Dear Parents,

If you’ve heard the rumour about State Government money being allocated for a new perimeter fence for Wattle Park Primary school it’s true! Mr Philip Daladakis Southern Metropolitan member for the Upper House visited the school on Friday the 17th April to announce that Wattle Park Primary School had been allocated $37,000.00 for a new perimeter fence for Warrigal Road and Banksia Street.

Two School Ambassadors Olivia R and Tim C toured the playground with Mr Daladakis to inspect the fence and show off our beautiful grounds. Mr Daladakis commented on how fortunate we were to have spacious and impressive grounds for a Melbourne metropolitan school. Philip’s opinion was that we also had a very safe and harmonious environment for our students, which is represented in our school student opinion data.

At last week’s Buildings and Grounds committee led by Ms Carol Hensley (mother of Tilly 3N) possible designs and construction of the fence was discussed. The process will now be considered by the School Council which will include organising quotes, building permits and choosing an appropriate structure that complements our grounds.

Last year the school was successful in gaining a Whitehorse City Council Artist in Residence grant for the project ‘The Centenary Entrance’. Thanks once again to parent Mrs Janine Dankesreither (mother of Harry 1C) our grant writer extraordinaire!

DIARY DATES

MAY
12-14th NAPLAN Grade 3 & 5
13th Year 2 Ripponlea Excursion
14th Year 1 Yarrabee Excursion
16th Working Bee Years 2, 5 & 6 9am-1pm
18-28th Language Perfect World Championships Yr 3-6
20th Foundation Incursion RACV
21st Foundation Information Night Foundation 2016
22nd Walk to School Safely Day
23rd Open Day 9-11am
26th School Council
27th District Cross Country Years 3-6
28th Year 3 Melbourne Museum Excursion
31st Working Bee Years 3 & 4 9am—1pm

June
8th Queens Birthday Holiday
26th Last Day Term 2

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN:
MONDAYS AFTER THE AFTERNOON
ASSEMBLY & WEDNESDAYS 8.30-9.30am

For all Uniform Enquiries: wpps.uniform@gmail.com
Megan and I met with our artist Mr. Alex Sanson who is a design sculpture metalworker to discuss his project. Alex’s initial thoughts are to construct a feature sculpture above the gateway to our Banksia Street entrance nearest the gymnasium. Alex has asked for drawings from our Foundation and Year one classes as inspiration for him to develop a concept that emulates Wattle Park Primary School. So expect some significant changes in the upcoming months to the look of our school.

Carol has also organised two working bees for Saturday 16th May and Sunday 31st May to plant trees down our driveway to the gymnasium. It would be great to see parents and students attend on either or both of these days. Planting a tree is a significant reminder of a moment in time. It’s lovely to admire a fully grown tree that you have had some part in planting or nurturing. A bit like raising children! Please see a flyer attached about the days.

If you haven’t yet had the chance pop your head in to the Foundation space to see their magnificent display for their unit ‘On the Move.’ Yesterday I walked into their space and it looked like my office! There were boxes, paper, cellophane and all manner of bits and bobs around the rooms. But the students were constructing and creating objects that move. Mia had created a wonderful helicopter that had bright pink rotors!

Year 4 students are hatching chickens in their classroom. Hopefully we will be able to retain some of them to replenish our dwindling flock. Two chickens have a respiratory infection and are taking antibiotics and one of the other chickens may be banished due to bullying behaviour. Even bullying chickens are not tolerated at Wattle Park! Please be aware that next week the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for Years 3 and 5 students will be held next Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May. These NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority.

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information is used by teachers to support learning and teaching programs and improve student achievement.

Later in the year, you will receive your child’s personal report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to National minimum standards. The best preparation for students is to ensure they have had a good night sleep the night before, healthy meals and a stress free environment that encourages students to do their best.

Thank you once again to Mrs Alison Dunn who organised the Mother’s and Special Person’s Day stall on behalf of the Parent’s and Friends Association. The students were very proud of their special purchases chosen with great care.

This year’s PFA President, Mrs Natasha Sinclair and Secretary Mrs Gemma Anderson have included a flyer welcoming new and established parents and friends to the next meeting on Thursday 11th June. Joining the PFA is a great way to become involved in the school and meet new families. Please take the time to read their message.

I’m off home now, looking forward to eating the last of the slices I purchased at the Burwood Festival cake stall. Karen Stanaway (mother of Ruby 1C) makes delicious caramel slice! Special thanks to Kerryn Sterling, SueDaglish, Sally Cleland and the many bakers for raising $1,100 for our school.

Enjoy the weekend everyone and don’t forget to pamper your mum with love on Sunday!

Regards Gayle
Prospective Foundation Parents for 2016 are invited to an information evening to be held on Thursday, 21st May at 7pm in the Foundation Classrooms. An opportunity to ask questions and gather information for Foundation 2016.

