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

Dear Parents,

If you happen to be around the school you may have noticed that we have two new staff members who have joined us. One will be very familiar to some of you. Mrs Michelle Wrigdway, our previous uniform shop manager has joined us as our library technician. Michelle has already commenced at the school and works here on a Friday.

Ms Monika Sztendur is the successful applicant for the recently advertised reading intervention position. If you see Michelle or Monika please welcome them both to the school. Wattle Park Primary School is indeed fortunate to have such high calibre staff join the community.

During the school year, your child’s classroom teacher may be absent. This may be due to ill health or the staff member is attending professional development opportunities that are only conducted during school hours. It is imperative due to the changing face of education reforms that staff is up to date on latest research and changing legislation.

Mr Watts and I recently attended a briefing session on ‘Child Safe Standards’- Managing the Risk of child abuse in schools as a result of the new Ministerial Order No. 870. Mr Feather and Mr Abell are attending ‘Bike Education’ training for two days in order to be able to conduct bike education classes. The leadership team including Mr Steve Donohue, Dr Karl Jenkinson, Mr Daniel Watts, Mrs Ainslie Peszynski , Ms Pia Chadwick and Mrs Zelema Levy are involved in a Bastow course ‘Creating a High Performance Culture’ that requires them to attend workshops and visit other schools.

Most of the follow- up or homework is completed out of school hours. Just last week, the leadership team were involved in an after school webinar with other state government
primary and secondary schools where we shared our change initiatives and subsequent project. But of course, attending workshops or professional development days means students are without their dedicated classroom teacher. Although not an ideal situation, the students do adapt quickly to a different teacher. Teachers are required to leave a ‘work program’ that outlines the day’s routines and learning schedule in order for the casual relief teacher to teach as per usual. The school is very fortunate to have a bank of highly skilled casual relief teachers who know the students by name, are familiar with the school’s procedures and processes and view their role as an educator committed to the teaching and learning of students. The school thanks them all most sincerely.

At assembly this week Dr Gu presented students in Year 3 to Year 6 with trophies and medallions for the recent Language Perfect challenge. Dr Gu has been able to maintain the tradition of Wattle Park Primary School coming 1st in Victoria for Chinese Language (out of 172 schools), 8th overall in Victoria (out of 212 schools), 21st overall in Australia (out of 761 schools) and 38th overall in the World (out of 1111 schools). There is an attachment included in this newsletter of the winning students from each year level.

I would especially like to acknowledge the Bodna family who have each year taken on a personal challenge to beat their own personal scores in Language Perfect and achieve formidable results. Allegra, Estelle and now Otis have been great competitors. It is the collective result of all students however who ensure that we are the winning school in Victoria. Everyone’s effort and commitment counts. So thank you to all of the students and teachers who participated.

One last reminder. Running club is conducted on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning at 8.15a.m. Mr James Feather our physical education teacher supervises and participates on a Tuesday and Thursday and Mr Watts on a Friday morning. It is wonderful to see some of our Foundation students join us- they may only complete one lap and then organise a colouring-in club for the remainder of the time but they do compete! The mornings are chilly but it is a great way to start the day and we have been so lucky to have had sunshine.

The winter solstice is fast approaching - June 21st but after that daylight will become longer. Then Summer and before you know it, another year has gone!

Enjoy your weekend

Regards Gayle

Monika Sztendur
Michelle Wridgway

Notices Gone home since the ‘Wattle’

- Fete Newsletter #1
- Lice letters to affected classes
Dear parents and caregivers,

Wattle Park proudly runs the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden Program in years 3 and 4, and we are in need of regular volunteers for our Tuesday morning session. Garden sessions begin at 9.15am and Kitchen sessions begin at 10am. Kitchen classes run for 1.5 hours and the garden sessions are 45 minutes in duration.

If you are available Tuesdays for either or both session, 9.15am - 1.30 pm, and have a current Working with Children's Check we would love to hear from you. We greatly value all help offered by parents and caregivers and understand that without that assistance, the SAKGP program may not be offered to students.

If you would like to volunteer, contact your classroom teacher.

Kind regards,

Year 3 teachers
Mel Downes, Katie Hardy, Annabelle Sizeland and Julie Gledhill.

