Dear Parents,

I’m not sure whether your children are counting but it’s only 8 sleeps until the fete! There are lots of last minute notifications that are being sent via Konnective and this newsletter to ensure the smooth running of the day. If you haven’t already signed up to assist on the day or for the Sunday morning clean-up please do so via this link http://signup.com/go/wDburm.

I know that the fete committee have already done an amazing amount of work and contacted community members but if you aren’t involved yet your time and efforts would still be greatly appreciated.

We also need families to attend the next working bee this Sunday morning for 9.00-11.30a.m. It is the last one for the year. At the last working bee a total of two families helped out on the day- leaving the many tasks to only a few. The more helpers we have, many more jobs will be achieved so our grounds are clean and safe.

Next Tuesday night at our School Council meeting our external school reviewer from National Curriculum Services, Mr Chris Wardlaw will present to council members his review of our school over the past four years as well as the direction for the next four years. This will assist us in writing our next Strategic Plan for 2017-2020, which is actually a frightening thought! Chris has looked very closely at all data sets that are formulated by the Department of Education and Training and makes recommendations as to what the school has done well and areas of focus for the next four years.

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN:
MONDAYS AFTER THE AFTERNOON
ASSEMBLY & WEDNESDAYS 8.30-9.30am

For all Uniform Enquiries: wpps.uniform@gmail.com
Having just read the draft report, it is reaffirming of the fact that Wattle Park Primary School is indeed a great school with a connected and supportive community.

You may have seen a number of workmen around the school in the past few weeks. This week we have had two new air-conditioners (reverse cycle) installed in our Performing Arts Centre - just in time! The pergola that has been constructed over the Year 3 & 4 entrance will be painted next week and then during the January school holidays new carpet will be laid in the administration building including the Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 classrooms and the library! I am also in the process of contacting a landscape gardener for a concept drawing for the area between the gymnasium and the Performing Arts Centre. It is envisaged that this space could be a quiet, contemplative space with seats and a protective sail where students and parents could congregate.

This week there have been a number of interview panels for new staff who are commencing next year. Dr Na Gu our current Chinese teacher has been the successful applicant for a full-time Chinese teacher at Parktone Primary School. We will certainly miss Na who has been a most effective and dedicated teacher of Chinese language and culture.

Mr James Feather will be staying on next year as a full-time classroom teacher. We are in the process of appointing a new physical education teacher for 2017.

The school has a very comprehensive and highly regarded transition program where students are introduced to the classroom spaces they will be in for the following year. This process commences at the beginning of term 4 and culminates in the final transition day on 6th December where students meet their actual class teacher and class mates for the following year. Classes have already been formulated and now Megan and I have the arduous task of going through every student’s friendship list ensuring that every student has at least one friend and classes are balanced in terms of academic abilities, emotional and social needs. It takes considerable time but what certainly helps is the knowledge that we have of every student that we have built over the time we have been here at Wattle Park.

A number of issues have been dealt with this week regarding student’s more than usual ‘risky’ behaviour. Please take the time to reiterate with your children about the need to think carefully before they make a decision that could impact on their physical safety and also emotional well-being. This is especially pertinent at this time of the year as we approach the holiday period. Primary school students do need to be monitored when they are on social media sites. Most of these sites have a recommended age of thirteen or over. We certainly want our children to develop independence and sometimes to make the right choices students need to have learned by making the wrong decisions. But we do want to limit the impact of wrong decision making. Our attitudes to school survey data which is completed by Year 5 & 6 students each year state categorically that our school is a very safe place. We want to keep it that way!

See you at the working bee.

Regards Gayle
WPPS WORKING BEE

Sunday 20th November 2016
9AM TO 11:30AM
Last working bee for the year.
Please bring your gardening gloves, brooms, secateurs, weeding tools and a smile.
Come for a short time or the whole time!
Any help is appreciated.
Morning tea will be provided.
Year Two

Party Maths Night 2016

On Thursday 10th November, the Year 2 students accompanied by an adult, took part in the annual ‘Year 2 Party Maths Night’. Students enjoyed a fun filled night of maths activities and tasks.

