From the Principal ………..

Dear Parents,

This will be our final newsletter for this year. A number of families will conclude their association with Wattle Park Primary School as their last child graduates this year. Our best wishes and sincere thanks go to the families for their support and assistance over the years; Ballis, Beech, Chen, Cleland, Courtney, Daley, Dimitrakopoulos, Finlayson, Frausing, Hamilton, Kilburn, Lehr, Malafu, Mihailov, Moeller, Montague, Murphy, Nikou, Qodri, Shibi-Nicholl, Vassos and Williams.

To students who are leaving Wattle Park PS for a range of reasons, before the completion of Year 6, I wish you well at your new schools. I hope you and your families will look upon your time at Wattle Park with fabulous memories.

The School Council unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Finance Committee’s November report to set the 2017 Parent Payments and Voluntary Contributions for $869.00 including essential items and excursion levy.

Staffing arrangements for 2017 have been finalised. A full list of class and specialist teachers is presented below. Dr Karl Jenkinson is taking 12 months leave for a year of travel with his family. We wish Karl all the very best and look forward to his recounts of his travels throughout the year.

Mrs Katie Hardy is also taking 12 months leave to spend quality time with her family.
Dr Na Gu has been the successful applicant for a fulltime Japanese teaching position at Parktone Primary School. We wish Na all the very best. Na has been a highly valued member of our teaching team and we will miss not just her professionalism in teaching and learning but also her warmth and personality that she has brought to the staff.

Three new additions to the staff for 2017 include Ms Emma Tan who is joining us from Doncaster Primary School and Mr Ashley Walshe who will be responsible for the Physical Education programme at the school. Ms Anqi Xu has recently been appointed to the Chinese Lote position coming from Mentone Grammar School. It’s always exciting to have new staff members join our teaching team.

**Foundation**  Ms Catherine Churchward, Mrs Robyn Heeps, Ms Helen Sterling

**Year 1**  Ms Kim Duong, Ms Emma Tan, Ms Nicole Woortman

**Year 2**  Mr Richard Abell, Ms Robyn Gilmour, Mrs Julie Gledhill

**Year 3**  Mrs Melinda Downes/Ms Samantha Teng, Ms Annabelle Sizeland

**Year 4**  Mr Dan Watts, Mrs Vicki Phillips

**Year 5**  Mr James Feather, Mrs Ainslie Peszynski, Mrs Kathy Skantzos

**Year 6**  Mr Steven Donohue, Mr Hadyn Thompson

**Specialists:**

- **Art**  Mr John Davey
- **EAL**  Mrs Annmaria Antonino
- **Physical Education**  Mr Ashley Walshe
- **Performing Arts**  Mrs Zelema Levy
- **Library**  Mrs Kim Wheatley
- **Library Technician:**  Mrs Michelle Wridgway
- **LOTE Mandarin**  Ms Anqi Xu
- **Reading Intervention**  Ms Monika Sztendur
- **SSO Support:**  Ms Deb Alderson-Roes, Mr Tom Churchward, Mrs Caroline Gangell, Mrs Jo Glueson and Ms Alex Watson.
- **ICT Technician:**  Mr Ashley Flentjar
- **Gardening Staff**  Ms Carol Hensley and Mr Gavin Cass
Canteen Manager  Mrs Leanne Wren

Uniform Manager  To be advised

And of course our highly valued office staff, Mrs Helen Dalzotto, Mrs Joy Roberts and Ms Vicki Keith.

The starting day for students in Years Foundation -6 inclusive is Tuesday 31\textsuperscript{st} January. The uniform shop will be open on Monday 30\textsuperscript{th} January 11.00a.m. -1.00p.m.

The Curriculum Days passed by the School Council for 2017 – Monday 30\textsuperscript{th} January, Tuesday 18\textsuperscript{th} April, Monday 17\textsuperscript{th} July and Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} November.

Our first whole School Assembly will take place on Monday the 6\textsuperscript{th} February, at 3.00p.m. in the Gymnasium.

As the year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of all members of our community. To the talented and dedicated staff, exceptional administration team and efficient support staff, thank you.

I would especially like to thank School Council President Mrs Jo Holland and Treasurer Mr Scott Sutherland for their unwavering support for the school – staff, administration and community; their leadership of school council; their wise advice on many issues and that they always have passionate and positive conversations both public and private about our school.

Special thanks to all the parents for their extraordinary support and encouragement. Particular mention must be made of the School Council and Sub Committee members, the Fete Committee- what a superlative job this year raising over $30,000.00, the Movie Night committee, Parent Helpers, who devote many voluntary hours to ensure Wattle Park continues to be the outstanding school it is.

