Dear Parents,
The school would like to welcome and introduce Mrs Zelema Levy as our Performing Arts teacher for the remainder of the year. If you haven’t introduced yourself to her yet please do so. Zelema teaches on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. You can’t help but notice Zelema’s warm and friendly smile.

At the end of this term four students moved house and hence have moved schools. Four students out and five new students in! We would very much like to welcome brother and sister Phoenix K 1EG and Sydney K 4U along with Alan Y 3KS, Jeffery Z 4H and Maggie S 1C. We also have another two students arriving in August from England. So currently the school enrolment is 391.

If you have a younger sibling that you have not enrolled for Foundation in 2016 I encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

The diary for term 3 is full of school activities most notable pertaining to sporting events and camps for year 3 & 4 students and year 5 &6 students. As you can imagine teachers responsible for these activities are required to do considerable planning, risk
management procedures, all completed outside of their normal teaching duties. We are so fortunate here at Wattle Park that our teachers are committed and work extremely hard to ensure that students are provided with extra curricula activities that are safe, engaging and extend their knowledge and independence. Amelie F FS, Winter M FS, Coby S 1C, Tom H 3KS, Rory S 4H, Kristen V 5T, and Emma P 6R confidently spoke at Monday’s assembly about their school holidays. It was wonderful to hear in many cases about their travel, movie viewing and visits to different venues. How lucky are we in Australia for our children to have and afford these opportunities. Some of the latest research from MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) indicates that children as young as 4 years old can learn very sophisticated computer science concepts. They state that ‘learning is now about quickly sourcing reliable information, creative problem solving, logical thinking, self-management and mental flexibility’ which is what computer science enhances.

This term students throughout the school will be exposed to activities and computer apps that will require coding (converting a message or text into symbols and computer language) The year 5 & 6 students will be participating with Monash university students from the ‘Robogals’ program where they will learn to construct and code Lego Mindstorm robots.

A number of free coding apps are available for netbooks and ipads. I encourage you to research them with your children. I must admit that during the holidays I enjoyed immensely solving and playing ‘The Foos’. I have heard that many Year 6 students have surpassed my level of attainment. The challenge is on!

The State Government is very keen to ‘invite all Victorians to guide and strengthen the state government’s ideas through dialogue and debate, to help develop a universal and lasting plan for our state’s education future.’ So if you would like to add your ideas and read further about the State Government’s commitment to education please visit the following link: www.educationstate.education.vic.gov.au

Maintenance work completed during the school holidays included pest control, replacing pipes in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen (thank you to Mr Mark Williams, Meg’s dad for fixing), wattle trees pruned alongside the art room building and a red gum log shaped into a bench seat.

Hopefully most students are now back into the ‘groove’ of school. I did enjoy and miss the holiday sleep-ins!

Regards Gayle
JEWISH RE
Any parents wishing their children to be taught Jewish RE, please contact the office.

FOUNDATION 2016 ENROLLMENTS

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.

GONE HOME SINCE LAST ‘THE WATTLE’

- Sporting flyers
FROM THE PERFORMING ARTS TEACHER

Hi there, I’m Zelema, your new Performing Arts Teacher. It’s been great joining the Wattle Park community and meeting all of the lovely children.

Junior and Senior Choir will begin again next week with lunchtime rehearsals in the ‘new’ Performing Arts Centre or PAC (the ‘old’ Music Room).

The exciting Boite Schools Chorus festival is just around the corner for the Senior Choir on Thursday, 6th August at 1pm at the Deakin Edge in Federation Square. To purchase tickets please visit http://www.trybooking.com/IEOY.

There is a final combined rehearsal being held on Sunday, 26 July from 11am—1pm at Melbourne Girls College, Yarra Boulevard, Richmond. I look forward to seeing everyone from Senior Choir there – on time!

If you still have not returned your permission form for the Festival on 6th August, please do so immediately. Without a form, unfortunately your child cannot attend. Please see me if you need another one.

I am here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Come on down to the PAC, say hello and introduce yourself.

Thanks everyone!

Zelema

One Africa Boîte Schools Chorus 2015
6th August

One Africa: Stories, Songs and Rhythms of Africa, will blend the colourful traditions and contemporary rhythms of Africa, combining all the countries to unite as One Africa. Artistic Direction by Senegalese performer Lamine Sonko. Hundreds of voices backed by full house band. Over 1000 students from 52 schools from across Victoria will perform in the Boîte Schools Chorus this year. No refunds on unused tickets.

