From the Principal ..........
Dear Parents,
In the School’s Engagement and Well-Being Policy (available on our school website) it states that ‘the school aims to develop a sense of self-worth and personal identity to assist in empowering students to take responsibility for their own actions and be involved in co-operative decision making at school. Whole school strategies involving engagement and appropriate behaviours are fairly and consistently applied. There are high expectations for students to monitor their own actions, relate well to others, and attend regularly and to form and maintain healthy relationships.’

Primary school students are indeed children and like all of us make mistakes; mistakes in their academic learning, mistakes in making choices and mistakes in how they may relate to certain people.

As Neil Gaiman states, I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something.

It’s quite a learning process in itself to come to terms with dealing with mistakes. As teachers its part of our role to encourage students that it is part of life’s journey that we make mistakes and hopefully learn from them.

If you were at assembly on Monday you would have heard me have two grumbles reminding students that they are not to play or be in school buildings that are not supervised by teachers and also eating food in the toilets is not acceptable. But the joy of working with children is that you get to see
them develop their skills, grow in their learning and mature into individuals who feel confident in their own skin. On Thursday at cross country, I watched a group of Year 6 students encourage and cheer on students who were struggling to finish their event. It didn’t matter what house those students were representing, the Year 6 students inspired them to finish. They displayed great sportsmanship.

We have very talented athletes at Wattle Park Primary School. The size of the school grounds along with our gymnasium is certainly conducive to physical activities. So many students are involved in a variety of weekend sports, which research indicates is imperative to their health and well-being.

Mr James Feather is taking a squad of approximately 60 students to compete and represent our school in the district cross country event on Wednesday. We wish them all the very best.

Our technician, Mr Ashley Flentjar has been very busy over the past two weeks installing a range of new technology devices throughout the school; new SMART televisions in the Foundation, Year 6 and Year 2 classrooms, more iPad devices and a projector in the Year 5 classroom. The money to purchase these expensive items throughout the school comes from parent voluntary contributions to our Library Fund. Thank you to all the families who have generously donated to ensure our students have the best and state-of-the-art resources.

This week is Education Week across the state of Victoria and to celebrate Wattle Park Primary have an Open Day on Saturday morning from 9.00-11.00a.m. Historically this has been an open morning for prospective families to take a tour of the school and ask any particular questions they may have about the school. However over the past few years we have encouraged current families to also pop in to their child’s classroom. Many families are busy throughout the week and don’t actually have the opportunity to visit classrooms, so you are most welcome to drop by this Saturday. A scrumptious Devonshire Tea is available in the staffroom.

On Wednesday night, Zelema Levy organised a soiree for our very talented music students. I wasn’t able to stay for the whole event but what I observed was indeed special. It’s wonderful to see our students perform in front of an audience with growing confidence. Thank you to the parents who attended and special mention of our Music Leaders; Elyssa N, Olivia H, Matt M and Hana N who were engaging presenters on the night.

One last piece of sad news, our gardener Marian Bonadeo has taken ill. We’re not sure upon Marian’s return however the good news is that she will be out of hospital and returning home on Friday. We wish Marian all the very best for a speedy recovery. In the meantime we are sourcing a replacement gardener while Marian is recovering, if you are interested or know of anyone who would be prepared to take on Marian’s role please contact me via email cope.gayle.l@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Happy Education Week!

Regards Gayle

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** Notices Gone Home:**

- **Book Club**
- **Lice letters to affected classes**
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. **Please include copies of Birth Certificate and Immunisation Certificate from Medicare to complete the enrolment process.**

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.

Volunteers needed for the canteen on Mondays and Fridays. Please contact the office if you are available. It would be wonderful if there was a show of community spirit to support Joanne, our new canteen manager.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN’S CHECK Just a reminder that any parent/guardian helping with excursions or classroom activities, must have a current Working With Children’s Check. Please present to the office for photo-copying if you haven’t done so already.


Communication between School and Home Its imperative families sign up for both Compass and Konnective. If you do not know your password for Compass, please contact the office.

Have you signed up for Konnective Yet?

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.

Registering and logging in to Konnective

Step 1: Download the Konnective app from the AppStore or GooglePlay

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
Music Incursion

On Wednesday 18 May the Performing Arts Incursion titled Datiwuy Dreaming, with a Welcome to Country from Uncle Bill from the Wurundjeri tribe, came to Wattle Park PS. Wow…what an experience for our children! Here is what some of them had to say:

**Year 1**
I saw a Yidaki, I heard the bilma and I felt nervous – Athan
I saw people dancing, I heard loud music and I felt excited – Olivia
I saw Aboriginal people dancing, I heard Aboriginal calls and I felt the ground shaking – Sandra

**Year 2**
I saw the didgeridoo and Aboriginal people put on white ochre, I heard special Aboriginal calls and I felt thrilled and entertained. – Minjun
I saw lots of different dances, I heard a didgeridoo and I felt excited. – Holly
I saw Aboriginals, I heard the didgeridoo and rhythm sticks and I felt vibrations. – James B.

