Dear Parents,
The news for this edition is best left to Jane Borden, Kellie McDonald and the fete committee who did such an amazing job last Saturday. How fortunate are we to be part of such a wonderful school community who work together to present such a remarkable whole school event? Thank you one and all.
I can’t help make a mention of the current news reporting on how Australian students have plummeted in the latest international maths and science rankings. Please rest assured that is not happening at Wattle Park Primary School. This school has been given permission by TIMMS- Trends in International Mathematics and Science from the Netherlands to utilise their assessments tools to ascertain how students are performing in Science. Our students in years 4 & 5 are not just good but very, very good.
All of the teachers here have made a concerted effort over the past three to four years to improve not only their teaching in this area but also to improve their own scientific knowledge. Wattle Park has a strong reputation in science teaching. The school curriculum has a focus on science and mathematics teaching and learning from Foundation to Year 6 and it shows in student national and international data. We are very proud of our results.
It’s been a very busy night- Foundation Party Maths Night and the MusicWorld Concert! Great fun was had in the Foundation rooms- calculating the length, area and mass of different size teddy bears, card games of teddy snap, spinner activity to ascertain the most popular style of teddy and the colour teddy corner game just to mention a few of the tasks.

Then it was over to the music concert to listen to our very talented students playing; piano, flute, saxophone, guitar, drums, violin, clarinet, French horn and trumpet. We now have approximately fifty students learning a musical instrument through MusicWorld. It has been wonderful to watch the progress of the students’ musical performance skills over a number of years.

It’s been an eventful week once again and next week is no different!

Year 2 pizza making nights and day, whole school swimming program commences, transition week; where students have the opportunity to meet their teacher and classmates for 2017 and then Carols Night!

It is a very special and exciting time of the year.

Regards Gayle
Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Wattle Park community,

The 2016 Fete Committee would like to thank you for all your incredible support in making the fete on Saturday such a success. It was a fabulous afternoon, and we couldn’t have been luckier with the weather – not too hot, not too cold and no rain! Everywhere we turned there were smiles and laughter, and an overall general sense of fun from both parents and kids. There were parents, and even students, working hard on the various stalls to sell their wares. It is this willingness to pitch in for a common goal that builds a sense of community and at WPPS, we are very fortunate to have such a community. We cannot thank you enough.

There are so many people who we would like to recognise and thank...

- Dallas Rayner, who co-ordinated the talent quest, which showcased only a small sample of the incredible talent that we have amongst the students at WPFS. Congratulations to Lucy K (Gr 5) in first place, Jessica B (Gr5) in second, Rowan P (Gr 5) in third. Also to Zelemia and Megan for being our judges.
- Zelemia, who gave up her time to give us the opportunity to enjoy the talents of the junior and senior choir.
- Mr Davey and his students for all their fabulous signs and bunting artwork, and Christina Innes who came early to hang a variety of decorations to make the school look colourful and festive.
- The co-ordinators of each stall who agreed to take on the task of making sure the stalls ran smoothly on the day – Ruth Baker and Kely Baird (Foundation), Kim Nichols (Gr 1), Gina McIlachlan (Gr 2), Kate Raisin (Gr 3), Meaghan Courtney (Gr 4), Melanie Casley (Gr 5) and Camilla Nicholl (Gr 6).
- Special mention also to Janine Wilson and Sarah Emerson who did a fabulous job running the Wine Bar and BBQ. Also Carol Hensley and Linda Rubens who gave up a lot of their time to assist the plant stall and assist with set up and pack up, and Jo Holland who travelled a long way to collect and return a vital piece of equipment for us.
- The hamper managers who collected and wrapped the array of amazing hampers – Christine Griffin, Shelly Bustos, Kerryn Stirling, Melanie Rath, Suskia Molufo, Kellie McDonald and Kelly Bullen.
- The “set up and pack up” crew of mums and dads who spent hours carrying what seemed like hundreds of tables and chairs from under the depths of the buildings, along with the putting up of marquees, only to put it all down again at the end of the night, and pack it away the next morning.
- To all the pamphlet droppers, their children and dogs, who pounded the pavement for hours, getting the message out about the fete.
- Helen, Joy and Vicki in the office, who assisted in so many ways to get things done for us, on top of doing their “real” jobs.
Emma Gullan for a fabulous fete map.
Arthur from Melbourne Fireworks who again put together a fabulous display of fireworks.
Gayle and the School Council for supporting us in the organising of the fete.
All our financial supporters and donators of goods.
The parents, carers and friends of WPPS for all their donations, time and effort, and lastly,
The children for their contagious enthusiasm, plentiful smiles and sugar fuelled laughter.

We also appreciate all your feedback to date regarding the fete, and we welcome further feedback that you may like to pass on, so that we can incorporate it into the planning for next time. There are already changes being discussed! Please email Kellie McDonald on davidknight3@mac.com, or 0412 757 211.

Finally – if you are keen to be a part of the organising committee next time, we are keen for new people! We have a number of our current members either leaving the school or retiring from the committee, so have a think about it keep an eye out for further information, or contact Kellie on the details above.

