**From the Principal …………**

Dear Parents,

First and foremost welcome back to both Ms Megan Ganter and Miss Robyn Gilmour who have returned from their sojourns at different schools and long service leave respectively. Mrs Anna Saaksjarvi and I attended the annual Primary Schools Speech Contest on Tuesday night organised by the Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills supporting our students Aisha B 6ST and Lu H 5T. Both speeches were extraordinarily well written and presented. Aisha spoke along the topic, ‘It’s important to be on time’ and Lu, ‘I like daydreaming’. They were certainly great representatives for our school and to top it off Lu was the overall winner! So if you see Lu, please congratulate her, Lu is a quiet achiever. We are all so very proud of her achievements. See the accompanying photo.

A special thank you to Carol Hensley and the buildings and grounds committee for organising and attending the working bee last Sunday morning. Much was achieved; paths were swept, gutters cleaned, pruning of grasses, collection of rubbish, repairs to the cricket pitch and long jump pit. Thank you to the following families: Blackburn, Doig, Pleasance/Gillespie, Hensley/Hore, Lopez, Dankestreither, Ferdowsian, Baker/Holmes families for their contribution on the day.

Please be assured that although our new school perimeter fence has not yet been erected the ‘fence working party’ is certainly working hard behind the scenes. If everything goes to plan we are hopeful that the old fence will be demolished in the upcoming September holidays and the new fence erected. I have also recently had quotes and a design for new signage throughout the entire school. This information will be presented at the next finance sub-committee meeting for approval.

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**DIARY DATES**

**AUGUST**
- 14th Genes for Jeans Day (Gold coin donation)
- 17th Standardised Aths Years 3-6
- 19th Whole School Disco and Junior Art Show
- 19th Year 5 & 6 Camp Information Night 7.30pm
- 21st Incursion Tony Bones
- 25th School Council 7.30pm
- 26th Camp Information Night Years 3 and 4
- 27th Year 2 Maths Party

**SEPTEMBER**
- 2nd-4th Years 3/4 Camp Phillip Island
- 8th District Athletics Years 4-6
- 10th Music Soiree 7pm
- 10th Step Up to School Transition Night 6-7pm
- 11th Year 1 Incursion Mini Beasts
- 11th Year 2 Excursion Melbourne Museum
- 14-18th Years 5/6 Camp Coonawarra Farm Resort
- 16th Foundation Farm Expo for Parents etc
- 18th End of Term 2.30 finish—Free dress day. Donation

**OCTOBER**
- 5th Start Term 4
- 7th Division Athletics Qualify Students Years 4-6
- 13th Grandparents’ Day
- 15th Regional Athletics
- 21st Step up to School Session 1
- 22nd School Concert—Circus
- 27th School Council

**NOVEMBER**
- 2nd Student Free Day
- 3rd Cup Day Public Holiday
- 4th Step Up to School Session 2

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

For all Uniform Enquiries: wpps.uniform@gmail.com
Hopefully your children have come home excited this week talking about and even demonstrating their skills and experiences they have been learning at circus practice. I’ve even noticed already some of them practising in the grounds at break times!

If you are interested in purchasing any of the specialised equipment that students are using in their classes, order forms and envelopes will be distributed in the coming weeks. Be assured that there is no obligation to purchase these materials, only if you are thinking of birthday, Christmas or celebration gifts.

Thank you to the families who have completed the survey ‘Parent Survey of Phase 1 of implementation of our new Reporting Process 2015’. The survey is providing useful feedback for the Education Committee on future directions for our reporting process. The survey closing date is Sunday 16th August. So if you haven’t already taken the time to complete please do so prior to Sunday.  

The school would like to wish Mrs Cynthia Tuck and her husband Michael all the very best for the upcoming arrival of their second child due in September. Cynthia has been a most valued member of the Year 5 & 6 teaching team. Cynthia’s last teaching day will be next Tuesday 18th August. Stepping into Cynthia’s shoes for the remainder of this term and term 4 is Ms Annmaria Antonino who is our EAL teacher on a Friday. Most of the school community would know Annmaria as either the EAL teacher, art teacher or in days gone by Italian teacher! Please make her feel welcome in her additional role.

