Dear Parents,

As you have probably already heard I am recuperating after breaking my ankle falling down the stairs at home. How inconvenient!

I am indeed thankful to the wonderful medical profession we have in Victoria; paramedics, ancillary staff, nursing staff and surgeons.

The school is chugging along very nicely in my absence due to Ms Megan Ganter’s exceptional leadership, the very capable staff and the support of our School Council President, Mrs Jo Holland.

This morning I received a message via the Konnective app reminding me of tomorrow’s Curriculum Day and Queen’s Birthday holiday on Monday. If you have not registered and logged in to Konnective please follow the instructions on the newsletter attachment in order to receive these reminders.

This week I received emails from the general public bringing to my attention the safety of students travelling to and from school by bicycle and scooters.

It is law for all cyclists and those riding scooters to wear a safety approved helmet. Those students who do not wear a helmet will have their bicycle and/or scooter confiscated and parents contacted. Not wearing a helmet can incur a fine of $146.00.

Children should not be riding or scooting to school unaccompanied by an adult until at least ten years of age. Children up to and including the age of twelve and su-

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pervising adults are able to ride on footpaths. But of course another risk factor is riding across driveways. Those of you riding scooters and cycling must stay vigilant at all times.

Here at Wattle Park we encourage students to walk, ride or scoot to school. It helps alleviate traffic congestion around the school at pick-up and drop off times and most importantly is a healthy activity.

The school offers a VicRoads Bike Education course in Years 5 & 6. There is also an excellent resource on the VicRoads website: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au ‘A Family Guide to Bike Ed’ which is well worth a read for all parents of school age children.

So parents, please take extra special care watching your children whenever they are walking, scooting and riding to school.

It’s a busy time of the year for teachers with their normal daily duties as well as reviewing individual student data to write academic reports. Teachers are also involved in professional development days in Science partnerships, Reading and Writing workshops, History research, leadership programs and updating First Aid qualifications during this time. This takes teachers away from their core business of classroom teaching but it is an essential component to improve teaching practice and up skill their qualifications.

Assembly next week will take place on Tuesday at 3.00p.m. We will officially open our Centenary Square and celebrate the school’s 100th birthday recorded on June 9th 1914.

Congratulations to Ainslie and Konrad Peszynski on the safe arrival of their second daughter Fleur who was born on Sunday 1st June. A beautiful little sister for Erika. For those of you who remember Lia Richardson, she also gave birth to her second daughter Ivy (sister for Hazel) on Friday 30th May.

I hope to see you soon. But it will be on crutches!

Regards Gayle
Wattle Park is going mobile with Konnective

Konnective is a mobile app solution that will allow us to communicate with you, our parents, straight to your smartphone. You will be able to receive important alerts (similar to a text message) as soon as they are released.

Via the app, we can send communication to specific grade levels, so you will receive information specific to your child’s grade as well as general news or updates that will go to everyone. This will extend and enhance our existing communications (eg. Newsletter, website).
For those without a smartphone, there will be a link to the general updates on our website.

Please see the instructions on how to register, log in and connect to Konnective.

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**Registering and logging in to Konnective**

**Step 1:** Download the Konnective app from the AppStore or Google Play

Search for Konnective or use these quick links:
For all other smartphones or if you don’t have a smartphone you can register on the Konnective website [http://www.konnective.com.au/register](http://www.konnective.com.au/register)

**Step 2:** Register with Konnective

When you open the Konnective app tap on the Register button

To register, enter your email address, first name, last name and setup a password that you will remember (phone number is optional).

You will be sent an email asking you to click on a link to verify your email address. Check your spam/junk folders if it does not arrive.

**Step 3:** Login to Konnective

Once you have verified your email, open up the app and tap the Login button

Enter your email address and the password you set when you registered.

You’re done!

If you aren’t connected to all of the feeds you need:

Go into the Menu and select My Connections. Then hit Add (in the top right corner) and choose the business and feeds relevant to you.

You can automatically connect to any public streams (those with a Connect button) or else request Approval to be added to any other feeds that are relevant to you. Upon requesting Approval, the connection will remain in a pending state until you can be reviewed and approved onto that feed by the school or business.

For any help or queries, please contact support@konnective.com.au

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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.

Parent Occupation Code Letter

All families should have received a letter requesting Parent Occupation Codes for census, happening in August this year. If you have not returned this letter, please do so by 16th June. Thank you to those families who have returned their forms thus far. Please return forms to the office.

Many thanks
Deakin Science Sessions

In recent weeks, students in Foundation to Year 4 have participated in two sessions with third year Bachelor of Education student teachers from Deakin University. Liaising with supervisors from Deakin and staff from Wattle Park, the student teachers worked with small groups of our students linked to their Science focus this term.

Foundation – “I Like to Move It” linked to a transport focus with concepts of pushing, pulling, floating and flying

Year 1 – “Time and Change” concepts of daytime, night time, shadows, different clocks

Year 2 – “Toys that Move” concepts of friction, magnetism, pulleys, flight

Year 3 - “Kitchen Science”

Year 4 – “Materials”

The Deakin supervisors and student teachers were very positive in their comments and appreciative of the opportunity to visit our school. It was exciting to see the level of engagement and enthusiasm exhibited by everyone involved. There were many wonderful activities undertaken and dynamic learning experiences.
Koonung Secondary College’s Information Evening in 2015 will be held on:

**Wednesday 22nd April 2015. Please ring for further information.**
Music Lessons

Our music lessons are available during and after school hours.
Spaces are limited, so hurry!

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Not sure where to start?

Ukulele Club

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