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

Dear Parents,

Last night Dr Na Gu and I attended an Asia Forum at Melbourne University regarding children from English speaking backgrounds learning an additional language. Statistics were shown of how ten years ago it was considered an important skill for students to speak more than their native language in a globalised community but now it is considered a necessity. The presenter spoke about how historically for the past two hundred years English has been the dominant language that is spoken globally as a first and second language. However that may not necessarily be the case for the future in which our current students will live.

So, this morning I popped into Foundation S class and asked how many students could speak more than one language and it was approximately 50%! That certainly surprised me. Arabic, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese and Italian were representative languages that could be spoken fluently.

It certainly reinforced the importance of our Chinese program at the school. Most English speaking students here will not become fluent speakers of Mandarin however we are giving them an understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture and the opportunity to learn and improve their Chinese language skills.

We are so fortunate to have Na as our language teacher who has a doctorate in languages and speaks English, Mandarin and Japanese fluently. Learning a language is difficult and challenging. It takes an extraordinary amount of practice and diligence. Listening to secondary students present last night who were not native speakers of Chinese demonstrated that with commitment and passion it is definitely possible and what a reward to be able to do so!
Some staffing news. Ms Megan Ganter is expected to return at the commencement of term 3 as our assistant principal. Megan has finished her short time placement as acting principal at Highvale Primary School which she particularly enjoyed. Mr Steve Donohue who has been Megan’s replacement during this time is certainly not going anywhere! With some creative planning, we have been able to ensure that Steve stays with us here at Wattle Park Primary School as a classroom teacher. Steve is a wonderful addition to our leadership team and has enhanced our teaching and learning programs at the school in even just a short time here.

Dr Jenkinson and Mr Daniel Watts have been busy spending lots of money on our Science resources at the school. We are awaiting a delivery of Lego Robotoics that students in Years 5 & 6 will be utilising in Term 3. For a number of years now we have had ‘Robogals’ conduct robotic activities with our students that were rated extremely engaging and highly valued by our students. The activities require the students to not only build the robots but also use code in order for the robots to negotiate their way through a maze. Thanks to the support of our parent community in paying student fees and fundraising by the ‘Parent and Friend’s Association’ we are now able to purchase our own resources. ‘Robogals’ will still visit and conduct sessions here at school but it’s great to be able to build on their inspiring initiatives.

We already have a number of Beebots and Pro-Bot cars that were purchased through our ‘Earn and Learn’ program where students in Years Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 are using basic programming instructions and applying problem solving and creative thinking strategies.

For something fun for parents and students, try an ‘hour of code’ to create shapes and drawings using https://studio.code.org/s/artist/stage/1/puzzle/1

A great weekend activity, considering the weather forecast for Melbourne!

Just a reminder that Student June Reports are to be distributed next Wednesday. If there are any issues or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher for an appointment.

Take extra special care on the roads when the days are darker and the road conditions are slippery.

Last week of school next week with an early finish on Friday. Yippee!

Regards Gayle

Gone home since last ‘The Wattle’
Dear Parents,

Wattle Park PS is participating in a very special event titled ‘Our Sunset, My World’. It is the first ever public ‘Exhibition of Victorian Schools Art’ for students from primary and secondary schools to be held at FEDERATION SQUARE, using both the Atrium and The Edge Gallery. The Exhibition will form part of the Cambodia Australia New Zealand Friendship Festival and now has over 100 schools participating.

The Year 4 students have collaborated during their Visual Art classes to create three pieces of artwork depicting the city, coast and outback. These artworks are a gift to the children of Cambodia. The artwork will be silently auctioned on Saturday 23rd July at Federation Square. There will also be a LIVE AUCTION of a selection of paintings by the children from ODA and amazing photos from a student saved from the streets of Phnom Penh through FLAME CAMBODIA/Bong Paoun.

The theme of the Exhibition, ‘Our Sunset, My World’, is to inspire our children to appreciate and value the rich diversity of ‘their’ world appreciating how ‘lucky’ and blessed they are to live in a country like Australia. The Exhibition will have the dual purpose of highlighting our children’s art while raising awareness and funds for disadvantaged children in Cambodia, providing them with much needed opportunities for education and a future. To read more, see: https://www.facebook.com/haveaheartforcambodia.

The Exhibition will be open from 10:00am on SATURDAY 23RD JULY 2016. There will be an Official Opening at 3:00pm featuring performances and the LIVE Auctions. Please support your school and this Event by joining us at Federation Square.

Thanks,

John Davey and Zelema Levy
FOUNDATION 2017 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 2017. 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.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

The Uniform Shop will not be open this coming Monday 20th June. It will open instead open Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8.40am.
Winter Solstice

Last Day of Term Special Lunch

Hot dog
Mineral water
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Mystery item!

Total $5.00

Orders in by: Wednesday 22nd

**Extra hotdog ($2 each)

** GF option: Bag of Mini Frankuts (no roll)
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Any queries please contact WPPS Parent Shelley Bustos – shelleybustos@gmail.com
Mini Wimbledon June/July
Holiday Tennis Clinics 2016

2 WEEKS OF TENNIS & MORE!

- Week 1: Mon June 27th – Fri 1st July (BURWOOD TC & DEEPDENE TC)
- Week 2: Mon July 4th – Fri 8th July (BURWOOD TC & NORTH KEW TC)

**TENNIS**

Half Day Options Available Everyday
- 9:00-11:00: Hot Shots Mini (4-5yrs)
- 9:00-12:00: Hot Shots Red (5-6yrs)
- 9:00-1:00: Hot Shots Orange (7-8yrs)
  Green (9-10yrs) and Yellow (11+yrs)
- 1:30-3:30: Doubles and Singles
  Match-play (8-17yrs). Selected Days Only
Full Day Option Available
- 9:00-3:30pm (Tennis & KidZone)

**NEW!**

**KIDZONE**

- 11:00-1:00 or 11:00-3:30: Fun Activities including movies on the big screen, board games, futsal, Arts, Crafts & Nintendo Wii. (4-12yrs)

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Wednesday 29th June 10-11am

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Come along for a fun day of baking and decorating!