**Year 6**
I saw traditional dances and the Datiwuy people singing, I heard the footsteps of the dancers and I felt curious about how these dances originated. – Allegra
I saw the yidaki and the bilma (clap sticks), I heard the sounds of their instruments as they sang and shouted and I felt the floor shake as they played their instruments and the vibrations when they yelled. – Kyle
OPEN DAY 2016

9-11am | Saturday 21st May 2016

Foundation Information Night
6-7pm Thursday 19th May 2016
Dear Parents,

All Year 5 and Year 6 students at Wattle Park Primary School have been invited to take part in the count down to the Language Perfect World Championship Competition. This will take place from 3.30pm – 5.00pm on Thursday, 26th May 2016.

Please be aware that students will be supervised between 3.30pm-5.00pm by Wattle Park Primary Staff. Please note you too are welcome to join in the festivities with the count down at the end of the competition – please arrive with ten minutes to spare 4.50pm.

Students will be provided with snacks throughout the duration of the countdown session. Please remember that students must be collected from the 5/6 building. Students are not allowed to leave the school without being collected by an adult.

For further information please do not hesitate to email Mrs Na Gu at au.na.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

We hope your child is enjoying using Language Perfect and enjoying the challenge in participating in the World Championships.

Kind regards,

Na Gu and Gayle Cope
May 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
TWILIGHT FETE

We are writing to you on behalf of the Wattle Park Primary School Fete Committee to request your support in assisting with our major fundraising event. The objective of raising funds is to continue with ongoing projects around the school and to maintain and continue to offer a high quality standard of education and learning environments for our children.

Wattle Park Primary School is excited to be hosting a Family Friendly “Twilight Fete” on the 26th November 2016 creating a community event, hoping to encourage hundreds of people to come along and enjoy the afternoon/evening, with a spectacular display of fireworks!

To assist with hosting such a large event we are seeking your support through sponsorship. As a respected member of our community, your help is greatly appreciated to make this event a success and we ask that you consider advertising your business with us. The levels of sponsorship are as follows:

- **GOLD SPONSORSHIP:** $1000 donation
- **SILVER SPONSORSHIP:** $500 donation
- **BRONZE SPONSORSHIP:** $200 donation

All our Fete correspondence and literature (i.e. monthly newsletter, fete programs, posters, School Fete website etc.) will list and advertise all our sponsors according to each level of sponsorship.

We look forward to our partnership with you. Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Gayle Cope – Principal
www.wattleparks.vic.edu.au

Angela Ganas – Wattle Park Primary School Fete Committee
Email: angelaganas@hotmail.com
Mobile: 0409 927 100

WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
TWILIGHT FETE & FIREWORKS
SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 3PM
May 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to you on behalf of Wattle Park Primary School Fete Committee to request your support in assisting with our major fundraising event.

To mark the occasion we will be hosting a ‘Twilight Fete’ on the 26th November 2016 with the objective of raising funds to continue ongoing projects around the school.

To assist with the raising of these much needed funds, we will be holding a raffle and also auctioning major items donated by local businesses. We are seeking your support by the donation of items, vouchers or services we could use as silent auction items during the course of the Fete.

We envisage this to be a community event, hoping to encourage hundreds of people to come along and enjoy a Family-Friendly Twilight Fete, and finish the night with a stunning display of fireworks.

We look forward to your support in making this function a great success and should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Gayle Cope – Principal
www.wattleparkps.vic.edu.au

Angela Ganas – Wattle Park Primary School Fete Committee
Email: angelaganas@hotmail.com
Mobile: 0409 927 100

WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
TWILIGHT FETE & FIREWORKS
SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 3PM
Florence Road Pre-School
OPEN DAY

You are invited to join us at Florence Road Pre-School Open Day

Meet the EDUCATORS
See our NEW PLAYGROUND
Learn about BUSH KINDER
Hear about the MUSIC PROGRAM
Talk to PARENTS
See our FACILITIES

Just turned 3 year old
One half day session during fourth term

3 year old
Kindergarten
Emus - Two half days
Kookaburra - One full and one half day

4 year old
Kindergarten
Wombats and Echidnas
Two full days and one half day of bush kinder and music across the year.

SATURDAY 28th MAY
10am-12noon

Enquiries: florence.rd.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au  2 Florence Road Surrey Hills