Dear Parents,

This week has certainly been higgledy, piggledy with days of school and then not! Most students have returned to school this week. It is important to ensure that students attend school as the research overwhelmingly indicates that the building block that must be in place to meet student achievement and learning goals is attendance. Physically being present in school is one of the most basic conditions for a student’s success.

During the recent school holidays a number of facility tasks were completed throughout the school. This included; new carpet areas outside the toilets in the two storey building, upstairs and downstairs as well as the stairs. Painting of all the toilet areas in the two storey building and gymnasium. Consistent hand wash pumps installed throughout the school wet areas. Upgrade to all of the emergency lighting. But the most visible and exciting of all was the path area down the Foundation building that was mulched and red and blue planter boxes installed! This was an initiative from a group of Foundation parents led by Aiesha Gray. Small garden plots were also rejuvenated. So thank you most sincerely, the area looks fantastic!

During term 1 we have in past years conducted information sessions for all classes excepting Foundation. However this year, the staff decided to forgo the night meetings and provide everything on-line. So if you have not viewed your level information video, information booklet and term newsletter please go to the link https://www.wattleparkps.vic.edu.au/page/95/Learning Considerable information is provided on all aspects of your child’s learning for the year so please take the time to
It has been a long standing tradition of the school to conduct an ANZAC Day dawn service for the local community. Each year the ceremony is well attended as was yesterday’s. Thank you to all of the school families who were able to rise early and pay their respects to the serviceman and women who gave their lives for us all to live in peace. It is wonderful to see so many children attend and participate in the service, for it will be them who keep the ANZAC spirit alive. Special thanks to our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Chef, Carolina and the Year 3 & 4 students who made the most scrumptious ANZAC biscuits!

Gillian Doig (mother of Kirsty and Eilidh) is a school councillor with the responsibility of the ‘Marketing and Communications’ sub-committee. Gillian along with parent Juliet Pannozzo have recently conducted a parent survey about the functionality of the school website. The website is currently undergoing some format changes as we are hoping to make school information more streamlined and accessible.

On a very sad note, many of you will remember former parent Ms Suzan Davies mother of Yasmin and Dylan, now year 7 students. Suzan passed away on Monday after a long and courageous battle with ill health. Suzan is a past school councillor of Wattle Park, who along with other councillors was instrumental in ensuring that our school gymnasium could be utilised by outside providers. Suzan was a great supporter of the school despite her illness and was always organising school events from school Trivia Nights to Twilight fete stalls.

Suzan was a giver. She put other people first before herself. As a result her generosity forged deep friendships and relationships with others. Suzan made the world a better place, she will be missed most dearly. Vale Suzan.

Warm Regards Gayle

Foundation Garden Project Team
Foundation Area

Foundation Planter Bed area

Before

After
Water Tank Area
Before

After

Bench Seating Area
Before & After

Playground Bridge
**2019 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS**

Thank you to those families who have paid, either fully or in instalments, the 2019 School Contributions.

Please be aware that the second instalment is due now.

School Council require Contributions to be paid for students to attend incursions/excursions.

All donations towards the Library Fund or Building Fund are tax deductible.

If you require a receipt for Tax purposes please contact the school office for your 2019 school statement.

Thank you for your kind donation.

**STUDENT ABSENCES AND COMPASS**

Dept regulation requires all families to inform the school of their child’s absence. Please use the Compass portal to record their absence, before 9am. Without your prior notification of any absence, via Compass preferably, or a phone call to the office, you will receive a “please explain” phone call from the office. Automated emails are sent out at 9.30am to all families with absent children. Telephone calls will be made from 10.30 onwards.

If you cannot log into Compass please contact the office for a password reset.

**HATS – Remember September, Put away in May**

There is a Dept policy of ‘No Hats No Play’. Hats must be worn between the months of September and April and put away from May to August. Hats must be worn whilst children are outside. If no hat is brought to school, children will be required to play in shaded areas. The school is unable to provide spare hats.

**CASH/CHEQUES TO THE OFFICE**

Please ensure any money brought to the school office is in a clearly named envelope: Child’s Name, Class, Payment description.

**BPAY**

We strongly encourage parents/guardians to use the BPay option for Parent Contributions. Please contact the school office for your BPay reference details.

**SCHOOL HOURS  9am to 3.30pm**

Parents of late attendees must sign into the office and collect an authorised late slip before children can go to class.

