

The WATTLE Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of the Year 2 parents from all three classes who attended Monday's assembly to hear the reciting of the Banjo Paterson poem 'The Man from Snowy River.' The students certainly knew their lines and performed with enthusiasm under the watchful eye of their teachers; Miss Gilmour, Mr Watts and Ms Cuolahan. I'm afraid it was standing room only for the audience!

Year One students and their parents had a wonderful afternoon on Tuesday playing 'olden day' games including quoits, skipping and marbles. The students looked a treat suitably dressed as children from past years.

School Council met on Tuesday this week and together with passing an Enrolment Policy, and a Digital Literacy Policy, also supported the submission of an application for the purchase of a retired W class tram. There are 134 retired trams available under the application however we are not guaranteed any particular class of tram or condition. If our application is successful, we will be given the opportunity to view the tram however if the tram is not to our liking we can withdraw our application. Do you know about some of the activities happening at lunchtimes? We have an aerobics club conducted by our Performing Arts teacher Zelema Levy on a Wednesday, Lego Club outsourced to 'Build It for Kids' and Chess Club outsourced to 'Mindful Chess', Chinese Club run by our Year 6 Language leaders and a Writing Club run by our Year 6 English leaders. Additionally, our students are so fortunate to have many spacious areas in which to play. We have a variety of different play from formal games such as soccer and AFL football to imaginative play in the bushes including bracelet making out of discarded stems from plants. I love to wander the playgrounds at lunchtime watching how the students interact with one another and what activities they choose to play. Of course Beyblades are a big craze at the moment, adapted from a Japanese comic series that entertains many of our students. Yet the old favourite - four square is still very popular.

Next week is our last week of school prior to holidays, and includes two assemblies, one on Monday which is our usual time,

DIARY DATES



June

22nd Year 5/6 Interschool Sport Away

29th Special Farewell assembly for Mrs. Kim Wheatley 2:00pm

29th Term 2 Ends 2.30pm dismissal.

July

24th-27th Year 6 Bike Ed

30th- 3rd Aug Year 6 Bike Ed

31st Year 3-6 ICAS English

August

5th Working Bee

13th -15th Year 3/4 Camp Arrabra

14th Year 3-6 ICAS Mathematics

24th Year 5 Education experience/ incursion Science

29th Year 6 Education Experience/ Excursion NGV& MWF

September

12th School Concert at Besen Centre

Term 3 16th July—21st September

Term 4 8th October—21st December

Curriculum Days (student free days)

Monday 16th April

Monday 16th July

Monday 5th November

Second hand uniform shop will be on Monday 25th June.

If your child is absent from school, it is important to inform the school as soon as possible. Please ring the office. Please note, when your child returns to school, please make sure the absence notice is given to the teacher.

YR 3/4 Arrabri Camp Date

13th—15th August (Monday to Wednesday)

YR 2 9th November — School Sleepover

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WPPS is a Learning Community. We achieve this through a focus on the following 'Norms' or 'ways of treating each other'.					
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and a special assembly on Friday for Mrs Kim Wheatley commencing 2:00p.m. and concluding at 2:30p.m. when students will be dismissed.

Friday is also a dress up day as your favourite book character in honour of Mrs Wheatley. A gold coin donation towards the Smith Family Charity supporting disadvantaged Australian children would be much appreciated.

Hard copies of students' mid- year June written reports will be distributed next week and will also be made available online through our Compass portal. If you are unsure of your Compass password please contact Mrs Joy Roberts in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of next week. Teachers will then conduct Term 3 parent teacher meetings in week 3 on Tuesday 31st July and Wednesday 1st August. All these meetings are for parents/carers and teachers to meet together to discuss the next steps of your child's learning.

Term 3 commences for students on Tuesday 17th July. A Curriculum Day is scheduled for Monday 16th July where teachers will be involved in a teacher workshop conducted by Dr Tanya Serry, from La Trobe University about Learning Difficulties including dyslexia. This was made available through the Department of Education's regional services group of Inclusive Education. Teachers from neighbouring school Roberts McCubbin have been invited to join us.

Last night students from Foundation years to Year 6 participated in the MusicWorld concert. Wattle Park Primary has such talented musical students. It has been a joy to watch students' progress from the initial stages of a beginner to hear them play as accomplished musicians in their latter primary years. It was a delightful night of live music.

