

# The WATTLE Newsletter



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## Performing Arts Week

Well done to all the students for their participation this week in Performing Arts Week. It started with a special assembly which featured singing, poetry, acting and musical performances from many of our talented students. We were then treated on Wednesday to a surprise "Flash Mob". Our aerobics team, led by Performing Arts teacher Zelema, gave us a surprise performance of the aerobics routine they have been practising all year. It was great to see all the students cheering them on. Finally, to finish off the week, we had a dress up day today. There were so many creative and interesting costumes – thank you so much for participating in our celebration.

## Enrolments

We are continuing to host school tours each week, generally on Friday mornings at 10am. Each week I am impressed with the way in which our students promote the school and describe its benefits to prospective families. It is great to hear the students speak in an informed manner about school programs, engage with parents in a respectful and polite way and mirror the school values and philosophies.

## Assessment and reporting

I hope everyone has now received their semester reports. Don't forget that they are also available online on Compass. I want to congratulate all the students for their hard work this semester. It is extremely rewarding as an educator to see students set goals and work hard to achieve them.

## DIARY DATES



### July

- 17<sup>th</sup> Curriculum day (student free day)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Term 3 begins
- 18<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Bike Ed
- 24<sup>th</sup> Hoop Time Years 5/6
- 25<sup>th</sup> Bike Ed commencing Year 6
- 26<sup>th</sup> Foundation Chesterfield Farm Excursion
- 27<sup>th</sup> Coach Approach Athletics Event Years 3-6

### August

- 1<sup>st</sup> ICAS English
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jeans For Genes Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> Prime Sci Science Incursion Year 4
- 11<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Book Fair
- 16<sup>th</sup> Meerkat Productions – whole school incursion
- 15<sup>th</sup> ICAS Maths
- 15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Somers Camp
- 24<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Scienceworks excursion
- 25<sup>th</sup> PFA Fundraising Event
- 26<sup>th</sup> Daffodil Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> Literacy & Numeracy Week
- 31<sup>st</sup> Whole school photos

### September

- 4<sup>th</sup> Bike Ed commencing Year 5
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Year 3/4 Camp
- 14<sup>th</sup> RU OK Day
- 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Year 5/6 camp
- 22<sup>nd</sup> End of Term 3
- Early Finish 2.30pm**
- Gold coin donation**

WPPS is a Learning Community. We achieve this through a focus on the following 'Norms' or 'ways of treating each other'.

Respect

Encourage

Value

Care

Challenge

Responsible

## Regional Principal Forum

Last week, Steve and I attended the regional principal forum – Inspired Teaching and Learning: creating the Education State. This featured presentations from DET Secretary Gill Callister, Deputy Secretary Bruce Armstrong and The Hon James Merlino speaking about the Education State agenda. International speakers such as David Woods and Mary Jean Gallagher spoke about international education reform in London and Ontario. For me, the highlight of the conference was Dr. Lyn Sharratt who is a world renowned educational researcher and author. She spoke about the importance of using data so that we know and can track where our students are in their learning and what they need to continue to grow and succeed.

## Maths Talent Quest

The Maths Talent Quest is an initiative by Deakin University which is offered to year 5 and 6 students so that they may identify a pure Mathematics concept and apply it to a real life situation. This inquiry based form of learning allows our students to work collaboratively to investigate and design a solution to solve a problem. Each student in Year 5 and 6 is required to present their entry to a panel of teachers. Many students have spent their lunch hours and weekends working on their projects. Congratulations to the finalists. Their entries have been selected to represent the school at the finals held at Deakin University.

## Term 3

It was announced at assembly this week that I have been appointed as Principal of Pembroke Primary School, beginning after the holidays. Gayle will be in the Principal role next term. I am sure you are all looking forward to her return.

## Farewell

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to all the wonderful students, parents and staff at Wattle Park Primary School. Over the past five years, Gayle and I have worked together, supported by a committed staff, to provide engaging, purposeful and fun learning experiences for students. I am particularly proud of our reporting process, the STEM focus at the school as well as the policy work I have undertaken alongside passionate and supportive parents in the Education Committee and School Council. I feel lucky to have worked in a school community where education is highly valued and so many community members generously give their time to support the school in any way they can. A special thank you to all the students who made such beautiful cards and letters to say goodbye. I will treasure them always.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday.

