Dear Parents,

Has this past week only been Week 3 of school? So much has happened during this time!

I would like to especially thank all of the Foundation families who attended our welcome barbecue last Friday. As usual it was a warm night and the students had a wonderful time playing in the school grounds with their newly acquired friends. All of this would not be possible without the support of our Year 1 families; Kelly Baird, Belinda Sayers, Martin Beatie, Christina Griffin, Annabel Torney, Leesa Young, Rebecca Christensen who superbly cooked sausages and organised the event.

Monday afternoon’s assembly was indeed a highlight of this week where Year 6 students were presented with their leadership badges for the year by our local member for Burwood, Mr Graham Watt. Many Year 6 parents and grandparents were in the audience to pin their child’s leadership badge on their uniform. It was indeed a momentous occasion.

Student leadership roles challenge individuals to develop a sense of vision and purpose as they take on responsibilities and use decision making skills in order to carry a project through to a successful conclusion. They develop interpersonal and intrapersonal skills including communication, negotiation, teamwork and reflection. Students are given opportunities to develop the skills of active, reflective listeners who respond effectively as they work with others to determine and achieve collective goals. All Year 6 students are expected to model the school values of Respect, Care, Challenge, Encourage, Value, To Be Responsible throughout the year. Year 6 Leaders are given the opportunity to plan, prepare and host school assemblies, to prepare newsletter items explaining the activities they have been undertaking, and to be involved as coordinators or helpers at Wattle Park Primary School events.

Information Nights were held on Tuesday for all levels excepting Foundation. Classroom teachers and specialist teach-
ers went through the curriculum for the year as well as dates for special events and classroom routines and protocols. Thank you to all the parents who attended asking insightful questions. Information booklets are available for the school community on the school website under the ‘Learning’ tab. If you were unable to attend on the night I’d encourage you to become familiar with the content, especially the ‘Child Safe’ component where all staff and volunteers must now sign a ‘Child Safe Code of Conduct’. This is a requirement of the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority which all Government and Independent schools must adhere to. Our ‘Child Safe Code of Conduct’ form is available on the school website or hard copies are available at the office. When completed please send these forms to the school office where they are collated for audit purposes.

This morning 28 of our Year 4, 5 & 6 students headed off to Doncaster Aquarena for the district swimming sports. Congratulations to Olivia T, Mia W, Haley B, Evie G, Ava M, Holly H, Lani S, Juliana Z, Amelie G, Angelina K, Eden M, Estelle L, Sammy C, Lachie M, Aaron A, Jamieson P, Will C, Cameron H, Tom T, Ben P, Nate A, Seb M, Seb K, Rowan P, Peter H, Will V and Soul M who made it through to the heats to represent our school. We wish them all the very best.

Our uniform shop is now open monthly on the following dates: Monday 6th March, Monday 1st May, Monday 5th June 8.30am to 9.30am Only.

An email was sent to all families last week informing of changes to hours of operation. All orders and payment can still be made through the school office and the uniforms will be sent home with your child as stock arrives. Please see attachment.

Lastly, but most importantly if you would like to stand for School Council or nominate a parent to stand please collect a nomination form and return it to the office before 4.00pm Monday 27th February.

This year we have four parent vacancies and one teacher vacancy. Parents on School Council do not need to have special skills, just a commitment to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future. As a parent you can nominate or second a nomination for other parents to be on school council for the next two years. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss anything regarding nominations for School Council.

Have a lovely weekend!

Regards Gayle
YEAR 6 LEADERS 2017
CONGRATULATIONS!
SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We are indeed fortunate that we have a very active School Council who has over the years provided clear directions and stewardship for the school. In recent years the School Council has governed over considerable infrastructure growth, policy requirements as well as overseeing financial commitments and accountabilities.

School Council Elections 2017 –

Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council for Wattle Park Primary School.

All DEECD Government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of the school within centrally provided guidelines.

There are 3 possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected parent category. Department employees can be parent members at their child’s school.

A mandated elected Department employee category. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional community member category. Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills interests or experiences.

The term of office for members is two years. Half the membership must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual School Council elections. All you need is the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

Nomination forms for the vacancies on School Council are available from the Office.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Vacancies:

4 Parent members of Council

1 Staff member
SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election will be conducted for members of the school council of:

Wattle Park Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4:00 pm on:

27/2/17 (insert date and year)

The ballot will be on 4/3/17 (insert date and year).

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

[Signature]

[Date]
WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRESENTS
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FRIDAY MARCH 17, 6PM
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN COMING WEEKS

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225, WARRIGAL ROAD, BURWOOD
BARGAIN

2nd HAND BOOK SALE

Outside W.P.P.S. Library

Friday, 24th of February

8.30 - 9.00 a.m.

1.30 - 2.30

3.30 - 4.00p.m

20c 50c $1 $2

Also some lovely brand new books and posters at great prices!

*** LOTS OF GREAT BARGAINS! ***
Wattle Park Primary School
Working Bee

5th March, 9am-Midday

In preparation for Movie Night we are having our once-a-term grounds tidy up. Bring your gardening tools, brooms, rakes, secateurs and gloves (whipper-snippers would be great too if you can drive one).

Come for a short while or longer – everyone welcome and all help gratefully appreciated.

