**Dates for your Diary**

Tuesday 9th February  Level 2 Information Session – choice of session *6:00 – 6:45 *7:00 – 7:45  
Monday 14th March  Labour Day Holiday (No school)  
Friday 18th March  School Photos  
Friday 18th March  Movie Night  
Monday 21st March  Seaweed Sally Incursion – Date to be confirmed  
Friday 25th March  Last Day of Term 1

Thursday 4th February, 2016

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Wattle Park Primary School for another busy and fun filled year. Welcome to Jack in 2G and Alice in 2P and their families who will be starting at Wattle Park this year. We know that you will be very happy at our school. All of the Year 2 students have settled back into school life extremely well. The independent behaviours and work have been re-established and as a result the students started the school year smoothly. They are enthusiastically following the classroom structures and routines. The students have begun to make new friends and many are already willing to become leaders and take on responsibilities, such as Scarecrow and Student Representative Council monitors.

**MORNING ROUTINE**

When the music at 8:50am is played, this is the time for students to come into the classroom, put down chairs, hang up their bags and change their take-home books. Parents may also wish to take the opportunity to briefly pass on information to their child’s teacher during this time.

**CLASSROOM MATERIALS & PARENT HELPERS**

We would appreciate if your family could donate a box of tissues and a bottle of *Coles Antibacterial Handwash Pump 250mL OR Woolworths Select Handwash Antibacterial Original 250ml* to share with the students in your child’s class. Please give these to the class teacher. It is essential that all students have a Wattle Park green notice folder which is brought to school each day. These can be purchased from the uniform shop for $5.00. An invitation to participate in the Parent Helpers Program and a notice to set up a roster for Literacy Group support will be sent home shortly.

**HOMEWORK**

Commencing next week all children at Wattle Park will receive weekly homework tasks. In Year 2, homework tasks will include home reading and spelling of words from the Oxford Most Used Words Lists and opportunities to document how your child has helped at home as well as a mathematical activity.
SPECIALIST PROGRAM AND SPECIAL FEATURES OF YEAR 2 PROGRAM IN TERM 1

The Year 2 students will participate in a variety of specialist programs in 2016. The following timetable indicates the specialist timetable for Year 2 in Term 1.

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*Library days with Mrs Kim Wheatley will be confirmed soon.*

It is important that each child brings an art smock and library bag to school. Weather permitting the children will be participating in a fitness session with the Year 2 teachers. Please consider appropriate footwear for your child on Tuesday (2G) or Thursday (2P) so that they can fully participate in each session.

HOME READING

It continues to be very important that daily home reading practise becomes part of your routine. You are encouraged to praise all attempts made by your child to trial new reading strategies that they have learned at school. Year 2 parents will notice the Oxford Word list in your child’s Take Home Folder which reinforces not only the sight words learnt in Year 1 but the correct spelling of many useful common words. In addition each child will have a personal reading journal in which they will record the books which they read at home.

MATHS BAGS

The very popular Maths Bags will recommence in term 2. As in 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.

YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER

We are conscious of informing you as soon as possible of upcoming events. For your information the Year 2 sleepover is planned for the Friday after Cup Day, Friday 4th November 2016.

We encourage you to pop in and say hello if we have not yet had a chance to meet. We value the partnership between school and home so that we can support your child to be happy and achieve success in Year 2 in 2016.

Kind Regards,

Robyn Gilmour, Ainslie Peszynski and Gayle Cope