FOUNDATION 2016 ENROLMENTS

It is that time of year when schools are preparing for the following year and student numbers are critical to the school’s staffing structure.

Could you please complete the required Student Admission Enrolment Form if you intend enrolling your child at Wattle Park Primary School in 2016. This form is available from the office or on the school’s website. It can be forwarded by mail if requested.

If you are aware of any families who may live near you and have not enrolled, please encourage them to put in their enrolment forms as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.
Wattle Park is going mobile with Konnective

Konnective is a mobile app solution that will allow us to communicate with you, our parents, straight to your smartphone. You will be able to receive important alerts (similar to a text message) as soon as they are released.

Via the app, we can send communication to specific grade levels, so you will receive information specific to your child’s grade as well as general news or updates that will go to everyone. This will extend and enhance our existing communications (e.g. Newsletter, website).

For those without a smartphone, there will be a link to the general updates on our website.

Please see the instructions on how to register, log in and connect to Konnective.

Registering and logging in to Konnective

Step 1: Download the Konnective app from the AppStore or GooglePlay

Search for Konnective or use these quick links


For all other smartphones or if you don’t have a smartphone you can register on the Konnective website http://www.konnective.com.au/register

Step 2: Register with Konnective

When you open the Konnective app tap on the Register button

To register, enter your email address, first name, last name and setup a password that you will remember (phone number is optional).

You will be sent an email asking you to click on a link to verify your email address. check your spam/junk folders if it does not arrive.

Step 3: Login to Konnective

Once you have verified your email, open up the app and tap the Login button

Enter your email address and the password you set when you registered.

You’re done!

If you aren’t connected to all of the feeds you need:

Go into the Menu and select My Connections. Then hit Add (in the top right corner) and choose the business and feeds relevant to you.

You can automatically connect to any public streams (those with a Connect button) or else request Approval to be added to any other feeds that are relevant to you. Upon Requesting Approval, the connection will remain in a pending state until you can be reviewed and approved onto that feed by the school or business.

For any help or queries, please contact support@konnective.com.au

konnective.com.au
Working Bee

The entire WPPS Community is invited to take part in a Massive Tree Planting Day

Saturday May 16th 9am - 1pm
Sunday May 31st 9am - 1pm
(on either or both days)

Come for a short while or stay for the whole bee - all contributions very welcome

Morning tea will be provided

Tools to bring (for example): mattock, shovel, bucket, gloves, broom, rake

We Need YOU!

For more details please contact:
Carol Hensley (Building & Grounds Committee) - carol.r.hensley@gmail.com
Parents and Friends Association (PFA) News

We are Gemma Anderson and Tash Sinclair, and have recently taken on the role of leading the WPPS PFA. We have both been involved with the PFA for several years, and look forward to organising some fun events for the adults and children at WPPS.

The next meeting will be at Tash’s home, 2 Kemp Street, Burwood, on Thursday 11th June at 8pm. We welcome all parents wishing to find a way to help out at our children’s school, and to meet new parents. Many say that the friends you make at your child’s school are often the ones you have for life! Please RSVP to natasha.sinclair@bigpond.com if you plan on coming along for catering purposes. If you are unable to make this meeting, but wish to be kept in the loop with all things PFA, please let us know also, so we can add you as an apology and include you on the distribution list for the minutes. There are many ways to be involved, and many hands make light work!

So far this year, the PFA has organised the Movie Night, Hot Cross Bun Drive, Vision Portraits, Mother’s and Special Person’s Day Stall, and the Cake Stall last Saturday.

Sue Daglish, our local member Graham Watt MP, and Kerryn Stirling at the WPPS cake stall

A huge thank you to Sally Cleland (Nate 5T), Sue Daglish (Hugo 5J) and Kerryn Stirling (Finn 6R, Sam 5T and Louis 3N) who co-ordinated this event at the Burwood Village Festival. It was fabulous to see so many parents getting involved by making home baked goods for us to sell, and a big thanks too to those parents and students who helped man the stall on the day. We sold out an hour before closing and raised $1,100 for the school.

The winners of our Cake Stall Raffle were:

CONGRATULATIONS
to our WINNERS!

1st Prize – Kate Hearn Garden Design Consultation won by the Vagias Family (Athos FG)
2nd Prize – Hamper donated by Graham Watt won by The Ollerenshaw Family (Phoebe 4H)
3rd Prize – Scented Candle donated by the Daglish/Montague Family won by The Daglish/Montague Family! (Hugo 5J)

Most of our reminders will be sent using the ‘Konnective’ app, which is free to download from the App store or Google Play to your smart phone.

Cheers,
G & T

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Dear Parents and Friends,

The following information relates to the month of May with regards to Mandarin and Asian Studies and refers to both the Language Perfect World Championships and the ordering of Magic Mats and pens.