Yesterday was the winter solstice in the Southern Hemisphere – the shortest day of the year and the beginning of winter astronomically. However from this point on, the days will get longer leading us back into summer.

Now that's good news. Nearly as good as holidays in a week's time!

Warm Regards Gayle



All drink bottles and plastic lunch boxes not claimed by next Wednesday will be disposed of. They are currently located in the administration building near the office.



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June 2018

‘Good for you, good for our school’

Dear Parent(s)

Did you know that contributions to the school's Library and Building funds are **tax deductible**! So as 30 June rapidly approaches, why not take this opportunity to make a tax deductible donation to the school.

These voluntary contributions are incredibly important for our school, and help us provide our students with wonderful learning opportunities and facilities.

The Library fund is used to provide our students with valuable resources to enhance their learning experience. These resources include computer software and hardware, in addition to the standard literacy resources.

The Building fund is used to ensure that the school maintains its buildings and facilities in the best standard possible.

So if you would like to make a tax deductible donation before 30 June, and make an invaluable contribution to our school, please contact Helen Dalzotto in the school office, and she will most happily assist you.

Thank you to all the families who have already contributed to the school's voluntary contributions, it's is greatly appreciated. The school office can assist with copies of your school statement to claim on your contributions for your 2017/2018 tax return.

Yours sincerely

Scott Sutherland
Treasurer – WPPS

TRIVIA NIGHT

Late May saw Wattle Park host a successful trivia night which was attended by parents from every school level Foundation through to Grade 6, as well as teachers and friends.

A very big thank you to all who attended with great effort made with each themed table. It was very hard to even recognise some people!

The night raised approximately \$5000.

Special thanks to Suzan Davies and the Year 6 team of parents for orchestrating the event, the families who helped set up and pack up on the night and everyone who attended and donated money for the tickets and prizes. Also thank you to Helen, Joy and Nan in the office for their assistance with ticketing and banking. A real team effort!



Performing Arts update

Here we are again...term 2 is almost finished and a well-deserved break is on the way after a long and massive term. This term has seen two whole school focus topics. Take a look at what your children have accomplished in Performing Arts.

Music Incursion
<p>All students had the opportunity to attend a whole school incursion presented by Musica Viva. It was titled 'Water, Water, Everywhere' and three musicians came to perform the Water Concerto written by Tan Dun, a Chinese born Contemporary composer. The students were mesmerized as they witnessed water being performed as an instrument using cups, bowls, tubes, agogo bells and even hands, along with the keyboard and clarinet.</p> <p>Leading up to the Incursion, students became familiar with the instruments they would see, such as the waterphone. We also discussed the importance of water and played games such as Spot the Motif and Secret Sound.</p>
Drama
<p>In our other whole school focus, each year level explored basic Drama principles such as working as an ensemble, stage directions and blocking, using your voice and character development.</p> <p>Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students had the opportunity to re-enact a variety of Fairy Tales from Three Little Pigs to Rapunzel.</p> <p>Year 3, 5 and 6 students used the Drama principles to create a short scene. After much feedback and guidance, many groups presented a scene that was creative, engaging and left the audience wanting more.</p> <p>It was amazing to see so many students break out of their comfort zone and explore another side of their personalities.</p>
Year 4
<p>The Year 4s finished off their semester of recorder by learning to play C and high D. They've done an amazing job learning all five notes with their left hand, completing their Orange Recorder Belts and playing Ode to Joy. Well done everyone!</p> <p>They also had the opportunity to experience a Dance Workshop presented by ASPA (Australian School of Performing Arts). Everyone was fully engaged for an hour as they learned a short dance routine, as well as playing games that explored beat and various styles of dance.</p>
Choir
<p>Choir has had varying numbers throughout the Term with a handful of dedicated students ready to sing every week. I've really appreciated having the 'regulars' in Choir as we've began our preparations for the second annual Choir Shindig. On Thursday 2 August Wattle Park will be hosting three local schools' choirs in the Gym, once again, to sing and celebrate being in a Choir. More information will be provided soon.</p>
Aerobics
<p>Our small but might group has worked hard to finish their routine this term before taking a break to hold auditions for this year's Production for Year 5 and 6 students. We've also discovered that the compulsory moves of jacks, kicks, straddle and push ups aren't as easy as they seem! I look forward to getting back on track with Aerobics next term and creating smaller groups to begin refining and personalising our routine.</p>

Which brings us to the end of term 2! Next term brings on weekly practice for our **Whole School Production**, which will be on **Wednesday 12 September**. We'll be at the **Besen Centre** again with another Performing Arts showcase, so don't forget to save the date!

