School Council meetings are scheduled on average, twice per term. School Council is really the engine room of the school ensuring school policies, finances and processes are run productively and ethically.


At our School Council meeting last Tuesday the decision to have a whole school circus performance was approved for Thursday 22nd October. To organise a whole school performance takes some time, considerable planning and substantial forethought. Our newly appointed Performing Arts teacher, Zelema Levy, I am sure given time could organise a wonderful school concert. However it is certainly an enormous task to organise in such a short time frame. So behind the scenes I have been closely working with the Finance Committee deciding whether we could actually afford the costs associated with outsourcing the performance to a professional circus company.

Mr Tim Humphries our treasurer has ‘crunched’ the numbers and with the support of the whole school community the event is financially viable. The venue has changed to ‘The Besen Centre’ located at Mount Scopus Memorial College located at Station Street in Burwood. So put the date in your diary and...
stay tuned for more information regarding times, ticket purchase and updates in two weeks time. Little Devil’s Circus, a local company will be commencing weekly practise sessions during school hours. It’s sure to be a wonderful night!

At last weeks’ Education meeting the Committee devised and approved a parent survey for the first phase of implementation of the new reporting process. The committee would really value the input from as many school families as possible so as to ensure we have a representative view of the whole school community. Please access the survey via the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6GK6MSJ

During my walks throughout the school this week I have observed students rearing and taking care of chickens, programming robots, creating a design and cutting tiles for mosaics, participating in Family Life discussions along with their ‘usual’ classes of literacy, numeracy, science, history and specialist areas. It’s important at the primary school level to endeavour to find and encourage every student’s particular strength and passion for learning. Not every student is a talented writer neither a maths wizard. However every child has a talent that we as teachers and parents need to develop. Children need to feel positive about themselves as learners and know that it is o.k. to make mistakes and learn from them.

Academic results from primary school are certainly not an indicator of life long success. Much more research has now been conducted on the brain and its development and hence helps explain how people learn. Andrew Fuller is an author who writes informative and educational books on child and adolescent behaviour and brain development. His books are certainly worth reading if you have the time. Can’t believe that it’s August tomorrow! Where has the year gone?

Monday assembly will be an extra special assembly providing a warm welcome to our visiting Chinese students and teacher. If you can attend, it would be lovely to see you there.

At our sister school in China, parents are not allowed on the school site. There is a guard and a barrier at the entrance gate prohibiting entry!

Stay warm for the weekend!

Regards Gayle

Parent Occupation Codes Letter

Thank you to the 133 families who have returned their forms. For those families who have yet to do so, please return to the office by next Wednesday 3rd August. Thank you in advance.

Gone home since last ‘The Wattle’

- ICAS Certificates to various students
- Book Club Catalogue
- Coach Approach notice
- Letter for 4U parents
100 Days at Foundation 2015
Schools' Tree Day 2015

The early morning showers cleared for the Year 2’s to walk to Lynden Park in Camberwell to participate in Schools' Tree Day 2015. It was lovely to have so many parents with younger siblings join us and even An Ling’s father and grandmother, who had just arrived from China.

Rob Brierley from Friends’ of Back Creek coordinated the planting, assisted by Adrian and lyle from Boroondara Council, who brought many indigenous plants in tubes. They showed us how to use the “pogo stick” diggers to make a hole, carefully remove the plant from the pot, and then “tuck the plants into bed” by planting the tube stock snugly in the ground.

In small groups ably assisted by parents, the children cooperatively shared the roles to plant boxes of tube stock.

Chocolate cake and a drink revived our energy for the walk back to school, along the pathway to see how plants established in previous School Tree days were flourishing. How special that students from Wattle Park have been involved for the past fourteen years.

On our return to school, we received a text from Rob Brierley thanking our students and saying how appreciative the Friends’ of Back Creek were of their efforts. We are all looking forward to our fifteenth year in 2016!

Vicki Phillips, Amanda Dwyer and Robyn Gilmour
FOUNDATION  2016 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 2016. 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.

Moved House?
Please ensure the office has your latest address and contact details.

From the PAC........

Hi everyone.

Thank you to those students who attended the final combined rehearsal for the Boite Schools Chorus on Sunday 26 July. It was very exciting seeing the African themed pieces coming together along with dance steps! The performance on Thursday 6 August at 1:00pm at the Deakin Edge in Federation Square should be a very good one. If you have not yet bought tickets, please visit: http://www.trybooking.com/IEOY.

On the day of the performance each participant will receive a T-shirt to wear while they are on stage. The suggestion was to wear a singlet or something similar under the top you’ll be wearing to school to make changing easier when we arrive at Deakin Edge. So, have a think...what would be the easiest way for you to change your top?

Thanks for your support.

Zelema
PAC Teacher

Pizza Fund Raiser Thank You

We raised over $300 profit for the school so a big thank you to all the parents who supported this fundraiser. A very special thanks to the gorgeous two grade 6 students - Hanisi S and Lulu C for their help on the day. They were so helpful and I couldn’t have done it without them.

Also thanks to the two Mums who helped me on the day. (Tash S and Angela G).

Regards,

Kellie
Hi Everyone!

We had another very successful PFA Meeting this week. If you would like to come along to the next one, please let us know. We value all ideas, and it is a great way to meet new parents at WPFS, and get involved in the school community.

