goals. This year you can select a ten or fifteen minute interview, depending upon your needs. If you have been in frequent contact with your child’s teacher this year, you may decide that a shorter time period is your preferred option. It will also be possible to arrange interview times with all specialist teachers, but these may be organized at a mutually convenient time on another day.

The Victorian Education Department states: “Personal learning goals are about improving students’ learning and achievement as well as building students’ capacity to learn. They are about students becoming active participants in the learning process, empowering them to become independent learners and motivating them to achieve their full potential.” They believe that having parents as active participants in their child’s learning is crucial also.

Reporting about your child’s progress and achievements this year is in response to parent feedback that was gathered from an Education Committee survey last year that indicated:

### March
- 13th Regional Swimming
  - Year 2 Incursion—Seaweed Sally
- 17th Year 1 Melbourne Aquarium Excursion
- 18th Year 6 excursion IMAX & Melb Museum
- 19th Year 5 Excursion Imax/Melbourne Museum
- 20th School Photos - full school uniform
- 20th Movie Night - Penguins Of Madagascar
- 23rd Music Incursion
  - Harmony Day (wear something orange)
- 24th Year 4 Melbourne Museum Excursion
- 24th School Council AGM 7.30pm
- 25th Foundation Incursion Responsible Pet Ownership
  - Family Teacher Meetings
- 27th **End of Term 1** 2.30pm Dismissal Free Dress

### April
- 13-14th Curriculum day—Student Free Days
- 15th Term 2 start for students
- 18th Vision Portraits—LOTE Room
- 21st Year 4 Gardens & Gallery Excursion
- 22nd Foundation Incursion Ambulance Visit
- 25th ANZAC Day

### May
- 6th Foundation Lego Excursion
- 7th Music Incursion
- 13th Year 2 Ripponlea Excursion
- 14th Year 1 Yarrabee Excursion
- 21st Foundation Information Night Foundation 2016

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**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN:**
Mondays after the afternoon assembly & Wednesdays 8.30-9.30am
For all Uniform Enquiries: wpps.uniform@gmail.com
all forms of teacher feedback were valued (written, phone, face-to-face, email, formal report card, diaries, text) written feedback and face-to-face were highly valued by more than 70% of respondents.

Progression, behaviour, social and personal competencies and task performance were rated strongly by respondents.

Parent written comments stated that they valued a focus on personalising reports, having greater opportunities to meet face to face with teachers and the importance of social/personal skills.

Teachers felt it was important that parents know how their child was tracking earlier than Term 2 and in what ways you could support their child’s learning at home.

Our new approach will be staged across a number of years and adapted and improved as a result of consultation with all stakeholders. We have drawn on Hattie and Timperley’s model of feedback as well as Master’s paper, “Reforming Educational Assessment: Imperatives, principles and challenges”.

**Phase 1 of implementation at Wattle Park Primary will include:**

- Personal learning goals established for each student
- Parent teacher meetings for 10 to 15 minutes in length, meeting at the end of term 1 and 3

A new formal report format that includes personal learning goals, academic achievement in key learning areas (required by the Education Department) and personal and social capabilities. This format is still in development.

After meeting with a range of companies, networking with local schools and speaking with key DET personnel, Compass is the program that we have selected to deliver our formal reports.

Many thanks to Megan Ganter and the Education Committee, who have worked tirelessly on researching and developing a new reporting framework.

School Council will next meet on Tuesday 24th March.

Following our recent call for nominations, I am pleased to announce our newly appointed School Councillors. Mr Scott Sutherland (father of Hanisi, Lani and Samara), Ms Sheila Mayenburg (mother of Amy C) and Mrs Belinda Miller (mother of Owen and Olivia H). Scott, Sheila and Belinda were elected unopposed to the three parent vacancies.

I would very much like to thank the outgoing members of School Council Mr Arpad Cseh, Dr Graham Parr and Mr Kit Leong. Arpad, Graham and Kit have contributed enormously in their role as School Councillors.

Arpad, Graham and Kit were all active members of the Education Committee as well as providing wise counsel on many matters that were presented over the years.

The after-hours use of the gymnasium was probably one of the most contentious and emotive issues that was faced by council. Graham was instrumental in guiding us through decisions on what constitutes a ‘School Community’ and how the gymnasium broadened this community beyond the school.

Arpad and Kit attended every VCAT hearing and briefing along with our School President Mrs Jo Holland.

