From the Principal ..........

Dear Parents,
Well there have been no tears this week! At least not from the students or teachers. Students in all classes have transitioned very smoothly into their new classes for the year.

As I type today, it’s actually the Foundation students’ play break and I can hear them in the background stomping loudly on the playground bridge! The profession of teaching children is so rewarding, children bring such joy. Already I have gathered many anecdotes from teachers about humorous remarks that students have made, and we’re only into week 1!

If you have visited the new administration block you would have noticed that new carpet has been laid throughout the entire building, including the library. It was certainly a mammoth task and hopefully will not need to be repeated until many years into the future. The spaces look so much larger!

Please put the following date into your diary- Tuesday 14th February, as Parent Information Sessions for Year 1 –Year 6 students are to be conducted from 6.00p.m. and then repeated at 7.00p.m. The session is highly informative outlining the 2017 Victorian Curriculum, which has been updated since last year. Information includes dates for camps, the new ‘Child Safe Standards’, specialist programs as well as an opportunity for you to meet your child’s class teacher for the year and ask pertinent questions.

We’d like to welcome new teachers- Ms Emma Tan Year 1C, Mr Ashley Walshe Physical Education and Ms Ellie Wang Language Other Than English- Mandarin who have commenced at Wattle Park for the year.

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN:
MONDAYS AFTER THE AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY & WEDNESDAYS 8.30-9.30am
For all Uniform Enquiries:
wpps.uniform@gmail.com
New families to the school include the Bodnar, Christodoulou, Crema, Dowsett, He, Hore, Ibragimova, Li, and Gowdie families. If you have not met them yet please take the time to say hello and include them in our community events.

The grand total raised for the fete was $31,221.00. It was such an amazing event - I can still remember the fireworks! Please be aware that I have many requests from teachers, parents and students as to where the money raised should be allocated. That ultimately is the decision of firstly the Finance Committee which is then discussed at School Council and if approved then ratified by school council members.

With regards to fundraising for this year, I would like to sincerely thank the Van West, Blackburn, Beatie, Christensen, Holmes, Sayers, Buick, Cooke, Borchard/Waterfall families for committing their time to last Sunday’s sausage sizzle at Bunnings Box Hill store raising over $1,300.00 for the school. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Unfortunately on Monday night the door to the chicken coop was inadvertently left open and foxes need only one opportunity to wreak havoc which they did. Killing all of our chickens except one. Mr Daniel Watts has organised to replace the chickens later in the term. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank and commend the chicken monitor families who do and have done just an amazing job looking after our chickens on weekends and during the holidays. They were able to ensure that under their supervision they were safe and flourished under their care.

At this time of the year there is an inordinate amount of documentation that is sent home. Where possible we are trying to send as much information via Compass and reminders through our message app Konnective. Please ensure that you have your passwords for both accounts and check them regularly. If you are unsure of either process, information is attached to this newsletter for both Compass and Konnective. Both forms of communication are used regularly to distribute information.

During the holidays Mrs Vicki Phillips and I attended the funeral of a Cameron Close resident Mrs Jean Gair. Mrs Jean Gair was the resident responsible for instigating the school reading program with the residents. Mrs Gair was a warm, gentle, highly motivated person who we will remember most fondly. The reading program is now named in her honour, ‘The Jean Gair Reading Program’. All Year 1 students are involved in the Jean Gair reading program visiting once a week on a rotational basis. It is such a special relationship that we have with the Cameron Close residents and quite a treat for our students to read with the older generation in quiet (until we arrive!) salubrious surroundings.

I must admit I was relieved to begin the year with all of our students and teachers returning safely to school. I have noticed two students with broken bones from holiday escapades but nothing that won’t mend quickly. We certainly live in turbulent times so it’s imperative to have the support of families and the familiar faces and well-known routines of school.

The welcome Foundation Family barbecue is scheduled for next Friday, 10th February 4.00p.m.-6.00p.m. All family members associated with the Foundation students are most welcome to attend.

Enjoy the beautiful Melbourne weather.

Regards Gayle
Day One
Foundation
2017
2017 Wattle Park Primary School Parent Contributions

All families would have received a letter of school contributions for 2017. As all supplies have been given to the students, it is imperative that contributions are paid. Please contact the office if you have not received your contributions letter. The school appreciates that families sometimes experience financial difficulties in meeting payment requests. A range of support options are available to parents who have difficulty making payments including the CSEF ‘Camps, Sport and Excursions Fund’, Tax Education Rebate, and the State Schools Relief Committee support. The school office can assist you with the relevant forms if you have a current Healthcare Card, see notice below.

