Dear Parents,

I’m writing this newsletter while attending a Leader’s professional development program at Bastow Institute in North Melbourne. For those of you who are unaware, Bastow Institute is a learning centre where current and emerging educational leaders can connect, converse and learn together.

Here at Wattle Park Primary School we see it as part of our role to equip effective teachers with the skills and knowledge necessary to become future leaders. Last year Mrs Amanda Dwyer and Ms Samantha Teng both successfully completed leadership courses through the leadership organisations NESLI (National Excellence in School Leadership Initiative) and Eastern Metropolitan Region.

This year both Ms Megan Ganter and Mrs Julie Nield have been accepted into leadership programs at Bastow Institute and Eastern Metropolitan Region, respectively.

Learning is a never ending journey. ‘The best of all things is to learn. Money can be lost or stolen, health and strength may fail, but what you have committed to your mind is yours forever.’ Louis L’Amour.

At next Monday’s assembly we will be presenting the Year 6 students with their leadership badges. All students are expected to take on a curriculum leadership role of interest. It is not a token gesture,
as the staff genuinely relies on the students for many varied roles. Assemblies and the music concert are opportunities where all Year 6 students are encouraged to speak publicly. Not an easy task. Even some adults find that daunting!

Everyone is most welcome to attend assemblies on Monday afternoons. It was lovely to see Chinese families attend the assembly celebrating Chinese New Year. Mrs Peszynski took a video that will shortly appear on our television located in the office foyer.

The Foundation students will attend school for their first full week, next week. They have settled quickly into the routines of the classroom and school. They proceed confidently to specialist classes with Mr Davey (Art), Mrs Peszynski (LOTE), Mrs Caulfield-Lloyd (Music), Mrs Downes (Physical Education) and Mrs Wheatley (Library). Primary school routines are invariably more diverse than those at pre-schools and kindergartens and even more so at secondary colleges.

Our school has an excellent reputation educationally with our transition programs throughout the state. At our last School Review in 2012, this was highlighted as one of our many strengths.

The Movie Night committee has been busily organising our next whole school community event for Friday 20th March. Please see attached information to the newsletter. It is one of our major fundraisers for the year. Hopefully we will again be blessed with favourable weather.

It’s great to have our Year 5 and 6 students return safely from Somers Camp. By all accounts they had a wonderful time.

I’ve just had a quick meeting with the Year 6 Music and Art students’ leaders, Angus C, Harry G, Si- ena B, Aisha B, Elyse F and Sean R. They have so many great ideas to raise the profile of ‘The Arts’ at our school. It’s inspirational speaking with young, passionate and energetic people. That’s the joy of teaching!

Enjoy the weekend.

Regards Gayle

Somers Camp 2015
WATCH HANDED INTO THE OFFICE
A Parent came to the office last week asking if a student watch had been handed in. Yes a watch has been handed. Please come to the office to identify the watch.

SCHOOL SUBJECT CONTRIBUTIONS NOTICES
Last week all families should have received information regarding Parent Contributions. If you have not received this notice, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Full payment is due Tuesday 10th March, 2015

OR

First instalment is due Friday 20th February, 2015. Second instalment is due no later than Tuesday 10th March 2015.

STUDENT ABSENCES
It is Dept requirement that if your child/ren are absent from school, a note explaining their absence and the reason why must be handed to their teacher on their return.

MONIES TO THE OFFICE
Parents/Guardians please make sure all money be it cash, cheque or credit card payments that comes to the office is in a named envelope, with child’s name and class. If payments are not cleared named in an envelope, it is often difficult to track.

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 be mindful of our neighbours when parking in side streets. Do not park across their drive ways etc. Parking inspectors will be out to make sure local traffic laws are being followed.
Wattle Park PS
Parent Helper Program 2015

All parents are invited to attend our Parent Helper Program for this year.

