**From the Principal ………..**

Dear Parents,

I am sending this email Thursday morning from Canberra. I can just hear the voices of the Year 5 & 6 students as they are waking and chatting with their fellow students outside of their rooms. Canberra is known for it's icy cold mornings and nights however this year we have been blessed. The days have been glorious and the nights crisp but not cold. To take 110 students interstate for a 5 day camp is certainly a responsibility that the teachers and accompanying parents take very seriously. The School Council is presented with all of our documentation regarding procedures, process and risk management. Our School Council president, Mrs Jo Holland has the arduous task of checking all medical information and emergency contact details. Ultimately the success and safety of the camp is based on all of this planning and the behaviour of the students. And we have just wonderful students at Wattle Park!

At a number of places that we have visited the students have been congratulated on the quality of their questions, how well they listen and their general demeanour as they travel around Canberra as tourists. As you can imagine, as Principal, I swell with pride.

The long bus journey was pleasantly uneventful- not one case of student or staff being sick! That's a first. I won't share too many camp stories, that's the students’ job and I'm sure there will be plenty.

Each day is action packed. Today we're off to the Electoral Commission, Old Parliament House, The National Gallery and Questacon.
Now, back at school. It's looking almost like a rural school as some year levels have attended excursions throughout the week with only a year level or two remaining back at the school site. I'd like to thank the leadership team of Ms Chadwick, Mrs Levy, Mrs Peszynski and Mr Watts for holding the fort and making all necessary decisions in my absence. They have done an exemplary job.

In light of the incident at a neighbouring primary school the leadership team and staff made a decision to ensure students accessed toilets in supervised buildings during school time. This process was implemented due to the fact the the year 5 class, Dr Jenkinson and Mr Feather are here on camp which makes the gymnasium a quieter space. The North Eastern Region of the Department of Education and Training have released a statement about the incident and advice for parents which is attached to this newsletter.

If you haven't already heard I'd like to announce that Ms Pia Chadwick and Mrs Hayley Wilson are each expecting their first child. How very exciting for them and their partners Michael and James. Wattle Park will certainly miss them both. Pia and Hayley have made significant contributions to our school in their time here, five years for Pia and one year for Hayley. Positions for their teacher replacements will be advertised later in the year.

Just a reminder that Monday is a national public holiday, ANZAC day. No students will be required at school for the day unless you would like to join us for the school's Dawn Service at 6.00a.m. Please see the attached flyer. The school's Dawn Service is very well attended. It is wonderful to see so many of our school families and members of the wider community join us in remembering all those who have fought and defended our shores. A quick 'cuppa' and ANZAC biscuit are shared along with friendly conversations after the ceremony.

I look forward to catching up with everyone on Tuesday. I'm sure there's lots to hear about this past week from everyone.

Enjoy the long weekend. I know I'll be sleeping in on Saturday morning as I'm sure will others.

Regards

Gayle

LOST PROPERTY

There have been two brand new bomber jackets not named in the lost property box. Please contact the office if you think they may be your child’s.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN’S CHECK

Just a reminder that any parent/guardian helping with excursions or classroom activities, must have a current Working With Children’s Check. Please present to the office for photo-copying if you haven’t done so already.

Gone home since last ‘The Wattle’

- Lice letters to affected classes
- Burwood Cake Stall Information
- Permission Letters to Foundation Students
- Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge
ANZAC DAY
Dawn Service, 2016

Wattle Park Primary School with the permission of ANZAC House, holds a linkage (by ABC broadcast) to the dawn service on the school grounds.

We invite any interested persons in our school and community to join us in this opportunity to remember our fallen servicemen and women.

We feel this is a great opportunity for those unable to travel to the Shrine of Remembrance for the occasion.

We shall be following the order of ceremony as directed by the ADCC (Anzac Day Commemoration Council).

We ask those interested to gather at the School Administration area by 5.45am for a 5.50am start, concluding at 6.30am on Anzac Day, Monday, 25th April. The Ceremony is an important occasion, so that future generations of young Australians do not forget the horror of war and the importance of ANZAC Day in Australia’s history.

Please join us in remembering and giving thanks to the men and women whose love and sacrifice in wartime has enabled all Australians to live in peace and freedom.

We encourage any children who may be in possession of their grandparent’s medals to wear them on the day, noting protocol; medals should be worn to the right side.

Poppies will be available for a donation of $1 (money collected shall be forwarded onto the Box Hill RSL).