It was thanks to their commitment and support that the outcome was favourable to the school now and in to the future. They will be missed.

Just before I go, how could I not mention the Movie Night scheduled for next Friday! I’ve already put in my order for the scrumptious gourmet picnic boxes.

Please see the attachments for signing up to volunteer as well as pre-ordering tickets for ‘Penguins at Madagascar’ via Trybooking on our school website.

Special thanks to our major sponsor for our Twilight Movie Night, Penfold Motors. Each year they are very generous with financial support for our school.

I apologise for the long report this week. There is so much to share and tell.

*Regards Gayle*
National Young Leaders Day
Year 3 Excursion to Science Works
SCHOOL SUBJECT CONTRIBUTIONS NOTICES

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

Full payment is now overdue. A reminder that school contributions must be paid before students can attend excursions.

STUDENT ABSENCES

It is Dept requirement that if your child/ren are absent from school, a note explaining their absence and the reason why must be handed to their teacher on their return.

MONIES TO THE OFFICE

Parents/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 cleared named in an envelope, it is often difficult to track.

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!

Notices gone home this week:

- Scholastic Books Flyer
- Family Teacher Meetings
- Movie Night Raffle
**Student Information Update Forms**
This week you should have received an envelope from your child/children with Student Information Update Form and a Local Permission and Authority Form.

It is most important we have the latest contact information. Please fill out these forms and return them to your child’s/children’s classroom teacher as soon as possible

Hot Cross Bun Order form due in on Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} March at the latest. Any orders handed in after this cannot be processed. Please hand your orders in to the office. They will be delivered on Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} March.

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**Movie Night Donations Needed**
Lollies & Wine
Please leave at the office
Hi, this year we are your new maths leaders, William Yang & Emma Pervan. If you need help or you are struggling in maths, come to us.

Here are some maths questions for each grade.

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Grade 3

7x8= Choose the smallest number.

Grade 4

N-Y=6 NxY=27

Grade 5

What does N & Y equal?

Grade 6

A pond of lilies doubles each day. On the first day there were 4 lilies. On the 14th day the pond was full. On which day was the pond half full?

Answer: Prep 2, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 6, Grade 6. Grade 7, Grade 8, Grade 9, Grade 9, Grade 10.
A quick message from your Art Leaders

Hi, we are the Art Leaders for 2015. We are excited to support and promote art at this school. We have some great ideas for this year and we hope you’ll enjoy them. Some of our ideas include, an art competition (draw your favourite cartoon character) and street art. The street art will be located by the art room walkway. More information will follow soon. We hope our ideas will promote and make art bigger in the school community.

Siena B.     Angus C.     Elyse F.     Harrison G.
SCHOOL PHOTOS

Just a reminder that school photos are on Friday the 20th of March 2015.

Please remember the following for that Friday:
- To be on time for school
- To be dressed in the Wattle Park uniform
- To have paid directly online to ‘Advance Life Photography’ or handed in your completed photo envelope (this includes individual and siblings) to your classroom teacher by Wednesday the 18th of March for sibling and by the morning of Friday the 20th of March for the individual.
(Please note that order forms will not be accepted after this date and you will have to talk directly with ‘Advanced Life Photography’.)

Thank you and we look forward to seeing all your beautiful smiles on Friday the 20th March 2015.

Annabelle Sizeland, Ainslie Peszynski & Gayle Cope
ONLINE & ENVELOPE ORDER INSTRUCTIONS FOR:
Wattle Park Primary School: 20 March 2015

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SECURE ONLINE PURCHASE

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

STEP 1: Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your 9 digit school code: [Q32 WP2 PAR]

STEP 2: Enter your student’s details

STEP 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs*

*All orders will be returned to the school for collection.

STEP 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

PLEASE NOTE: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day).

SIESTING/FAMILY PHOTOS
NO ENVELOPE REQUIRED IF ORDERING ONLINE

STEP 1: Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your 6 digit school code: [Q32 WP2 PAR]

- Online orders will be closed 2 working days prior to the day of photography.
- You can find your online order close off date on the top right hand corner of your sibling order envelope, which is 186311
- Orders can also be placed with a cash or cheque payment by returning a sibling order envelope up until the day before photo day.
- You can collect a sibling order envelope from your school office.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

STEP 1: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope. Please use black or blue pen.