Please contact the school on 9808 2165 if you need to make confidential arrangements with the School Principal, Ms Gayle Cope in order to meet your payment commitments. An alternative arrangement Family Payment Plan may be collected from the Office.

Remember Not Hat No Play
All children must wear a hat when outdoors. If no hat then children are required to play in the shade.

Notices gone home this week
Years 4-6 Swimming Trials
Parent Contributions
If you are a holder of a Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care Card you may be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. Please fill out the form below and return to the office as soon as possible.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb State Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order/order from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation Services to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHSS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
• this consent, once signed, remains valid until my child leaves school. I can withdraw it by contacting the school.
• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
• if I withdraw my consent or do not otherwise provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
• information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or for State schools for the purpose of evaluating concession services or confirming eligibility for assistance.
• you are able to access the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant __________________________ Date __/__/____

VICTORIA STATE GOVERNMENT

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CSEF ELIGIBILITY
Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility
To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:
• on the first day of Term one, or;
• on the first day of Term two;
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria
School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.
For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.
CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (18 April 2017).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS
CSEF payment amount
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.
• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.
The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM
NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN
1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/D DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2017 closes on 30 June, 2017.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.
Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.
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Have you signed up for Konnective Yet?

Konnective is a mobile app solution that will allow us to communicate with you, our parents, straight to your smartphone. You will be able to receive important alerts (similar to a text message) as soon as they are released.

Via the app, we can send communication to specific grade levels, so you will receive information specific to your child's grade as well as general news or updates that will go to everyone. This will extend and enhance our existing communications (e.g. Newsletter, Newsletter).

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Registering and logging into Konnective

Step 1: Download the Konnective app from the App Store or Google Play

For iPhone/iPad users – https://itunes.apple.com/app/id1005255245

For all other smartphones or if you don’t have a smartphone you can connect to the Konnective website http://www.konnective.com.au/循迹

Step 2: Register with Konnective

When you open the Konnective app tap on the Register button

To register, enter your email address, first name, last name and select a password that you will remember (phone number is optional).

You will be sent an email asking you to click on a link to confirm your email address. Check your spam/fraud folder if it doesn’t arrive.

Step 3: Log in to Konnective

Once you have confirmed your email open the app and tap the Log in button

Enter your email address and the password you set when you registered

In theSchool

If you can’t remember or forget the password, you can

Go into the menu and select My Connections. The list will include the School and other Konnective accounts relevant to you

You can automatically connect to any school or service that will allow a connected child to be added to any other school in the app.

Upon Registering approve, the connection will remain in a pending state until you can be reviewed and approved onto the list by the school or business.

For any help or queries, please contact support@konnective.com.au

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WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
Canteen Volunteer Form
Terms 1 & 2 2017

WPFS Canteen will open Monday 13th February 2017

Thank you to all our wonderful 2016 volunteers. Our canteen would not be able to run without the wonderful support of volunteer Parents, Friends and Grandparents of our school.

We are calling for 2017 volunteers, whether you are an experienced hand or an eager learner. Please complete the form below and we will schedule you for 2 shifts for 2.5 hours each, for the term or more shifts if available.

School Council require all volunteers to have:

1. Current WWCC (Working With Children Check)
2. Signed acknowledgement of the WPFS ‘Child Safety Code of Conduct Form’
(Available off WPFS School Website or school office)

All shifts will have a canteen coordinator present, who will coordinate and assist in the smooth running of the day.

Our canteen relies on volunteers to operate so please consider and complete the form below and return to the office by Wednesday 8th February.

Yes I would like to volunteer for the Canteen for Term 1 and 2

Name:__________________________________________

Phone Number ____________________________ (To be recorded on canteen roster)

Email address ______________________________________

Child's Class __________________________

Preferred Day Monday Friday
(prelease circle)

Preferred session time 10am to 12.30pm (Monday and Friday)
12pm to 2.30pm (Monday and Friday)
9am to 11.30am (Friday 1 person each week)

Thank you for volunteering. We endeavour to give you your time preference.

Any other information ____________________________
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