The poppies can then be placed on the memorial as part of the ceremony.
Dear Parents/Carers

As you are probably aware there was a serious incident nearby at Laburnum Primary School, where a man exposed himself to two students on school grounds. We are taking this incident very seriously, and have been working with the Department to ensure the safety of our students.

Police are continuing to investigate the incident. We have taken this opportunity to remind students of how to respond if they are approached by someone they don’t know or who makes them feel uncomfortable. Student safety is always a top priority at our school, and like all Victorian schools we follow a number of important established guidelines on student safety. I would also encourage parents and carers to speak with their children about safety around unknown adults.

Some practical tips may include telling them:

- To walk directly to and from school
- Not to walk alone
- To leave the area if anything makes them feel uncomfortable
- To avoid talking to strangers
- Not to get into cars with people they do not know

Tell a trusted adult such as a teacher or parent immediately
If you have any concerns for your child please do not hesitate to contact the school, as further support is available.

Thanks

Stuart Brain
Manager Operations and Emergency Management

North-Eastern Victoria Region | Regional Services Group
Department of Education and Training
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In an emergency:
1. Call Police, Ambulance, Fire Services 000
2. Notify DET Security Services Unit 9589 6266
3. For Advice Manager of Operations and Emergency Management 83929579/0427895398
ANZAC Day Acrostic Poems

Many people died in wars,
Encourage the brave men and women always.
Memories of soldiers always with us,
Our lives are protected.
Rast in peace to our fallen soldiers
In the grounds, the poppies awoke.

ANZAC Day
Lest We forget
- Jason Year 4

Men left for war in ships,
Encouraged by the ones who didn't go
Many suffered losses of their husbands and sons;
On the fields of Gallipoli, people on both sides were falling
Resting even had the danger of attack
In everyone's hearts fear and sadness settled,
All the people still home were scared for their families.
Living through the fight was a miracle in itself.
- Matilda Year 4
Year 4 Excursion to the Polly Woodside and Cook’s Cottage

On Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} April 2016, the children in the Year 4 classrooms visited the astonishing Polly Woodside. The Polly Woodside is an old cargo ship named after Marian Woodside, but they called her Polly because she talked too much! Inside the Polly Woodside is extraordinary, but it is pretty small. My favourite part was when we went on the rope and we had to hold onto the pole while Stu pushed us. If you fell you died! Juliana

Congratulations to Isaac who took the two photos above!

Ahoy! When we step on a boat you go on with your right foot (They think it’s good luck). We went to a room shared by 16 people but there were only 8 beds! This is how it worked, 8 people would work for 4 hours then the other 8 would be sleeping then swapping. Electricity wasn’t invented so what would they use? They used coal to create fire, but they had to be careful that they didn’t burn the boat. 10 -12 year olds would be at the top of the ship climbing ropes! (The boat also shakes) They didn’t have a luxury toilet, they had a pipe that led sown to the ship (where the coal is) and they would have just used a rope for toilet paper. Yeri
Last week, students in Foundation, Years One, Two, Three and Four participated in the first of two sessions with third year Bachelor of Education student teachers from Deakin University. Liaising with supervisors from Deakin and staff from Wattle Park, the student teachers worked with small groups of our students linked to their Science focus this term.

**Foundation** – “Things that Move” linked to a transport focus with concepts of pushing, pulling, floating and flying

**Year 1** – “Look! Listen!” concepts of light and sound

**Year 2** – “Push and Pull” concepts of forces, friction and speed

**Year 3** – “Night and Day”, concepts of how the earth rotates on its axis

**Year 4** – “Smooth Moves”, simple machines design, construction and testing

The Deakin supervisors and student teachers were very positive in their comments and appreciative of the opportunity to visit our school. Wattle Park staff commented on the organisation and creativity which was displayed by the Deakin student teachers in their planning. It was exciting to see the level of engagement and enthusiasm exhibited by everyone involved. The second follow up session will occur in Week four, after the Deakin students have completed their next round of practicum placements.
Wattle Park Primary School Cake Stall @ the Burwood Village Festival 10am – 3pm

SAT 30 APRIL 2016

Donations Required – Friday 29 April
Donations of baked goods are needed to sell, suggestions include whole cakes, biscuits, slices, brownies, cupcakes, chocolate crackles, honey joys – please NO cream or anything that requires refrigeration.
Gluten free items are also very popular.
‘Biscuit Decorating’ will be a feature of our stall on the day – donations of plain sweet biscuits (i.e. Marie or Milk Arrowroot), lollies for decorating (smartries, jelly beans, snakes, jelly lollies) and tubs of pre-prepared (purchased) icing/frosting (simple, spreadable, similar to Betty Crocker frosting) are welcome.
Baked goods can be delivered to the WPPS staff room on Friday 29 April from 8.30am to 4pm. Alternatively you can deliver after 5pm to a local address (please text Meaghan Courtney on 0408 750 615 for delivery address).
Biscuit decorating ingredients can be left at the office in the marked bucket from Friday 22 April.

