Dear Parents,
The agenda for last Tuesday night's School Council meeting was indeed extensive.
Mr Graham Watt local member for Burwood attended for the first time discussing implications for the upcoming election as well as volunteering for the barbecue at our Twilight Fete on State Election Day November 29th.
Other topics included; the School Council’s approval of the Year 2 sleepover in November and the accompanying risk management program, the Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN results, the 2014 Parent Opinion survey, the recent DEECD maintenance grant of $110,000, the tender of the school cleaning contract and all finance reports for August and September.

Some school families may not realise the amount of time and commitment that School Council members contribute to the smooth running of our school. All of their work is voluntary. We are indeed fortunate to have a council that is comprised of people with a diverse skill set spanning finance, education and environment. However what is most important is their desire to make the school the best learning place for not just their children but all children attending Wattle Park Primary School.

Our deliberations are honest and open allowing for frank discussion. The school’s NAPLAN results were one point of discussion. Our results are very pleasing across the board for both year levels 3 & 5. Students performed well above the State in all areas Reading, Spelling, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy. We are indeed proud of how well our students performed.
The leadership team and teaching staff have worked diligently in the curriculum areas of Spelling, Writing and Mathematics for continuous improvement, which we have achieved.

Of course NAPLAN is only one assessment method used to describe your child’s particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national benchmarks. These benchmarks describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia. It must be remembered however, that the results of this testing only provide a snapshot of your child’s overall performance and by no means provide a definitive indication of their overall performance level.

We are confident that the information that you receive as a result of your child’s participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child’s progress in Literacy and Numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAPLAN website at www.naplan.edu.au.

The most exciting event this week occurred on Wednesday, the first day of our transition program for our 2015 Foundation students!

Some prospective students arrived confidently running through the school ground eager to arrive. Others were reticent, still not quite sure whether they could leave the sides of their parent or grandparent. But they all did eventually and without tears, to participate in an afternoon’s activity of library, physical education or classroom activity.

Three Foundation classes will operate next year of approximately twenty students each. Our ‘Step Up To School’ program for Foundation students are scheduled for the next three Wednesday afternoons.

The transition process for current year students has already commenced for all class levels. In term four a number of sessions are conducted to introduce students to their new spaces for next year. The school has three main teaching buildings but all very different. It is important that students feel comfortable and familiar with the classes they are progressing to.

Today, I actually had an appointment for a tour for 2016!

All families via their youngest child will receive information today about our upcoming school fete. Please take the time to read all of the information and note the ways in which you can support the Fete Committee. Jane Borden and her team of talented mums are doing a wonderful job organising what is an incredibly enormous task.

Hopefully we’ll have a warm sunny day like today. Fingers crossed!

Regards Gayle
NO HAT, NO PLAY

IT’S HAT TIME AGAIN

All students are required to wear hats outside during recess and lunchtime. Any student without a school hat, will need to sit in the designated area. If you know your child has lost his/her hat now is the time to purchase one. Please make sure your child’s hat is clearly named!

Please check your child has the correctly named hat. There are missing hats that have been clearly labelled.

Gone home since last ‘The Wattle’

- Fete Newsletter
- Halloween Special Lunch Form
- Letter for 4B Parents
Year 2 PrimeSCI! Science Incursions

On Thursday 23rd October the Year 2 students participated in sessions presented by PrimeSCI! linked to Monash University. The students discussed how different chemicals may react when mixed. They combined vinegar with solids including salt and bicarbonate of soda. Students observed what happens to a balloon when a gas is formed after a chemical reaction takes place. Mixing sugar, citric acid and bicarbonate of soda was the finale!
Student Enrolments and Exits

We are well underway in planning for facilities and staffing for 2015. All planning is based on our student enrolment and exit numbers and we urge parents to complete an enrolment or exit form (see below) as soon as possible. Enrolment forms can be obtained from our website or from the office.

Exit Intentions for 2015

I wish to advise that my child/children as listed below, will not be returning to WPPS in 2015.

Name: __________________________________________________________________
Current Home Group: ________________ Year level: ______________

Name: __________________________________________________________________
Current Home Group: ________________ Year level: ______________

Signed: _________________________________
Date: ___________________________

Reason: We would very much appreciate your comments/feedback to assist with future planning.

☐ Moving house
☐ Family moving suburb/interstate/overseas
☐ Transferring to independent school, please advise which school to assist with transfer arrangements ______________________________________________
☐ School does not adequately cater to the needs of my child/children
☐ Other

I am happy for a member of the school community to make contact with me:   Yes   No

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP
You are invited to the annual Wattle Park Oaks Day Ladies Lunch:

Date: Thursday 6th November  
Time: 11am - 3pm  
Venue: 8 Roslyn Street Burwood (Boo Perry’s home)  
Dress: Race wear

$50 includes lunch and drinks  
Please notify us of any dietary requirements

For more information please contact:

Boo Perry  
0408 172 163  
rperry70@optusnet.com.au

Juli Meneilly  
0414 988 902  
yuli 7@optusnet.com.au

No children please

Payment is required in full by Thursday 30th October to the school office in a sealed named envelope.