Morning tea provided!
An enormous thank you goes to Georgia Kelly from us all. As a volunteer, Georgia has maintained our uniform shop for many years. We need volunteers to assist Georgia in the uniform shop once a month, learning the ordering process, assist putting pre-paid orders together ready to send home with students or sorting second hand uniforms. Many hands make light work so talk a friend into joining you or embrace the opportunity to meet other volunteers.

Please place all orders and payment through the school office and the uniforms will be sent home with your child as stock arrives. The Uniform shop will be open once a month only in Term 1 & 2 for those needing assistance with purchases.

At this stage, if we have no volunteers Wattle Park Primary School will sadly have to close our Uniform Shop and all uniforms will have to be purchased off site.

Please consider volunteering an hour a week, fortnight or month depending on your time & area of interest.

Please complete the form below.
School Council require all volunteers to have:
Current WWCC (Working With Children Check)
Signed acknowledgement of the WPPS ‘Child Safety Code of Conduct Form’
(Available off WPPS School Website or school office)

Please consider and complete the form below and return to the office by Friday 17th February.

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Yes I would like to volunteer in the Uniform Shop for Term 1 and 2
☐ Assist in the uniform Shop once a Month  ☐ Assist with Prepaid Orders
☐ Maintain Second Hand Uniforms  ☐ Learn the Ordering Process

Name:_____________________________________________________________
Phone Number ___________________________________(To be recorded on roster)
Email address _______________________________________________________
Child’s Class _____________
No Hats No Play
All students are required to wear school hats outside during recess and lunchtimes. Any students without a hat will need to sit in the designated area. If you know your child has lost his/her hat they can be purchased from the office. Please make sure hats are clearly named.

School Subject Contributions Notices
All families should have received information regarding Parent Contributions 2017. If you have not received this notice, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Full payment is due no later than 14th March
Two instalments are due 21st February and 14th March

Please contact the office if you wish to pay by BPAY.

Please make an appointment to see Gayle if you wish to organise a payment plan.

Students have all received their books. School Council expect all school contributions to be paid no later than 14th March. For children to attend incursions/excursions, these Contributions must be paid.

Camps Sports and Education Fund (CSEF)
Please see the office for application for eligible families to receive government funding. All applications must be handed into the office by the end of term 1.

Monies to the Office
Parent/Guardians, please make sure all money be it cash, cheque or credit card payments that come to the office is in a named envelope with child’s name and class. If payments are not clearly named in an envelope it is often difficult to track.

Parking
Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking in side streets. Do not park across their driveways.


Gone home this week:
Library 2nd Hand Book Sale
Lice notices to affected classes
Alia, 11, has been sewing reusable shopping bags called Boomerang Bags. Picture: STEVE TANNER

BACKING FOR BOOMERANG BAGS

ON a trip to Queensland last year, 11-year-old Alia discovered recycled and reusable shopping bags, Boomerang Bags. Boomerang Bags was started in 2013 in Burleigh Heads to reduce the use of plastic bags in the town. Alia wanted to bring the concept to her community in Mont Albert, and Mont Albert Fresh Fruit and Vegetables was happy to get behind her. Alia and her grandmother got sewing and so far 15 bags have been made. The bags are free for customers to use instead of plastic bags. The idea being they return them the next time they visit the shop. Alia and her grandmother are hoping to sew more bags if the idea takes off and possibly offer the bags to other traders. Alia’s mum, Zoe, said her daughter had always been conscious of being environmentally friendly. “Alia has always been crafty so she enjoyed the process of making the bags as well,” she said. Details: http://boomerangbags.org/
Welcome back to 2017. I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday and is ready for a fun filled, exciting year of Performing Arts.

I’m excited to announce that Aerobics will be introduced to all students in Years 5 and 6 for 2017. Aerobics is a fantastic team building sport and provides students with opportunities to mix with different students and increase their level of fitness. They develop their memory, coordination, strength, endurance and flexibility. School aerobics is a competitive sport, however, as this is our first year, we will not be competing in any events.

Therefore, Performing Arts extra-curricular activities will be structured as follows:

**Tuesday 1:40-2:10 – CHOIR**
This will now combine Junior and Senior Choir and is offered to all students from Year 1-6

**Wednesday 1:45-2:20 – AEROBICS**
This will be offered to all students in Years 5 and 6 only

I’m extremely excited to introduce aerobics to Wattle Park PS and look forward to the year ahead. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks and I’ll see you around!

Zelema Levy
The Parenting Masterclass
How to raise independent kids

“Never before has a generation of children been so dependent on their parents.”
– Michael Grose

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Join bestselling author and parenting expert, Michael Grose for an interactive evening designed to challenge thinking and empower parents to raise independent, resilient and confident children.
Michael will share hands-on and practical strategies to help:
• Encourage independence
• Build strong, caring and cooperative family relationships
• Reduce anxiety
• Foster emotional intelligence
You’ll leave feeling empowered to move forward in raising your independent children.

National tour dates | 7–9pm | Tickets $35*

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* 10% of the proceeds will be donated to The Smith Family, helping young Australians in need to transform their lives through education.

About Michael Grose
Michael has been sharing his insights and strategies with parents and teachers for more than 25 years. Michael has been the teacher and he’s been the parent. He’s written 30 award winning books including Thriving! and is currently touring Australia with his newest release Spoonfed Generation.

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

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Only $13.50 per class!
Enrolments open throughout the term.

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Parent
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Parent
Carnegie PS

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Parent
Brighton Beach PS
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