Packaging
Packaging will be available from Friday 22 April – pick up from the school office and before or after school care or ask your child to bring some home.
Please ensure your items are accurately labelled with your details and all ingredients, especially nuts & eggs – labels will be provided with the packaging.

Raffle
Raffle tickets will be sent home the week before the cake stall and are $2 each or 3 for $5
If you wish to enter the raffle, please return ticket stubs, marked with your name and contact #, with payment to the office by Friday 29 April. Tickets will also be sold on the cake stall on Saturday 30 April. Further tickets are available if required.
The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Monday 2 May.
Prizes include ¨ Gourmet Food Hamper ¨ Vouchers from local businesses ¨ Pamper items perfect for Mothers Day

Volunteers
Want to help out on the day selling cakes and raffle tickets? An hour of your time will be greatly appreciated – sign up on Volunteer spot  http://vols.pt/F1zZ36

All proceeds from the stall and the raffle go directly to the school.
Thanks in advance for your support.
Dear Parent/Guardian

I am delighted to invite you and your children to participate in the twelfth annual Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge (the Challenge).

In the Education State, developing our young readers is at the heart of ensuring that all Victorian children and young people have the chance to succeed in learning and in life.

For over a decade, the Challenge has helped inspire children to read more widely, more often and to develop a love of reading. The Challenge is not a competition; it’s a personal challenge for children up to Year 10 to read a set number of books over six months.

Since the Challenge began in 2005, over two million students have read an incredible 38 million books.

For children from Prep to Year 2 the Challenge is to read or experience 30 books, and for students in Years 3 to 10 the challenge is to read 15 books. For children from birth to five, the Challenge is for parents and carers to read 40 books with their child/children.

For parents new to the Challenge, you will find it’s a great way to motivate your children to read more and discover exciting new titles from the extensive list of more than 9,000 books. This list is updated regularly by an expert panel. Reading books in other languages is also encouraged and counts towards the Challenge.

Children who complete the Challenge will be rewarded with a certificate of achievement signed by me and former Premiers John Cain, Jeff Kennett, Steve Bracks, John Brumby, Ted Baillieu and Denis Napthine, who all support the Challenge. They will also have the opportunity to see their name on an online honour roll and view a special video to congratulate participants.

More information about the Challenge can be found on the official website at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc. Here you will find comprehensive information about key dates, frequently asked questions for parents and students, guidelines and the 2016 Challenge booklist which is regularly updated. You can also stay informed, share stories, tips and recommended reads on the Challenge Facebook page at www.facebook.com.au/VicPRC

Along with former Premiers, the Minister for Education and the Minister for Families and Children, I wish your children the best of luck for the 2016 Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier
The 2016 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open!

Rules for school and student Challengers

The rules and the way the Challenge operates have not changed this year.

Students must register as a Challenger and keep a record of their reading on the Challenge website.

Students must be in a Year level from Prep to Year 10 in 2016. They can be learning at a school or learning at home.

Students must read a set number of books during the Challenge:

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Consent Forms will go out on Monday 18th April. Please fill in and return to your teacher A.S.A.P
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Wattle Park Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to 16 years in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by the closing date of the challenge.

Children from Foundation to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

If you would like your child to participate, please return the attached privacy and consent form.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc
# WPPS Healthy Options Canteen Menu 2016

**Open:** Monday and Friday only

Please write your order clearly on a clean paper bag and include your name and class (paper bags are available from the canteen for 20c each, or 50c for $6, or 100c for $10)

- Use 2 bags if necessary to separate the hot food from the cold food
- Please use correct money.
- Frozen treats can be picked up from the Canteen at either first play or lunch time.

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Canteen: Joanne Bryant 0411 235 269
The kids at before and after school care have been very creative this week! Our theme for this week was 'Antarctica' and the kids approached this theme with energy and enthusiasm. On Monday, the kids created penguins out of toilet rolls, coloured paper and googly eyes. On Tuesday, the kids made blue whales out of paper plates and paint and killer whales out of paper cups and paint. On Wednesday, the kids made fluffy penguins by gluing cotton balls onto coloured paper and squids out of toilet paper rolls, bubble wrap and paint. On Thursday, the kids made seals out of paper plates and on Friday, the kids created fish out of foil and paper. A variety of Antarctica themed colouring in activities were also offered to the children and they had fun working on these throughout the week. All of the children’s creations were stuck up on a beautiful Antarctica display featuring a background of ice and water. The kids receive a real sense of pride by displaying their artwork on the wall for all to see.

