Dear Parents,

The corridors were exceptionally quiet earlier on this week but they have certainly come alive again with students’ robustly practising their concert items for Tuesday 18th November.

The School Concert ’A Musical Odyssey Through The Wonderful World’ is scheduled for Tuesday November 18th. Tickets are available on-line through Try booking http://www.trybooking.com/GDAR at this time tickets are limited to 2 tickets per family. I have had quick glimpses of class performances and they are indeed entertaining.

On Monday, teachers spent time collating records and results to commence report writing for the end of the year. This may be the last time that the current format of reports is utilised. The Department of Early Childhood and Education Development have now given schools the flexibility to choose, in partnership with their school community, the way in which they will report student achievement (timing, frequency, and format) for 2015. There will no longer be a single mandated report format that we currently use, known as Quick Vic. The school leadership team has viewed a number of different reporting options. At the last Education Committee meeting Megan presented the results of a national parent survey that has been referenced recently in the media “Student Feedback and Progressive Reporting” (Hobsons, June 2014). We discussed the findings and used this survey as the basis on which to design our own school survey. A survey will be coming out shortly for your valued comments. This will assist us in formulating a reporting system for future years.

Congratulations to all of the successful participants in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. This year 146 students participated in the challenge.

A number of Year 5 students have been invited to attend and present at the History Teachers Association of Victoria ‘Kids Conference’ at the Australian Catholic University. This is in recognition of the History project the students undertook in term 2. Students researched the impact of the tram on the development of Burwood and presented their findings via role
play, model making and QR codes. It is the ICT element of the research that it is a focus of the presentation. Special thanks to Ms Nield who was the instigator of the History presentations to coincide with the School’s Centenary.

Congratulations to Margaret S and Bailey M who have made it through to the National Athletics Event in Tasmania in their respective events; high jump and 100metre relay. They are indeed talented athletes.

The Bike Education Program for Year 5 students has concluded for this year. It was quite a sight seeing all of the students riding through the school grounds and around the oval. The students are indeed competent riders and are building their knowledge of the road rules. Mr Roberts and Ms Nield are to be commended on their commitment to ensuring the program was such a success. Mr Roberts even came equipped each morning with a tool box for any emergency maintenance issues!

The fete committee led by Mrs Jane Borden is now working over drive, meeting weekly to finalise all arrangements. The fete is now only 3 weeks away! Thank you to you, the school community who are so generously supporting the school with donations to hampers, managing and running stalls and offering your time. A school fete is an enormous commitment but it is the collective school spirit that develops that is most gratifying. The purpose is twofold, to build a strong community culture and also to raise funds for school programs and infrastructure.

Term 4 is always one of the busiest terms with end of year celebrations such as Year 2 sleepover, Year 6 Graduation, our comprehensive transition program, intensive swimming program, Christmas Carols Night as well as the day to day teaching and learning program. This year we have our school concert and a school fete added in to the mix!

Please ensure that your children have a night routine which includes a sleep of ten hours without screens (including television, iPad and computers) at least one hour before ‘lights out’. Professor Rajatnam, from Monash University's School of Psychology and Psychiatry recommends that “these devices are shut down or closed off up to two hours before bed time, but at least one hour before bed time, to try to reduce the impact of these light sources on sleep.” Students who come to school over tired invariably find the day to day activities of school difficult to manage.

Most nights when I leave school, the school grounds are frequented by school community members participating in a variety of activities; walking dogs, playing basketball, practising soccer. Please be aware that golf and archery are not permitted on school grounds.

However it is lovely to see the school a hub of activity for the local community after school hours.

Regards Gayle

Bike Ed
NO HAT, NO PLAY

IT’S HAT TIME AGAIN

All students are required to wear hats outside during recess and lunchtime. Any student without a school hat, will need to sit in the designated area. If you know your child has lost his/her hat now is the time to purchase one. Please make sure your child’s hat is clearly named!

Please check your child has the correctly named hat. There are missing hats that have been clearly labelled.

- Fete Newsletter
Student Enrolments and Exits

We are well underway in planning for facilities and staffing for 2015. 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 2015

I wish to advise that my child/children as listed below, will not be returning to WPPS in 2015.

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 independent school, please advise which school to assist with transfer arrangements _______________________________________________________
☐ 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
WPPS Concert 2014

‘Our School’

A Musical Odyssey Through the Wonderful World of WPPS

Tuesday, 18th November
6.45 for a 7pm Start
The George Wood Performing Arts Centre
Yarra Valley Grammar School
Kalinda Road, Ringwood  Melways 36D17

Tickets sales will be available to purchase on line from Try Booking
Wednesday 29th October, 8.30am. http://www.trybooking.com/GDAR
Please note that initial ticket sales are limited to 2 tickets per family. No multiple purchases please. Space allowing, second round offers may be offered at a later date, to be confirmed.