This program aims to:

- Define the roles and responsibilities of being a parent helper
- Develop knowledge about the development of early literacy and numeracy skills
- Provide practical strategies to support children both at home and in the classroom

It is a requirement at Wattle Park Primary School that all parents who assist in the classroom need to:

- complete the Parent Helper Program
- have a current Working with Children's Check

DETAILS:

This year we will be offering two sessions on Thursday 12th March in the Community Room (across from the canteen):

- Session 1: 9 – 11 am   OR
- Session 2: 6 - 8 pm

RSVP:

Please email Megan Ganter (Assistant Principal) at ganter.megan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone the school on 98082165 to register your attendance to either the morning or evening session.
Dear Parents and Friends,

At Wattle Park Primary School, we have enjoyed celebrating ‘Chinese New Year’ over the past two weeks. In particular, on Monday the 16th of February we had a delicious Chinese New Year lunch of rice and noodles provided by ‘Noodle Canteen’ and a surprise visit by the ‘Chinese Youth Society’ at assembly. The sharing of lunch with peers and teachers symbolized our togetherness as a school community and the guest appearance of the lion by the ‘Chinese Youth Society’ showed our inclusion of Chinese culture in our school. The lion not only brought vibrancy and energy, but also provided WPPS with good fortune, prosperity and longevity for 2015.

Below are some photos of the scrumptious food we ate to welcome the New Year by ‘Noodle Canteen’ and an image of the wonderful performers from ‘The Chinese Youth Society’.

Please refer to the WPPS website to see a clip of the Lion Dance performed by ‘The Chinese Youth Society’ for the school community at assembly.

A BIG THANK YOU to the ‘Chinese Youth Society’ performers, the owners of ‘Noodle Canteen’ and the class teachers. Also a HUGE thank you to Mrs Philips and Ms Nield for their time and expertise with helping organise the Chinese New Year lunch.
Chinese New Year Celebrations

Just a reminder for this weekend, there are still two more family friendly events on to celebrate Chinese New Year. One event is in Federation Square and the other in Kingsway in Glen Waverley. Details are below.

Chinese New Year Celebration at Fed Square

26th February – 1st March
Each evening from 26th February – 1st of March, see one of Melbourne’s most exciting multimedia artists, Georgie Pinn present Electric Dragon on the Big Screen and Main Stage. The interactive performance uses original animation and score to tell the story of Fang, a dragon character animated with motion graphics technology and shadow puppetry.

In addition to Electric Dragon, Chinese New Year at Fed Square also includes a variety of cultural activities and performances that includes the Melbourne Chinese Choir and Tai Chi performances on Saturday the 28th February. Then on Sunday 1st March, see Lion Dancers, Kong Fu, Chinese Acrobatics, Chinese Art demonstrators that include lantern making, calligraphy and heaps more.

Glen Waverley Chinese Lantern Festival

Glen Waverley King’s Way 1st March 2015 11am – 8pm

The Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival is one of the most attended City of Monash Festivals and is recognised as one of the major Melbourne festivals held over the 15 days of Chinese New Year.

Come along and enjoy the smell and taste of the delicious cuisines offered by the international food stalls; view the colours, costumes, performances, martial arts and the popular Lion dance; Listen to the live music performances and the pop of the Chinese crackers; Participate in the creative Chinese activities and Art making; and compete in the mah-jong games offered within the cultural corner.

I hope many of you have enjoyed celebrating the Chinese New Year festivities with your family and friends!

Ainslie Peszynski
Mandarin & Asian Studies Coordinator
This year, school photos will be held on **Friday the 20\textsuperscript{th} of March 2015.**
This will be week eight of term 1.

**Envelopes will be distributed Friday the 5\textsuperscript{th} of March.**

Please read below instructions from 'Advance Life Photography' on how to order school photos.

*Please take particular notice of ordering sibling photos.*

Kind Regards,
Annabelle Sizeland, Ainslie Peszynski & Gayle Cope
ONLINE & ENVELOPE ORDER INSTRUCTIONS FOR:
Wattle Park Primary School: 20 March 2015
School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SECURE ONLINE PURCHASE

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING
STEP 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your 9 digit school code: [Q32 WP2 PAR]
STEP 2: Enter your student’s details.
STEP 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs*
   *all orders will be returned to the school for collection.
STEP 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

PLEASE NOTE: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day).

