Dear Parents,

It’s been a short, wet but busy week! Teachers took the opportunity on Monday to collect and collate students’ achievements and assessments to begin writing student reports around individual learning goals. All class and specialist teachers have already written a synopsis of class level learning summaries that have been introduced this second half of the year. It is important to remember that although many concepts have been taught and presented to students it may not mean that the task or skill has been mastered yet. ‘Learning experts recognize that while there can be single moments of learning, most complex skills and knowledge domains require sustained effort over time through rehearsal and practice. Ideally, with interest and self-motivation in place, this sustained effort can be experienced by children as a desirable activity and goal, resulting in the satisfaction of increased mastery and fluency over time.’ U.S. Frameworks Institute.

In other Education news, as stated in Megan’s Education sub-committee report, the Victorian Government has released a new curriculum as part of their new Education State agenda. This will be known as the F-10 Victorian Curriculum, and is to be fully implemented by the beginning of 2017. Wattle Park PS has very strong curriculum planning frameworks and the auditing process is already well underway.
One area that we are very excited about is the new “Technologies” subject, which includes the strands of:
- Digital Technologies: exploring digital systems, using data and information, cybersafety, coding, robotics and participating in digital projects.
- Design and Technologies: exploring the role of technology in society, technological contexts such as engineering principles and design, food and materials, and creating designed solutions (investigate, generate ideas and plans, produce products, evaluate products and processes).

At Wattle Park, we have already trialled a number of new coding apps and software such as “The Foo’s” and “Scratch”. We have purchased some Beebots and Probots for the years F-4 as prizes through the ‘Earn and Learn’ program ready to begin exploring robotics concepts across the school next year.

Emma Pleasance, parent of Archie G 5J and Ben G 3S took on the ‘Silver Star Motors Pedal Car Design Challenge’ on behalf of the school along with students Elyse F 6ST, Angus C 6ST, Archie G, Ben G, Amy W 6ST, Robbie W 3S, Aisha B 6ST, Pim R 6ST and Emma P 6ST. They have done an absolutely magnificent job. When the undecorated car was first presented at assembly some students thought it was a going away present for Ms Teng’s baby boy!

Emma and the students have spent considerable time coming up with a design that represents the classicness of a Mercedes yet still having an appeal as a modern icon. Unfortunately they did not win the $3,000 director prize by the judging panel on Wednesday however we have the opportunity to win the $3,000.00 public choice award. Please see attached flyer on how to vote for the Wattle Park Primary School Silver Star Motors Pedal Car. Many thanks to Tash Sinclair, president of the school’s Parents and Friend’s Association who was instrumental in ensuring that the school had the opportunity to be involved in this challenge.

The school calendar is full of events over the last 6 weeks of the school year. Year 6 Graduation information, whole school swimming arrangements, Foundation Teddy Maths Night, transition days are just a few that come to mind. Please ensure that you check the calendar and are aware of these arrangements well before they commence. It can be such a stressful time of the year but with careful planning student and parent angst can be relieved.

The second ‘Step Up To School’ program was this week and reaffirmed teachers’ observations from our first session that we are inheriting a lovely group of 56 students. I have been very impressed with how quickly they have settled in to their activities in the library, classroom and gymnasium. Perhaps it has something to do with our wonderful Year 5 students who have assisted with the transition program. Already I have received comments from new parents to the school at how impressed they are with how welcoming and helpful the Year 5 students have been.

Please be aware that although considerable planning is being undertaken with regards to the 2016 school year, staff allocations for next year have by no means been finalised. Like many schools at this time of year, schools are busy conducting interviews for prospective staff. Please do not assume that teachers will be teaching the same year level in 2016. The leadership team routinely makes the decisions to move teachers so they can have varied teaching responsibilities in order to continuously build their professional capacities and experiences.

Staff baby news: Congratulations to Mrs Cynthia Tuck and her husband Michael on the arrival of their second child- a boy, Anthony Luke. And also to Ms Samantha Teng and her husband Michael on the arrival of their first child, a son, Caden Chu Wai Teng.

I’m eagerly looking forward to the very special Year 2 sleepover tonight! The Year 2 students are very, very excited today. By Saturday afternoon they will be extremely tired along with me and the teachers; Mrs Dwyer, Miss Gilmour, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Skantzos and Ms Sizeland. It’s sure to be a memorable occasion!

Regards Gayle
Student Enrolments and Exits

We are well underway in planning for facilities and staffing for 2016. All planning is based on our student enrolment and exit numbers and we urge parents to complete an enrolment or exit form (see below) as soon as possible. Enrolment forms can be obtained from our website or from the office.

Exit Intentions for 2016

I wish to advise that my child/children as listed below, will not be returning to WPPS in 2016.

