Dear Parents,

It’s been a week of Leadership opportunities. Ten year 6 students who successfully wrote an application for the Young Leader’s Conference attended the Melbourne Convention Centre on Monday to listen to a variety of speakers; John Marsden, Daniel Flynn, Jess Fox, Kevin Sheedy and Mike Martin talked about their leadership journey around the theme of ‘I am Somebody’. Please read the students’ account of their day after my message. It was such a pleasurable day having the company of ten exuberant, entertaining and intelligent students at an event that was so uplifting and inspiring. It was the first time our school attended and from students’ feedback it should be an annual outing.

I have just returned from a two day Principals as Literacy Leaders course held by the Victorian Principal’s Association and presented by Professor Neil Dempster from Griffith University and Ms Anne Bayetto from Flinders University. I certainly enjoyed the time learning as a student from the experts. Neil and Anne were engaging, highly knowledgeable and thought provoking. Yesterday I travelled home reflecting on what had been presented. It has challenged my preconceived ideas on how children learn and how learning environments should be arranged and managed to achieve optimum reading skills for all of our students. Mrs Amanda Chetcuti and Mrs Amanda Dwyer are the leaders of the English Curriculum at Wattle Park and they certainly encouraged me to attend having heard Anne present before at an AusVels English teachers’ presentation. What was certainly reaffirming was the direction in which our school is heading in terms of literacy education. Anne talks about the importance of the BIG SIX—oral language, phonological awareness (awareness of the sounds of the English language), Letter-sound relationships (phonics), Vocabulary, Fluency and Comprehension to achieve success in reading.
If you have a spare minute please take the time to pop-in to the foyer area of the Foundation/Year 1 and Year 5/6 area to view the display of the Year 6 students with their buddies. It certainly put a spring in my step to see the beautiful photos of the students illustrating how quickly they have developed a rapport with one another. This is the first leadership responsibility of all Year 6 students; being positive and responsible role models to our new students.

Leadership is not an easy task. It takes knowledge, practice, drive, tenacity, experience and enthusiasm to be a good leader. To be an effective leader, one must be able to influence others to accomplish goals, to contribute to the organization and cohesion of a group. It also includes the ability to listen and respond accordingly. One word that was repeatedly used at the Young Leadership Conference on Monday as an essential quality for leadership was empathy—understanding what others are feeling because you have experienced it yourself or can put yourself in their shoes.

Our Year 6 Student Leaders will be presented with their leadership badges at Monday’s assembly commencing at 3.00p.m. everyone is most welcome to attend this auspicious occasion.

Finally, just a few quick reminders.
The school does have a policy on student use and possession of mobile phones at school. Please ensure you read the attachment and forward permission letters to me as outlined.
When dropping or collecting students outside of school hours 8.50-3.45p.m. please refrain from using your car horns to signal to your children. Be mindful of the impact this has on our neighbours and be respectful of their home environment.
Enjoy the autumn weather when Melbourne is at its best!

*Regards Gayle*

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**National Young Leaders Day**

On Monday the 24th of February Liam, Andre, Hayley, Kavitha, Zoe, Morgan, John, Ewan, Oscar and Flynn went with Gayle to the Melbourne Convention Centre for the National Young Leader’s Day. The group left school at 7:45 AM and walked to the tram stop on Toorak Rd and headed off. Once the group arrived we headed inside to the Auditorium and discovered four thousand people sitting there. Then the first speaker came on, Mike Martin the founder of the Halogen foundation. He told us that a country that is well run is safe, fair and awesome and that their leader can feel EMPATHY.

The second speaker was John Marsden; he explained that there are no rules to language. He told us to be original and to take risks as a leader and be creative and if anyone tells you that there is a limit to language NEVER believe them.

The third speaker was Daniel Flynn, he made a brand called Thank You Water which has given millions of people clean water. He told us that “Impossibility is only someone’s opinion, not a fact…” Which is true - he did the impossible.
The third speaker was Jess Fox. She has won a silver medal in Kayaking Slalom in the 2012 London Olympics. “You don’t have to be great to start but you have to start to be great,” She told us to dream big and you’ll always achieve.

And last but not least, Kevin Sheedy came and spoke to us to dream big and that you can always make a difference. Overall it was a great day and we enjoyed it a lot.

By Zoe K, Liam C, Morgan C and AndreT

STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE PACKAGE

Please be aware that a package for each child will be sent home in the next week or so. Inside will be the following:

**Foundation Families:**
- 2014 Permission and Authority Form
- Head Lice Permission Form
- Photographic Permission Form
- Internet Permission Form

**Grades 1-6:**
- Student Information Update Form
- 2014 Permission and Authority Form
- Internet Permission Form

Please return these forms with/without updates to the classroom teacher at your earliest convenience. It is most important that the office has up to date contact details for each family.