Gayle Cope  Steve Donohue
ICT News

What is inappropriate content?
The internet offers the chance to explore a virtually limitless world without the constraints of the ‘real’ world. Content on the internet is not broken into age or developmentally appropriate areas. Without supervision and guidance, a young child can either unintentionally or purposely find content that is disturbing, explicit or inappropriate.

Just as you would ensure that the books you read to your child are age appropriate and the TV shows they watch are suitably rated, you should monitor what your child is doing, and where they are going, online.

You would not feel safe allowing your child to wander aimlessly through a large city, alone and in the middle of the night. The internet is like a large city, full of good and bad. You wouldn’t let a child wander alone, so why would you let your child surf online on their own?

The issues of curiosity and exploration are the same for every generation, but the internet means there is far more information available to everyone. Parents may once have looked up a word in a dictionary—children today will Google the word instead. Rather than looking up pictures of nude bodies in a biology textbook at the library, today kids can get videos rolling online very quickly.

What can I do to protect my child online?
The most important thing you can do is engage in open and honest communication. Use the internet together and make it part of your family’s activities. You do many other activities with your child: walking the dog, going to the movies, and playing in the park—so spend some time online as well. The more you explore together, the more you will learn about their online behaviour and interests.

More options include:

Have a Home-based Acceptable Use Agreement.

You have rules in the real world about what your expectations are, you can have similar rules and consequences for the internet.

Use an Internet filter.

These can be downloaded for free, or purchased from an IT retailer. Remember that sometimes filters fail, and they can be bypassed—for example, by using the neighbour’s unsecured Wi-Fi.

Use parental controls:

You may not be aware that most computers, net browsers, tablets, smartphones and gaming consoles have some level of parental control—for example, the ability to block access to certain categories of websites. These are not the default settings, so you must activate them yourself.

Talk with your child

Ensure that you regularly talk with your children about their online experiences. Ask them about what they have seen or done, and if they have had any problems. If you feel about a site which concerns you, have a look for yourself.

Make sure that you continually reinforce to your children that nothing is so bad that they can’t talk to you about it. Let them know that if they should come to talk to you when they have any problems online, say something that they know is wrong, or anything that upset them.

Children often feel telling a parent about an online issue as they think this will result in their access to the computer and internet. Don’t threaten to disconnect your child—they will only cause them to keep online problems hidden from you.

Great Achievement
in the Language Perfect World Championships

Our Year 3 – Year 6 students have achieved great results in this year’s Language Perfect World Championships which was held from Monday, 16th May to Thursday, 26th May. We received a total score of 125,344 points which placed Wattle Park Primary School the first in Victoria for Chinese. There are a total of 137 students who have won an award from Language Perfect, including 44 Credit Awards (500 points and above), 47 Bronze Awards (1,000 points and above), 20 Silver Awards (2,000 points and above), 21 Gold Awards (3,000 points and above) and 5 Elite Awards (10,000 points and above). Well done, everyone!

The overall top scorers and top three scorers in each year are as follows:

Overall top scorers:
Allegra B. and Estelle B. (24,336 points, 38th in the whole World!)

Top three scorers in Year 5:
Emma M. (21,500 points)
Lu H. (19,451 points)
Liv S. (3,927 points)

Top three scorers in Year 4:
Zac M. (20,003 points)
Max S. (6,154 points)
Nicolas K. (5,765 points)

Top three scorers in Year 3:
Otis B. (5,720 points)
Johnny G. (5,350 points)
Anbong S. (1,501 points)
Dear WPPS Families,

The **Burwood Village Cake Stall** was held on Saturday 30th April, coordinated by Meaghan Courtney and Karen Stanaway. Once again, the WPPS community baked up a storm and there was enough stock to take us to the finish time of 3pm. The **Mother’s Day Raffle** was also coupled with this event and was also a great success. Both events raised over **$1,700**. Congratulations to all of the lucky winners.

The **Mother’s and Special Person’s Stall** was held on Tuesday 3rd May, coordinated by Alison Ross and Kelly Bullen. Different suppliers with a various range of gifts were available for the children to purchase. This a very much loved event by the children and the gifts were well received to the Mothers and Special People! We suspect some children even went back to purchase something for themselves! This fundraiser added just over **$200** to the WPPS PFA target.