SIBLING/FAMILY PHOTOS
NO ENVELOPE REQUIRED IF ORDERING ONLINE
STEP 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your 8 digit school code: [Q32 WP2 PAR]
   • Online orders will be closed 2 working days prior to the day of photography.
   • You can find your online order close off date on the top right hand corner of your sibling order envelope, which is 18/03/15.
   • Orders can also be placed with a cash or cheque payment by returning a sibling order envelope up until the day before photo day.
   • You can collect a sibling order envelope from your school office.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE
STEP 1: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope. Please use black or blue pen.
STEP 2: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.
STEP 3: Select your payment method using one of the following options:
   • Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au
   • Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change given.
   • Cheque – Make payable to Advantage with your name & address on back of cheque.
     o Allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised.
     o A $25 fee will apply to any dishonoured cheque payment.
STEP 4: Return your completed sibling order envelope to school the day before photo day.
Movie Night Information

Wattle Park Primary School Presents
TWILIGHT MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY 20 MARCH

ALL LOCAL FAMILIES
FROM 6PM
ZJ3 WARRICKS RD RURWOOD

TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT
TRYBOOKING.COM/133974
OR BUY THEM AT THE GATE ON THE NIGHT
WWW.WATTLEPARPS.VIC.EDU.AU

Please find on the following pages all you need to know about the

Wattle Park Primary School Movie Night
on Friday 20th March 2015
Gates open from 6pm

Pack includes:

• Gourmet Picnic Box Order Form
• Volunteer Form
• Ticket Purchase Information
• Colouring-in Competition
• Sponsorship/Raffle/Contact Info

Please note that this is a Family Event and children will need to be supervised by parents/guardians.

We are still accepting donations of lollies and wine at the Office and appreciate your support!
GOURMET PICNIC BOX

A selection of gourmet finger foods including delights from Zint Patisserie and Delishness.

Cost: $20 per box or 2 for $35. Please note there is a limited number of boxes so be sure to order yours ASAP!

Please return this order form, together with cash payment, to the office by no later than Friday 13th of March, marked: Movie Night Picnic Box.

For any enquiries, please contact Yuli Mencilly (Ava 4th) yuli.1@optusnet.com.au or Bec Perry (Siena 2P) jperry70@optusnet.com.au

________________________________________________________________________

Name: ______________________ Phone: ______________________

How many boxes____________________

Amount enclosed $____________________

I am available to help with packing the picnic boxes on Friday 20th March from 12pm in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen. Yes/No
VOLUNTEER FORM

The WPPS Annual Movie Night is our major fundraiser for the year and we appreciate any help you can offer. If you can volunteer at one of our stalls on the night please fill out the form below with your preferences and return it ASAP by the 13th March to the Office.

If you are unable to help on the night you can still support the school by donating Lollies or Wine for our stalls or just by pre-purchasing a ticket and bringing the whole family along to enjoy a great family night out. Any Questions just ask!

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Name: ___________________________ Class:_________

Email: ___________________________ Phone:_____________
HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

There will be several ways to purchase your tickets for Movie Night this year.

**Pre-purchase** ticket prices:

Family Pass $35 (2 x adults and up to 3 x children)

Single Pass $10


   **PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A 30c BOOKING FEE**

2. **Cash purchases** via the office (fill out form below).

3. **At the gate** on the night, from 6pm. Gate prices will be

   Family Pass $40 (2 x adults and up to 3 x children)

   Single Pass $12

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**MOVIE NIGHT TICKET PRE-PURCHASE ORDER FORM**

Child’s Name: __________________________ Class: ________

_____ Family Pass @ $35 (2 x adults and up to 3 x children)

_____ Single Pass @ $10

   Total Cash Enclosed $__________

Please enclose cash and this form in an envelope to the Office marked “Movie Night Tickets”

Tickets will be sent home with your child prior to Movie Night
COLOURING-IN COMPETITION

Wattie Park Primary School
Penguins of Madagascar Colouring Competition

Student name: ...........................................
Class: ..................