Venue

Deakin Edge Theatre
Federation Square
Cnr Russell Court and Flinders Street
Melbourne, Victoria 3000

The booking link for the Boîte Schools Chorus tickets is:
http://www.trybooking.com/IEOY
**2015 Book Fair**

Our fantastic 2015 Book Fair will be held in the library on:
- Monday, August 10th
- Tuesday, August 11th
- Wednesday, August 12th

We will be open for browsing and sales from 8.30-9.30 and 3.30-4.30 each day.

Everyone is welcome.
See you all in the Library!

Kim Wheatley  Librarian

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**Canteen**

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Canteen will run with a very limited menu this **Monday 20th July**.

Please understand that choices you make may be altered out of necessity.
Thank you for your understanding & co-operation

Allison Dunn
We are in need of small track suit pants as emergency clothing.
If you have any please drop them off to the First Aid Room.
Wattle Park Primary School
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Congratulations to your students for answering 432,418 questions and scoring 149,851 points during the Language Perfect World Championships 2015. Your school finished as the Top Chinese School in VIC out of more than 150 schools.

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

2ND CHINESE SCHOOL IN AUSTRALIA

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Congratulations to your students for answering 432,418 questions and scoring 149,851 points during the Language Perfect World Championships 2015. Your school finished as the 2nd Chinese School in Australia out of more than 500 schools.

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Shane Smith
Co-Founder and CIO, Education Perfect
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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
2015

3RD CHINESE SCHOOL

Wattle Park Primary School
Australia

Congratulations to your students for answering 432,418 questions and scoring 149,851 points in Chinese during the Language Perfect World Championships 2015. Your school finished as the 3rd Chinese School out of more than 1,050 schools from around the world.

Craig Smith
Co-Founder and CEO, Education Perfect

Shane Smith
Co-Founder and CTO, Education Perfect
Dear Parents and Friends,

The following information relates to Term 3 in Mandarin and Asian Studies and refers to upcoming events both within our school community and out in the wider community. This Mandarin and Asian Studies update, also includes copies of the awards that our outstanding students won during the 2015 Language Perfect World Championships.

Enjoy reading about what Mandarin and Asian Studies has going on in Term 3!

**Events and activities within our school community**

**Sister School Visit**

From the 31st July to the 7th August, Wattle Park Primary School will be hosting a group of students from our sister school – Mingde Primary School. Please make welcome our sister school students and their teacher Shirley Zhang Xueli. It is sure to be a great experience with our students using and learning more Chinese during this time as well as being promoters of both our wonderful school and our lovely city, Melbourne.

**Language Perfect**

Just to update parents that the Language Perfect World Championship certificates will be handed out at assembly on Monday 20th July at 3pm. If your child achieved a Credit, Bronze, Silver, Gold or an Elite certificate during the 2015 Language Perfect World Championships, then this will be the date and time they will be presented with their certificate.

Language Perfect will continue to be used in Mandarin and Asian Studies sessions for Years 3-6, in the classroom as well as at home weekly for language development. Our school is currently a five star rating Language Perfect school and this is based on our students continued commitment both at school and at home. Please encourage your child/children to actively engage and participate in Language Perfect so that Wattle Park Primary maintains this fantastic status.
Moon Festival Celebration for WPPS Families

The Moon Festival will be celebrated in late September in 2015 and the school community will be invited to celebrate the festival over lunch. Details and dates are yet to be confirmed, but please keep an eye out in upcoming newsletter entries for more information.

Events and activities out in the wider community

If you are looking for things to do as a family, please refer to some of the following activities for some ideas.

Pandas 3D: The Journey Home
Marvel at the mysterious pandas on Melbourne's biggest cinema screen at IMAX. Pandas 3D: The Journey Home is a ground breaking documentary that captures highly endangered pandas at Bifenxia Panda Base being prepared for release back into the wild at Wolong National Nature Reserve in China.

ChinaTown Market
The Chinatown Night Market is a feast for all things food. For those wanting to eat scrumptious food: dumplings, rice, noodles, satays, cakes and have a look in souvenir stalls, jump on a train into the city and go to the Chinatown Market in Heffernan Lane Chinatown.

