Dear Parents,

So much to talk about this week, where do I start? The Language Perfect competition for year’s 3 to 6 students saw the school victorious in the state of Victoria, first! What a splendid result. I would very much like to thank Mrs Ainslie Peszynski who is the driving force behind the competition. Ainslie is highly enthusiastic and motivates the students, parents and teachers to participate. Thursday last week committed and available year 5 and 6 students spent the last hours and count down to the competition while munching apples and muesli bars!

The results page is attached so please take time to peruse the school’s achievements.

Also attached to the newsletter are photos of students who participated in the Division Cross Country event. Once again there were outstanding individual performances. I am so very proud of all the students who participated. The Ruffey Park Lake course is indeed a difficult one. Special mention of Peter H (4W) who did a ‘John Landy’ and assisted a rival competitor who fell during the race. Peter still qualified for the next level of regional competition however to Peter the welfare of the other student was more important.

The ambassadors and I are kept busy most weeks taking tours for prospective parents. One question we are commonly asked is about ‘student welfare’ programs. It is mandatory for all schools in Victoria to have a ‘Student Engagement and Well-Being policy’. This is available on our school website. The school values of Respect, Encourage, Value, Care, Challenge and to be Responsible underpin the way in which students are to act at our school. The school has also been accredited as an eSmart school which is a behaviour change initiative with regard to cybersafety, technology and bullying.
Miss Emma Goldsworthy and Miss Annabelle Sizeland have been investigating the ‘Better Buddies’ program in creating friendly, caring school communities in a bid to reduce bullying. The school has a very strong Year 6 and Foundation program that assists enormously with the transition from kindergarten to school. We are looking to extend these behaviours of support throughout the school and the ‘Better Buddies’ has some great ideas and initiatives.

At last week’s assembly it was announced that students from our sister school, Mingde Primary School will be visiting our school from Sunday 2nd August to Friday 7th August, five days and nights inclusive. The visiting party will consist of one teacher; Mrs Shirley Zhang, two male students and three female students. We are looking for host families who would be prepared to accommodate the students. If you are interested can you please contact Mrs Joy Roberts at the office. There is remuneration to assist with board and lodging costs.

It is so very exciting to be able to return Mingde Primary School’s hospitality. Will B and Jimmy S both in year 6 will attest to the amount of food, gifts and care that were extolled to them when we were in China last year. To my knowledge, our visitors have never travelled to another country.

Wednesday of this week saw Maxwell G and Millie S, both in year 6, take the reins of the school. Max was the successful applicant for Student Principal for a Day and Millie was given the opportunity of Assistant Principal for a Day. Max and Millie were terrific leaders and already have acquired skills necessary to be effective leaders. They had a range of different activities to complete for the day and suggestions for improvements. Some great ideas that I’m sure they will talk about at the next school assembly on Monday 15th June.

Max and Millie participated in webinars where they were able to talk live with other ‘Student Principals for a Day’ across the country about their experiences.

Please ensure to look into your child’s bag when they come home tonight. Our school photos have arrived! It’s always so exciting to receive them.

The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day.

The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.

SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Foundation to Year 10.

I encourage you to download SchoolMate if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum. Last thing- students and parents are most welcome to join our running club on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. The mornings have been cold but it is exhilarating to be active enjoying the company of other runners. Teacher Mr Dan Watts even makes hot chocolate on a Friday morning if you complete two laps. Don’t worry about coming last, that’s me!

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe.

Regards Gayle

Gone home since last ‘The Wattle’

- School photos
- Victoria Youth Theatre
- Super Speak
Division Cross Country
Wattle Park is going mobile with Konnective

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 (eg. Newsletter, website).
For those without a smartphone, there will be a link to the general updates on our website.

Please see the instructions on how to register, log in and connect to Konnective.

Registering and logging in to Konnective

Step 1: Download the Konnective app from the AppStore or GooglePlay
Search for Konnective or use these quick links:
For all other smartphones or if you don’t have a smartphone you can register on the Konnective website http://www.konnective.com.au/register

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 setup a password that you will remember (phone number is optional).
You will be sent an email asking you to click on a link to verify your email address. Check your spam/junk folders if it does not arrive.