On a personal note a special thank you to the Leadership Team comprising Ms Megan Ganter, Mr Steve Donohue, Mr Dan Watts, Dr Karl Jenkinson, Mrs Ainslie Peszynski and Mrs Zelema Levy for their outstanding contribution to the school during a school review year.

I sincerely value their insights and suggestions with regard to curriculum and workforce issues.

One very special last mention of our outstanding uniform shop coordinator Mrs Georgia Kelly. Georgia took on the role rather reluctantly as our uniform shop manager 3 years ago, doing an absolutely wonderful job. Nothing was ever too much bother or trouble for Georgia. Georgia was often the first person new families to the school met, and what a wonderful warm, welcoming community member to greet them. Georgia would arrive early to coordinate suitable times for working parents and communicated with a friendly air to families who had no or very little English. Her smile was often all that was needed. We will miss Georgia enormously in this role. So much in fact that I haven’t yet found a replacement form the school community!

It’s not quite goodbye to the Year 6’s as we have a Graduation ceremony on Monday night to celebrate their journey at primary school. It’s sure to be a memorable night.

Thank you to all members of the Wattle Park Primary School community for your support throughout 2016 and for your many good wishes and words of appreciation.

Have a peaceful, safe and Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday period.

Warm Regards Gayle
We heard the sad news today that Mrs Gair a resident from Cameron Close Retirement Village had passed away. Mrs Gair’s grandchildren attended Wattle Park Primary School. Over many years Mrs Gair has been the organiser of our Year 1 reading program with the residents, & Year 1 & 6 Christmas parties. We thank her for her efforts to connect the students to older persons in the community. She will be greatly missed by our school. Condolences to her family & friends.

Last day of canteen will be Monday 19th December
Over the counter sales only
(no lunch orders)
Nathan’s Science Journal Entry.

2.12.16

Today Hands on Science came to our class and did lots of cool experiments with my class. My favourite thing that happened was when Alex put a drop of glycerine onto of black powder. It was boring for twenty seconds or so. Then BOOM. It exploded.

I learnt that if you feed yeast in a bottle with sugar and warm water it will activate and the gas can blow up a balloon. But if you use hot water the yeast will not activate.

I also liked the fizzing experiment and trying things out to see what happens.

VERONICA’S SCIENCE JOURNAL ENTRY

On Friday the 2nd of December 3MK learnt about HEAT in our Hands On Science Incursion. In the session I learnt lots of things by doing experiments. By doing the dye in water experiment I learnt that hot water molecules are faster than cool water molecules.

By doing the Candle Experiment I learnt that heat from a candle could spin tin foil around.

My favourite bit was when black powder and glycerine made an explosion. I had a great day at school.
FROM THE CANTEEN.........

A big thank you to one and all of you for your ongoing support and help throughout the year.

Good luck and farewell to those who are leaving.

To those who are returning, looking forward to seeing you and the new ones next year.

Enjoy the holidays!

Leanne ©
Eastern Gymnastics Club is running a fun-filled holiday program over the Summer school holidays. All sessions are taken by our qualified coaches and each includes a craft activity, a cooking activity and lots of FUN in the gym.

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**TO BOOK**
Fill out the details on the back of the form and return it with payment to the office at 21 Clarice Road, Box Hill South or enquiries@easterngymnastics.com.au.

To attend all children must be of school age in 2017.

**COST**
Each session is $30.00.
If you have multiple siblings attending the same session there is a 10% discount for each subsequent child in the same family ONLY.
Eg. 1st child $30, 2nd child $27

**What to bring**
Children are to wear comfortable clothing, no skirts or denim and should bring a labelled bottle of water and a snack.
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Join **Drama Time at Wattle Park Primary!**

An exciting and rewarding drama program for primary school children!

**Prep - Grade 6** Thursdays 1:45pm - 2:30pm on the stage in the Gym

To enrol visit [www.dramatime.com.au](http://www.dramatime.com.au) and click enrolments or phone 9525 9977

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Only $13.50 per class!

Enrolments open throughout the term.

"Eden loves her Drama class. She always comes home on Tuesdays with great stories from the session."

*Parent*  
St. Finbar's PS Brighton

"Thank you so much for having Saskia. She talks about Drama Time constantly and just loves it. I love hearing about the wonderfully creative things she does in that class."

*Parent*  
Carnegie PS

"Enrique's confidence has increased enormously over the last few years thanks to Drama Time."

*Parent*  
Brighton Beach PS
Australian Open has kids covered this summer with a new activity zone, the AO Ballpark!

$5
KIDS GROUND PASS
FOOD PARKING*

* Parktag is limited, to be booked via Ticketek

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