It’s hard to believe there are only 4 weeks left in Term 2. **Behind the scenes the PFA** are busy working on a number of ongoing activities including the Entertainment Book fundraiser, Mango Fundraiser and Xmas Cards Fundraiser.

In addition, we have the following **dates for your calendar** for Term 3 and 4 fundraisers.

**Term 3**
- Fathers and Special Persons Stall: Tuesday 30th August
- Kid’s Disco (F-2, 3-6): Thursday 8th September

**Term 4**
- Fun Run: October (Date TBC)
- Fathers Event: October (Date TBC)
- Ladies Oaks Day: Thursday 3rd November
- WPPS Twilight Fete: Saturday 26th November

We also always welcome as many hands on deck as possible and welcome new faces and helpers who can give a lot or a little.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 7th June** at Caroline’s home at 8pm. Please email vanwest@optusnet.com.au or txt/call 0412-182-226 for details if you would like to attend.

We would love to see some new faces at our next meeting (and to see the old ones too!).

Cheers,

T & C

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FOUNDATION  2017 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 2017. 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.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.
Support Wattle Park Primary fundraising and put $$’s in your pocket!

We’re pleased to be offering parents the opportunity to purchase the brand new Melbourne 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Book to raise funds for Wattle Park Primary. The Books sell for $65, and we keep $13 for each one we sell.

The Entertainment™ Book gives you access to thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for Melbourne’s best restaurants, cafés, attractions and activities. Plus it has best in market prices for over 2,000 hotels and resorts that you can use whenever you like until 1st June 2017.

And it’s not just the fun stuff... You can also get 5% off on your groceries and petrol all year with WISH eVouchers sent directly to your phone, and 10% off at David Jones!

So you can see what is in the Entertainment™ Book for you and your family, Simply purchase your book from the school office.

To pay for your Book or your Digital Membership securely online visit:


If you can’t purchase online, please complete your details below and we will process your order:

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Childs Name: ___________________________ Class: ___________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________________
Phone Number*: ___________________________ (*Required)
Melbourne: $65 including GST:
Book(s): # ______ Digital Membership(s): # ______
Payment type: [ ] CASH [ ] VISA [ ] MASTERCARD
Credit Card number: ______ / ______ / ______ / ______ / ______ Expiry date: ______ / ______ CVV*: ______
Cardholder’s Name: ___________________________ Signature: __________________

*CVV is the 3 digits on the back of your credit card

If you have any queries please contact: Shelley Bustos – shelleybustos@gmail.com
It has been a great week at Wattle Park OSHC. Our theme for this week was ‘Natural Disasters’, an idea suggested by the children. Throughout the week, we learned about tornadoes and cyclones, volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, bushfires, thunderstorms and avalanches. It was great to see the older children explaining these phenomena to the younger children. Hazel Bangay and Jack Le Vagneresse had an especially impressive knowledge of natural disasters, teaching other children what they were and why they occurred. Thanks for sharing your knowledge, guys!

All of our craft activities this week were based around natural disasters. We made tornadoes out of cotton stuffing, fire out of cellophane, thunderstorms out of paper and avalanches out of cotton wool balls. The children painted tsunamis by mixing different shades of blue and applying them to the paper in beautiful swirling shapes. They also painted volcanoes, using straws to blow the paint in different directions. All of the children’s artwork looked fantastic!

Throughout the week, the children were also provided with some fun problem solving activities about natural disasters. On Monday, they were challenged to make a flood-proof house. For this task, the children divided into groups and chose any materials they thought would be helpful from the craft cupboard. We tested if the houses were flood-proof by placing them in the sink and turning the tap on. The groups that were successful won a prize!

On Wednesday, the children were provided with a similar problem-solving activity. They were challenged to make an earthquake-proof house. To make this challenge even more difficult, they were only allowed to use icy-pole sticks and half a strip of blu-tac. We tested if the houses were earthquake-proof by putting the houses on a table and rocking them back and forth as though the ground was quaking. The children absolutely loved this activity. Many of the kids commented that they also loved the challenge.

