Dear Parents,

It’s a very short first week back but of course lots have been happening due to the five day Year 5 & 6 Canberra Camp next week. A special thank you to Mrs Julie Nield who ran a very informative session last night, checking that all parents have the correct information about what is required and what will be happening. Everyone is so very excited, even the teachers! It’s sure to be a very educational and fun camp with lots of stories to tell upon our return, I’m sure.

This morning we held a short ceremony for all of our students to commemorate the fallen soldiers from the First World War and the many other servicemen and women who have served our country to ensure we live in a free and democratic country.

Andre T and Anya W, our literacy leaders read the poem, In Flanders Field written by a Canadian military medic, John McCrae while school ambassadors, Ewan D and Zoe K laid a wreath. Tomorrow morning, commencing at 5.50a.m. the school conducts an Anzic Day dawn service for not just our school community but also for surrounding neighbours including Cameron Close residents. Although it is an extremely early start, it is an event well worth attending.

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**DIARY DATES**

**APRIL**
- 25th ANZAC Day public holiday
- 29th State Swimming
- 28-2nd May Canberra Camp Years 5 and 6

**MAY**
- 3rd Burwood Festival
- 5th Information Night China Trip Years 5-6, 7pm
- 7th Cross Country Years 3-6
- Mother’s Day Stall
- 8th Yarrabee Excursion Year 1
- 22nd Whole School Photo Information Evening Foundation 2015, 7pm
- 24th Saturday, Open Day 9am—11am

**JUNE**
- 5th Cross Country Zone
- 6th Curriculum Day—Student Free Day
- 9th Queen’s Birthday holiday
- 17th Cross Country Regional
- 23rd Reports sent home
- 25th Parent Teacher Interview
- 27th End of Term 2 2.30 Finish, Free Dress Day

**JULY**
- 14th Term 3 begins
- 17th Cross Country State
- 22nd MSAC Basketball Year 6
- 30th Boite Schools Chorus Senior Choir Deakin Edge
- 31st Oz Opera Incursion

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN:**

MONDAYS AFTER THE AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY & WEDNESDAYS 8.30-9.30am
Email Enquiries: wpps.uniform@gmail.com
Be sure to keep your eye on the school’s calendar as advertised in ‘The Wattle’ as well as on the school website. Term 2 promises to be another busy but productive time with many quality learning opportunities for our students.

Term 2 includes Information Night for year 5 & 6 students travelling to China, NAPLAN assessment for years 3 & 5 students, mid-year written reports, commencement of our science partnership with Swinburne University, house cross-country, year 1 excursion to Yarrabee School, Foundation excursion to Lego Education, Open Day, Education Week as well as Parent Teacher interviews!

Please be aware that there will be no assembly on Monday 29th April. Our next assembly is scheduled for Monday 5th May.

Next week Mrs Ainslie Peszynski commences maternity leave for the birth of her and Konrad’s second daughter. We wish them all the very best and I’m sure Erika will be delighted to have a little sister to play with. While Ainslie is on leave we have appointed Ms Liang Zhe Xu as our Chinese teacher. The students will have the opportunity to meet Liang next week working alongside Ainslie on Tuesday.

A reminder, to please be considerate of our neighbours in surrounding streets on both sides of Warrigal Road. Unfortunately yesterday I received a report of a parent parking across a neighbour’s drive stopping the resident from accessing their own property. Not only is this disrespectful behaviour, it is actually illegal. If a next time occurs, the number plate will be passed on to the relevant council for an infringement notice to be issued.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Regards Gayle
ANZAC DAY

Dawn Service, 2014

Wattle Park Primary School with the permission of ANZAC House, holds a linkage (by ABC broadcast) to the dawn service on the school grounds.

We invite any interested persons in our school and community to join us in this opportunity to remember our fallen servicemen and women.

We feel this is a great opportunity for those unable to travel to the Shrine of Remembrance for the occasion.

We shall be following the order of ceremony as directed by the ADCC (Anzac Day Commemoration Council).

We ask those interested to gather at the School Administration area by 5.45am for a 5.50am start, concluding at 6.30am on Anzac Day, Friday, 25th April. The Ceremony is an important occasion, so that future generations of young Australians do not forget the horror of war and the importance of ANZAC Day in Australia's history.

Please join us in remembering and giving thanks to the men and women whose love and sacrifice in wartime has enabled all Australians to live in peace and freedom.

