Parent Information Night to be held Tuesday, 9th February. Two sessions to be held. See below for times. All families are encouraged to attend one session.

Calling Canteen Volunteers for 2016.

Please see attached form. We are excited to announce a new canteen manager has been appointed and we are hoping to have the canteen up and running sometime in March. Stay tuned.

Students who have been selected as SRC representatives for 2016 will be presented with their badges at assembly on Monday.

Hoax phone calls to Victorian schools

Dear parents/Guardians,

I am writing to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days. Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year.

Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Kind Regards,

February 5th     Welcome BBQ for Foundation families 4-6pm
9th     Swimming Trials 1-2.30pm Year 4-6
        Parent Information Night – 2 sessions 6-6.45pm and repeated 7-7.45pm. Attendance to 1 session only is required
18th     District Swimming

March
10th     Parent Helper morning and evening session
17th     IS & 1W Aquarium excursion
18th     Photo Day
18th     Movie Night
14th     Labor Day
22nd     Parent teacher meetings - evening
23rd     Parent teacher meetings - afternoon
24th     Thursday End of Term 1. 2.30pm finish. Free dress day

April
11th     Term 2 begins Curriculum day (no students)
18-22nd     Canberra Camp Years 5 & 6
25th     Anzac Day

June
24th     End of Term 2. 2.30pm finish. Free dress day

Curriculum Days 2016
Mon 11th April (First day of Term 2)
Mon 11th July (First day of Term 3)
Mon 31st October (Melbourne Cup weekend)

Camps Sports and Education Fund (CSEF).

Please find attached application forms for eligible families to receive government funding. Applicants must hold a current Centrelink card. All applications must be handed into the office by 29th February.

No Canteen until March.

No Hat No Play
A reminder that school hats must be worn outside during play times. If no hat then children will remain in shade during play times.

See attached the following
Canteen Volunteer Form
First Aid Volunteer Form
Parent Information Night
Wattle Park Running Club
CSEF Application Form
Community Ads

If you have anything you would like to go on to the Notice board please email to wattle.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au by the Wednesday of Noticeboard week. We will endeavour to include it.
Canteen Volunteer Form  
Terms 1 & 2 2016

Our canteen could not be able to run without the wonderful support of the volunteer parents, friends and grandparents of our school.

We would love to have you volunteer for us, whether you are an experienced hand or an eager learner. All you need to do is fill out the form below and we will schedule you for 2 shifts for 2.5 hours each, for the term. If you would like to help more, then just let us know and we can give you extra shifts.

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

Please fill out the form below and return to the office by the end of February so that the roster can be organised and distributed.

We are expecting to have the canteen re-open in March. Date to be confirmed.

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Yes I would like to volunteer for the canteen for term 1 and 2

Name:______________________________________________________________

Phone Number ____________________________ (this number will be on the canteen roster)

Email address ______________________________________________________

Child’s Class ____________ Preferred Day Monday Friday 
(please circle)

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

Whilst we endeavour to give you your time preference, sometimes that is not always possible.

Any other information _____________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________
2\textsuperscript{nd} February 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Re: Parent Information Night Reminder**

Parent Information meetings will be held on Tuesday 9\textsuperscript{th} February 2016.

There will be two sessions: 6.00-6.45p.m. or 7.00-7.45p.m. Attend one session only. Meetings are for all year levels except Foundation.

Meetings will be held in the following locations:

- **Year 1:** Downstairs in the two storey building
- **Year 2:** Main Building
- **Years 3 and 4:** Year 3 and 4 building
- **Years 5 and 6:** Year 5 and 6 building

We look forward to seeing you at these Information Meetings.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Gayle Cope
Principal
WATTLE PARK PS RUNNING CLUB

DETAILS: 8:15am – 8:45am

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning commencing Tuesday 9th February

Meet at office.

Open to all children and parents. The more the merrier!

Ensure you wear runners and bring a drink bottle.

Thanks

James Feather

PE Co-ordinator
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)

[ ] - [ ] - [ ] - [ ] - [ ] OR

[ ] Foster parent* OR [ ] Veterans affairs pensioner

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

Student details

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<tr>
<th>Child's surname</th>
<th>Child's first name</th>
<th>Student ID</th>
<th>Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)</th>
<th>Year level</th>
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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation of 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:

- DHS 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 while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/detals 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 alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/detals, 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 State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to 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 / /
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 (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

Closing Date

Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by 29 February 2016, so that payments can be made from March 2016. However schools can accept parent applications up until 03 June 2016.

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

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/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.
In order to keep our First Aid Room clean and tidy, we require volunteers to assist with this task. We need approximately 40 families on our roster to ensure that every family only needs to do this once per year. It is not time consuming and requires approximately 15 minutes of your time on a FRIDAY.

The duties include:

- Changing the sheets, pillow cases and re-making the bed with clean linen (all provided in the first aid room).
- Washing and returning the clean linen for the following Friday.
- Checking that the area is clean and tidy.
- Wiping over the cupboards, bench tops and the sink.
- Tidying the spare clothes cupboard if needed.

This year we're using VolunteerSpot to organise the parent roster. Here's how it works in 2 easy steps:

1) Copy/type the following link into a browser to sign up and the following page will appear: http://vols.pt/Fh9j4P

   Welcome to VolunteerSpot and your Sign-up for: First Aid Roster 2016!
   Thanks for your interest! You can view spots available and we’ll get you signed up right away!

   Sign in with Facebook
   or Sign in with Email

   Email Address
   Confirm Email Address
   Confirm Email Address

   Questions? Please contact your organizer: Caroline Van West, at carolinevanwest@gmail.com
   Note: VolunteerSpot respects your privacy. All your information is for internal use and will be kept confidential. We will not provide your information to another party.

2) Enter your email address; select the date that you would like to volunteer and then Sign Up! It’s Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot. Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone.

   If you prefer not to use VolunteerSpot then please email carolinevanwest@gmail.com with your preferred date and you can be signed up manually.

   Thank you in anticipation.

   Vicki Keith       Caroline van West
   First Aid Co-ordinator     Parent Roster Co-ordinator
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FRIDAY 18 MARCH

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THE PEANUTS MOVIE

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St. Finbar's PS Brighton

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Parent
Carnegie PS

"Enrique's confidence has increased enormously over the last few years thanks to Drama Time."
Parent
Brighton Beach PS