From the Principal ..........

Dear Parents,
Welcome back to everyone and we hope you all had a wonder-ful holiday! It has been great to hear the stories about family holidays, sleep overs, shopping expeditions, and sporting achievements. All the students seem that little bit taller too – and very ready for an exciting term of learning and whole school events.

Today the students recognised and celebrated Better Buddies Day. It has been great to see the students wear a touch of purple with their school uniform and be involved in activities with a buddy grade raising awareness of bullying and the importance of friendships.

Ms Annabelle Sizeland and Ms Nicole Woortman along with the student representatives from the SRC have organised suitable partnership activities between the junior and senior classes. A job well done!

Over the years my office has stored a range of different paraphernalia ranging from boxes of ‘Wattle Park Shortbreads’ to ‘Mother’s Day’ stall gifts. But during the recent school holidays I had the best and most exciting lot of boxes. Boxes and boxes of Lego Sets for the Year 5 & 6 students to build and program robots!

Dr Karl Jenkinson and Mr Daniel Watts have spent considerable time unpacking and sorting out secure storage for all of this material. I’m hoping that the students and teachers will find them to be excellent resources that integrate mathematics, science, and technology content and skills. Current research indicates that robotics engages students in complex, strategic problem-solving and higher-order thinking—a set of skills that is a high priority for 21st century education. What is more, this kind of problem-solving can be introduced in a
self-motivated way, so beginner students can experience satisfying achievements right away and can quickly move on to new challenges in a continuous progression toward greater levels of sophistication.

The year 5 & 6 team of teachers will be attending professional development sessions at Lego Docklands to ensure that they are at least one step ahead of the students to introduce these resources. I’m guessing this one step ahead may not last long!

This term we have had fifteen new students enrol in various classes across the school. We will warmly welcome them to the community at assembly on Monday. For those families who have not enrolled their child to commence in Foundation for 2017 I would ensure that you do so most promptly. Current enrolments indicate that we will have three Foundation classes next year.

It is some time since the Building and Grounds sub-committee has conducted a working bee. However the grounds are in desperate need of some maintenance, particularly pruning some of the trees that are blocking our new ‘Wattle Park’ signs and a general clean-up. If you could spare some time to join in on Sunday 24th July between 9.00-12.00 midday it would be greatly appreciated. One of the school’s many features is our grounds. But it takes a consistent and dedicated effort to ensure they remain this way. Carol Hensley although not a school council member this year has kindly offered to assist Angus MacKinnon, the new convenor of this committee to schedule working bees. It would be great to see you there.

A special congratulation to Elijah T from 6A who has been selected for the State School’s Victorian Football Carnival the following week in Maroochydore, Queensland. An outstanding achievement, considering the rigorous selection process. Fantastic effort Elijah.

Enjoy the weekend and try to catch some sun if it appears.

Regards Gayle

A place has become available for Year 5 or Year 6 student who may be interested in travelling to China as part of our sister school relationship.
If you are interested please contact Gayle at cope.gayle.1@edumail.vic.gov.au as soon as possible.
DO YOU HAVE A LEMON TREE?

The fete committee would love any lemons, oranges, grapefruit etc. for the fete. The fruit will be juiced and frozen for lots of delicious treats in November.

A box has been left at the office for your donations.

Thanks!

Notices gone home this week;

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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.

Working Bee
Sunday 24th July 2016
9.00am- 12.00pm midday
If you could spare some time please come along to help.
“Through a Soldier’s Eyes”

Congratulations to Zoe and Cameron in Year 6, along with Tom, Jack, Tyler, Seb, Louis, Lachie, Nate and Dylan from Year 4 who were awarded honourable mention certificates as part of “Through a Soldier’s Eyes”. In conjunction with Boroondara Brass and Boroondara Council, our school was invited to participate in an exhibition of student work related to the spirit of the ANZACS. In addition, three stirring movements of a new work were performed in the “Chandelier Room” at Hawthorn Arts Centre on Sunday 26th June, written by Australian composer Professor Brenton Broadstock. After the presentations, a scrumptious afternoon tea was served!
Save the Date

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Thursday 8th September 2016

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5.30pm - 6.30pm

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When it is:  Sunday 14th August 2016  from 10am - 3pm
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Welcome Back for Term 3!

Welcome back for Term 3! I’m Lizzie Spencer, and following Georgia’s return to university this term, I will be taking over as Coordinator of Camp Australia’s Wattle Park OSHC program.

I have been working in Before and After School Care since 2008 and have found it to be a dynamic and engaging career, which is deeply rewarding.

I’m looking forward to getting to know the OSHC families, and the school community and would like to invite you all to come in and have a chat, ask questions, and have a look at the activities we have going on in OSHC.

Lizzie Spencer
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