Step 3: Login to Konnective
Once you have verified your email, open up the app and tap the Login button
Enter your email address and the password you set when you registered.
You’re done!

If you aren’t connected to all of the feeds you need:
Go into the Menu and select My Connections. Then hit Add (in the top right corner) and choose the business and feeds relevant to you.
You can automatically connect to any public streams (those with a Connect button) or else Request Approval to be added to any other feeds that are relevant to you. Upon Requesting Approval, the connection will remain in a pending state until you can be reviewed and approved onto that feed by the school or business.

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

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

SCHOOL DENTAL NOTICE

All families should have received a School Dental Notice. Please note that these forms must be returned to the office no later than 9th June. Forms can be found on our website at www.wattleparkps.vic.edu.au under News Tab, Notices 2015 then under General Notices

STUDENTS NEEDING TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY

If your child/ren need to be collected from school early, please sign your child/ren out in the big book outside the office window. Time, date, their name, reason why and parent/guardian signature.

Please be aware that Whitehorse City Council parking inspectors have been notified to monitor the parking and driving of vehicles in Gleeson Street, Somers Street, Banksia Street, and Waratah Avenue. It is not acceptable or indeed legal to be parking across neighbours driveways at any time. Drivers who are breaking the law will be fined. The safety of our children and Tung Tan our crossing supervisor are paramount.
Hi Everyone!

Hope you are keeping warm – Winter is well and truly upon us!

We are getting together next week to discuss upcoming fundraising and community events in Terms 3 & 4, and would love you to join us. We are really excited about the great ideas that have already been put forward, so come along to find out more.

All are very welcome to attend – better still, bring a friend!

Date: Thursday 11th June
Time: 6pm
Venue: Tash Sinclair’s Home, 2 Kemp Street, Burwood

Please RSVP via email to natasha.sinclair@bigpond.com or by phone to 0415-153-652, so we can ensure there is enough cheese and chocolate to go around! 😊

If you would like to see a copy of the Minutes of the AGM let us know and we can forward a copy to you or there is one at the office for viewing if you prefer.

The best way to stay in the loop is by signing up to receive Konnective notifications. If you are not sure how to do this on your mobile phone, we are happy to guide you through it! This is a free app you download to your smart phone, and you will receive an alert like an SMS.

Cheers,
G & T

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Uniform Orders

Please be aware that despite our best efforts uniform orders and the arrival of new stock can be delayed. This may be due to stock being unavailable, new runs of material are needed or transport issues. Georgia Kelly our volunteer uniform shop manager will do her very best to accommodate individual needs but she can’t do the impossible!

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING

Join us in the Community room after school drop-off on Thursday June 18th for morning tea and help raise money for this worthwhile cause. $5 entry.

Please let your class rep know if you are able to come. (For catering purposes.)

*All donations over $2 are tax-deductible.
Do you have extra Pixar Domino Stars at home?

World Vision Australia is collecting spare dominoes to distribute to an informal school in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and give other young children a fun way to learn to count.

Please donate your dominoes at the School Office by Friday 19 June and help bring happiness to children in need.

For more information:
Contact Karen Stanaway on 0407 388 412
Do you have unused loom bands?

World Vision Australia is collecting loom bands to distribute to children living in Uganda, Africa.

Instead of making another loom bracelet, please donate your new or unwanted loom bands at the School Office by Friday 19 June and help bring happiness to children in need.

For more information:
Contact Karen Stanaway on 0407 388 412
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- Hindi
- Hungarian
- Indonesian
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* Not offered at VCE level
** Year 11 VCE offered in 2015

Employment Application forms for language teachers are available from our website. Schools and Teachers are requested to bring this service to the attention of their students & language communities.

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DISTANCE EDUCATION CLASSES
The following languages are available via distance education for Years 7-12 (VCE) for students who cannot attend face-to-face classes.

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   - Where: Thur 9th, Fri 10th July 2015
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   - Time: 9am – 3pm daily
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