STEP 2: Complete the purchase details section on the front of the envelope.

STEP 3: Select your payment method using one of the following options:

- Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change given.
- Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife with your name & address on back of cheque.
  - Allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised.
  - A $25 fee will apply to any dishonoured cheque payment.

STEP 4: Return your completed sibling order envelopes to school the day before photo day.
Harmony Day

Please donate some oranges for harmony day. Can you please take oranges to the office before March 23 and the SRC will chop them up for harmony day so everyone in the school will have some orange oranges. Thank you!
Please find on the following pages all you need to know about the

Wattle Park Primary School Movie Night
on Friday 20th March 2015
Gates open from 6pm

Pack includes:

• Gourmet Picnic Box Order Form
• Volunteer Form
• Ticket Purchase Information
• Colouring-in Competition
• Sponsorship/Raffle/Contact Info

Please note that this is a Family Event and children will need to be supervised by parents/guardians.

We are still accepting donations of lollies and wine at the Office and appreciate your support!
GOURMET PICNIC BOX

A selection of gourmet finger foods including delights from Zint Patisserie and Delishness.

Cost: $20 per box or 2 for $35. Please note there is a limited number of boxes so be sure to order yours ASAP!

Please return this order form, together with cash payment, to the office by no later than Friday 13th of March, marked: Movie Night Picnic Box.

For any enquiries, please contact Yuli Meacilly (Ava 4H) yuli_1@optusnet.com.au or Bec Perry (Siena 2P) rperry70@optusnet.com.au

Name: ____________________ Phone: __________________

How many boxes ______________

Amount enclosed $________________

I am available to help with packing the picnic boxes on Friday 20th March from 12pm in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen. Yes/No
VOLUNTEER FORM

The WPPS Annual Movie Night is our major fundraiser for the year and we appreciate any help you can offer. If you can volunteer at one of our stalls on the night please fill out the form below with your preferences and return it ASAP by the 15th March to the Office.

If you are unable to help on the night you can still support the school by donating Lollies or Wine for our stalls or just by pre-purchasing a ticket and bringing the whole family along to enjoy a great family night out. Any Questions just ask!

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Name: ___________________________ Class: _____________

Email: ___________________________ Phone: ______________
HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

There will be several ways to purchase your tickets for Movie Night this year.

Pre-purchase ticket prices:

Family Pass $35 (2 x adults and up to 3 x children)
Single Pass $10

   PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A 30c BOOKING FEE

2. Cash purchases via the office (fill out form below).

3. At the gate on the night, from 6pm. Gate prices will be

   Family Pass $40 (2 x adults and up to 3 x children)
   Single Pass $12

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MOVIE NIGHT TICKET PRE-PURCHASE ORDER FORM

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ______

_____ Family Pass @ $35 (2 x adults and up to 3 x children)
_____ Single Pass @ $10

Total Cash Enclosed $___________

Please enclose cash and this form in an envelope to the Office marked
   “Movie Night Tickets”

Tickets will be sent home with your child prior to Movie Night
Wattle Park Primary School
Penguins of Madagascar Colouring Competition

Student name: ______________________
Class: ____________

Please submit entry to the School office by Thursday March 12, 2015
Winners receive a Family Pass to the WPPS Movie Night
SPONSORSHIP

This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved, and at the same time, promote your business to the school community.

Sponsorship packages are $165 and include:
- slideshow advertising during Movie Night
- inclusion of your slide in the school's newsletter, "The Wattle" twice throughout the year
- a Family Movie Pass

Join the many other WPFS families and local businesses using this unique form of marketing to get their name out there. It also gives your children a thrill seeing your advertisement on the big screen on the big night!

For more information, please contact Tash Sinclair (details below).

RAFFLE

Once again we will be hosting a raffle in conjunction with Movie Night.

1st Prize: 2 x tickets to "The Lion King"
2nd Prize: Eastern Gymnastics Kids Birthday Party for 10 children
3rd Prize: $100 dinner voucher to Italy 1 in Camberwell

Tickets are priced at $2 each, or 3 for $5 and raffle tickets will be sent home shortly. They will also be available on the night at the gate.

All proceeds from the raffle go directly to the school.

MOVIE NIGHT CO-ORDINATORS

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ASHBURTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

GRAND FAIR

Visit the Ashburton Primary School Grand Fair on Sunday 22nd March 10am - 4pm
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