Thursday 30th June 2016
10am – 3pm

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For children aged 8-13 years old

All equipment, tools and ingredients provided

Learn from an award winning sugar flower and cake artist

Each child will take home a decorated cake, cupcakes, sugar figurines and more!
KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOPS
AT THE ASHBURTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Make Your Own Terrarium
Monday 27 June, 9.30am - 11.30am, Cost: $30
Make your own little world in a jar – in this kids workshop you will put together a mini scene with rocks, plants, moss and a figurine. All materials provided. Suitable for kids 6-12. Sibling discount available. Book Online: https://www.trybooking.com/LVXF

Papercraft & Origami
Wednesday 29 June, 9.30am - 11.30am, Cost: $30

Stop Motion Film Making
Friday 1 July, 9.30am - 11.30am, Cost $30
Here’s your chance to call ‘action’ on your own mini movie in this 2 hour workshop. We’ll be setting up scenes, planning our stories and directing our own stop-motion movies. Bring your own iPad or tablet (and stand, if possible) pre-loaded with the free app ‘Stop Motion Studio’. Suitable for kids 8-12. Book Online: https://www.trybooking.com/LVYB
Winter 2016
School holiday activities in Whitehorse!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

BOX HILL COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE (BHAC)
Bookings essential: 9838 8900
www.bhac.com.au

Street Art Aerobus Project (10+ years)
Are you interested in street art and design? Over three sessions, you will be guided by street artist Michael Parks to design and complete a mural on the water tower near the recreation of BHAC. BYO lunch.
When: Wednesday 25 June, Thursday 30 June and Friday 3 July, 10.30am-2.30pm
Cost: $190 for 3 days
Papercrafting: Waxing Winter Sports (9+ years)
Use paper and the stop motion process to create and make your very own movie. BYO lunch.
When: Monday 27 June, 10:30am-3pm
Cost: $90.00
Intro to Knitting: Winter Woodies (9+ years)
The introduction to knitting class shows you how to make your own scarf, and you will walk away with your own knitting needle!
When: Wednesday 6 July, 11am-2pm
Cost: $45
Basket Weaving: Vine Baskets (8-9 years)
Learn how to weave a beautiful vine basket out of organic materials sourced from the earth.
When: Thursday 7 July, 12:30pm-3:30pm
Cost: $20

Urban Safari! (8-10 years)
Use photography, drawing, painting and collage to discover the wonderful world of animals, both real and imaginary. BYO lunch.
When: Monday 4 July, 10:30am-2:30pm
Cost: $60

Circus Stars (6-12 years)
Learn 16 amazing circus skills including juggling, juggling, rhythmic diabolo and acrobatic balance. At the end of the class perform a spectacular circus show for friends and family.
When: Thursday 7 July, 10am-1pm
Cost: $45

Family Mosaic – Pavé for the Garden (9-12 years)
Over two sessions, families work together to create their own fun mosaic pavé for their garden. Suitable for families with children 6 years and older.
When: Wednesday 6 July, 2:30pm-4:30pm and Thursday 7 July, 2:30pm
Cost: $66 for 2 days (1 adult and 1 child, extra participant $14.50)

All Day Art Day – Winter Wonderland (6-12 years)
Using chcolate snowballs in the kitchen, make magnificent polar bears out of clay and paint your very own winter landscape inspired by Munich or Morzine.
When: Friday 8 July, 9:30am-2:30pm
Cost: $59

SPORTLINK
Bookings essential: 9838 7711
2 Bunyar Road, Vermont South
www.sportlink.org.au

Monday 27 June to Friday 8 July, 8am-5pm
facilitated by Kelly Sports, kids will enjoy an array of activities including sports, games and arts and crafts. Half day and full day options available. Suitable for 4-12 year olds.
Visit kellysports.com.au to register.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

WHITEHORSE CENTRE
Bookings essential: 9832 6555
Rear of 597 Whitehorse Road, Narre Warren
www.whitehorsecentre.com.au

Hiqpo Hiqpo! A BIG NEW Musical Adventure!
Based on the book by Hazel Edwards. There’s a Hipopotamustion on Our Roof, Eating Coke. Hipipo is the imaginary friend of Girl, who believes that Hippo lives on the roof and can seemingly do anything he wants – particularly the things that girls can’t. Join us as we explore this magical world with the power of imagination. A new production for the very young.
When: Thursday 7 July, 10am and 12pm
Ticket: $12 (Children), $17 (Adults).

YOUTH CONNECTIONS
Details: 9838 3900
Suite 2, Level 1, 1 Box Hill Central, Box Hill

AQUALINK

Get down to Aquakids these school holidays for hours of fun! Kids must be able to swim in deep water.
Aquakids Box Hill
Sunny Creek, Box Hill
Contact: 8936 2030
Blue Boards: 12:30pm, 1:30pm and 2:30pm
Turtle Ropes: 1pm, 2pm and 3pm (5+ years)

Aquakids Narre Warren
Foster Park, Forest Hill
Contact: 9879 4579

Reef Surf: Cross Inflatable: 12:30pm to 1:30pm
Suitable for 5+ years
Turtle Ropes: 2:30pm to 3pm
Suitable for 5+ years

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Events Calendar these Holidays Include:
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● Science Day
● Comedy Day
● Australian Geography
● Dress for Work
● Mirror Mirror
● Glow-in-the-dark Party

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Peter Caruana
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petercaruana@bigpond.com
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