Don’t forget to put the date of the school disco in your diary- next Wednesday 19th August. 4.30p.m. start for Foundation students to Year 2 inclusive and 5.30p.m. start for Year 3 to Year 6 students. It’s sure to be a most enjoyable night- Megan and I will be dancing along and supervising the students too. Many thanks to the PFA for organising.

Below I have included graphs of how our Year 5 and 6 students perceive our school in terms of Student Relationships and Student Well-Being from the ‘Attitudes to School Survey’ that is administered by the Department of Education and Training each year.
Wattle Park Primary School is indeed a great school- but then again, I may be biased!

Enjoy your weekend!

Regards Gayle

Please note:

No Assembly Monday, 17th August

Notices gone home this week.

- Cookbook order form
- Book Week Celebrations
Mont Albert & Surrey Hills Schools Speech Night

Book Week
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.

From the PAC……..

Boite Thank You
Thank you to the senior choir members who attended the Boite Schools’ Chorus last Thursday at Federation Square. It was an energetic performance enjoyed by all. I was really impressed by the way the children presented themselves on stage. Well done!

Thank you to the parents who were able to take time out of their day to attend the performance.

Circus Practise
Practise for our circus production has begun. It has been great to see the enthusiasm and excitement from the children, at the skills being presented to them. It will be interesting to see the progression of the students’ skills from what they can do now to what they will be able to do on the night.

Music Soiree
Soiree expressions of interest. If you learn an instrument and would like to perform at the Music Soiree on Thursday, 10th September, starting at 7pm, please see me as soon as possible, to reserve a place.

Zelema Levy
**“WATTLE WE COOK TONIGHT?” Cookbook Order Form**

We are now taking orders for the Wattle Park Primary School Cookbook.

The Wattle Park Cookbook is well underway and printing will take place soon for you to take home and enjoy in Term 4. This Cookbook will be in full colour and be a good quality edition.

By taking orders now this ensures that the correct print run is obtained. Only one print run will occur so please take this opportunity not to miss out. The Cookbook will be great for home, for family Christmas presents and for keep-sakes for your child’s time at Wattle Park.

We ask that everyone order and pays with their orders. This will help your child as all funds raised go directly back to the school.

The book will feature the children and staff at WPPS this year. I am sure your child will have told you that they have been photographed at some stage in July.

This project will provide you and the wider community with many of the recipes made in the WPPS kitchen by our resident chef Nadia in one easy location. Families will be able to recreate these recipes at home with their children, further enhancing learning from home in conjunction with what is happening at school. This is fantastic for children who have learnt valuable skills in the kitchen as well as those working in it now and in the future.

It is also about the produce in the Wattle Park Garden - showing what is grown, when to plant and what is in season from our resident gardener Marian, including special notes on what to do in the garden each month. These notes will be invaluable for anyone interested in gardening and want to know more about our garden here at WPPS.

Cookbooks will be distributed in Term 4. Any queries please contact Sue Skinner 0418361239.

Cookbooks are $25 each. Please order today. Orders will be taken until **Friday September 4, 2015. Orders to the Office please**. Payment by cash or cheque made out to Wattle Park Primary School.

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Eldest Students’ Name: ________________
Class: ____________
Number of Cookbooks: _____________________
Total Amount Paid $ _____________________
Payment by: (Please tick)  CASH  [ ]  CHEQUE  [ ]
Next Friday, August 21st as part of our Book Week celebrations all children will have the opportunity to view performances from the Tony Bones Children’s Theatre group. A note with the details of each performance was sent home last night. Both performances and after show question and answer times are always highly entertaining and informative.

This week we also had our annual Book Fair in the Library. It was fantastic to see such an enthusiastic response from our school community. We had an enormous number of families visit and browse through the Book Fair. There was a great variety of quality titles to select from and I hope everyone has enjoyed their purchases.

