**Lost Property**

Please check the lost property for all your belongings.

All unnamed clothes & lunch boxes will be disposed of at the end of this term.

**Wattle Park Primary School**

Car Park is for Staff Only

Please do not park there unless you have approval from the Principal.

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**DECEMBER**

5th — 9th Whole School Swimming Program

12th, 13th, 15th, 16th Whole School Swimming Program

(no swimming on Wednesday 14th December)

14th Year 6 Big Day Out – Funfields

19th Year 6 Graduation

20th 1.30pm Finish Free Dress Day (Gold coin donation).

**2017**

29th Bunning sausage sizzle Box Hill

31st First Day back Term 1

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Christmas decorations and cards are now welcome at the school!

Any lost property for swimming will be held at the school until Friday 16th December. Then it will be donated to a charity

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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.
Dear WPPS Families,

We are at the completion of Term 4 and have finished the year on a high in relation to fundraising for our school. Many thanks to the whole school community for supporting the many fundraising activities throughout the year.

The students will be receiving their prizes for their fundraising efforts associated with the Fun Run early next week. There was a slight delay with delivery. This was a huge fundraiser for the school, raising over $4000 in profit. A big thanks to those family and friends who sponsored the children in this event. It will definitely be back on the events calendar in 2017…and possibly earlier in the year so stay tuned.

As reported in the last PFA News, the Mango Fundraiser was enthusiastically received by the school community and raised just under $1000...the target has now been set to raise over $1000 in 2017. Many thanks to Georgia Kelly for the co-ordination of this fundraiser.

The Xmas Cards Fundraiser is now complete, due to the fantastic efforts from Jane Rosback (and her team), Mr. Davey and of course, the WPPS students. We know the recipients will enjoy their personal cards!! This fundraiser raised approximately $350 for the school.

As you would be well aware, the year would not have been as successful as it was, without the team of parents behind the bi-annual WPPS Twilight Fete and Fireworks. We are lucky to have fantastic grounds here at Wattle Park Primary to be able to host such a fantastic event, and it was such a fabulous day to be part of, whether it was manning a stall, making up a hamper, delivering flyers or donating goods. Our school spirit shone on the day with a fabulous community feel to all those who attended.

Planning for events for Term 1 2017 are already underway so put the following dates in your calendar:

Sunday 29th January: Bunnings (Box Hill) community BBQ
Friday 17th March: Annual Twilight Movie Night at the school

Have a great break over the school holidays and we look forward to keeping you updated on PFA activities in 2017.

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There are many opportunities to be involved in our activities and events. Please let us know if you are keen to meet new parents, have a bit more time on your hands with kids at school, or marveled at the hard work parents have done for our school so far and think you are able to help out. We have a few parents who have been involved in the PFA for many years and are leaving WPPS at the end of this year, and perhaps this is your time!

Cheers,

T & C

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Computer Programming Club

In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting after school club to teach Computer Programming starting at the school, Term 1 next year 2017.

The aim of the club is to provide students with exposure to the fundamentals of computer science concepts.

Run by third party provider Digimaker, this program will:
- Build games, animations, stories utilizing pupil's creative thinking
- Develop logical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Express ideas & boost confidence working in a collaborative environment
- Enable the grasp of computational thinking which combines math and logic

The club will run for 8 to 10 weeks each term (depending on the length of the term) and is charged on a per-term basis. For details on the course, visit http://www.digimaker.com.au/courses/.

Program for Term 1 is as follows:

**Term 1:** Every Thursday, 9th Feb to 30th Mar (8 weeks)
**Time:** 3:40pm – 4:40pm
**Room:** School Class Room
**Grades:** 3 to 6
**Fee:** $152

If you are interested in your child being considered for the programming club, please fill in the form at the bottom of this letter and **return it to Office by Thursday 08th December 2016.** Once we have all the forms we will contact Digimaker, who will then provide further details to parents.

Please do not send payment with this form

I am interested in my child (full name)………………………………………… starting the course in Term 1, 2017.

Class:  ……………………………….  Parent:  ……………………………….  Signed:  ……………………………….
Contact No:  ……………………………….  Date:  ……………………………….
Grade 6 Parents

Did you know that Whitehorse Council operates a drop in centre called Youth ConneXions for young people over the age of 12 years of age each weekday between 1.45pm. Youth ConneXions is located in a central location in Box Hill Central and easily accessible by public transport. Friendly and highly skilled youth workers provide a safe and supportive environment for young people to access information and support or to just hang out with friends after school.

Some of the services and supports provided are:

- Computers, internet, Wi-Fi, phone and photocopier
- Recreational activities such as table tennis, pool table, video games and spaces to relax
- Hot and cold drinks
- Musical instruments and recording facilities
- Friendly youth workers to chat to
- Homework support and CV advice

Also during school holidays Youth ConneXions runs activities for young people at the centre.

Whitehorse Primary Schools have been invited to bring their grade 6 students into Youth ConneXions for a visit but if this isn’t happening at your school you and/or you child are welcome to visit the centre during operating hours.

For further information please phone: 9898 9340 or Email: youth.worker@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
WHITEHORSE CAROLS

SUNDAY 18 DEC • 5.30PM
WHITEHORSE CIVIC CENTRE • NUNAWADING
Miniroos
Centre of Excellence 2017
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-11

Box Hill United SC is pleased to announce our new & exciting player development program.

Our program is designed for both Boys & Girls aged 5 - 11 years of age guiding and developing them on their pathway to elite Football. Our program will set the best foundations and opportunities on their journey to NPL, WNPL and beyond.

The focus will be on age appropriate training guided by the FFA / Box Hill United SC curriculum while learning in a fun and safe environment, encouraging young players to discover & express themselves.

Our aim is to develop skillful, technical and tactical, creative, confident footballers.

We focus on individual and team development through Mastery of the Ball and small group attacking and defending combination play.

**Topics Include:**

- Quality Technical Training
- Game Play & Understanding
  - Ball Manipulation
  - Player movement & rotation
  - First Touch, Striking the Ball
  - Decision making
  - Running with the Ball
  - Small Sided Group Play
  - 1 V 1 Attack and Defence
  - Team play

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Come along for a fun day of baking and decorating!

December dates:
6-11 year olds - Wednesday 21st
12-16 year olds - Thursday 22nd
10am – 3pm

Places are limited, so sign up now!
0436 820 892

Make some Christmas themed treats to share with your family.

Learn from an award winning sugar flower and cake artist.

All equipment, tools and ingredients provided.

Each child will take home a decorated cake, cupcakes, sugar figurines and more!
Emmaus Wattle Park Junior Football Club

Play Junior Footy on a Saturday in 2017

Emmaus Wattle Park Junior Football Club is gearing up for another season. We have Under 10 & Under 12 teams who play in the Eastern Primary Schools Football League on a Saturday Morning.

We have some exciting news that Stephen Lawrence, 1991 Hawthorn Premiership Player, will be coaching our Under 12 team next year ... what a fantastic experience for the girls and boys!

Our Registration Session will be held in March (date to be confirmed) at our clubrooms at Bennettswood Reserve, Holland Avenue, Burwood (next to Deakin University). All training sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, and the season will commence in April.

Registration Fees
The 2017 registration fee is $185. This covers a personalised EWPJFC Hoodie, Team Photo, Trophies, Insurance, and Match & Umpire fees throughout the season. If you have more than one child in your family the registration for each subsequent child/children is $160.

If you would like a registration form emailed to you or if you have any questions please email the Registrar:

Jenny Vanderhorst  jvanderhorst5@bigpond.com