Yours in education



Megan Ganter  
Acting Principal

## **From Gayle**

By now, you would have all heard the wonderful news for our assistant principal that Ms Megan Ganter is now the substantive principal for Pembroke Primary School in Mooroolbark. That means that this time Megan won't be coming back!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Megan most sincerely for her commitment, knowledge and passion that she has brought to the school over the past 5 years. Wattle Park Primary School certainly has the reputation of being a high performance school in no small part because of Megan's efforts. Megan has been responsible for so many different aspects of the school; Education Committee, Leadership Team, OH&S, Curriculum Implementation, Teaching and Learning, Staff Professional Development are just a few that come to mind. As you can imagine after a partnership of 5 years as leaders of the school, I will miss Megan's contribution enormously both professionally and personally. Pembroke Primary School will benefit massively from Megan's knowledge and skills of what it is to be an effective educator and school.

Congratulations Megan, we wish you all the very best at your new school and into the future. You will be remembered most fondly by staff, parents and the many students on whose lives you have made such a positive impact.

Gayle Cope  
Principal

### **Host families needed.**

We are in need of host families for the visiting students from our sister schools Suzhou/Taicang in China. The visit will take place from 2-9 August. Thank you to the family that has offered so far. We are still in need of 6 more families to host students. Please contact the school office if you are able to welcome a student into your home to enhance their – and your intercultural experience.



Enrolments for Foundation 2018 are open. Please send in enrolment papers now to help facilitate staff numbers for 2018. Please include Birth Certificate and Medicare Immunisation Certificate and any Visa information if applicable.



Tennis advertising

# Parents and Friends Association (PFA) News

## Term 2, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Dear WPPS Families,**



We've had a very successful **Term 2** bringing the 'year-to-date' fundraising to a total of **\$17,138.45**. Many thanks to the school community for supporting the events the PFA have put on for the WPPS Community.

The Annual **Burwood Village Festival Cake Stall** was held on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April**, coordinated by **Meaghan Courtney** (Hannah in Grade 5, and Alice in Grade 3).

The local community came out in droves to support the festival, and we thank all the WPPS parents who baked goods for the cake stall raising **\$932.45** for our school. Thanks to Meaghan and all the assistants who helped in the lead up and on the day.

Our ever popular **Mother's and Special Person's Day Stall** was held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May** in the School Canteen, coordinated by **Alison Ross** (Hugh, Grade 6) and **Kelly Bullen** (Haley, Grade 4) and assisted by Georgia Kelly (James, Grade 6 and Fleur, Grade 4) and Angela Ganas (George, Grade 6 and Johnny, Grade 4). The children again had great fun shopping for presents, and we raised **\$735.35**. Thanks again to all involved.

**Anita Power** (Mae, Grade 1) spent a very long day at WPPS coordinating the **Vision Family Portraits** on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May**, and most of you by now would have collected your photographs from the main office. This event raised **\$940** – a fantastic result and thanks to all who supported this fundraiser which will be back again in **2019**.

The **Entertainment Book Fundraiser** is winding up at the end of this term. Thanks to all the families who purchased a book or digital online subscription and to **Shelley Bustos** (who has Jack in Grade 5 and Ella Grade 3) for the co-ordination and marketing. Not only are these a great fundraiser for WPPS, but those who have purchased one will reap the rewards with huge savings back to the family, for dining out and entertainment. It really does provide fantastic value.

The PFA Committee is now busy working behind the scenes on the following events for the remainder of this year.

**Parents "Friendraising" Event**...Friday 25th August, put the date in your diary now!  
More info early next term **Father's Day/Special Persons Day Stall on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August**.

**Fun Run on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**... stay tuned for further details.  
**Kids Disco**....more to come on that later too!

