Dear Parents,
Natasha Sinclair wrote the following in thank you letters to our sponsors for Movie Night:

Movie Night 2014 - We were a little chilly, but not quite Frozen! ‘In spite of the sky looking very dark and gloomy at times, and even letting a few drops of rain through, we weren’t washed out!’ Many families were well prepared with taking advantage of pre-purchasing tickets and avoiding the queue, and arriving earlier to snag their spot on our natural amphitheatre, now residing beside our latest feature, ‘Centenary Square’ to celebrate Wattle Park Primary School’s 100th Birthday in 2014. Once their spot was secured with their picnic rugs, they were able to enjoy the sponsor slide advertising on the big screen, and the effort and support that community sponsors provide was well received and appreciated. Families enjoyed the pre-movie drinks, the sausage sizzle, gourmet picnic boxes, popcorn, fairy floss and lolly bags, and lots of socialising with fellow friends and families. The movie, ‘Frozen’ was a big hit with both the children and the adults. The children have been learning the theme song, ‘Let It Go’ in Mandarin in their LOTE (Language Other Than English) studies, and sung along when this number came on.’

It was a wonderful night and Natasha has perfectly captured the atmosphere and ambience of the night. We even had our own Princess Elsa with past student Natalie Parham dressing up for the night and posing for photographs. Another highlight was the Year 6 movie clip celebrating the 100th birthday of Wattle Park. The Year 6 students had worked long and hard through lunchtimes and any spare class time to document and create a presentation capturing the essence of what is Wattle Park Primary School. A huge thank you to Suzie & Ashley Pitman, Alison Dunn, Natasha Sinclair, Natalie McDonald, Bec Perry, Yuli Meneilly, Janine Wilson, Jane Borden, Dave Bell and Sally Cleland and their many helpers for their wonderful organisation of the night. A total of $14,000 was raised for the school. This is certainly a Movie Night record! Thank you also to, you, our community members, who came along to support our school.
Last year, the funds raised through the PFA were allocated to purchasing all of the new furniture in our Foundation and Year 1 classrooms as well as the interactive television and whiteboard in the Year 5&6 classrooms.

Two weekends ago, Sunday 15th March our Year 3 &4 working bee achieved so many tasks; we cleared the footpath along Banksia Street of leaves and debris, cleared out the drains near aftercare, cleaned under the steps of the music hall, swept the lower ball court, carried hundreds of tables up and down from the prep/grade 1 classrooms (new furniture - how exciting!), fixed the chicken tap, fixed the irrigation, prepared and installed the seating for the SAKG garden classes, swept the footpaths and around the gym, cleared kikuyu out of some of the garden beds, "rearranged" some fencing and picked up a fair bit of litter! Carol Hensley does a magnificent job leading our Buildings and Grounds Committee. For a suburban school so close to the city, the grounds at Wattle Park are so unique. We are indeed fortunate. However it takes time, money and energy to maintain. Working Bees provide the time and energy and for the most part School Council, through the Finance Committee allocates the funds to improve our school.

Staff news:
In case you haven’t heard Anna Saaksjarvi and her husband Pete welcomed a new addition to the family on the 13th March, a boy Harry Jukka Saaksjarvi. All are doing well. The first baby boy, amongst the staff for some time.

Mrs Moira Spierings has decided to retire after a long teaching career. We thank Mrs Spierings for the thirteen years’ service she has given to Wattle Park Primary School across many year levels. We wish her all the very best in her retirement.

Currently we have a classroom teacher position advertised and will shortly advertise for a Mandarin teacher as Mrs Ainslie Peszynski will be commencing maternity leave in early term 2.

Three important reminders; School Photo Day is the last day of term; Friday 4th April so students must wear correct school uniform, including appropriate colored ribbons. Thursday, 3rd April is casual clothes day. Don’t forget our special assembly on Monday to celebrate our NAB grant for Science Education, it commences at an earlier time 2.50p.m. in the gymnasium.

An email I received last week:

I hope this email makes you proud and happy.
I picked up some students from your school on the bus this morning.....
I’m happy to tell you that they are all polite and very well behaved children
Hope this puts a smile on your face.

From a very happy Transdev Bus Driver

Mr Derek C

We know that, but it’s even nicer when the general public acknowledge it too!

Enjoy the beautiful autumn weather.

 Regards Gayle
IMPORTANT REMINDER

At Wattle Park PS we have several students with severe food allergies.

WE WORK TOGETHER TO MINIMISE RISK BY:

* Avoiding bringing nut products to school (including peanut butter and choc hazelnut spread)
* Minimising the trading and sharing of food as much as possible.
* In the case of class parties, students with allergies will be encouraged to provide their own food. (As educators we seek to develop responsible behaviours in our students.)
* All drink bottles and lunch containers should be clearly marked with student’s names.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Message from the Uniform Shop…..

Due to supply issues we are unable to provide bottle green winter tights this year. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Many department stores do stock tights, in particular, Kmart has packs of two tights (Neon brand) for $8.00 which is great value.

