

The WATTLE Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Can you believe that next Friday we begin the month of May? Not quite half way through the year but getting there!

With so many other issues to contend with, I have completely overlooked the fact that this term the School Ambassadors and I would be conducting many tours for new prospective families! It wasn't until a parent this week asked whether Wattle Park Primary would be accepting enrolments for 2021 that I realised this-so the answer of course is yes! If you proceed to our school website www.wattleparkps.vic.edu.au you will notice there is an icon where you can download the enrolment form for 2021.

This year, ANZAC Day will be a little different, but while you can't come to the school's dawn service or go to the Shrine of Remembrance, you can still #STANDTO- encouraging people to light up the dawn and remember and pay respects from home by standing at the end of driveways.

Penny Hayes our Stephanie Alexander Gardener has put together a video clip of how she will commemorate ANZAC Day, this is on our website. I know that across the levels a number of learning tasks have included activities on ANZAC Day, some even encouraging you to make your own ANZAC day biscuits.

Just a reminder that when ANZAC day falls on either a Saturday or Sunday there is no public holiday on Monday.

For next week I have asked the teachers to put together a comment or too about remote learning for our newsletter. So stay tuned your work could be included!

Many thanks to the parents who have sent emails to either myself or assistant principal, Mr. Steve



Donohue congratulating staff for their work and commitment during this remote learning period. Teachers are working extraordinary hours to ensure they keep in contact with their students as well as providing engaging learning tasks for their class. I have perused other state government school on-line sites and feel extremely proud at the quality of the work that our teachers are producing.

It's also important to remember to have calm, chill out days for you and your children. Some days, like at school, for whatever reason do not proceed smoothly and there are high anxiety levels. So it is quite acceptable and reasonable to have a break. It's actually essential for everyone's health and wellbeing.

Please do not feel obligated to achieve all set learning tasks if it is causing angst at home. Unhappy, stressed children do not learn!

Enjoy the beautiful autumn weather while it lasts.

Warm Regards

Gayle