The next **PFA Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm**. Please contact Caroline van West on the details below if you are interested in attending – we'd love to have you! Bring a friend! As we head into the second half of the year we will be looking to commence planning for 2018, and we'd welcome any new faces especially from parents in children in the younger year levels.

Cheers, T & C

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## Performing Arts update

Here we are again...term 2 is almost finished and a well-deserved break is on the way after a long and massive term. This term has seen two whole school focus topics. Take a look at what your children have accomplished in Performing Arts.

### Body Percussion

All students started the term working on an introduction to body percussion. Students began the term by watching a clip from Stomp titled ‘Just Clap Your Hands’. It’s awesome and I encourage everyone to have another look! Students were then immersed into a variety of games and activities that included the Dum Dum song, Bim Bam and Boom Snap Clap.

This all culminated in a whole school incursion with Peter Vadiveloo from Outer Urban Project who taught everyone some vocal percussion as well as cross beat patterns.

From there all students composed their own body percussion routine, which was fascinating to watch. I was so impressed with the creativity, accuracy and talent that was displayed!

### Fairy Tales

Our next focus began by brainstorming fairy tales and nursery rhymes and then the fun really started.

Foundation students had the opportunity to act out Three Little Pigs and The Little Red Hen with me guiding them through the basics of staging and how to be an audience.

Year 1 students re-enacted Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the Three Billy Goats Gruff while Year 2 re-enacted Little Red Riding Hood and Cinderella. We discussed stage directions as well as also going through basic staging rules such as not having your back to the audience while speaking.

Year 3s had the opportunity to act either The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Three Little Pigs or Goldilocks and the Three Bears using a proper dramatic script. These plays also had a twist in all of them such as the big bad wolf telling his side of the story in the Three Little Pigs.

Finally Year 5 and 6 students were given the challenge of ‘fixing’ a fairy tale by altering the ending or parts throughout. For example one group created Jack and No Beanstalk while another group ‘fixed’ Goldilocks and the Three Bears by having three baby bears with different personalities. I was very impressed with the level of creativity the students demonstrated. Who knew that traditional fairy tales could be altered so much!

### Year 4

The Year 4s finished off their semester of recorder by learning to play C and high D. They’ve done an amazing job learning all five notes with their left hand, completing their Orange Recorder Belts and playing Ode to Joy. Well done everyone!

## **Choir**

Choir has had their first performance at our Grandparents Day and has busily been preparing for a new initiative called the Choir Shindig. On Thursday 17 August Wattle Park will be hosting three local schools' choirs in the Gym. More information will be provided next term.

## **Aerobics**

Aerobics has worked very hard to finish their routine this term. We've been experimenting doing the routine to a variety of music and discovering that just because we like a song, doesn't mean it's suitable to do aerobics to! We've also had a go at trying our routine in smaller groups.

Which brings us to the end of term 2! Next term brings on our Soiree as well as weekly practice of our **Whole School Production**, which will be on **Thursday 19 October**. We will be at the **Besen Centre** again with another performing arts showcase, so don't forget to save the date!

Have a relaxing holiday. Stay warm and I'll see everyone next term!

*Zelema Levy*



# St Dominic's Tennis Club



10 Wiringa Ave Camberwell

## ***School Holiday Tennis Clinic***

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
10.00am – 2.00pm**

- Morning tea & Lunch provided
  - Trophies and Prizes
  - Daily Enrolments accepted
  - Fees \$180 or \$50 per day
  - All standards welcome



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# Join Drama Time at Wattle Park Primary!

