Dear Parents,
Two assemblies ago the school observed a minute’s silence for the passengers on MH 17 who were shot down travelling over Ukraine airspace. At the time I conveyed my dismay at the dreadful world events that are happening and being reported so graphically.

Thank goodness for the Commonwealth Games! I have certainly enjoyed the coverage of the athletics, cycling, diving, swimming and particularly the netball! The match between England and Australia was nail biting! The dedication of the athletes is admirable as well as their persistence and resilience. Elite athletes may be blessed with good genetics but they are also great learners in their discipline.

I particularly admire the disabled athletes who show perseverance to overcome their many difficulties to participate at the highest level. With endeavour and determination it proves that people can achieve their life goals.

As an educator it makes me critically reflect on what schools should be in fact be teaching our children. Our school values at Wattle Park encapsulates it all I think; respect, encourage, value, care, challenge and to be responsible.

It’s survey time!
One survey’s results have been returned; the Attitude to Schools Survey and another survey has been distributed; Parent Opinion Survey.

The Attitude to Schools data which was conducted with all Year 5 and Year 6 students at our school in early May this year, is administered to collect data about the opinions of students for individual schools across Victoria and use this information to drive improvement. The Attitudes to School survey assists schools to gain an understanding of students’ perceptions and their experience of school.
The survey provides schools with valuable data on students’ views of their wellbeing, school in general, and teaching and learning.

The results are now available to the school and have been shared with Year 5 & 6 teachers. The results indicate that at Wattle Park Primary the students perceive themselves to be extremely safe at school and that students are very well behaved in the classroom. The students have also responded that they are not distressed and feel happy coming to school. They have strong connections to their peers and feel that their teachers are effective at teaching.

Next week a representative group of students from each Year 5 & 6 class meet with me and we go through the findings of the data. We have conversations with one another to try and help explain the findings. When I first arrived in 2010, the students of that year had strong opinions about their experiences in composite classes. It was primarily from their feedback as to why we now have age appropriate classes. I must admit that I enjoy enormously these conversations. The students are honest and open in their comments. Insightful and reflective too. They are respectful of their teachers and their commitment to improving learning and teaching across the school.

The Annual Parent Opinion Survey was sent home last week and it is due in by today. Each year the school conducts an opinion survey of 15% of the school community. Parents are randomly selected to participate and we use the information to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

The surveys are anonymous and opened off site with aggregated data sent back to us. We sent out a total of 56. The more surveys that are returned, the more reliable the results are. So if you have received one, I urge you to complete and return it by this Monday.

On Wednesday participating students from Years 3 to 6 performed in the Boite chorus at BMW Edge. The venue is indeed unique and it is a wonderful experience for our students to be part of a large choir with other schools and professional musicians.

There aren't many perks to the job being a Principal but being part of the audience at Wednesday’s performance is a pure delight.

I am always so proud of our students when they sing in another language so seamlessly - how clever are they? If you join us at Monday’s assembly you will hear a song or two from the afternoon.

Many thanks to Mrs Caulfield-Lloyd and Mrs Susan Wright for their organisation and attendance, not just through the week but also at weekend rehearsals. They do an amazing job!

See another mathematics problem to solve below if you are confined inside over the weekend. Thank you to Oscar K in 6 J who solved the problem in the last newsletter.

Stay warm this weekend!

Regards Gayle

Sarah and Connor went bowling together. Sarah rented bowling shoes and played three games, for a total cost of $9.50. Connor rented bowling shoes and played five games, for a total cost of $14.50.

How much does it cost to rent bowling shoes?
FOUNDATION 2015 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 2015. 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.

Special Religious Instruction (formerly CRE)

Due to Dept of Education guidelines, parents wanting their child/ren to participate in SRI classes, must give written permission to do so. Forms have been sent home. If you want your children to attend SRI, and have not filled in a form, forms are available at the office.

Scouts Raffle
This week your child would have brought home raffle tickets from the Scouts. More tickets are available from the office if you wish to have more.

Gone home since last ‘The Wattle’
- Scouts Raffle Tickets
- Lice Letters to affected classes
- Book Week
- Parent Survey (randomly selected parents)
- ICAS Certificates
Wattle Park is going mobile with Konnective

Konnective is a mobile app solution that will allow us to communicate with you, our parents, straight to your smartphone. You will be able to receive important alerts (similar to a text message) as soon as they are released.

Via the app, we can send communication to specific grade levels, so you will receive information specific to your child’s grade as well as general news or updates that will go to everyone. This will extend and enhance our existing communications (eg. Newsletter, website).

For those without a smartphone, there will be a link to the general updates on our website.

Please see the instructions on how to register, log in and connect to Konnective.

