Dear Families,

We hope you all enjoyed your term 1 holiday and you’re ready for another busy and fun filled term 2. The children have settled into term 2 extremely well and with a lot of enthusiasm for our integrated topic “The Olden Days”. The Year Two children will be focussing on the history of the Burwood community and will be involved in an excursion to Ripponlea and local walking around historical sights.

MORNING ROUTINE

A reminder to all families that children should be at school at 8:50am. When the music at 8:50am is played, this is the time for students to put down chairs, hang up their bags, change their readers and be prepared for the day. Parents may also wish to take the opportunity to briefly pass on information to their child’s teacher during this time.

PARENT HELPERS

Parent helpers will commence in week 2, the week starting Monday 28th April. Please remember that if you are helping in the classroom that you bring your Working with Children Check and leave a copy at the office. We have many parents wanting to assist, so many parents will be be given only one or two sessions. We prefer to have only one parent working in the classroom at a time as we are trying to develop skills of independence to best prepare the children for Year Three.

HOMEWORK

As you know this year at Wattle Park the students have been receiving weekly homework tasks. These tasks are sent home on a Monday and due the following Monday. Thank you to the families who have provided feedback. It is very much appreciated.
SPECIALIST PROGRAM AND SPECIAL FEATURES OF YEAR 2 PROGRAM IN TERM 2

The Year 2 students will participate in a variety of specialist programs in 2013. The following timetable indicates the specialist timetable for Year 2 in Term 2.

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It is important that each child brings their library bag to school each Thursday. Weather permitting, the children will be participating in a fitness session with the Year 2 teachers. Please consider appropriate footwear for your child on Wednesday so that they can fully participate in each session.

HOME READING

It continues to be very important that you get back into daily home reading routine in which you praise all attempts made by your child to trial new reading strategies that they have learned at school. Grade 2 parents will notice the 100 - 200 Word list in your child’s Take Home Folder which reinforces not only the sight words learnt previously but the correct spelling of many useful common words. In addition each child should be completing their personal reading journal in which they record the books which they read at home. Please ensure that your child brings their reading record to school every Monday for their teacher to check.

MATHS BAGS

The very popular Maths Bags will commence this term. Similar to Year 1 each child will have the opportunity to bring home a Maths Bag which includes Maths games, activities and a reflection book for the children to record and share what they have done with the class. This is due to start later this term.

Kind Regards,

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