Thank you
Website Subscription
If you are new to our school, and as a reminder to our existing families, please remember to subscribe to our newsletter. The electronic newsletter comes out fortnightly and you will receive a reminder via your email when the new edition is out. Please go to our website at www.wattleparkps.vic.edu.au and click on the subscribe button. This is the best way to keep up to date with everything that is happening at school. Visiting the website often will keep you informed on school events etc.

Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking in side streets. Do not park across their driveways etc. Parking inspectors will be out to make sure local traffic laws are being followed.

NO HAT, NO PLAY
IT’S HAT TIME AGAIN
All students are required to wear hats outside during recess and lunchtime. Any student without a school hat, will need to sit in the designated area. If you know your child has lost his/her hat now is the time to purchase one. Please make sure your child’s hat is clearly named!

ASTHMA CARE PLAN
In regards to children with asthma, all children must have a blue asthma form filled out with details of symptoms, treatment etc. If your child/ren have asthma and you have not filled out this form, please do so and return to the office. You will find this form in the pages following. It will also be on our website in due course.

- Canteen Menu
- Canteen Volunteer Form
- Lice Letter to affected class
- Movie Night Colouring Competition
Asthma care plan for education and care services

CONFIDENTIAL: Staff are trained in asthma first aid (see appendix) and are provided manual asthma medication as outlined in the care plan by the treating doctor. Please advise staff in writing of any changes to this plan.

To be completed by the treating doctor and parent/guardian, for supervising staff and emergency medical personnel.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Child's name: ________________________________

Date of Birth: ________________

Managing an asthma attack

Staff are trained in asthma first aid (see appendix). Please write down anything different this child might need if they have an asthma attack.

Daily asthma management

This child's usual asthma signs
- Cough
- Wheeze
- Difficulty breathing

Other

Frequency and severity
- Daily/weekly: _____
- Frequently: more than 5 x per week
- Occasionally: less than 5 x per week

Known triggers for this child's asthma (eg exercise, cold/flu, smoke) — please detail:

Does this child usually feel an asthma attack when they have trouble breathing?
- Yes
- No

Does this child need to take asthma medication?
- Yes
- No

Does this child use a mask with an spacer?
- Yes
- No

*Does this child need their blue/bronchodilator medication before exercise?
- Yes
- No

Medication Plan —

If this child needs asthma medication, please detail name, dose, and frequency. The medication and spacer/mask are supplied to staff.

Name of medication and colour

Dosage/number of puffs

Time required

Parent/Guardian

Name

Address

Signature

Date / /

Note: This information is given with the care plan and should be reviewed and updated if there are any changes in the patient's medical condition. If there are any changes to the treatment plan, the patient's doctor should be notified for adjustments in the medication plan that are necessary for the patient's safety.
MOBILE PHONE POLICY

PURPOSE

Mobile phones are important modern day communication tools, essential in providing a safe and effective school environment. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

The use of mobile phones and similar electronic devices in class is disruptive to the learning environment of students.

No student should use their mobile phone during the school time.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

School Mobile Phones

- The school will purchase and maintain enough mobile telephones and service contracts to satisfy its needs.
- Teachers in charge of all excursions and trips involving students must ensure the school’s mobile phones or similar appropriate communications devices accompany each trip.
- School mobile phones are not to be used for private calls, unless there is an emergency.
- Staff will be kept informed of Department of Education and Early Childhood Development information relating to the health effects of using mobile phones.
- School mobile phones are located in the Finance Office and must be returned promptly after use.

Staff / Student Mobile Phones

- Permission is to be sought from the school's principal if a student requires a mobile phone at school.
- Mobile phones should not be used in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of a school.
- Permission for students to make a phone call to their parents will be given by a staff member using a school phone if the need arises. No student is to use their mobile phone in school time.
- If Parents feel a mobile phone is needed for safety reasons, to and from school, students should have their mobile phones switched off and out of sight during school time.
WPPS WORKING BEE

Years 3 and 4 Students

And Parents

Sunday 16\textsuperscript{th} March 9am-1pm

Please bring a plate of food to share

- We are building seating for SAKG classes
- Installing a sink and bench to wash vegies
- Moving a piece of playground equipment
- Giving the school a general tidy up for movie night

Bring your gardening gloves and good cheer.

Come for a short while or longer. All help appreciated!
**Financial Assistance - Information for Parents**

**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses, or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.
- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 18*.