Please remember, your winter uniform orders must be placed by **Wednesday 2nd April** to guarantee a speedy delivery either by the end of this term or early next term. This includes the girls winter tunic which is currently on display during shop hours.

And finally, I request that if paying by cash, please bring along as close as you can, the correct amount as I do not always have change available.

Many thanks

Georgia Kelly
Uniform Shop Manager

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program**

**Please note:**
There is no Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Program next week.
Thank you very much to those who were able to support this program.
Your time is very much appreciated and the success of the program depends on it.

Robyn Heeps
SAKG Program Coordinator

Notices gone home this week
Book Club Orders
Senior School Canberra Tour 28th April – 2 May 2014

In week two of next term, Year 5 and 6 Students from Wattle Park Primary School will be undertaking an education tour of the national capital, Canberra. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30 per student under the ‘Parliament and Civics Education Rebate’ program (PACER) towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We are all looking forward to a great experience in Canberra!

School Photos

On Friday, 4th April last day of term, school photos will be taken. Last week, envelopes were given to each child for ordering photos. If you have not received an envelope for your child/children, please collect one at the office.

Please return the envelopes on photo day, Friday, 4th April and hand directly to your child’s teacher. If you have any questions regarding payment etc, please contact Advanced Life direct on 1300 728 972

Out of Uniform Day

To celebrate the end of Term 1, out of uniform day will be held on Thursday, 3rd April—being the second last day of term. As school photos are on the last day of term, all students must be in full school uniform.

Jewish Religious Education

If there are any students who are interested in participating in Jewish Religious Education could they please contact the United Jewish Education Board on 90385028
SCHOOL PHOTOS

Just a reminder that school photos are on
Friday the 4th of April 2014.

Please note the following:
- Photo envelopes were handed out Friday 21st March.
  - Please hand in your completed photo envelope/s
    (this includes individuals and siblings)
  - Please hand in your completed photo envelope/s
    to your classroom teacher by Thursday the 3rd of April 2014.
    (Please note that order forms will not be accepted after this date)
- If you need an extra photo envelope please ask your
  classroom teacher for a new one.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing all your
beautiful smiles on Friday 4th April.
Ainslie Peszynski, Hayley Kellahan & Gayle Cope
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.
Year 2 Seaweed Sally Incursion

On Thursday 20th March, the Year 2 children listened to Sally show us different marine sea creatures.

The sea animals that Sally brought in were dead. Sally did not kill them, she found them on the beach.

She showed us bones and models of whales, starfish, sharks, puffer fish, a skate, shells, sea sponges, blue ringed octopus and many more.

Puffer fish are the second most poisonous animals on earth!

Then each class had time to look and touch the marine things Sally had brought in. We also got to look at live rock pool sea animals. I learnt that if you squeeze a sea squirt, it squirts water!

Sally’s show was really interesting with facts about lots of different sea animals.

James
To celebrate the centenary of Wattle Park Primary School, excerpts from our school’s history, included in a booklet to commemorate WPPS’s 75th anniversary, will be published in The Wattle. This week’s edition gives an insight up to 1942.
We welcome any written memories and photos from our previous and current school community, that could be included in future editions.

“A School For Boys”

Burwood Boys’ Home No. 3841 school opened in an era of progress and change. The early cattle runs of the first settlers had been replaced by market gardens and orchards. Motor cars could be seen on Warrigal Road. Electricity was about to be supplied to the Shire of Nunawading. Moves for a railway line had been unsuccessful but high hopes were held for an electric tramway instead. Originally the school served boys from the Home exclusively.

The Boys’ Home itself had been established eighteen years earlier in June 1896, with the boys of school age going across paddocks to Burwood Primary School 461. As early as 1910, moves by local residents were made to establish a school at the Home but were opposed by the Committee of The Boy’s Home. Following a deputation of residents led by Mr. W.I. Keast, M.L.A. to the minister for Education, the Hon. A.A. Billson, M.L.A. in November 1913, the residents’ were successful and the school was built.

It was a two roomed wooden building, measuring 26 ft. 6 inches X 24 ft. constructed at a cost of 404 pounds one shilling and five pence on one acre of the NE corner of land purchased from the home, with John D. McFarlane as Head Teacher until September 1914. Two sources give conflicting amounts for the cost of construction. Correspondence from the Education Ministry’s Historian puts the cost at 404 pounds one shilling and five pence while “Vision and Realisation” puts it at 808 pounds and 15 shillings. Whatever the cost, the building was to serve the boys for the next 37 years.

Emma Bowden followed John McFarlane as Head Teacher until 1915, and in turn she was followed by John Tonkin who remained at the school from 1915 until 1930.