With Warmest Regards, and until next time,
The Fete Committee 2016

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CAROLS NIGHT POST FETE CLEARANCE SALE

Wednesday 7th December 2016

Bring along your spare change on Carols Night to spend up big on left over fete items

There will be:

- A BBQ
- Drinks (non-alcoholic)
- Fairy floss
- Plants
- Jams and chutneys
- Glowies
- Craft items

(Limited supplies of some items)

Sale starts half an hour before Carols begin.
Students bringing Christmas cards to school are encouraged to do so in the week beginning Monday 12\textsuperscript{th} December.
No Christmas or festivity cards prior to this time.
Thankyou

MUSIC WORLD

In the past few months, some Music World – Wattle Park PS students have been working hard preparing for exams. We would like to congratulate students on their hard work and achievements.

Brooke G – Guild Piano Grade 1 – Distinction
Melanie and Alyssa C – AMEB Violin Grade 1 – A
Louis P – AMEB Violin Preliminary
It’s that time of year...

Pack a picnic, a blanket to sit on, gather your family and loved ones and join your school community for a special night of carols and cultural diversity.

When: Wednesday 7th December
Time: 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start

We look forward to seeing you there!

If rain is forecast for the night, the Carols will be cancelled.
After 66 years of providing quality learning to our community, St James Kindergarten will be closing at the end of the year.

The teachers, as well as UnitingCare and the St James Advisory Committee, would like to invite all past families, students and staff to say goodbye to St James.

On Friday the 9th of December we will be holding a Drop In afternoon tea at St James and we welcome you back to the kindergarten.

Details are as follows: 1201 Riversdale Road 3128 (entry through playground off Lyndoch Street)

Time: 4pm to 6pm. At 5pm the formal speeches etc will be held.

RSVP BY 6TH DECEMBER: WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/RY8VDVN
WHOSE INVITED? Families (preschool & primary) and anyone else who’d like to join us!

Please note: Children will remain in the care of their parents – not a drop off activity

WHAT’S HAPPENING? Christmas Craft, make Yummy Treats, a Scavenger Hunt, Carols, free play & a shared meal (all provided)

WHEN? Saturday 10th December 5.00 -7.00pm

WHERE? Surrey Hills Uniting Church
cnr Canterbury Rd & Valonia Ave

WANT TO KNOW MORE? Talk to Rob on 9898 1097
or via email on robgotch@optusnet.com.au or Annabel on 9898 5236

Come and make something for you to take home and, if you wish, make some decorations to give to families who may not have so much to share at Christmas.

We will make a Christmas hamper to donate through Burwood Heights Uniting Care – if you would like to bring something that will last a few weeks without refrigeration to add to the hamper you are most welcome.

www.surreyhillsuniting.org.au
SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN – COMING SOON

Get ready for a ‘Sensational Summer’ of fun! Summer Holiday Club Program is coming and it is going to be one of the greatest holidays yet.

Here are just some of the feature theme days coming up:

At the movies
SING (PG) The movie event of the Summer is here. We’re off to meet Dapper Koala Buster Moon and see the world’s greatest singing competition!

Science Spectacular
Interactive Science Session - Bubble, Bubble, POP! Mini Scientists get ready, it’s time to experiment! With a take-home Science notebook.

Flying Hole in One
Frisbee Golf Course - Will you be first to score a flying hole in one? A colourful and wildly fun indoor obstacle course awaits and we’re ready to score! Plus, you’ll get your own take-home Frisbee!

Inside Out
Nesting Dolls - Design and take-home your masterpieces. Will it be a footy team? A music band? The choice is yours!

Program Details
To find your closest Holiday Club location and to book visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon.

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Oh Christmas Tree ... Oh Christmas Tree

Once again this year, **19th Camberwell Scouts** will be selling top quality, freshly-cut Christmas trees on the weekends leading up to Christmas.

We will be selling on the following weekends:

**SATURDAY 3rd and SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER**

**SATURDAY 10th and SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER**

**SATURDAY 17th and SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER**

Trees will be available at the Scout Hall, on Riversdale Road (in South Surrey Park) just down the hill from the corner of Essex Road. Trees will be on sale from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm on each Saturday and Sunday unless sold out earlier.

Please support your local community by buying a Christmas tree this year from 19th Camberwell Scout Group.

KIDS SUMMER
Holiday Tennis Clinics 2016/17

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Book Online Or Call 9830 6618 Now

4 WEEKS OF TENNIS & MORE!

- Week 1: Mon Dec 19th – Fri Dec 23rd (Burwood TC)
- Week 2: Mon Jan 9th – Fri Jan 13th (Burwood TC)
- Week 3: Mon Jan 16th – Fri Jan 20th (Burwood TC & North Kew TC)
- Week 4: Mon Jan 23rd – Fri Jan 27th (Burwood TC & Deepdene TC)

TEennis
Half Day Options Available Everyday
- 9:00-11:00: Hot Shots Mini (4-5yrs)
- 9:00-12:00: Hot Shots Red (5-6yrs)
- 9:00-1:00: Hot Shots Orange (7-8yrs)
  Green (9-10yrs) and Yellow (11+yrs)

TOURNAMENTS
Toptenn Summer Holiday Tournaments
Friday Dec 23rd Burwood TC
Fri Jan 13th Burwood TC
Weds Jan 18th North Kew TC
Fri 20th Burwood TC
Weds Jan 25th Deepdene TC
Fri Jan 27th Burwood TC
Time: 1:30-3:30 (immediately following clinics)
Ages 7+ (Orange Ball, Green Ball, Teen Xtreme)

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