Read on to find out what the Year 2’s thought of their Party Maths Night.

"The Party Maths Night was AWESOME! I loved making the hat with big pom poms for my Mum." Abi

"I had fun playing the Bean Drop game with my Dad and brother Jimmy. My Dad was good at estimating and he even beat me." Charli

"I liked guessing how many candies were in the candy jar. I was very close to the correct answer." Ava

"My Grandfather and I had a try at estimating how far the balloon would fly. My grandfather beat me, but I was only 30cm behind." Liam
"The Maths Night was fun! My favourite part was eating and ripping the Minnie wrapper and my Dad's favourite part would have been the Minnie measurement too". Noah

"At the Party Maths Night, I enjoyed the Caterpillar Cupcake game because I won both prizes with my estimates of how long the caterpillar was and how many Smarties there were on the caterpillar." James I.

"I liked the Minnie Taar activity best because you get to measure how long you could make you wrapper." Ella

"I really enjoyed the Bean Drop Estimation activity. My Dad beat me by 26 points." Caleb

"My Dad and I enjoyed estimating how long the cupcake caterpillar was." James D

"I loved playing the Bean Drop estimation game with Dad. I went first and Dad went second. My Dad won 23 - 18." Lola

"Dad and I played Numbers and Odd Numbers and the aim was to get to 15. I won 3 times in a row and Dad only won once." Cody

"Mum and I played boxed in and we really loved it. My mum won by two boxes. The score was 11 to 9. We had a great night." Ruby

"My favourite part of the night was making party hats with my Dad. We loved it!" - Annie

"The Party Maths Night was really fun and my Dad and I loved all of it. My favourite part was estimating how long the Cupcake Caterpillar was and then eating it." Holly

"My dad and I loved wrapping the presents and both of the estimates we gave were just right!" Ashley

"My Mum and I enjoyed playing all the fun games at the Year 3 Party Maths Night. My favourite game that I played was estimating how many lollies were in the jar. Mum's favourite activity was Make it 25." Oscar

"On the Party Maths Night, I enjoyed estimating the lolly jar." Erik

"My Dad and I played Boxed In. I got 43 and Dad got 25. It was really fun and we enjoyed it." Tirty
"I loved playing the Balloon Measurement game with my Dad and also knocking the cups over in Skittle Cups." Clara

"The best bit was playing the skittle addition. I got 20 downs out of a possible 50." James Q

"My favourite part was when my Dad blew up a balloon and we got to measure it with a trundle wheel." Naomi C

"My Dad and I thought it was the best party ever. We enjoyed making the fairy bread and working out the fractions. I also enjoyed the Bean Drop estimation task. I got 48 bean in the jar." Hadiya

"I enjoyed playing Make it 15 and Boxed in. Some games I won, other games Dad won." James I

"One of my favourite activities was the Fairy Bread Fraction task. I liked it because I did maths and I ate fairy bread." Ethan

"My three favourite maths activities were the Skittle Addition, the Bean Drop Estimation and the Mintie Measurement Tear. My Dad and I had a lot of fun." Lachlan

I had a go at the Skittles game. I enjoyed estimating how many I knocked down and then finding out the correct answer. It was really fun." Phoenix

"Mum and I liked the Bean Drop. My Mum got a really high score. She got 97." Alice

"The two activities I really liked, were the Lolly Estimate and the Mintie Tear. It was a great night, I really liked it." Sasha

"I liked estimating the number of Smarties on the cupcakes with my Dad." Sofia

"My Mum and I liked eating the Minties as well as ripping up the wrapper and making it as long as we could. Mum beat me, she had a longer wrapper!" Archie
"Mum and I enjoyed making a Party hat for Mrs P. Mrs P loved it! We also enjoyed wrapping the present and measuring how long it was." Emma

"I really enjoyed bowling." Max

"Dad and I had lots of fun playing Boxed in. I also had fun making the party hat." Revi

"I had a great time with my aunty at the Party Maths night. I think she enjoyed the Mintie Wrapper Challenge and I enjoyed trying to get the balloon as far as I could, then measure it with the trundle wheel." Jack