Have a relaxing holiday. My door is always open if you'd like to have a chat.

Stay warm and I'll see everyone next term!

Zelema Levy



Olden Days



Head lice Scratching for Answers?

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Frequently asked questions

Where do head lice come from?

Head lice have been around for thousands of years. As with any insect, they learn to adapt to their environment in order to survive. We are never going to be completely rid of them, but we can make managing them easier.

Do head lice fly or jump?

Head lice do not have wings so they cannot fly. They can't jump because they do not have 'knees'.

So how do head lice move around?

Head lice crawl very fast and require head to head contact for transmission. It is possible that because of the way young children play, head lice are seen more widely amongst primary school children than adolescents or adults.

Can head lice spread disease?

No. Head lice cannot transmit or pass disease on to people.

Who is responsible for checking and treating head lice?

Like similar health conditions such as scabies, and ringworm, it is a parent or guardian's responsibility to treat and care for their child.

Do head lice live in carpets, clothes, hats or sheets?

No. Head lice very rarely fall from the head. They require blood to survive. Head lice feed three to four times a day and without blood, will dehydrate in six hours in a dry climate and 24 hours in a humid climate. An egg requires warmth to hatch and is the reason why they are laid close to the scalp. The further away from the scalp, the less likely they are to survive.

Is it true that head lice only like clean hair?

No. Head lice are not selective. They don't care if hair is long, short, blonde, brown, washed this morning or last week. As long as they are warm, and have blood to drink, then they are content.

What treatment kills 100% of head lice or eggs?

There is no single treatment that kills 100% of head lice or eggs. Whichever treatment you choose it can take time and persistence to get rid of head lice. Use a method that will not risk the health of your child.

Is there a way to prevent head lice?

No. It's important to check your child's head regularly with conditioner and comb even when you don't think your child has head lice. There is no research to prove that chemical or herbal therapies can prevent head lice.

How does the conditioner and comb method work?

It's a very cheap and effective way of finding head lice. Hair conditioner does not kill lice, but it does stun them for about 20 minutes, meaning they do not move around, and it is difficult for them to hang on. This gives you time to comb through the hair with a fine tooth (head lice) comb.

How does a chemical treatment work?

Only use products that are licensed or registered for head lice. There are four different active chemicals that target head lice, each works differently and aims to kill lice and/or eggs.

Do some products work better than others?

Over time, head lice may develop resistance to some chemicals. It is important to check if a treatment you used has worked, and if not, treat again with another product that has a different chemical in it.

Why do you have to treat again in seven days time?

Head lice eggs take six to seven days to hatch. And when you treat, it's easy to miss an egg or two. By treating again in seven days, you are aiming to kill and comb out any head lice that have since hatched from eggs, which were missed.

Should I treat everyone in the family?

It is important to check each family member, using conditioner and comb, for head lice but only treat those with live lice.

What should I wash or treat at home?

As head lice only live for a short time off the head, the only extra cleaning needed is to wash the pillowslip on the hot cycle or place in clothes dryer. Head lice combs can be cleaned in water hotter than 60 degrees.

Why does my child keep getting re-infected?

Re-infection is the least likely reason for head lice returning in a week's time. If eggs do not die, or were not removed during the original treatment they may hatch and the lifecycle starts all over again. To break this lifecycle you must re-treat (regardless of treatment method) seven days after the first treatment and continue with weekly checking.

Does my child have to miss school?

According to the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009, children with head lice can be readmitted to school after head lice treatment has commenced. A certificate from a doctor or council is not required before your child goes back to school. Head lice are not the fault of schools, other families or children.



www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice

Information and photograph used are courtesy of Assoc Professor Rick Speare and the team of researchers at the School of Public Health, James Cook University, Queensland.