Registering and logging in to Konnective

**Step 1: Download the Konnective app from the AppStore or Google Play**

Search for Konnective or use these quick links


For all other smartphones or if you don’t have a smartphone you can register on the Konnective website http://www.konnective.com.au/register

**Step 2: Register with Konnective**

When you open the Konnective app tap on the Register button.

To register, enter your email address, first name, last name and setup a password that you will remember (phone number is optional).

You will be sent an email asking you to click on a link to verify your email address. Check your spam/junk folders if it does not arrive.

**Step 3: Login to Konnective**

Once you have verified your email, open up the app and tap the Login button.

Enter your email address and the password you set when you registered.

You’re done!

If you aren’t connected to all of the feeds you need:

Go into the Menu and select My Connections. Then hit Add (in the top right corner) and choose the business and feeds relevant to you.

You can automatically connect to any public streams (those with a Connect button) or else request Approval to be added to any other feeds that are relevant to you. Upon requesting Approval, the connection will remain in a pending state until you can be reviewed and approved onto that feed by the school or business.

For any help or queries, please contact support@konnective.com.au

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Schools' Tree Day 2014

The grey clouds cleared and the sun came out for the Year 2's to walk to Lynden Park in Camberwell to participate in Schools' Tree Day 2014. It was lovely to have so many parents with younger siblings join us. Rob Brierley from Friends' of Back Creek coordinated the planting, assisted by Adrian from Boroondara Council, who brought 400 grass plants in tubes. They showed us how to use the "pogo stick" diggers to make a hole, carefully remove the plant from the pot, and then plant the tube stock snugly in the ground.

In groups of seven, the children cooperatively shared the roles to plant 400 plants. Chocolate cake and a drink revived our energy for the walk back to school, along the pathway to see how plants established in previous School Tree days were flourishing. How special that students from Wattle Park have been involved for the past thirteen years!

Vicki Phillips, Amanda Dwyer and Robyn Gilmour
JOIN US FOR
WATTLE PARK P.S.
BOOK FAIR

Our fantastic 2014 Book Fair will be held in the Library:

Monday, August 11th
Tuesday, August 12th
Wednesday, August 13th

We will be open daily for browsing and sales from
8.30 - 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 - 4.30 p.m.

See you all in the Library!
Celebrating 100th Birthday
Saturday 23 August
7:30-11:00 p.m.

The Wattle Park Gala

Event Venue:
Wattle Park Primary School

Band:
The Renditions

Dress Code:
Smart casual with a touch of class

Tickets:
$55 per person | $100 per couple
Drinks to be purchased at the venue.
Event for 18 years and over only.

Come and Celebrate 100 Years of Friendship
Purchase ticket now at www.trybooking.com/FKGR

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Weekly drama & public speaking program for children aged 6 - 16

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info@SuperSpeak.com.au
Box Hill South Kindergarten would like to invite families past present and future to attend the

Play Space Redevelopment Opening and Celebration

Saturday 9th August
2 - 4 pm

Call Kate on 0400 736 702 if you have any questions
EXCITING LUNCHTIME

DRAMA AT WATTLE PARK PS!!!

Junior Class (P-Gr2): THURSDAYS - Community Events Room 1:45pm-2:30pm
Senior Class (Gr2-Gr6): THURSDAYS - The GYM: 1:45pm-2:30pm

Enrolment options are as follows:

- Email the information below to contact@dramatime.com.au
- Post this form to Drama Time 19 William St, Belmore 3183
- Or call Drama Time on 9528 8998

Please do not return this form to the school, return to the Drama Time office only.

Student name:_________________________ Grade:_________________________

Parent name:_________________________ Mobile number:_________________________

Email:_________________________
School: Wattle Park Primary
AN INVOICE WILL FOLLOW AFTER THE ENROLMENT IS SUBMITTED.

“Elise was so excited to tell me about the amazing fun she had and all the things that she’s going to get to do in drama.” Parent, Ormond PS

“Eden loves her Drama class; she always comes home on Tuesdays with stories from the session.” Parent, St Finbar’s

“Enrique’s confidence has increased enormously over the last few years thanks to Drama Time.” Parent, Brighton Beach PS

For more information please call us on 9528 8998 or
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KOONUNG CELEBRATES 50 YEARS
29th – 31st August

Friday 29th August
Koonung Day for all current students
8:30am – 3:30pm

Free Music Concert
Past and current students performing
7pm on the Soccer Pitch.
Bring your picnic rug. Hot food and drinks available.

FIREWORKS 9PM

Saturday 30th August
Open Day 10am - 4pm
Walk around the school and look at all
the displays and photos.
Enjoy souvenirs, music and great food.

Saturday Night Reunion
Cocktail event from 7pm in the Senior Centre
$50 per head drinks at bar prices
Semi-formal dress code. Tickets from
http://www.trybooking.com/EL1M

Sunday 31st August
Displays in the Library open 10am -12noon

Inquiries
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