Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! And a very warm welcome to all Wattle Park Primary School students and families. What a delight it has been to officially welcome our 55 new Foundation students this week. When I asked one Foundation class this morning if anyone could remember my name, a quick confident voice replied; ‘Gandalf’! I wasn’t sure whether to take that as a compliment or not being referred to as a wizard from Lord of the Rings.

Our Foundation students will attend next Monday’s Assembly where they will receive a very warm welcome from the school community. It is great to see how quickly they have settled into school, confidently learning new routines and getting to know their classmates. It has been a very smooth start to 2015 for all students. Once again, may I thank and congratulate parents, staff and students for ensuring such a successful commencement to the year.

Over the past three years there have been last minute changes to staffing during the Christmas holiday break. This year was no exception; Ms Hayley Kellahan contacted me after Christmas advising me that she had decided to accept an offer from Wollongong University to return to full-time study to

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complete an educational psychology course. We wish Hayley all the very best in her new endeavours. Fortunately Ms Helen Sterling was prepared to change from a Year 4 class to Foundation and Mr Dan Watts has stepped into the role as a Year 4 teacher. Mrs Caulfield-Lloyd is on long service leave for the first three weeks of school so there will be a casual relief teacher in the music position for this time.

Our grounds are certainly looking lovely for this time of the year. We have indeed been lucky with the cooler summer weather. The flowering gums in the Centenary Square look a treat and our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen gardener, Marion Bonadeo has done a magnificent job over the holidays with keeping the vegetable gardens well mulched, weeded and watered. The kiwi vine outside the Year 3 & 4 entrance is flourishing with many fruit.

Thank you to our team of parents who looked after the welfare of our chickens during the holidays. Unfortunately one chicken died; of natural causes. Marion is looking to purchase new chickens during the year. For our year 3 & 4 parents please take note that our kitchen and garden program commences on Monday. The program relies on volunteers so if you can spare some time on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday to assist in either area, kitchen or garden please contact either Ms Robyn Heeps, year 4 teacher heeps.robyn.r@edumail.vic.gov.au Nadia De Cesaris, chef gallo.nadia.n@edumail.vic.gov.au Marion Bonadeo, gardener johnmarionb@yahoo.com.au

One quick reminder regarding the school car park; the car park is available for staff only. Parent cars are not permitted. We do not lock the Somers Street driveway gates for emergency purposes and also to accommodate the different arrival and departure times of staff. Please be respectful of this procedure. I would definitely not want to go down the path of other schools spending school finances on installing a boom gate!

Next Friday, 6th February there will be a welcome barbecue, for our Foundation families, organised by our year one parents from 4.30p.m. to 6.30p.m. Sausages, bread and cordial will be provided.

First term is a short one, eight full weeks. Before you know it, it will be Easter!

Regards Gayle
Mandarin & Asian Studies

2015

新年快乐
xin nian kuai le
(Happy New Year!)

The year of the Goat is upon us and in Mandarin and Asian Studies we will be starting the 2015 school year celebrating ‘Chinese New Year’.

Chinese New Year officially starts on Thursday 19th February this year and will be celebrated not only at school within Mandarin and Asian Studies sessions but also at many locations around Melbourne.

The following information may be of interest to you about Chinese New Year celebrations in the wider community. Please read on for details of these upcoming events!

**Chinese New Year Celebrations**
- Saturday 14th February – Sunday 15th February - Box Hill 1pm - 1am  
- Sunday 22nd February – China Town, City 10am - 10pm  
- Saturday 28th February 1pm – 5pm & Sunday 29th February 12pm – 4pm – Federation Square, City  
- Sunday 1st March – Kingsway, Glen Waverley 11am - 8pm
For those of you looking for some engaging entertainment both local and in the city, then maybe take the family to see some Chinese New Year celebrations in: Box Hill, China Town, Federation Square or Glen Waverley. Each venue offers its own unique festival theme, performances and food. Visitors will experience Chinese Lion Dance, Firecrackers, Traditional Folk Music, Dancers, Martial Artists and much more. The Chinese New Year Festival features traditional and contemporary Chinese cultural activities. There are also many performances throughout the 2015 celebrations that comprise a fusion of Asian and Australian acts.

This festival is open to all, young and old and its aim is to share the Chinese Cultural heritage of Melbourne’s Chinese community.

More information relating to Chinese events and celebrations will be provided in upcoming notices and on the noticeboard.

Good luck for the year of the Goat.

Ainslie Peszynski
Mandarin & Asian Studies Coordinator
This year, school photos will be held on **Friday the 20th of March 2015**.
This will be week eight of term 1.

The photography company that Wattle Park Primary School will be working with is 'Advanced Life Photography'.

Kind Regards,
Ainslie Peszynski & Gayle Cope
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