"My Mum and I really enjoyed the Party Maths Night. The best bit was beating Mum at Boxed in." Maggie

"My favourite part of the Party Maths Nights was knocking down the cups and counting up how many I hit." Jerry
Please like our Facebook page to keep up with all the news of the Fete.
TWILIGHT FETE & FIREWORKS
SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 3PM
STALLS ~ FOOD ~ RIDES ~ ENTERTAINMENT
WATTLEPARKPS.VIC.EDU.AU
WHOSE INVITED? Families (preschool & primary) and anyone else who'd like to join us! Please note: Children will remain in the care of their parents – not a drop off activity

WHAT’S HAPPENING? Christmas Craft, make Yummy Treats, a Scavenger Hunt, Carols, free play & a shared meal (all provided)

WHEN? Saturday 10th December 5.00 - 7.00pm

WHERE? Surrey Hills Uniting Church cnr Canterbury Rd & Valonia Ave

WANT TO KNOW MORE? Talk to Rob on 9898 1097 or via email on robgotch@optusnet.com.au or Annabel on 9898 5236

Come and make something for you to take home and, if you wish, make some decorations to give to families who may not have so much to share at Christmas.

We will make a Christmas hamper to donate through Burwood Heights Uniting Care – if you would like to bring something that will last a few weeks without refrigeration to add to the hamper you are most welcome.

www.surreyhillsuniting.org.au
SHBCC pop-up mini Market

- Boutique market stalls
- Children’s entertainment & activities
- Live music
- Sausage sizzle
- Silent auction
- Pre loved children’s toys, books & fashion
- Bake sale
- Family friendly alcohol free community event

Sat Nov 19
277-281 Elgar Road, Surrey Hills
3 – 7pm

For stall holder enquiries please call 9898 8589
Freshly Cut Christmas Trees
ON SALE!
1st Vermont Scouts
483 Canterbury Rd, Vermont
Near Cnr of Mitcham & Canterbury Rds
EVEN SAT & SUN
FROM 27TH NOV
TILL 17TH DEC

A variety of different size Xmas Trees will be available.

All profits go to supporting the 1st Vermont Scout Group
We want you at the Ashy Redbacks in 2017

All girls aged between 10 and 17 years are invited to come and try girls footy.

When
- From 5:00 - 6:00pm
- Tuesday 29th November
- Tuesday 6th December
- Tuesday 13th December

Then come and be a part of our Kicking Clinics being run on the same nights from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Available for all current and new girls.

Note: Runners, not boots please.

Questions Call Kim on 0402 045 800
Burwood Reserve top oval
282 Warrigal Road, Burwood, 3125

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A SONG for Christmas
A Christmas Musical Play for all the family

Opening Night Charity Event
Saturday 3rd of December at 8pm

All Tickets for Adults $20
(Children admitted free)

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at:
Revival Centres Church Hall
225 Middleborough Rd.
Box Hill South VIC
(next to Officeworks)

Bookings through Karen Fuhrmann
on 0412 247 456 or email: karen@fuhrmann.id.au
PLAYBALL BASKETBALL
TRAINING @ AQUALINK & CAMBERWELL HIGH
FRIDAY TERM 1 2017 YEARS 1-4

BASKETBALL TRAINING
Playball is now taking registrations from current PREP to Year 3 Boys & Girls to commence training in Term 1 at Aqualink & Camberwell High. 40 minute weekly Training by Playball Coaches prepares children for Friday Competition in Terms 2, 3, 4.

REGISTER FOR TERM 1 2017
Register a training team at www.playballbasketball.com under ‘Registration’ Tab. Teams guaranteed commencement. Individual children can register online.

TERM 1 TIMES & DATES
YEARS 1-4 FRIDAY 4:00-7:00PM 3 Feb - 31 March (9 weeks)
Rings lowered to 8.5ft for training teams & Year 1 competition.

TERM 1 COST
Approx $96 per child Based on team of 8. Team Invoice $770. (9 weeks)

COACHES WORKSHOP
By Melbourne Junior Tigers Sunday in Term 2.

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