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

**How to Apply:** Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

**Closing Date:** You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28 February 2014.

WAITTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

TWILIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

FROM 6PM
FRIDAY 21 MARCH

ALL LOCAL FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WELCOME

TICKETS ON SALE NOW OR BUY THEM AT THE GATE ON THE NIGHT
FOR BOOKINGS CALL 9808 2165
FIRST AID ROOM ROSTER 2014

In order to keep our First Aid Room clean and tidy, we require volunteers to assist with this task. We need approximately 40 families on our roster to ensure that every family only needs to do this once per year. It is not time consuming and requires approximately 15 minutes of your time on a FRIDAY.

The duties include:

- Changing the sheets, pillow cases and re-making the bed with clean linen (all provided in the first aid room).
- Washing and returning the clean linen for the following Friday.
- Checking that the area is clean and tidy.
- Wiping over the cupboards, bench tops and the sink.
- Tidying the spare clothes cupboard if needed.

If you are able to help with the above, please return this form to the office as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Borden or myself at school.

Thank you in anticipation.

Susan Wright
First Aid Co-ordinator

Jane Borden
Parent Roster Co-ordinator
Mob 0402 400 271

FIRST AID ROSTER 2014
I am willing to be included on the First Aid Roster for 2014.

NAME________________________________________

TELEPHONE NO________________________________

EMAIL________________________________________

CHILD’S NAME AND CLASS________________________
Reminder: In terms 1 and 4 children are required to bring a hat to OSHC. Please also bring personal sunscreen if you are allergic to ingredients commonly found in regular sunscreens.

It’s hard to believe that we have already been back for 5 weeks at WPFS. We have loved getting to know our new OSHC attendees and seeing how much our old attendees have grown up!

Would any family have an old CD player that they would like to donate to the OSHC room? Our current player is very temperamental which makes it hard for us to groove around during our pack up time. We would be very appreciative!

I would also like to invite parents to take part in our program. If you have 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!

Please also remember that if you have not already renewed your child enrolment form, that you will need to see Nicole ASAP to receive one to complete. We need updated information from every child at our service.

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

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.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs.

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.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

We make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au
Internet Safety Parent Presentation

On Wednesday 26th March Ashwood College will host an Internet Safety & Awareness presentation for parents. It will be run by an expert from the Australian Government organisation, Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).

The presentation will provide valuable information about the risks confronting children online, and offer tools and tips on how to make their internet experiences safe and positive.

Some of the topics covered will include:

- The ways young people use the internet and emerging technologies
- Potential risks for young people online, such as cyber bullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
- Tips to help people stay safe online

The presentation will be held in the PAC (Performing Arts Centre) – registration 6:15pm for 6.30pm start.

This Information session is specifically targeted for an adult audience.

Please RSVP by Friday 21 March using the reply slip below, or call the _______ Primary School General Office to register your attendance.

For further information and resources please refer to the following ACMA website:

www.cybersmart.gov.au

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PARENT INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATION

Parent Name: ________________________________

Student Star Group: ________________________________

I will be attending the parent presentation on Wednesday 26th March 6.30pm in the Performing Arts Centre, Ashwood College.

Number of Adults attending ____________

Parent Signature ________________________________

Please return to _________ Primary School General Office by Friday 21 March
Osteo4Kids - Osteopathy

DR MIRANDA COX (Osteopath) Mum of Freya, Amelie and Evie

Osteo4kids aims to prevent health problems recurring and increase patients’ education about their musculoskeletal system to help them take preventative actions towards independent care.’

Osteopathy Treats

• All ages, Back and neck pain, Headaches, Sports injuries

Camberwell Clinic Open 10/3/14
183 Through Road (Geoffrey Fong Osteopathic Services offices). (HICAPS)

Phone 9888 6877 for appointments/ Online bookings

www.oste4kids.com
Announcement for Team Training at Aqualink Box Hill during Term 2 2014.

**TEAM TRAINING, AQUALINK**
Playball Basketball is now taking registrations from current Year 1 to 3 Boys & Girls to commence a Term of Basketball Training in Term 2 2014 at Aqualink, Box Hill on Fridays from 4:00PM.

**COMPETITION TERM 3**
Term 2 training by Playball coaches prepares children for competition against other new teams starting Term 3. Register a Training Team for Term 2 by downloading a Team-Registration-Form at www.playballbasketball.com

**ALREADY PLAYING**
Enter a new Team for Playball Competition
THURSDAY YEAR 4 TO 6 4:00-8:30PM
FRIDAY YEAR 1 TO 3 4:00-7:00PM

**CONTACT**
Simon: 9585 6123
info@playballbasketball.com
Playball: An affiliated association of Basketball Victoria

www.playballbasketball.com
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