Name: __________________________

Child’s class: __________________________
WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL CONCERT

Our School Concert for 2014 is fast approaching. The theme this year is “OUR SCHOOL”, with each level featuring a different area of the school. The children are very excited and have worked extremely hard workshopping, practising and putting finishing touches to their items in Music classes. It is always a journey as they contribute ideas, help create the actions and dance moves and in many cases the arrangements of songs and other items. The year 6 children have started working on their introductions and the props are coming along beautifully with Mr. Davey at the helm. Once again our class teachers will coordinate the costumes, with notices being distributed to parents where needed. As always we have a jammed packed program and look forward to some wonderful performances and amazing efforts by the children to entertain you all. See you all there!

“OUR SCHOOL”
Tuesday 18th November, 2014
George Wood Performing Arts Centre
Yarra Valley Anglican School
Kalinda Road, Ringwood
7.00 pm start
$25 per ticket
Maximum 2 tickets per family.
WPPS Concert 2014

‘Our School’

A Musical Odyssey Through the Wonderful World of WPPS

Tuesday, 18th November
6.45 for a 7pm Start
The George Wood Performing Arts Centre
Yarra Valley Grammar School
Kalinda Road, Ringwood  Melways 36D17

Tickets sales will be available to purchase on line from Try Booking
Wednesday 29th October, 8.30am.  http://www.trybooking.com/GDAR
Please note that initial ticket sales are limited to 2 tickets per family. No multiple purchases please.  Space allowing, second round offers may be offered at a later date, to be confirmed.

A WPPS Event Not to be Missed
Wattle Park Primary School
225 Warrigal Rd Burwood

Twilight Fete & Fireworks
Saturday 29th November at 4pm
*Stalls *Food *Rides *Entertainment *Fireworks at 9pm

Celebrating 100 Years
Excitement is building... only 6 weeks to go! There is lots of activity going on behind the scenes to ensure that our fete is an enjoyable day for all. We will be keeping you up to date over the next 6 weeks with regular newsletters, full of information about the day, so keep your eyes peeled!

Thank you for your ongoing support for this important school event. The Scout Raffle and Pizza lunch day have helped raise funds for the fete which will assist with purchasing items from food through to advertising material. Thank you to everyone.

We also appreciate your ongoing assistance with the collection of goods for stalls and hampers. You will have been sent a schedule of items required for donations. Please be aware that although there have been dates allocated for the collection of these goods, this is flexible and we will not be turning away any donations if they fall outside the allocated times. There are boxes outside the office for you to leave your donations.

HAMPERS
Class Coordinators are working hard to make some beautiful hampers which will be auctioned and raffled at the fete. If you haven’t yet donated to your class hamper, the list below is a reminder of your theme. Thank you to those who have already generously contributed.

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STALLS
We still have some spots available for external stalls to be set up in the gymnasium at the fete. If you know of any family or friends whom would like a stall please contact Suskia on 0421 657 133. The cost of a stall is $40, or $45 if you need a trestle table provided.

MARQUEES AND TRESTLE TABLES
If anyone has a marquee/gazebo or trestle table which they are willing to lend us for the day, please contact Alison Ross on 0441 768 815. It will be well looked after, and greatly appreciated.
SCHOOLYARD TALENT QUEST

It’s back! WPPS will be having a Schoolyard Talent Quest at the fete. Perform for us on your own or join together with a friend! Keep an eye out in the coming newsletters for further information and a Talent Quest Flyer. Great prizes on offer. Thanks Dallas for co-ordinating.

WRISTBANDS FOR RIDES

We will be using www.trybooking.com for wristband purchases this year, which will give you access to unlimited rides on the day. They will be available to purchase online 4 weeks before the event at a discounted rate. Otherwise you will be able to buy them on the day. Keep an eye out for the link in the coming weeks. Pre purchased wrist bands will be issued in the days prior to the fete.

ONLINE ROSTERS FOR HELP ON THE DAY

Coming soon will be an online roster system which will enable all parents to sign up to provide assistance on the day. This will be available to access in the next two weeks. It will be accessible online and also via a smartphone app. We will give you easy step by step instructions on how to use this. However, if you are unsure, ask a friend or you can contact Chris Nielson or Jane Borden (see contact details below). The benefit of this system is you can sign up at your convenience, see where help is needed, and link in with a friend.

There will also be access to a paper roster system in the week before the fete for those who would prefer paper.

We cannot run the day without parent participation. It is anticipated that all families will contribute some of their time on the day. Time slots will be one hour but you are welcome to roster on for a longer period if you wish. There are a number jobs that will need assistance – manning stalls, being a “runner” on the day, assisting with setting up and packing up, to name a few. Please have a think about how you can best assist on the day.

LETTER BOX DROP

We will be printing advertising material in the next week, with our fantastic art display, which we will distribute to the local neighbourhood. If you are a keen walker and would like to assist with the distribution of pamphlets, please contact Steph Trace (Emma in 1C, and phone no below). Each child will also receive 5 flyers to hand out to families and friends.