This year the Book Fair raised $2300 in sales commission. Every cent of this money has already been spent purchasing new titles for the school. Mostly new books have been purchased for the Library, but I have also been able to include extra titles for Listening Post packs, Literature Circle texts and some non-fiction guided reading sets. We also received generous donations from the teacher wish lists. Thank you to the Oldfield, Gledhill, Meguerditchian, LeGet, Skinner, Anderson and Porter families. Some of our new texts will be on display at the front of the school underneath the television and on the ‘New Arrivals’ shelf outside the Library so please come and have a look at some of the items purchased through your generosity.

Thank you to Ros Cordiner for her assistance and Vicki Keith who performed duties above and beyond the call – the kids thoroughly enjoyed seeing Geronimo Stilton! Thank you also to our Library Assistants: Brynne O’Brien and Ben Richardson who did a fantastic job managing the variety table at every session, both before and after school and also to Lucy Knight and Hannah Peel who helped them. Special thanks also to Kellie McDonald and Marissa Balsillie for their calm, pleasant and efficient manner during the entire fair which can at times resembles the Boxing Day sales!

Most importantly “thank you!” to the whole school community who have so enthusiastically and generously supported our Book Week activities. It has been a pleasure to run the Book Fair this year and a great team effort has produced an excellent outcome for Wattle Park.

Kim Wheatley

Librarian
Wattle Park Winter Disco
Wednesday 19th August
Junior: 4:30pm - 5:15pm (Foundation - Grade 2)
...And Junior Art Show - Main Foyer/ hall & Art Room
Senior: 5:30pm - 6:30pm (Grades 3 - 6)
Entry is $5.00 per child payable at the door
(light refreshments available)
WPPS Students only and a KIDS ONLY event

Please join us for the
ANNUAL
Wattle Park Primary
Junior ART SHOW
19th August 2015
from 4:30pm onwards – light refreshments available in staff room
(while you’re waiting for children at the Junior disco)
Last week our Chinese visitors from our sister school in Minge Primary School arrived.

It was so very exciting for the entire school, especially at assembly when they performed two traditional items of dance and performance.

Five school families kindly offered to welcome the students and hosted them for six nights.

Here’s what some of our Wattle Park Primary School students had to say:

It was very fun to host our Chinese student, Jin. Jin was very kind to me. When I needed help she would always help me. Alia F Year 4W

Jia was very polite and we had the chance to do lots of family things together like memorable celebrations. Allegra B 5T

Jia was like a third sibling, it was like having a big sister. Jia wasn’t shy with us. Estelle B 5J

Mao was very fun to have around. She was kind to me, helping me clean my bedroom and make my bed. To talk to one another we used an app on the iPad that translated most things. Annie K 1EG

Chen Jing was a really nice kid. He really liked basketball so we got along very well. Chen Jing and I played basketball, Streetball and Lego. We used Google translate to talk to one another. We shared a room together at my house; it was like having a week long sleepover. Jimmy S 6R
Our visitors from
Mingde Primary School
China
DONATIONS OF OLD CROCKERY AND TILES NEEDED

Deborah Amon – Cotter (Ceramic and Mosaic Artist) has commenced creating mosaic tiles with our Year 5 students, to begin the First World War Centenary Anniversary Commemorative Trail around our memorial. Deborah is in need of any old or broken crockery: plates, cups, saucers in the colours of red, blue, green, yellow and black.

There will be a box placed in the Art room for donations.
Recruiting for BAND/ENSEMBLE

at Wattle Park Primary School

Students of all levels are encouraged to register their interest.

For complete beginners, our lesson programs can be tailored to fast tracking you in!

Assessment day: Week 6

Flute
Clarinet
Saxophone
Cello
Violin

Spots are limited, so hurry!

To book your place, please email
admin@music-world.com.au
Don’t forget to bring in your stickers collected from Woolworths, and drop them at the School Office!

Keep them coming, so we can earn more points for learning tools at Wattle Park Primary School!

This program runs for another four weeks and we hope to submit over 50 full sheets.

Hamish S (2D) putting our collected school’s stickers on the sheets ready to submit.