Everyday, we also offer an outdoor activity. At the end of last week, we received a new supply of sports equipment. We have new soccer balls, basket balls, tennis balls, cricket wickets, hula hoops and skipping ropes. The kids have been having lots of fun with our new sports equipment. The most popular game this week has been down ball.

On Friday, the kids helped with some cooking. We made delicious toasted sandwiches with cheese and tomato. The kids loved helping with the food preparation and enjoyed having a hot afternoon tea!

We are all looking forward to see the kids next week,

From Georgia and the Camp Australia Team
Our WPPS Twilight Fete will be held on **Saturday 26th November 2016 from 3 - 9pm.**

This is a major fundraiser for the school and promises to be lots of fun for everyone. A committee has been formed and will keep you updated on all the wonderful things planned and will also seek your help towards many aspects of the day. Over the next few months there will be many opportunities to contribute your time and donations of goods etc. for the fete.

Mark the date in your diary and look out for further updates.
2016 CANTERBURY art EXHIBITION
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APRIL 29, 30 & MAY 1
Friday 29 April 7.30 - 11pm
Saturday 30 April 10 am - 5pm
Sunday (Family Day) 10am - 4pm
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MUMS PROGRAMS
1. Cardio Tennis: Have fun and keep fit! Cardio Tennis is a high intensity tennis workout for beginners to advanced players. Each 60 minute session is run with high tempo music and uses modified balls to increase rally length.

2. Ladies Coaching: A fun & challenging program designed specifically for ladies run by experienced Tennis Australia qualified coaches. It features 90 minutes of coaching followed by 30 minutes of supervised match play.

MINIS PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOL KIDS
(Learn at the same time as Mum)
1. Tennis Whiz (3-5yrs): Tennis Whiz develops FUNdamental motor skills as well as literacy, numeracy, healthy behaviour and social development through a unique story telling approach.


Teaching Venues
- Aquiniti Box Hill
- Ashburton HS
- Blackburn HS (Blacksmith Hill)
- Burwood
- Canterbury Pre School
- Templestowe Pre-School
- Templestowe HS
- North Reas
- St Thomas de Aquin Blackburn
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277-281 Elgar Road
Surrey Hills
Enquiries 9898 8589

Sausage Sizzle
Children Activities
Catch up with old friends
Official speeches at 12 o'clock
From the PRINCIPAL CLASS

Term 2 commenced very smoothly with a well-attended and successful parent-teacher interview day. After an action-packed term 1, which was very short (only 8 weeks) the Koonung community has the following key activities planned for term 2:

Wednesday 13th April
House Cross Country period 4

Wednesday 20th April
Senior Sport Day – soccer, baseball, table tennis and Yr 9/10 boys Zone Final Baseball

Friday 22nd April
ANZAC Day commemorative service – Whole School Assembly

Tuesday 26th April
Senior Boys Baseball Zone Finals

Friday 29th April
Division Cross Country

Monday 2nd May
Year 9/10 boys football and girls and boys netball

Tuesday 3rd May
Interschool Chess

Friday 6th May
Parent and Friends Association Mothers’ Day breakfast

Thursday 12th May
Senior Football, Badminton & Squash

Friday 13th May
Year 7 – 12 Golf

Monday 16th May
Year 9/10 Soccer and Badminton

Thursday 19th May
Year 9/10 Squash

Monday 23rd May
Year 7 Netball and Football

Wednesday 25th May
Year 7/8 Squash

Monday 30th May
Year 8 soccer and badminton

Thursday 2nd June
School Play (5 days)

Monday 6th June
Yr 7/8 Boys Netball, Yr 8 Girls Netball, Yr 8 Boys Football

Monday 9th June
Year 10/11 Exams begin

Tuesday 10th June
GAT Exam

Friday 13th June
Yr 7 Soccer and Badminton, Yr 7 – 9 Girls Football

Tuesday 17th June
Zone Cross Country

Wednesday 15th June
Winter Music Concert

Monday 20th June
Year 10 Work experience (5 days)

All of these events will be published using COMPASS newsletter.
THE SHACK

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  5pm - 5.45pm (Age 9-14)
- Venue: 2 Leslie Court, Burwood
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TUESDAY & THURSDAY NIGHTS

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