Dear Parents,

It was a carnival atmosphere! There were rides, there was face painting, farm animals, a collection of stalls, games, a talent show, food vendors, and music and fireworks as a grand finale! The 100th Birthday School Fete was certainly a day that will be remembered.

But most of all it was a day that as a school community we worked collectively to celebrate the significance of our school as an educational and community institution. As an added bonus we raised considerable funds for our educational programs.

At our Monday assembly we presented the fete committee comprised of Mrs Jane Borden, Mrs Alison Ross, Mrs Chris Nielson, Mrs Lindsay Oldfield, Mrs Angela Ganas, Ms Suskia Malafu, Mrs Kellie McDonald, Mrs Astrid Blackburn and Mrs Rania Horatis with blooming hydrangeas in appreciation of their outstanding efforts.

Their efforts were overwhelming supported by parent, student and grandparent volunteers on stalls who worked tirelessly and enthusiastically for the day. Thank you one and all for making the day such a resounding success.

Whole School Transition Day is scheduled for next Tuesday 9th December. Class lists were formulated some time ago and written parent requests were welcomed prior to November 4th. For those parents who have made late requests unfortunately these have been unable to be accommodated. Class teachers, the leadership team and Megan and myself spend considerable time ensuring what we consider is the best fit for all students and teachers. The process is exhaustive and although not perfect it does ensure that each student has at least one friend in their class.

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Last night the Finance Committee of the School Council met to pass budgets for November as well as formulating the revenue and expenditure budgets for 2015. The 2015 Parent Payments and Voluntary Contributions are to be presented for ratification to the School Council on Tuesday night. The proposed school levy for 2015 is $860 including essential items and excursion levy as well as monies to our Building and Library funds. At the commencement of the school year a letter will be sent home to all families outlining the structure of payments and voluntary contributions for 2015.

At our November School Council Meeting the following dates were passed as our Curriculum Days for 2015: Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th April (commencement of term 2) and Monday 2nd November. Please mark these dates in your diary for future reference.

Our whole school swimming program commences on Monday. We are indeed indebted to PLC for their use of their pool. Years 2 to 6 walk to and from the venue each day while the Foundation and Year 1 students have the luxury of a bus. Parent volunteers are required to assist teachers supervising students as they walk. If you are available to help on any day please contact your child’s classroom teacher. Special thanks to Mrs Amanda Dwyer who each year organises the timetable for the swimming as well as preparing thorough documentation which ensures all safety protocols are met.

Next Thursday is the school’s annual Christmas Carol Night. Amongst the chaos of Christmas festivities this event is a serene night where you can actually sit back and relax to enjoy some traditional carols and songs. So bring along a rug or chair to sit in the natural amphitheatre beside the gymnasium. Please be reminded that this is an alcohol free event.

There are ten school days remaining as I type. I know that some students and teachers have certainly commenced a countdown to their holiday break. Please be aware that the school does not relax its expectations of student behaviour during this time. Wattle Park Primary School prides itself on having well-behaved and well-mannered students. Our Cameron Close neighbours are one of our strongest advocates and are always delighted when our Year 1 and Year 6 students visit them. Please be assured that our student engagement and wellbeing processes are followed and implemented to the very last day of school.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Carol’s. Fingers crossed for another beautiful balmy night!

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

It is now all over and we would like to thank you for all your incredible support for making the fete such a success. We have been overwhelmed with the wonderful sense of community that was so palpable on Saturday. Everywhere we turned there were parents co-ordinating stalls, cooking, pouring, cheering, spending and selling, and if they weren’t doing any of these things they were asking “what can I do to help?” We had people who arrived to help out from 10am on the morning and didn’t leave until 12 hours later.

It is this willingness to pitch in that builds a community and we saw it in bucketloads, so we cannot thank you enough.

There are so many people who deserve recognition but there are some special mentions that we must make.

- Dallas Raynor, who co-ordinated the talent quest, in unbelievable heat, which showcased only a small sample of the incredible talent that we have amongst the students at WPPS. Congratulations to Rohan P in first place, Aisha B and Elise M in second, Clive C in third and Ailie F who won the encouragement award. (And to Tom Raynor and Megan Canter for being our judges).
- Mrs Cl and Susan Wright who gave up their time to again 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.
- The co-ordinators of each stall who agreed to take on the task of making sure the stalls ran smoothly on the day.
- The ‘set up and pack up’ crew of dads who spent hours carrying what seemed like hundreds of tables and chairs from under the depths of the buildings, only to do it all again at the end of the night, and the next morning.
- Emma Maacane, who spent a lot of time and effort creating the beautiful artwork for our advertising boards and pamphlets.
- Mr Brett Gullen (Parent commencing 2015) for the design of the location map in our handout.
- To all the pamphlet droppers who pounded the pavement for hours, getting the message out about the school.
- Christine Iones who made all the lovely tree decorations and put together the bunting lining the fence.
- Robyn, 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.
- “After Dark” – the band members from the Bandits who gave their time to play for us at the end of the evening.
- Arthur from Melbourne Fireworks who put together what some have described as “the best fireworks EVER!”
- Frank – the MC who let people know what was going on to the best of his ability, despite having to compete with a LOT of noise!
- Gayle and the School Council for supporting the requests and ideas of the committee.
- All our financial supporters and donors of goods.
- The parents, carers and friends for all their donations, time and effort, and lastly, the children for their contagious enthusiasm.

We also appreciate all your feedback to date regarding the fete, and we welcome any feedback that you would like to pass on, so that we can incorporate it into the planning for next time. Please email Kellie McDonald on devonknights@gmail.com or 0412 767 211. There is also a feedback box at the office.

With Warmest Regards, and until next time, The Fete Committee 2014
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Angela Ganas
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We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, and to wish all families and teachers a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

The team at Wattle Park Amcal Pharmacy.
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