It’s back!
Help make a difference for WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL.
runs until Tuesday 9th September
Wattle Park Primary School

Contact: Gemma Anderson  Phone: 0430300249  Email: gemma.anderson@live.com

Order your Book or your Digital Membership securely online:

Alternatively, please clearly complete your details:

Name:_________________________  Phone:_________________________

Email:_________________________  __________________________________

Address:________________________________________________________________________

State:______  Postcode:_________

Melbourne Edition $65 including GST:
#_____ Book(s) #_____ Digital Membership(s) $________

Geelong Edition $55 including GST:
#_____ Book(s) #_____ Digital Membership(s) $________

TOTAL ENCLOSED $________

Payment type: ___Cash ___Mastercard ___Visa

Credit Card number: __ __ __ __ / __ __ __ __ / __ __ __ __ / __ __ __ __ Expiry date: ______ / ______

*CVV is the 3 digits on the back of your credit card

Cardholder’s name:_________________________________________  Signature:________________________

Thanks for your support! 20% from each Book sold contributes to our School
Wattle Park | 10th August 2015

New OSHC Coordinator

My name is Sarah Crameri and I am very excited to announce my appointment as the Coordinator at Wattle Park Outside School Hours Care (OSHC). I started working with Camp Australia nine months ago after I moved to Melbourne from South Australia. I have enjoyed my time as an assistant and am looking forward to the challenges that face me in my new role as Coordinator.

While I work at Wattle Park OSHC I will also be studying to complete my Bachelor of Early Childhood Education.

I enjoy cooking, craft and sport and aim to incorporate these interests and skills into the OSHC program. I am looking forward to continuing to provide a welcoming, fun and safe atmosphere for all the children who attend OSHC.

Keep an eye out for me before and after school and come and introduce yourself. I will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have about the OSHC Program.
Wattle Park Primary School Mums

FREE CARDIO TENNIS

4 WEEKS OF FREE CARDIO TENNIS IN TERM 3
Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am from 19/8 at Burwood Tennis Club

Starting from Wednesday 19th of August at the Burwood Tennis Club (driveway next to 35 Queens Pde, Glen Iris), the Toptenn Tennis Academy is providing 4 weeks of free Cardio Tennis to all Wattle Park Primary School Mums from 9:30-10:30am across 4 Wednesdays (Weds 19/8 to Weds 9/9). BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 9830 6618

Cardio Tennis is a fun, fast and social full-body workout incorporating drill and play based activities as well as music, pedometers and further fitness equipment. No previous tennis experience required. Check out the video at cardiotennis.com.au to see what Cardio Tennis is all about.

All Standards Welcome
- No previous playing history required
- Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced players welcome

Child Minding Provided While You Play

P: 9830 6618 e: info@toptenn.com.au w: toptenn.com.au

FITNESS WITH PURPOSE

- Learn Self Defence
- Develop Self Discipline
- Increase Focus & Concentration
- Build Strength, Coordination & Fitness
- Generate Positive Self Esteem & Confidence

BEGINNERS GROUPS STARTING NOW

Location: Sienna College, Wattle Valley & Riverside Roads
Time: Tuesday: 6:30-8:00pm (more times available)

"Registration before attending class is required, see contact details below"

$12 per session
Pay as you go
No lock in contracts

$95 Registration
4 Month Trial Promotion
First 20 students only

FREE Upgrade to Gold (lifetime) Membership (valued at $295)
FREE GKR Training T-shirt (valued at $20) + FREE Karate DVD* (*Family offer $30 value)

For more information, or to ask about our family discounts:
MICHÉLLE HOWARD
Ph: 0432 913 383
Milo in2 Cricket & Junior Players wanted

Surrey Hills Cricket Club is seeking Boys and Girls as Junior Players & participants in its Milo in2 Cricket program

Milo in2 Cricket for 5 to 8 year olds
(Male & Female Coordinators)
Saturdays 9.30 to 10.45am

Milo T20 Blast program 7 to 9 year olds
Friday Nights 5.00-7pm

contact Barry Cull 0408 103 971

Junior Boys -U/10, U/12, U/14 & Under 16’s
contact Mal Campbell 0411 253423

New This Year:

Junior Girls Team: 10 – 15 year olds
contact Mal Campbell 0411 253423

Register at www.surreyhillscc.com.au or visit the club registration day on 22 August 10 AM to midday (cnr Elgar and Canterbury roads)

A fun family based club for all participants