Language Perfect World Championships
-Monday 18th May – Thursday 28th May 2015

At Wattle Park Primary School, we will be participating in the Language Perfect World Championship competition. Students from Year 3 to Year 6 will be participating in the competition as part of their Mandarin and Asian Studies program. The competition starts on Monday the 18th May at 5pm and concludes ten days later on Thursday the 28th May at 5pm.

We wish all the Year 3 to Year 6 students the best in this competition.

MyLearningClub.com.au

Magic Mat and Pen Order
-Due back to School by Thursday the 21st May 2015.

We are also offering you the opportunity to order magic mats and pens from 'My Learning Club', which the students use in Mandarin lessons to practice their stroke and character writing and drawing skills.

Please refer to the information below for more details on the Language Perfect World Championships and for the order form from My Learning Club.

Ainslie Peszynski
LanguagePerfect

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

18 MAY – 28 MAY

languageperfect.com/worldchamps

Join over 250,000 students in the world’s largest online languages event with $25,000 in prizes up for grabs!
**Magic Mat and Pen Order**

Dear Parents and Members of the Wattle Park Primary Community,

We are offering you the opportunity to order magic mats and pens from ‘My Learning Club’, which the students use in Mandarin lessons to practice their stroke and character writing and drawing skills.

Below are some images of the various magic mats and pen you may like to order.

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The pen is $5.00 and each of the various magic mats are $5.00.

If you would like to order any magic mats for your own personal use at home, please fill in the order form below. Please remember to put both the form and money in an envelope titled ‘My Learning Club Order’ along with your child’s name and grade. Please hand the envelope to the office.

The payment is due by Thursday 21st May 2015. **No order will be taken after this date.**

We look forward to hearing how much you enjoyed using your own magic mat and pen to practise and develop your stroke, character writing and drawing skills!

Ainsie Peszynski and Gayle Cope

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Yes, I would like to order a magic mat and/or pen provided by ‘My Learning Club’.

Child’s Name ___________________________ Child’s Class __________

Amount enclosed _______ (Please note it is $5.00 per mat and $5.00 per pen)

Please tick what product(s) you would like and write the correct number of each pen and mat you want to purchase.

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Wattle Park Primary School

Open Day
Saturday
May 23
9-11 am

2015

Foundation Evening Thursday
May 21
7-8pm

wattleparkps.vic.edu.au
9808 2165
WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2015!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au
IN VICTORIA, THE PLACES WHERE CHILDREN LEARN AND GROW ARE NOW SMOKE-FREE.

From 19 April 2016, smoking is banned on the grounds of, and within four metres of all entrances to:

- childcare centres
- kindergartens (or preschools)
- primary and secondary schools.

Under the Tobacco Act 1987 smoking is now unlawful in these areas and could result in an infringement penalty of $147.

Some councils have also introduced local laws that prohibit smoking near childcare centres, kindergartens and primary and secondary schools, so make sure you check the signs.

WHY HAS SMOKING BEEN BANNED IN EDUCATION AND CARE SETTINGS?

1. To protect everyone, especially children and young people, from the dangers of second-hand tobacco smoke. There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke.

2. Children are influenced by what they see and do around them. When smokers light up in their company children notice the more they see smoking in public places the more they will tend to think smoking is okay, rather than harmful.

Please don’t smoke here.

Community attitudes towards smoking have changed. Please respect the right of everyone to enjoy clean air, by not smoking near childcare centres, kindergartens, and primary and secondary schools.
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THURSDAY – Community Room 1.45pm–2.30pm

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Parent
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Parent
St Finbar’s PS Brighton

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Parent
Ormond PS

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Most kids play video games these days, some for many hours every day, but what do we know about the impact of these games on our children and young people?

Despite the benefits games can provide, there are also a number of concerns. While promoting healthy video game play in this forum Steven Dupon explores the risks of excessive video game use and their addictive nature, the increasing convergence of video games and gambling and the inappropriate content (sexism, violence) featured in video games.

At this Parent Information Forum, Steven presents both the positive and negative impacts of video game technology. You will learn how to use video games as a positive contributor to your child's development; how to avoid video game addiction, keep your kids safe online and get advice on how to deal with the inappropriate content that often features in video games.

Steven Dupon is the Founder of www.videogames.org.au, Manager of Manningham YMCA Youth Services and Author of the ‘Video Games Report’, a study on the impact of video games on young people.

Date: Thursday 11 June 2015
Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm
Venue: Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre, 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (rear of Nunawading Library)
Further Information: Council’s Parent Resource Officer Molly Block on 9262 6175 or molly.block@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
Cost: $2 gold coin donation payable on the night.

Please note unfortunately we are unable to accommodate children in this forum.