Term 3 is shaping up to be a busy one. Diarise the Children’s Disco on Wednesday 19th August. There will be a junior school disco and a senior disco, as well as an Art Show to take in whilst the disco is taking place. More details to follow.

Don’t forget to bring in your Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers to drop into the box in the office. The more stickers we collect (10 sticker per $10 spent), the more educational learning items we ‘earn’ for WPFS. Due to the location of our school, we have several supermarkets at our disposal for sticker collection, and unfortunately we don’t have a drop-off box at any particular one, so our school office is the most central point to drop off your stickers.

Thank you to Kellie McDonald (mum to Lucy in 4H and Annie in 1E) who co-ordinated the Pizza Day on Friday 24th July. It was fabulous to be part of the distribution process of the 120 pizzas, and thanks also to Angela Ganas (George 4W & Johnny 2G) and Grade 6 students, Hazizi and Lula for their pair of hands!

Look out for the order forms to be part of the WPFS Mango Drive, co-ordinated by Georgia Kelly. They arrive freshly picked at the end of this year and our children are ‘Mango Mad’ when in season. Question is, two boxes or three?.....

The Father’s Day Stall will be held on Tuesday 1st September and co-ordinated by Team Alison (Dunn, mum to Tom in 5ST and Ross, mum to Olivia in 6R and Hugh in 4W). More details to follow.

Finally, we are running a Trivia Night for adults on Saturday 21st October; like no other! Not what you have seen before! Be prepared for a new Trivia Night experience. Start putting your table together of 10-12...and come up with a ‘theme’ for your team!

Don’t forget to sign up for Ksnecutive messages and get an email alert when the Newsletter and Noticeboard is ready each week, to stay up to date with what’s happening at WPFS!

Cheers,

G & T

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WPPS Working Bee

Sunday 9th August 9am-12pm

We are adding new sand to the long jump sandpit, filling in the cricket pitch runup, replacing the dead tree on driveway (RIP poor dead tree), weeding top oval and many other odd jobs.

Come for a short time or stay for the duration – we welcome all participants.

Morning tea provided!
Wattle Park Primary School
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WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NAME THE COOKBOOK COMPETITION

As you will know by now WPPS is producing a seasonal, fresh produce based themed cookbook to be published in Term 4. The cookbook will be all about growing, harvesting and preparing fresh food recipes that the children begin to learn about at school. Many of Marian and Nadia’s own ideas and recipes will be included. WPPS children will be featured in the cookbook.

As part of this great project we would like to invite all children to come up with a name for our cookbook.

Our resident art teacher, John Davey will judge this competition. All entries will be anonymous so please don’t try to bribe him by offering him a game of golf somewhere.

**Only one entry per child will be allowed.**

Please return your entry to the office as soon as possible!!
As well as seeing their name on the cookbook a small prize will be awarded.
If more than one entrant has the winning name both will receive a prize.
Any entry received past 3.30 pm Monday 3rd August will not be included.
The winner will be announced in assembly in August after judging is completed.

Name of entrant:

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Name of cookbook:

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14th August
Wear denim on your bottom half
(school uniform must be worn on the top)
Gold coin donation for
Children's Medical Research Institute
Design your own jeans in the Art room at lunch time
Prizes given
DONATIONS OF OLD CROCKERY AND TILES NEEDED

Deborah Amon – Cotter (Ceramic and Mosaic Artist) has commenced creating mosaic tiles with our Year 5 students, to begin the First World War Centenary Anniversary Commemorative Trail around our memorial. Deborah is in need of any old or broken crockery: plates, cups, saucers in the colours of red, blue, green, yellow and black.

There will be a box placed in the Art room for donations.
BURWOOD CRICKET CLUB

REGISTRATION

JUNIORS – 2015 / 16 SEASON

Online at
www.burwoodcricketclub.com.au

from Saturday August 1st

U10 - U12 - U14 - U16

If you have any questions or want to try on any clothing to determine correct size

We will be available at the Club Pavilion
Burwood Reserve, Warrigel Rd, Glen Iris
6th August between 9:00am – 11:00am

WE WELCOME ALL NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS!

“COME AND BE A PART OF OUR FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUB”
Parent Information Forum

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN ADOLESCENTS

When young people are resilient, they cope better with difficult situations. They ‘bounce back’ when things go wrong. We all need resilience to navigate life’s ups and downs, so building resilience is an important part of child and adolescent development.

Research conducted by Resilient Youth Australia on over 16,000 young people gives us a clear picture of the strengths and vulnerabilities of young people as well as what we can all do to promote great lives for our kids.

In this forum clinical psychologist Andrew Fuller will explore how parents can assist their children and adolescents to build resilience. Andrew works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally, specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families. He is a Fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development at the University of Melbourne as well as the author of Tricky Kids, Tricky Teens, Raising Real People and the newly published Unlocking your Child’s Genius.

Date: Tuesday 1 September 2015
Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm
Venue: Willis Room, Nunawading Civic Centre, 379 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading
Further Information: Council’s Parent Resource Officer Nelly Block on 9252 6175 or nelly.block@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
Cost: $10 payable on the night. Please note unfortunately we are unable to accommodate children in this forum.
19th Camberwell Scouts

Are you looking for a weekly activity that brings out the best in your children? Scouts is alive and adventurous right around the corner at South Surrey Park.

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Through Scouts, young people gain confidence in themselves, learn problem solving, risk management as well as life and leadership skills.

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