On Tuesday, we did a science experiment designed to mimic the appearance of a natural disaster! We combined vinegar, baking soda and red food colouring together to mimic the effect of a volcano erupting! Everyone got to have a turn at making their own volcanic eruption. The kids had lots of fun seeing the volcano froth and explode.
Friday is our cooking afternoon at after school care. This week we made honey joys. The kids loved being involved in the cooking process and enjoyed eating the tasty treats.

As always, we encourage the children to play outside and get active at before and afterschool care. The most popular outdoor games this week have been football, soccer, down-ball and playing on the playground.

All of the staff at Camp Australia have been so proud of the kids this week and look forward to spending more time with them next week!

From Georgia and the rest of the team at Camp Australia

**Update about the ‘Better Buddies Program’**

The ‘Better Buddies’ program that was implemented at OSHC last week is absolutely thriving. It has successfully motivated the kids to behave in a more caring and respectful way and has created an extremely positive environment at the service.

Congratulations to Liam Borchard and Lauren Brunacci who were awarded as ‘Better Buddies’ Leaders this week. You both continually demonstrate actions that are caring, friendly, inclusive, respectful and sharing and you are both great role models to your peers. Congratulations also to Zach Kaufman and Dom Mifsud who won the ‘Better Buddies’ prize! Well done, guys
TEAM HOLIDAY
These Holidays at ...

WATTLE PARK PRIMARY
27th June–8th July 2016

Check out some of our awesome activities below!

- Winter Wonderland
- African Beats
- Mad Science
- Indoor Trampoline
- Movie Day

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BASKETBALL BASICS
SKILL LEVEL: BEGINNER
CAMP DATE: 27-28 JUNE

FUTURE STARS
SKILL LEVEL: DOMESTIC
1st CAMP DATE: 29-30 JUNE
2nd CAMP DATE: 7-8 JULY

NUAWADING REP CAMP
SKILL LEVEL: REPRESENTATIVE
DATE: 4-6 JULY CAMP

SHOOTING SCHOOL
SKILL LEVEL: DOMESTIC / REP
CAMP DATE: 1 JULY

POST CLINIC
SKILL LEVEL: DOMESTIC / REP
CAMP DATE: 7 JULY

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SKILL LEVEL: DOMESTIC / REP
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Camp #1 Richmond
When: Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th June 2016
Where: Melbourne Girls College
       2 Yarra Blvd, Richmond
Age: 6yrs – 16yrs
Time: 9am – 3pm daily
Cost: $165 Full cost
      $155 Early bird special
      $155 Sibling discount
      FREE:
      1x NBA style camp hoodie
      1x Molten indoor/outdoor basketball

FREE NBA Style Camp Hoodie & Molten Basketball for every camp participant.

Camp #2 Richmond
Advanced 4-on-4 Tournament Camp
When: Wednesday 29th June 2016
Where: Melbourne Girls College
       2 Yarra Blvd, Richmond
Age: 10yrs – 16yrs
Time: 8am – 4pm (1 day only)
Cost: $175 per person, $165 sibling discount
For the first time Tomorrow Stars Basketball will be running a 4-on-4 tournament camp for boys to play, see up their skills and challenge other teams throughout the day. Second half. Two days off being called top champions of this camp, winners will receive $5 prize money, each to $500 per team plus the presented with a championship trophy. All day will be loaded with fun and entertainment, giving players plenty of real game time experience. Bring your game and talent and you might just be rewarded with a place in our Senior Grand Final at the end of the year. All teams will be matched by Tomorrow Stars Basketball staff, teams will have special tournament rules and every team will finish off with a tournament trophy.
Thank you for what it takes – register today – places will fill fast!

FREE:
1x NBA style camp hoodie
1x Molten indoor/outdoor basketball

$600 prize money for winning team!

EARLY BIRD SPECIALS AVAILABLE
Early bird specials close at midnight on 16 June

Camp #3 Box Hill
When: Thursday 30th June & Friday 1st July 2016
Where: Aquinas – Sunny Drive
       Box Hill
Age: 6yrs – 16yrs
Time: 9am – 3pm daily
Cost: $165 Full cost
      $155 Early bird special
      $155 Sibling discount
      FREE:
      1x NBA style camp hoodie
      1x Molten indoor/outdoor basketball

BOOKINGS: WWW.TSBSKETBALL.COM

Bookings close midnight on 22nd June for all camps.