An exciting and rewarding drama program  
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**Prep - Grade 6 Thursdays 1:45pm - 2:30pm on the stage in the Gym**

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**Only \$13.50 per class!**

**Enrolments open throughout the term.**

**"Eden loves her Drama class. She always comes home on Tuesdays with great stories from the session."**

**Parent**

**St. Finbar's PS Brighton**

**"Thank you so much for having Saskia. She talks about Drama Time constantly and just loves it. I love hearing about the wonderfully creative things she does in that class."**

**Parent**

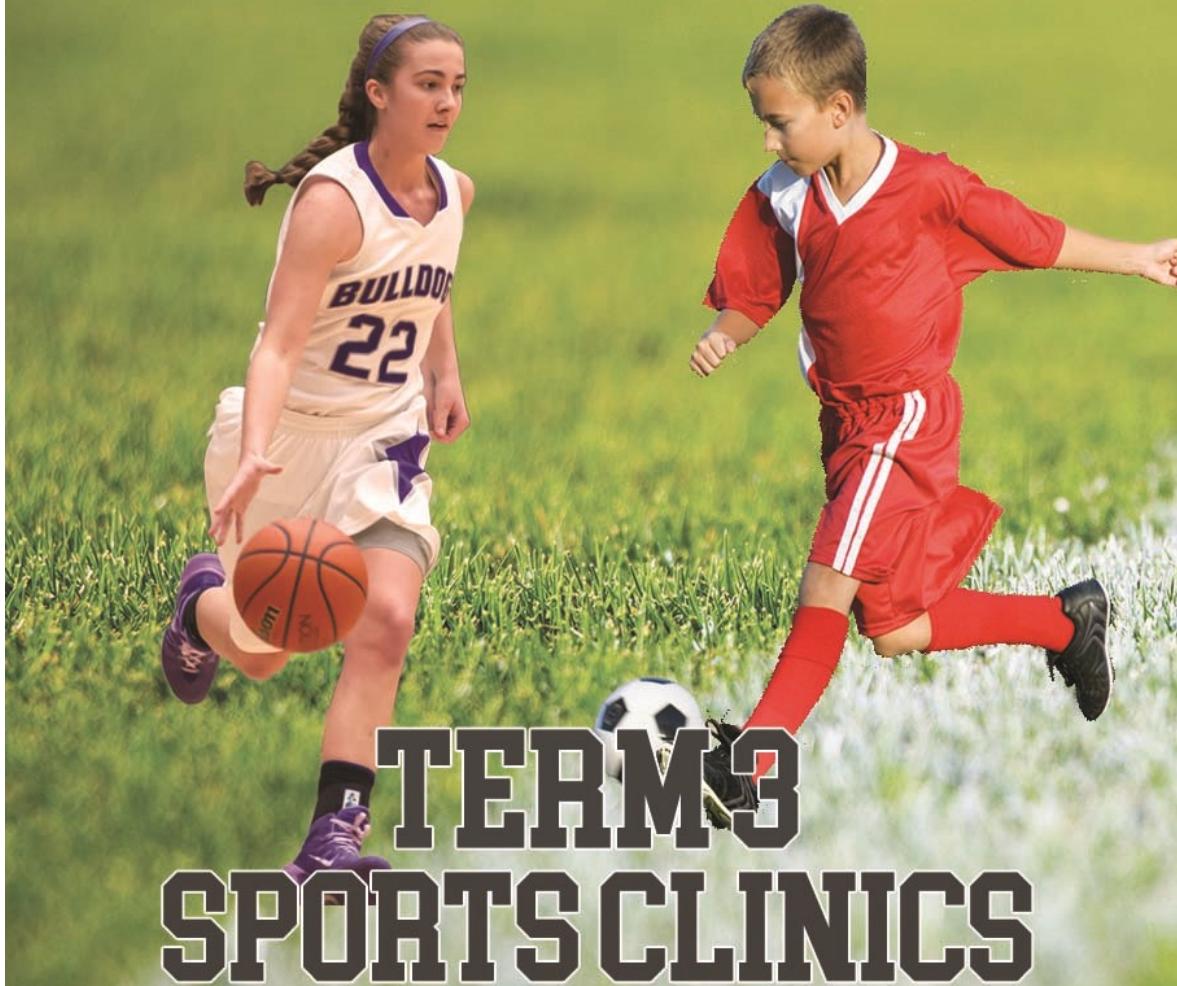
**Carnegie PS**

**"Enrique's confidence has increased enormously over the last few years thanks to Drama Time."**

**Parent**

**Brighton Beach PS**

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