Helpful hints

- Using the conditioner and comb method *every week* is the best way to detect head lice early and minimise the problem.
- Tying back hair can help prevent the spread of head lice.
- Many parents will complain that they are doing the right thing but other parents aren't. Placing the blame will not achieve anything. Instead of pointing the finger, help each other.
- A school with a head lice education program and policy in line with *Scratching for Answers?* is a proactive school attempting to help families address a common health concern.
- The department's head lice management strategy is supported by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Treatment choices

- Chemical: Treat and comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat in seven days.
- Non-chemical: Use conditioner and comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat every two days until no live lice have been found for 10 days.





FIRST AID ROOM ROSTER 2018

In order to keep our First Aid Room clean and tidy, we require volunteers to assist with this task. 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.

We're using SignUp.com (the leading online SignUp and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming SignUps.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/ZmDgAjy>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Thank you in anticipation.

Tom Churchward
First Aid Coordinator

ATTENTION HOLIDAY PROGRAM AND BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE USERS:

Did you know Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate schemes end on 1st July 2018?

Your information **does not automatically rollover** to the new Childcare Subsidy and you will not receive any subsidy if your assessment is not completed.

TeamKids has created a step-by-step guide to ensure you're ready to go:

1. Set up a myGov account if you haven't already

For information on how to create a myGov account, go to

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/online-help/create-mygov-account>

o Link your myGov account to Centrelink

o You'll need your CRN for this, which you can find in your TeamKids booking account. Log into your myGov account and go to Services to link your accounts.

o Complete the Child Care Subsidy assessment

You will find this on your myGov Centrelink account homepage.

Learn more about the [new subsidy](#) and [how to transition](#).

To estimate what your new Child Care Subsidy might be, go to the [Payment and Services Finder](#).





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**Store trading hours are subject to change, please refer to www.psw.com.au for all store trading hours, holiday trading and public holiday information, or call the customer service team on (03) 9768 0333.

*School Price Lists are subject to change throughout the year.



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School Holiday Tennis Clinic

Monday 2nd - Thursday 5th July

10.00am – 2.00pm

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WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FUTURE DEMAND TENNIS WILL BE RUNNING THEIR WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM ON JULY 3RD & 4TH AND 10TH AND 11TH THESE HOLIDAYS. THE PROGRAM IS HELD AT BOX HILL TC AND IS AIMED AT CHILDREN AGED 5-15 YEARS. THE KIDS PARTICIPATE IN A RANGE OF HOT SHOTS & MATCH PLAY ACTIVITIES FROM 9.30AM - 12.30PM WITH LUNCH PROVIDED BETWEEN 12.30-1.30PM. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD PLEASE CONTACT ALEXEI:

info@futuredemandtennis.com.au
0418 369 763

Friends, family, Members and Non-Members are welcome to take part.

Look forward to seeing you in the Holidays!

DATE:	Week 1: July 3rd & 4th (enrolment by July 1st) Week 2: July 10th & 11th (enrolment by July 8th)
TIME:	9.30am - 1.30pm (lunch provided)
VENUE:	Box Hill Tennis Club, Cnr Cyril & Station St, Box Hill Sth
ENQUIRIES:	ALEXEI 0418 369 763 info@futuredemandtennis.com.au www.futuredemandtennis.com.au



Computer Programming Club

In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting Computer Programming club running at the school.

For details on the course, visit <http://www.digimaker.com.au/courses/>

The club will run for 8 to 10 weeks each term (depending on the length of the term) and is charged on a per-term basis. Students to bring their own laptop to the session.

Program for Term 3 2018 is as follows:

Room : LOTE Room
Year : 3 to 6
Fee : \$171

<u>Batch 1 – Before School</u>	
Day	Thursday's 19 th Jul to 13 th Sep (09 weeks)
Time	7:50am – 8:50am
<u>Batch 2 – After School</u>	
Day	Thursday's 19 th Jul to 13 th Sep (09 weeks)
Time	3:40pm – 4:40pm

If you are interested in your child being considered for the programming club, please *fill the form online @ www.digimaker.com.au/contactus/ or at the bottom of this letter and return it to Office by Thursday 21st Jun 2018. Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email.

*Existing students need not fill the form

Wattle Park Primary School

Please do not send payment with this form

I want to enrol my child (full name)..... for the course in Term 3, 2018

Class: Parent:

Contact No.: **Email Id:

Date: Signed:

***Primary mode of communication between Digimaker & Parents



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FRIDAY 20 JULY – 7 SEPTEMBER (8-WKS, TERM 3)

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