Watts submit entries to the School office by Thursday March 13, 2015
Winners receive a Family Pass to the WPS Movie Night
SPONSORSHIP

This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved, and at the same time, promote your business to the school community.

Sponsorship packages are $165 and include:
- slideshow advertising during Movie Night
- inclusion of your slide in the school’s newsletter, “The Wattle” twice throughout the year
- a Family Movie Pass

Join the many other WPPS families and local businesses using this unique form of marketing to get their name out there. It also gives your children a thrill seeing your advertisement on the big screen on the big night!

For more information, please contact Tash Sinclair (details below).

RAFFLE

Once again we will be hosting a raffle in conjunction with Movie Night.

1st Prize:  2 x tickets to “The Lion King”
2nd Prize:  Eastern Gymnastics Kids Birthday Party for 10 children
3rd Prize:  $100 dinner voucher to Italy 1 in Camberwell

Tickets are priced at $2 each, or 3 for $5 and raffle tickets will be sent home shortly. They will also be available on the night at the gate.

All proceeds from the raffle go directly to the school.

MOVIE NIGHT CO-ORDINATORS

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Community Notices

PLAYBALL BASKETBALL
TRAINING @ AQUALINK TERM 2
FRIDAY YEARS 1-4

BASKETBALL TRAINING
Playball is now taking registrations from current Year 1 to Year 3 Boys & Girls to commence training in Term 2 at AQUALINK, Box Hill. 40 minute weekly training by Playball Coaches prepares children for Friday competition in Term 3.

REGISTER FOR TERM 2 2015
Register a training team at www.playballbasketball.com under 'Registration' Tab. Teams guaranteed commencement. Individual children can register online.

TERM 2 TIMES & DATES
YEARS 1-3 FRIDAY 4:00-7:00PM 17 APRIL - 19 JUNE (10 weeks)

TERM COST
Approx $100 per child. Based on team of 8. Team invoice $800. (10 weeks)

COACHES WORKSHOP
By Melbourne Junior Tigers Sunday in Term 2.

CONTACT
PH: 9585 6123 info@playballbasketball.com
Playball: An affiliated association of Basketball Victoria

PLAYBALL BASKETBALL 9585-6123
PLAY FOR 4
TENNIS LESSONS
PAY FOR 2 – Term 1, 2015

The Toptenn Tennis Academy invites all new students to join us for the last 4 weeks of Term 1, 2015 ANZ Hot Shots Programs and pay for just 2 weeks of tennis.

Your 4 weeks of fun starts from Monday the 2nd of March. Pick from any of our venues below and call 9830 6618 to book your preferred time and day.

Toptenn.com.au
p: 9830 6618 a: PO BOX 80, Burwood 3125 c: info@toptenn.com.au

TOPTENN TEACHING VENUES
- Aquatic Box Hill
- Ashburton FS
- St Thomas Blackburn
- Deepdene
- Mount Kea
- Burwood
- Scotch College
- Bluebell Hill (Surrey Hills)
- Highfield Rd / Canterbury

ANZ Hot Shots

ANZ Hot Shots
Are you free Thursdays?

Then you're invited to...

Who: Tom's Crew is an After School Kid's Club for primary school children - Prep to Grade 6

Where: St Thomas Anglican Church, Burwood - 44 Station Street, Burwood. Phone: 9808 3250

Tom's Crew is led by Children and Families’ Minister, Ruth Newmarch & a great group of volunteer leaders (whom were part of Tom's Crew, previously Theed's Crew)

When: Thursdays afternoons - during school terms - 3:30pm until 6:30pm
(a healthy afternoon tea & dinner provided)

What: Lots of high energy fun & games, creative activities, friendship and a bible story.

Cost: $5.00 per child. (first time attended no charge).

For more information: call Ruth Newmarch on 0425 776 313 or www.stthomasburwood.org.au
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