From the Principal ............

Dear Parents

A special thank you to the PFA co-presidents Mrs Tash Sinclair and Mrs Gemma Anderson on the magnificent efforts ensuring that the tradition of the Wattle Park Primary School Movie Night lived on. The weather wasn't the balmy autumn night that we had hoped for, however for most of the night the rain abated. As one parent commented, 'Movie Night is a bit like camping out in the Australian bush!' Thank you to all the people who organised and volunteered their time to conduct stalls. The many donations of wine and lollies were greatly appreciated and added to the overall profit of the night. It was a wonderful community event and I especially enjoyed meeting past students and parents who returned to the school to catch up with friendships established in their primary school years.

I returned to school on Sunday morning to find the school grounds in immaculate condition with not one piece of rubbish to be seen. Thank you to the Anderson and Witt family who spent Saturday morning as the 'clean up' team.
The school grounds are looking a treat with the installation of the mosaic tiles that our current year 6 students created last year as part of the Department of Veteran's Affairs Grant commemorating the 100th year anniversary of Gallipoli. The landscape gardener who installed the artwork referred to the pathway as Anzac Avenue which is a fitting name considering its proximity to the memorial.

Mrs Janine Dankesreither (mother of Harry 2P) has been a most successful grant writer securing various grants that have greatly improved the appearance of the school. Stay tuned for a sculpture that will be installed down Centenary Drive sometime in April.

The Annual General Meeting of the School Council was conducted on Tuesday night followed by a school council meeting. I would like to warmly welcome Mrs Mel King, Mr Kit Leong and Mr Angus MacKinnon as the newly elected parent representatives and Mr Steven Donohue, Mrs Julie Gledhill and Mr Hadyn Thompson as staff representatives. Mrs Jo Holland was elected School Council President for another year, Mr Scott Sutherland as the new treasurer and Mr Angus MacKinnon as secretary. Congratulations to them all.

We bid farewell to Mrs Suzan Davies, Ms Carol Hensley, Mr Jordy Kaufman and Ms Pia Chadwick who have completed their two year terms on council.

I would especially like to acknowledge the phenomenal efforts of Ms Carol Hensley for leading the Buildings and Grounds committee. Carol and her small but dedicated team have been responsible for instigating the school's very first ground's master plan and methodically addressing areas to improve when funds became available. The grounds have improved significantly over the past two years due to Carol's diligence and leadership.

Mr Tim Humphries after three years as School Council treasurer has passed on the reins to Mr Scott Sutherland. Tim and Robyn Hunter have been a formidable pair on the Finance team managing the finances of the school. I would like to thank Tim most sincerely for dedicating so much of his time overseeing every financial transaction of the school and ensuring that all processes are sound and adhere to departmental policy. Tim is not retiring from council, just taking a sideways step for accountant extraordinaire, Scott Sutherland to take a turn.

It has certainly been an action packed short first term! Teachers and students alike have quickly settled into routines, developed friendships and commenced their learning journey for the year. If you were unable to attend the parent/teacher interviews held this week please make a time to catch up with your child's class teacher. Every student from Foundation through to Year 6 has developed learning goals for the semester. It is most imperative that the school and home work as a partnership alongside each student to help them achieve their goals.

Have a restful and relaxing holiday time. Please stay safe, especially on the roads during Easter time. Each and every one of you contribute to making our community very special. See you all upon your return to school on Tuesday 12th April.

Regards Gayle
**Student Information Update**
All families should have received a hard copy of the Student Information Update. If you have received it in an email, please disregard and use the paper copy sent home last week. Please take particular notice of the email contact. It is imperative that this is up to date. Email and phone numbers can be updated throughout the year on Compass.

**Compass**
If you have forgotten your password, you may reset it on the Log in page. Click on *Cant access your account?* And follow the prompts. Contact the office if you cannot recall your User Name: Compass Log in is [https://wattleparkps.vic.jdlf.com.au/](https://wattleparkps.vic.jdlf.com.au/)

**Camp Sports and Education Fund (CSEF)**
Application forms are available (see inside) for eligible families with a Health Care Card or Pension Card to receive government funding, which goes towards Camps, and Sporting activities. All applications must be handed into the office ASAP

**No Hat No Play**
School hats must be worn outside during play times. Children will remain in the shade during play times if no hat is worn. Hats must be worn in April.
Canteen Volunteer Form
Term 2 2016

Our canteen could not be able to run without the wonderful support of the volunteer Parents, Friends and Grandparents of our school.

We would love to have you volunteer for us, whether you are an experienced hand or an eager learner. All you need to do is fill out the form below and we will schedule you for 2 shifts for 2.5 hours each, for the term. If you would like to help more, then just let us know and we can give you extra shifts.

All shifts will have a canteen coordinator present, who will coordinate and assist in the smooth running of the day.

Please fill out the form below and return to the office by the end of February so that the roster can be organised and distributed.

We are expecting to have the canteen re-open 18th March.

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Yes I would like to volunteer for the canteen for term 1 and 2

Name:__________________________________________________________

Phone Number __________________________________
(this number will be on the canteen roster)

Email address ____________________________________________________

Child’s Class __________

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Preferred session time 10am till 12.30pm (Monday and Friday)
12pm till 2.30pm (Monday and Friday)
9am till 11.30am (Friday 1 person each week)

Whilst we endeavour to give you your time preference, sometimes that is not always possible.

Any other information ____________________________________________
A huge thanks to all those involved in this year’s Movie Night on Friday 18th March. If you donated a bottle of wine, bag of lollies, submitted an entry in the colouring-in competition, bought a sponsorship package, purchased tickets, helped out with manning the gate, BBQ, Wine Stall, Glowie and Movie Food stalls, bought a picnic box or raffle ticket, assisted with set up and pack up, or came down to the school on the weekend to help with the clean-up…… you were a part of this event!

Many families in our community braved the elements, and were rewarded with a fun night with the other parents and children at our school with only a sprinkle of rain during the intermission.

We welcomed several new sponsors this year, with parents taking up the opportunity to advertise their businesses to the community, and we welcomed back our loyal sponsors from years prior. Please see their ads in this newsletter.

Not to mention, our PFA members who co-ordinated each of the many components of this memorable evening!

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

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2nd Prize: 2 x Tickets to see “Matilda the Musical” donated by Gayle Cope
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3rd Prize: 1 x $75 Dinner Voucher to “Italy 1”, Camberwell
            The Wren Family

4th Prize: 1 x $75 Dinner Voucher to “Italy 1”, Camberwell
            The Rath Family

5th Prize: Hamper donated by “Wattle Park Pharmacy”
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In spite of the weather, this event raised just over $12,000!

Cheers,

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We will be requesting donations of baked goods to sell and we will also be running a raffle as part of the WPPS cake stall.

How do I find out more?
Watch out for more details at the beginning of Term 2 including times & locations for drop off of donations, packaging information and how you can help on the day.

Raffle Prize donations are very welcome
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