We encourage any children who may be in possession of their grandparent's medals to wear them on the day, noting protocol, medals should be worn to the right side.

Poppies will be available for a donation of $1 (money collected shall be forwarded onto the Box Hill RSL).

The poppies can then be placed on the memorial as part of the ceremony.
SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

“The School Council AGM was held recently where the most members continued their 2 year tenure. We say farewell and thank you to outgoing councilors Mr Brent Dankesreither (parent) and teacher representatives Ms Amanda Dwyer and Mrs Anna Saaksjarvi (teachers). In their place, we are pleased to welcome Ms Suzan Davies (parent ) and teachers Samantha Teng and Pia Chadwick. One of key items of focus this year is going to be the appeal through VCAT for the school gym to maintain its current usage hours in opposition to the local residents who have asked for this to be minimized. The School Council believes that the school has a strong case based on its effective management of the traffic and noise and also favorable precedence. Among other items discussed are landscaping of the new areas near the gym entrance and policies regarding how complaints will be handled. And of course, the exciting plans that will shape the coming centenary celebrations! To this end, we strongly encourage parents to be engaged through the many sub committees that provide so much support and goodwill in making WPPS an active and productive school community. “

Kind Regards,

Kit Leong

FOUNDATION  2015 ENROLMENTS

It is that time of year when schools are preparing for the following year and student numbers are critical to the school’s staffing structure.

Could you please complete the required Student Admission Enrolment Form if you intend enrolling your child at Wattle Park Primary School in 2015. This form is available from the office or on the school’s website. It can be forwarded by mail if requested.

If you are aware of any families who may live near you and have not enrolled, please encourage them to put in their enrolment forms as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

- Anzac Day Ceremony
- Fete information
NAB Grant with Swinburne University Celebrations
WHEN YOUR CHILD/REN ARE ABSENT

Please be aware that it is a departmental requirement that all absences are covered by a written note, explaining the absence.

There is no requirement to inform the school of the absence at the time.

When you child/ren return to school the note must be handed your child’s teacher.

FULL SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Thursday 22nd May. Please make sure your child/ren are in full school uniform on this day. If you would like to order the full school photo, an envelope will be sent home next week. Please return to the office before the 22nd May with correct payment.

STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATES

Please return the Student Information Updated information to your child/ren’s teacher as soon as possible if you have not done so. It is vital the school has the latest contact information.

MOVIE NIGHT LOST PROPERTY

If you are missing picnic blankets from the movie night, please contact the office with a description!
1942 — A TIME OF TURMOIL

Australia had been at war since 1939, and now in 1942, its effect on Wattle Park was felt. School numbers rose to 70, when boys from the Gordon Boys’ Home, State School No. 3802, were removed to the Burwood Boys Home. They were accompanied by their teacher, Mr. John Hazelton, who became Head Master of No. 3841, while Duncan McLellan remained on as an assistant until 1949. This move was made so that the Gordon building could be used by the Airforce.

More drama followed on the 10th of September at 6.30am, the Senior Building of the School was destroyed by fire. All records except a School Register and Class Rolls were destroyed as well as equipment and furniture, including a piano. An account of the fire given in the “Age” of 11/9/42 states that the building was in an isolated position and 100 ft. of hose had to be used in fighting the fire.

School continued that day in the Home’s larger hall which was made available on a day to day basis until the Education Department could make other arrangements. A marquee erected in the Home grounds was the solution. It proved to be very cold and uncomfortable with the sides being torn and perished and the earthen floor wet and muddy. A timber floor was added later. By February 1943, the marquee had been abandoned and school continued in the two halls of the Home.

In the meantime, planning for a new school building had commenced. The style and location of the current main building was suggested by the Home’s General Committee to keep in harmony with the existing Home buildings. Tenders were closed at the end of February 1943, and it was hoped that the new school would be opened by June that year. However, the new brick building of 2 rooms was not occupied until the 25th January 1944, although in “Vision & Realisation” December 29th 1943 is given as the opening date.
Wattle Park Primary School Cake Stall
Burwood Village Road Festival
Saturday 3rd May 2014

We are lucky to have once again been invited to hold a cake stall at the local Burwood Village Festival on Saturday 3rd May 2014. The Festival is a great family day with children’s activities, an entertainment stage, and stalls from local community groups and traders.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could support the school by baking goods to sell.