The night market is held on the 3rd Friday of every month with the next market date being on Friday 17th of July 2015 from 4pm to 10.30pm.

Louise Multicultural Community Centre
For those people wanting to meet people from more than thirty different countries then the Louise Multicultural Community Centre is for you. The main aim of the centre is to support refugees arriving into the City of Whitehorse, with the centre focusing on providing people with a sense of belonging and inclusion. At the centre, there are many social groups and activities available from dancing and singing, to craft and computer classes. Please check out www.louise.org.au for further information.

Melbourne Chinese Museum - Chinese Anzacs: Chinese Australians and World War One Exhibition & Flora Masterworks by Chinese Master Painter Wenli Huang
Up till the 31st July 2015, the Chinese Anzacs: Chinese Australians and World War One Exhibition will be taking place at the Melbourne Chinese Museum. The Chinese Museum has been researching the untold stories of Chinese-Australian war contributions both at home and abroad.
Then from the 8th to the 31st August, the Melbourne Chinese Museum is hosting ‘Flora Masterworks by Chinese Master Painter Wenli’. This exhibition presents paintings by notable Chinese painter and calligrapher, Huang Wenli. Ms Huang was born in Shenyang and graduated from the Lu Xun Academy of Fine Arts, in Liaoning Province. She is a professor at Beijing National University as well as a Master Instructor at Liaoning Province’s Artists Association.

I hope you all enjoy the term ahead.

Ainslie Peszynski
Mandarin & Asian Studies Coordinator
DONATIONS OF OLD CROCKERY AND TILES NEEDED

Deborah Amon – Cotter (Ceramic and Mosaic Artist) will be commencing next week with our Year 5 and Year 6 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 of any color or pattern. Left over ceramic tiles from kitchen or bathroom renovations would also suffice.
There will be a box placed in the Art room for donations.
“Mulga Bill’s Bicycle”

We were so proud of the Year Two students in their rendition of A.B. Paterson’s, “Mulga Bill’s Bicycle” to family and friends on Friday 26th June.

Many thanks to all, for their support of our “Oden Days” celebration.
PIZZA DAY – FRIDAY 24TH JULY 2015

Bakers Delight Burwood One are again offering us a fantastic special lunch day. For $6.00 students can choose from a freshly baked Pizza (4 flavours) and drink. This is a wonderful fund raising opportunity for our school as well as a great alternative lunch (Spelt pizzas are also available). Please note: The school canteen will be closed on this day.

Please return the attached envelope and money to your class room teachers by Monday 20 July.

Please contact Kellie McDonald on 0412 767 211 if you have any queries.
Photography has begun.

If we do not have a form for your child, they will not be included in the Cook Book. Please return this form no later than Monday, 20th July. Forms received after this date will not be included.

**WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL COOKBOOK PHOTOGRAPHY PERMISSION FORM**

Since 2012, the children of Grade 3 & 4 at Wattle Park have enjoyed growing, harvesting and preparing fresh food. We are pleased to announce that Term 4 2015 will see the publication of a seasonal, fresh-produce cookbook including many of the garden ideas and recipes of our resident experts Marian and Nadia.

We would like to invite all the children from the school to be photographed and included in this great project. No children’s names will be included. All proceeds raised from this book will go toward improving the facilities and resources at Wattle Park Primary School.

More information regarding the cookbook will be out soon.

Please return the signed permission slip below, to the office **by 12th June 2015** to be included in this project.

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**PERMISSION SLIP – IMAGES OF CHILD**

I have read and understood the information provided with this form.

I give permission for Wattle Park Primary School to use images of my child / children named below in their upcoming cookbook.

**NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:** ____________________________

**SIGNATURE:** ____________________________

(Please print)

**STUDENT NAME:** ____________________________  Class ______

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**STUDENT NAME:** ____________________________  Class ______

**DATE:** ____________________________

*Forms returned after the due date will not be included*
Wattle Park Primary School

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Join Drama Time at Wattle Park Primary!

Prep - Grade 2 Thursdays 1:45pm - 2:30pm on the stage in the Gym
Grade 3 - Grade 6 Thursdays 1:45pm - 2:30pm in the Community Room

To enrol visit www.dramatime.com.au and click enrollments or phone 9525 9977

Only $12.50 per class!
Enrollments open throughout the term.

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