Facebook. We now have a ‘Celebrating 100 years of Wattle Park Primary School’ Facebook page. ‘Like’ the page and keep up to date with some helpful and interesting school information.

Fete Committee:

Steph Trace (0412 660 086)  Jane Borden (0402 400 271)
Suskia Malafu (0421 657 133)  Angela Ganas (0409 927 100)
Alison Ross (0414 768 815)  Kellie McDonald (0412 767 211)
Lindsay Oldfield (0411 833 831)  Astrid Blackburn (0408 001 300)
Chris Nielson (0417 566 420)  Rania Horaitis (0421 062 400)
Wattle Park Primary
2014 Fete Sponsors

We are most grateful for the financial support of the following organisations.

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SCHOOLYARD TALENT QUEST!

Sort out your solo act. Take off with an AMAZING trick! OR put something together with a friend (or 2) & SIGN UP at the office to BE IN IT!!

Great Prizes

IMPRESS OUR JUDGES!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29
ON THE TALENT STAGE

SING  DANCE  TELL A JOKE  DO A MAGIC TRICK  JUGGLE
PLAY  SAXOPHONE  CLARINET  FLUTE  TRUMPET  PIANO
TAMBOURINE  BASS  GUITAR  KEYBOARD  GUITAR
RECORDER  BASSOON  VIOLIN  CELLO  VIOLA  XYLOPHONE
Dear families,

Great news! Wattle Park Primary has been selected as a finalist of the Leader Local Grants Program. We are up against nine other local projects to win $1,000 to fund the ‘Centenary Avenue of Trees Project’. To give you some background, in celebration of our centenary year in 2014, the school would like to install an avenue of dwarf lemon scented gums in the school’s front garden.

The project with the most votes wins, so we need your help!

We would greatly appreciate if you could;

1 - Visit the website www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au

2 – Search for Wattle Park.

3 – Register your details.

4 – Once you have registered you will be given ten votes. It would be fantastic if you gave Wattle Park your ten votes.

Please encourage family and friends to vote also by forwarding this on. The more people who vote for us the better chance we have of winning.

**Hurry, voting closes at 5pm next Friday October 17**, so please start voting now.

Thank you kindly,

Astrid Blackburn (Holly FC)

M:0408 001 300

on behalf of the Building and Grounds Committee
ROWEN ST KINDERGARTEN

FUN DAY

26 OCTOBER 2014
10am to 3pm

Treasure Dig ~ Glitter Cave ~ Sausage Sizzle
Craft Activities ~ Smoothie Cycle ~ Rides
Face Painting ~ Home Baked Goods
Second Hand Childrens Toys and Books

27 Rowen St, Glen Iris
Saturday 15th November 2014
11am - 3.30pm
ASHBURTON SCOUT HALL
337 High St, Ashburton
ALL WELCOME
ARTS CRAFTS PLANTS
TRASH ‘n’ TREASURE
SAUSAGE SIZZLE PRODUCE
RAFFLE and MUCH MORE
FREE ACRA CREATIVE CONNECT DEMONSTRATIONS
Spinning, Felting, Knitting & Crochet

Contact: Bev on 9885 2965
Enrich your home with a WEP exchange student arriving in January 2015! World Education Program (WEP) is looking for caring families who wish to experience another culture in their own home by becoming a volunteer host family. Browse through student profiles, and select a student who you think will fit best into your family and lifestyle!

Who are the students? Read over their profiles below:

Nine (15) from Thailand enjoys playing basketball, golf, swimming, going camping, reading Japanese manga, drawing and playing the piano. At home he helps with the gardening and takes care of his dog Benji. He is very excited to learn all about Australian lifestyles and to meet new people. He wants to share some Thai greetings and food with his host family.

Andrea (17) from Italy is looking forward to making his dream come true when he comes to Australia. He enjoys trekking in nature as well as swimming for pleasure and is equally happy reading a book or spending time with his friends and family. His parents say he is helpful at home and as they both work he sometimes helps with the cooking. Andrea also likes to take photographs and can't wait to experience Aussie culture, nature and the beautiful landscapes.

Gabriel (16) from France was born in Spain and moved to France when he was four years old. Therefore he is fluent in both French and Spanish. He enjoys swimming, surfing, soccer, bike riding and watching movies with his friends. He and his father enjoy cooking together or watching sports on TV. Gabriel is very excited to experience Australian life, by living as a family member in his host family.

For further information, please contact Sylvia Kelly (WEP Inbound Manager) on 1300 884 733, by email on info@wep.org.au or by visiting our website www.wep.org.au.
MILO CRICKET

Who: Girls and boys aged between 5 and 10

What: Learn skills and play modified games

Where: Lynden Park (Home of Burwood Bulls)

When: Sunday mornings 9:00 to 10:30 am

Contact: John Sandy 0439009391
         jsandy@olringwoodcatholic.edu.au

First session is on Sunday 26th October 9-10:30.

Come along and have a try, if your child enjoys it you can register online http://in2cricket.com.au or after the first session.

Cost: $75 includes pack (bag, shirt, hat, bat, ball)