Ideas of things to bake are: cakes, slices (lemon, caramel etc), sweet or savoury muffins, chocolate crackles, honey joys, chocolate balls, rocky road, shortbread, brownies, tarts, jams and preserves....

Packaging will be sent home to each family and additional packaging will be available to collect at the office from Monday 28th April onwards. We are happy for items to be delivered in containers to be packaged by us and containers will be returned if named.

All items need to have a list of ingredients attached and cannot contain any cream due to health regulations. Items can be delivered to the school staffroom until 4pm on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd May or between 4pm and 8pm on Friday 2nd May to Gemma Anderson’s house at 15 Murray Drive, Burwood.

This will be a wonderful community event and a great opportunity for Wattle Park Primary School to be represented and raise money for the school.

We will also have a hamper and prizes to raffle. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase prior to the event as well as at the cake stall at the festival. The raffle will be drawn at our school assembly on Monday 5th May.

Thank you all for your wonderful support.
Welcome to the first edition of the WPPS Fete Newsletter!

Our fete this year will be themed ‘Wattle Park Primary turns 100!’ and will be held on **Saturday 29th November from 4-9pm**. This is a major fund raiser for the school.

A committee has been formed and will keep our school community updated on all the wonderful things planned and will also seek your help towards many aspects of the day. Over the next few months there will be many opportunities to contribute your time and donations of goods etc. to the fete.

We have some enthusiastic parents already working hard to make sure our fete is one to remember and they need your help. We would like to invite anyone who has a skill, service or business which could potentially be utilised, or if you just want to join the fun, please contact any of the committee listed below. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14 May at 7.30pm - please feel free to come and join us!

Thankyou for your support and stay tuned for further information about this exciting event.

**Fete Committee:**
- Steph Trace (0412 660 085)
- Suskia Malafu (0421 657 133)
- Angela Ganas (0409 927 100)
- Kellie McDonald (0412 767 211)
- Chris Nielson (0417 506 420)
- Jane Borden (0402 400 271)
- Suzan Davies (0434 287 082)
- Alison Ross (0414 768 815)
- Lindsay Oldfield (0411 833 831)
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Junior class (P-Gr3): THURSDAY’S in the GYM: 1.45pm-2.30pm

Senior class (Gr4-Gr6): COMING SOON please contact us

Enrolment options are as follows:

- Email the information below to contact@dramatime.com.au
- Post this form to Drama Time 19 William St, Balclutha 3183
- Or call Drama Time on 9528 8598

Please do not return this form to the school, return to the Drama Time office only.

Student name: ___________________________ Grade: __________
Parent name: ___________________________ Mobile number: __________
Email: _________________________________
School: Wattle Park Primary

AN INVOICE WILL FOLLOW AFTER THE ENROLMENT IS SUBMITTED.

“Elise was so excited to tell me about the amazing fun she had and all the things that she’s going to get to do in drama.” Parent, Ormond PS

“Eden loves her Drama class; she always comes home on Tuesdays with stories from the session.” Parent, St Finbar’s

“Enrique’s confidence has increased enormously over the last few years thanks to Drama Time.” Parent, Brighton Beach PS

For more information please call us on 9528 8598 or head to our website www.dramatime.com.au
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I would like to invite parents to take part in our program. If you have a WWCC (Volunteer is fine) and any special skills, would like to talk about your occupation or just want to come and read a book, we would love to have you come and visit!

Last term we were involved in a number of fun activities at OSHC. We played lots of rounds of “the dot game” (you might also know it as “boxes” or “paddocks”). The aim is to complete the box first, and once the page has been filled the player with the most boxes wins.

We were also lucky enough to receive a donation of some different toys from our assistant Fatma. The spy gear, dinosaur car track and air powered rocket were great fun. We were also offered some wood from the Cseh family which we will use in our recycled crafts.

This term we received a donation of any supplies from a friend of Nicole’s and have had a great time using the supplies that were sent, especially the stamps.

Also for a few weeks Dean will be coordinating whilst Nicole travels overseas to the USA. Everything will run as normal, but if you have any questions just ask!

Come to visit and see us in action. We’re open 7:30am until 8:45am and then 3:30pm until 6:30pm.

Once registered
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

Save on Care
Save 30% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustalia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

How to Get Started
Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustalia.com.au/newparents

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