Name: __________________________________________________________________
Current Home Group: ___________________ Year level: ______________
Name: __________________________________________________________________
Current Home Group: ___________________ Year level: ______________
Signed: _________________________________
Date: ___________________________
Reason: We would very much appreciate your comments/feedback to assist with future planning.

☐ Moving house
☐ Family moving suburb/interstate/overseas
☐ Transferring to an independent school The School is ____________________________
☐ Transferring to public school The School is _______________________________
☐ School does not adequately cater to the needs of my child/children
☐ Other

I am happy for a member of the school community to make contact with me: Yes No

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP
Trivia Night Thanks

Many thanks to the following Wattle Park Families for their generous silent auction donations and prizes:

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Dagmar Beattle

**OAKDALE MEAT CO**
Wholesale Butcher

Sutherland Family

**SALSA'S**

Meneilly Family

Special thanks to Malafu and Champion families and everyone who contributed to the hampers and wheelbarrow!
Uniform Shop

Please note that orders for grade 5/6 black Bombers and Rugby jumpers are due in today. It is important to order them now ready for school next year.

The Sports polo top is for all students grade 4 to 8 and is only ordered once each year. We do not hold extra tops in the shop. Please place your order ASAP if your child requires a sports polo for 2016 or they will miss out. Orders due today, but will be accepted Monday.

Please contact me wpps.uniform@gmail.com with any questions or visit the shop. Order forms are available on the school website or in the shop. Email orders accepted.

Thank you
Georgia Kelly.
Silver Star Motors Pedal Car Design Challenge

Part of the Design and Construction Team

One of the Winners

Wattle Park Mercedes Pedal Car

The Judging Panel
Silver Star Motors Pedal Car Design Challenge

Your school is one of thirteen local primary schools that have entered the Silver Star Motors Pedal Car Design Challenge. Two schools will be crowned winners of the 'People's Choice Award' and each will win a $3,000 school grant.

To win.... you need your school, family and friends to vote for your school’s car. It’s that easy. The two schools with the most votes will each win $3,000. Voting opens Thursday 5 November through to Sunday 15 November.

Please find enclosed ‘How to Vote’ flyers for you to send home with every child in your primary school. Your school needs their vote.

Here’s how to help our school win.

Vote for our school. It’s easy!

Vote for our school’s Mercedes-Benz pedal car design online or in person at the official exhibition showcasing all 13 local primary school entries.

Voting opens 9am Thursday 5 November and closes 6pm Sunday 15 November.

We need your vote because every vote counts. Don’t delay! The winners will be announced on Monday 16 November at www.silverstarpedalcar.com.au

Online
Visit silverstarpedalcar.com.au/vote

Official Exhibition
Dates: Thursday 5 - Sunday 15 November 2015
Location: Silver Star Motors
835 Doncaster Road, Doncaster VIC 3108
Tel: (03) 8848 1266

Hours: The exhibition will be showcased in the front window of the Silver Star Motors Doncaster showroom and can be viewed at any time day or night. Visitors are also invited to view the exhibition during opening hours. Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.00pm / Saturday 8.30am to 5.00pm. Free entry. Parking is available at the rear of Silver Star Motors showroom; enter via Doncaster Road

Visit silverstarpedalcar.com.au today to find out more about the challenge.
Wattle Park | 4th October 2015

This week, we are starting an African theme raising awareness of the Oxfam foundation who promote social justice and fight poverty worldwide. Children will be participating in a number of activities to raise awareness of the world wide community around them. Children will be learning about being a Global Citizen and diversity and South Africa and their wildlife. Over the next couple of weeks the children will be making some educational games to send to Africa to give to children attending After School Care Programs.

Next Week, we will continue learning about the South African culture and continue to make games for the children. Some of the games and activities we will be making will include word searches, colouring in’s and masks. To send over for the children we will be making jigsaw puzzles, number games, alphabet games and snap games.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

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We're here to make After School Care visits the best experience possible – for you and your child. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in after school care first hand.

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PLAYBALL BASKETBALL
TRAINING  AQUALINK & CAMBERWELL HIGH
TERM 1 2016  FRIDAY  YEARS 1-4

BASKETBALL TRAINING
Playball is now taking registrations from current PREP to Year 3 Boys & Girls to commence training in Term 1 at Aqualink & Camberwell High. 40 minute weekly Training by Playball Coaches prepares children for Friday Competition from Term 2.

REGISTER FOR TERM 1 2016
Register a training team at www.playballbasketball.com under ‘Registration’ Tab. Teams guaranteed commencement.
Individual children can register online.

TERM 1 TIMES & DATES
YEARS 1-4  FRIDAY 4:00-7:00PM  5 Feb - 15 Apr (8 weeks)

TERM COST
Approx $84 per child  Based on team of 8. Team Invoice $670.

COACHES WORKSHOP
By Melbourne Junior Tigers  Sunday in Term 2.

CONTACT
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