The end of the 1914-1918 war marked the watershed in Box Hill’s move into suburbia. Trams commenced running along the present Burwood route in June 1916, and in March 1917, they commenced running on the Wattle Park route stopping at Boundary Road (Warrigal Road today). In 1929, six acres were purchased for a Wattle Park State School by the Education Department from Burwood Boys Home, but nothing was to come of this for some time. During the 1920’s market gardens and orchards began to give way to residential housing. The school continued to quietly go about its task of educating the boys aged between 10 and 14, until events in the outside world caught up with it.

The effects of the Depression were only felt indirectly through the Home, where a drop in donations on which the Home relied for funding, was experienced. In 1937, the Home was threatened with deregistration due to the state of the buildings. If this had taken place the school would probably have closed.

In 1930 John Tonkin left the school and William H. Collins became Head Teacher until 1934. In turn he was succeeded by Duncan McLellan, who held the position until 1942.
Year 2 “Wonders of the Sea” Dioramas

The Year 2 students have had great fun over the past two weeks choosing a marine habitat to create a diorama. Perhaps a mangrove swamp, open sea, coral reef, rocky shore, seagrass bed or polar ice cap. After painting the background they used pipe cleaners, folded paper, cotton wool and cellophane, topped off with much enthusiasm, persistence and ingenuity.
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- Post this form to Drama Time 19 William St, Balaclava 3183
- Or call Drama Time on 9528 8998

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

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FRIDAY YEARS 1-3

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REGISTER FOR TERM 2
Register a training team at www.playballbasketball.com under ‘Registration’ Tab. Individual children can be registered online, teams guaranteed commencement.

TERM 2 TIMES & DATES
THUR YR 4-6 4:00-6:15PM May 1 - Jun 19 competition
FRIDAY YR 1-3 4:00-7:00PM May 2 - Jun 20

TERM COST
Approx $80 per child (Based on team of 8. Training Team Invoice $616)

COACHES WORKSHOP
By Melbourne Junior Tigers Sunday 4 & 18 May
At Aqualink in Term 3 - for Playball Parent Coaches register online.

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

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Holiday Workshops (April 2014)
7-10 April, Camberwell Grammar School
14 & 15 April, Kingswood College

ROBOTICS, ANIMATION AND ELECTRONICS WORKSHOPS

7 April 2014 (Monday)
ROBOTICS with LEGO® WEDO (II)
LITTLEBITS ELECTRONICS with LEGO®

8 April 2014 (Tuesday)
ROBOTICS with LEGO® WEDO (III)
ROBOTICS with CUBELETS and LEGO®

9 April 2014 (Wednesday)
ROBOTICS with LEGO® WEDO (IV)
LITTLEBITS ELECTRONICS with LEGO®

10 April 2014 (Thursday)
BRICKMATION/ Lego Movie Making
ROBOTICS with LEGO WEDO (ADVANCED)

14 April 2014 (Monday)
ROBOTICS with CUBELETS and LEGO®
ROBOTICS with CUBELETS and LEGO®

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Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Visitor Centre : Central Road, Blackburn 3130
Story writing Workshop for 8-12 year olds- April 8th @ 10.00-11.30am
Come and hear local children’s book author and illustrator, Lucienne Nourati, as she tells the story of Mudrid the Tawny Frogmouth. Be inspired by the bushland habitat at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary, and guided by Lucienne, to write your own nature based tale. Signed copies of ‘Mudrid: Tale of a Tawny Frogmouth’ will be available to buy.

Wurundjeri Indigenous Cultural Session—April 10th @ 10.00-12noon
Bill Nicholson, a Wurundjeri elder, will guide an exploration of indigenous culture and sustainability through storytelling, movement and a walk through the bushland. This interactive session is suitable for 5-12 year olds.

Yarran Dheeran Visitor Centre : Ashburton Drive, Mitcham 3132
Biodiversity – Breaking down a big word! - April 9th @ 10.00-11.30am
5-12 year olds are invited to join us to explore the bushland habitat and food webs through interactive activities, games and stories. Meet a couple of special residents who provide shelter and food to the critters of Yarran Dheeran.
SURREY PARK NETBALL CLUB

ATTENTION GIRLS IN GRADES 3 & 4

Net Set GO! is Netball Australia’s Junior Netball Program. The program enables children to develop a positive introduction to Netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation within the sport.

In Term 2 Surrey Park Netball Club is conducting a Net Set GO! program for girls in grades 3 & 4. This program aims to develop their skills and learn to play netball in a fun environment.

The venue will be determined based on the location of those who are interested in participating, but will be in the Box Hill/Box Hill South/Surrey Hills area.

Registration and program commencement is Saturday 3rd May and will run for 10 weeks each Saturday from 9.00am until 10.00am.

The aim of the program is to form a team with Surrey Park Netball Club and enter the modified netball competition on a Saturday morning at the WDNA courts in Ashwood.

The cost will be $60 per player which includes annual Netball Victoria registration and insurance.

If you wish to join us, please contact Jane Thomas on 0403 811 190 or by email surreyparknc@tmail.com no later than 24th April 2013.