



# Parent Newsletter Term 3 Foundation 2017



Dear Parents,



It is wonderful to return to school after the term 2 holidays and find our students full of enthusiasm. Students have eagerly shared their holiday adventures with their class. There have been overseas holidays, trips to the snow, shopping sprees, visiting friends and of course watching movies. We appreciate the effort parents make to continue the home reading program over the holidays as consistent reading is very important. It will be another exciting and eventful term ahead and we have many interesting activities planned for the Foundation Level. It is pleasing to see the students happily settling back into the school routines and the classroom structures.



We hope you find the information about the upcoming term helpful. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Thank you and kind regards,  
Catherine Churchward, Robyn Heeps and Helen Sterling

In Mathematics:	In English:
<p>In Mathematics this term we will be teaching the topics of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, Statistics and Probability.</p> <p>These include addition and subtraction, number stories, working knowledge of numbers to 20, calculators, shapes, capacity, days of the week, day and night, time, seasons and money. Please encourage your child to see the mathematical elements in daily activities. For example, count the stairs as you climb them, point out shapes when you see them, show your child you value mathematics by playing number games together.</p> <p>Mathletics tasks will be set weekly for the students to extend their learning at home as part of their homework.</p>	<p>This term we will be developing further reading and writing skills in Literacy Groups. Foundation students will participate in guided reading and activities based on the students individual needs. These may include targeted reading strategies, blends and consolidation of letter/sounds patterns.</p> <p>In writing, we will extend the range of writing experiences to include procedural writing, descriptive writing and explanations. We will also continue to focus on developing their vocabulary to include high frequency words in their writing and correct sentence structure. We will continue to develop correct size and formation of letters in formal handwriting and correct use of punctuation.</p> <p>Literacy Planet tasks will be set weekly for students to extend their learning at home as part of their homework.</p>
<p><b>In Science:</b></p>	<p>This term our integrated topic is farms and farm produce. We will also focus on our Science unit of 'Weather In My World'. Later in the term students will require a shoe box to create a diorama depicting farm life. If you or your child has any books, toys etc. relating to our unit, please send them in. We are looking forward to a very exciting term with lots of making, discovering and creating!</p>

<p><b>Timetable</b></p> 	<p>Students should arrive at school no later than 8:50am to meet and greet friends, discuss the day ahead, go to the toilet if needed and settle down after the morning rush. At 8.50am teachers will welcome students into the learning environment.</p> <p>School starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.30pm</p> <p>Recess 11.00 – 11.30                      Lunch 1.30 – 2.30</p> <p>Students are given time to eat their food, prior to going outside to play.</p>																								
<p><b>Excursions/Incursions</b></p>	<p>There are a variety of events planned for Term 3 including activities to celebrate 100 days of school, Chesterfield Farm excursion, Meerkat Productions and Living Eggs. We look forward to the farm excursion where the children can see and touch farm animals and experience activities such as tractor rides, milking and feeding animals.</p> <p>The Living Eggs program allows children to watch chickens hatch and then record their progress and growth over two weeks. It is very interesting and the students always enjoy holding and caring for these little chicks.</p>																								
<p><b>Buddies</b></p>	<p>Foundation students and their Year 6 Buddies will continue to participate in a range of fortnightly activities. There will be various opportunities for the Foundation students to continue to develop their relationships with their Buddies during Term 3.</p>																								
<p><b>Money</b></p>	<p>Any money sent to school needs to come to the <b>classroom teacher</b> in a sealed envelope with your child's name written clearly on it.</p>																								
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<p><b>Home Reading and Homework</b></p> 	<p>Reading should be an enjoyable experience for all family members. Make this a special time where you and your child are not distracted. It is expected students will read 4-5 times a week and the books be recorded in their reading log. Take home books are provided and children are also encouraged to borrow books from the local library.</p> <p>A homework grid will be sent home every Monday. It is to be returned to school the following Monday. <i>Mathletics</i> and <i>Literacy Planet</i> will be available to use on your home computers and iPads. Login and password details can be found in your child's homework book.</p>
<p><b>Nude food lunches and allergies</b></p> 	<p>All students are encouraged to bring 'nude food' lunches. A nude food lunch has no foil, gladwrap or any other packaging. Please unwrap and throw any rubbish out at home, to help us significantly reduce the amount of rubbish scattered throughout our school. Your child needs to be able to manage the opening and closing of lunch containers independently. A labelled drink bottle</p>

	<p>containing water is highly encouraged. Research shows that children learn best when they are well hydrated.</p> <p>We have a number of children at Wattle Park with severe allergies. As a result of this the school has put into place practices with which we need your support. One of these practices is the <u>removal of peanut butter and peanut / nut related products from the canteen.</u></p> <p>In support of this practice <u>PLEASE DO NOT SEND</u> your child to school with <u>peanut butter sandwiches and/or peanut / nut related products.</u></p>
Weather Report	<p>During this term each child will get the opportunity to present a short and simple weather report (date, weather, temperature etc). A timetable will be made available next week. The weather report is similar to our Me Bag and Story Time presentations. It is nice to see the students growing in confidence when speaking in front of their classmates.</p>
School Uniform	<p>Our Wattle Park PS school uniform should be worn correctly and be in good condition. Please ensure all items of clothing are <b>named</b>. Check the lost property box near the art room for any missing items. Please ensure hair longer than shoulder length (for girls and boys) is tied up and hair accessories are school colours only. Jewellery is not part of the Wattle Park PS school uniform, including coloured wrist and ankle bands. Students may only wear small stud earrings. School uniform is worn on excursions.</p>
Sun smart	<p>Hats are to be worn from 1<sup>st</sup> September.</p>
 <p>Communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General information and upcoming events are published in our school newsletter. It can be accessed via the Wattle Park Primary website. <a href="http://www.wattleparkps.vic.edu.au/">http://www.wattleparkps.vic.edu.au/</a> Links to other notices are also provided online.</li> <li>• <b>Please check your child's message pocket in their schoolbag daily for any notices.</b></li> <li>• Teachers will be available after school to informally catch up with parents. If you have a specific concern, please make an appointment with the class teacher.</li> <li>• Reminders and updates will also be sent out through <i>Compass</i> and our messaging app <i>Konnective</i>.</li> <li>• <b>REMINDER:</b> All teachers are required at staff meetings and professional development sessions every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.45pm and thus are unable to meet with you on these days.</li> <li>• <b>Whole School Assembly</b> is held every Monday at 3pm in the gym.</li> </ul>
Absences	<p>If your child is absent, we require <b>written</b> verification of student absence. In addition to this, any student arriving after 9:00 am or leaving the school before 3:30pm require a late/early leaver's pass. This is to be collected at the office and presented to the classroom teacher. Students must be collected by an adult if leaving the school. Phone: (03) 9808 2165</p>
 <p>Birthdays</p>	<p>Children can bring a treat to share on their birthday – nut and egg free please!</p>
Important dates for the diary!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Foundation students celebrate 100 days of school</li> <li>• Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Chesterfield Farm excursion</li> <li>• Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August – Jeans for Jeans Day</li> <li>• Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August – Living Eggs incursion</li> <li>• Week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August - BOOK FAIR in the Library</li> <li>• Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August – Meerkat Productions present 'Gary'</li> <li>• Week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August – STEM, LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK</li> <li>• Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Whole School Photo</li> <li>• Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – R U OK Day</li> <li>• Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Foundation Farm Expo</li> <li>• Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Last day of term, free dress day. Early finish 2.30pm</li> </ul>