A WPPS Event Not to be Missed
WPPS BIG FETE CLEANUP WORKING BEE

Foundation, Grades 1 & 2 Students
And Parents
Saturday 22nd November 9am-1pm

General weed, cutback, tidy up to have our school looking its best for the fete.

Bring your gardening gloves, brooms, secateurs, weeders and good cheer.

Come for a short while or longer. All help appreciated!
If you can bring a plate of food to share that would be awesome.
Wattle Park Primary School
225 Warrigal Rd Burwood

Twilight Fete & Fireworks
Saturday 29th November at 4pm
*Stalls *Food *Rides *Entertainment *Fireworks at 9pm

Celebrating 100 Years
Only 22 days to go until the WPPS Twilight Fete! **Saturday 29th November 4-9pm**

**SCHOOLYARD TALENT QUEST** – students need to make sure they sign up at office if they’re interested in joining in. There are limited places and great prizes to be won!

**WRISTBANDS** – To enable easy access and great value to all the rides and activities at the fete, we have wristbands which can now be purchased through [www.trybooking.com/110038](http://www.trybooking.com/110038)

There are two options available:

1. **Pre-purchase superpass** - $30 or $27 for 3 or more (includes cha cha, chair o plane, giant slide, cup and saucer and animal farm)
2. **Junior Superpass** - $20 or $18 for 3 or more (Includes the above but NOT the cha cha)

In addition, wristbands will be available for purchase on the day for the following prices:

- **Superpass** - $35 OR **Junior Superpass** - $25

**VOLUNTEERS** – We need lots of help on the day and will be using VolunteerSpot (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organise our upcoming signups. Here’s how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to see our signups on VolunteerSpot [http://vis.pt/Xy9kGq](http://vis.pt/Xy9kGq)
2. Review the signups listed and choose the one(s) you like.
3. 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 your email address, please contact Chris Nielsen on [volunteerwpps@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerwpps@gmail.com) to sign up manually.
DONATIONS – thank you to everyone who has donated goods to date. We still need some of the following items for those of you who would like to contribute. Please place all donations in the boxes at the front office.

- Blocks of Chocolate
- Trash ‘n’ Treasure items – (for any donations please contact Suskia).

HAMPERS – Class Coordinators are continuing to work hard to make some beautiful hampers which will be auctioned and raffled at the fete. If you haven’t yet donated to your class hamper, the list below is a reminder of your theme. Thank you to those who have already generously contributed.

- Foundation: Craft and Stationary
- Grade 1: Cooking (not food)
- Grade 2: Morning Tea (teas, coffee, gourmet biscuits etc).
- Grade 3: Gardening
- Grade 4: For him (big and little boys)
- Grade 5: For Her (big and small)
- Grade 6: Edible Guilty pleasures (chocolate, sweets)

CAKE STALL – Cake boxes will be sent home shortly. We would love for as many tasty treats as possible to help with this hugely popular stall!

MARQUEES AND TRESTLE TABLES
If anyone has a marquee/gazebo or trestle table which they are willing to lend us for the day, please contact Alison Ross on 0441 768 815. It will be well looked after, and greatly appreciated.

SILENT AUCTION – we have a great array of items for silent auction including a signed 2014 Hawthorn Jersey, 2009 Premiership Geelong WEG’s Poster and 2014 signed Carlton Jersey – to name a few. There are golf items, soccer memberships, pampering packages, Bunning’s vouchers so start saving your pennies!

FACEBOOK - Make sure you ‘LIKE’ and ‘SHARE’ our ‘Celebrating 100 years of Wattle Park Primary School’ Facebook page to keep up to date with some helpful and interesting school information.

Thank you again for your ongoing support, we look forward to celebrating with you and your children at the fete!

Fete Committee
Jane Borden (0402 400 271) Alison Ross (0414 768 815)
Suskia Malafu (0421 657 133) Angela Ganas (0409 927 100)
Kellie McDonald (0412 767 211) Chris Nielsen (0417 566 420)
Lindsay Oldfield (0411 833 831) Astrid Blackburn (0408 001 300)
Rania Horaitis (0421 062 400)
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And have you mentioned the fete to your neighbours, friends and family??? We want a big crowd!!!
The WPPS FETE Presents

SCHOOLYARD TALENT QUEST!

Sort out your solo act.
Take off with an AMAZING trick! OR
put something together with
a friend (or 2) & SIGN UP
at the office to BE IN IT !!

Great Prizes

IMPRESS OUR JUDGES!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29
ON THE TALENT STAGE

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Saturday November 15 from 2 to 8pm
The inaugural Italian Festa at St Dominic's Primary School is a festival celebrating Italian culture, entertainment, food and wine. Visitors will enjoy authentic Italian cuisine, Italian hand crafted items, Christmas gifts and decorations, baked goods, games, showbags and rides for the children. There are amazing silent auction items and raffle prizes to be won and you'll be able to capture your memories on the day with a photo taken alongside a Ferrari!
We hope you can join us in celebrating la dolce vita with a little taste of Italy right here in Camberwell!

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