If you wish to collect your child early from school, parents/guardians must obtain an authorised early leave slip from the office, before collecting your child from class.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR 2019**

- All new volunteers must sign a new Child Safe Code of conduct for 2019 – see the office
- The Working With Children Certificate must also be sighted by the office – before any volunteering can be undertaken at the school – Dept requirement

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAY FOR TERM 2:**

- 29th April
- 20th May
- 3rd June
- 24th June
- 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Thank you for your attention to the above.
Donations Required – Friday 3 May

- Donations of your delicious baked goods are needed to sell to raise funds for WPPS at the Burwood Village Fiesta
- Suggestions include whole cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, slices, brownies, chocolate crackles – *please NO cream or anything that requires refrigeration*
- *Gluten free* items are also very popular.
- Baked goods can be delivered to the WPPS staff room before and after school on Friday 3 May - from 8.30am to 4pm.
- Alternatively you can deliver after 5.30pm Friday or before 11am Saturday to a local address (please text Meaghan Courtney on 0408 750 615 for delivery address).
- We need to keep a detailed list of all donations & their ingredients – please make sure your items are recorded on the Register when you drop them off.

Packaging

- Packaging will be available from Monday 29 April – pick up from the school office and before/after school care or ask your child to bring some home.
- Please ensure your items are accurately labelled with your Name & Class – ingredients can go on the Register.

Volunteers

Want to help out on the day? An hour of your time will be greatly appreciated – sign up at [https://signup.com/go/WyDoFwR](https://signup.com/go/WyDoFwR)

Are you interested in helping run the stall and take over for 2020? Please contact Meaghan Courtney on 0408 750 615.

*THIS IS A WPPS FUNDRAISING EVENT, ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE STALL GO DIRECT TO WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL.*
Grandparents' Day

All grandparents & special older friends
are invited to visit

Wattle Park Primary School
on
Tuesday 28th May 2019

We hope you will join us for a morning of entertainment!

8.50am  Visitors arrive & are seated in the gymnasium
9.05am  Whole school assembly, including special performances
10.00am Classroom visits (surnames A-L)  Morning Tea (surnames M-Z)
10.30am Classroom visits (surnames M-Z)  Morning Tea (surnames A-L)
11.00am Finish
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPs, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child’s school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
FIRST AID ROOM ROSTER 2019

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.

We’re using SignUp.com (the leading online SignUp and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming SignUps.

Here’s how it works in 3 easy steps:

1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: http://signup.com/go/wGNyieA
2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
3) Sign up! It’s Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Thank you in anticipation.

Tom Churchward
First Aid Co-ordinator
Our canteen would not be able to run without the wonderful support of parents, grandparents and friends of our school.

We are calling for volunteers, whether you are an experienced hand or an eager learner.

The canteen operates on Mondays and Fridays each week of term and you will be scheduled for 2 shifts of 2½ hours each, for the term. OR any amount of time you can help. There is always a canteen co-ordinator present to oversee the smooth running of the day. If you would like to help more, please indicate this, as extra shifts are available.

_The canteen relies on volunteers to operate successfully; so please give this due consideration._

School Council requires all volunteers to have:

- Current WWC (Working with Children Check)
- Signed acknowledgement of the WPPS ‘Child Safety Code of Conduct Form’ (available at the office or on the school website)

Please print and complete the form below, and if necessary other required forms. Return as soon as possible.

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**Thank you for volunteering for Canteen**

If you are a returning volunteer and your details are unchanged, just fill in the top line!

**Name:** ________________________________  **Child/ren’s Class:** ____________

**Mobile Phone Number:** _______________

**Email Address:** _______________________________

**Preferred Day:**  
Monday  
Friday

**Preferred Shift:**  
10am – 12.30pm (Monday & Friday)  
11am – 1.30pm (Monday & Friday)  
12pm – 2.30pm (Monday & Friday)  
9am – 11.30am (Friday only)

**Any other information** _______________________________
Help your School raise funds this year and book your $30 family photo today! Include your whole family in the session or just the kids. Book now to secure your place.

$30

Your photoshoot will be held at your school & includes two 10" x 13" photos and two frames.

100% of your booking fee is fundraised for your School.

Family and Kids Photo Fundraiser
Go to the booking link below:
Password: fundraise2019

@visionportraits
Bookings Now Open

Important information:

Our photographers capture fun, variety and those special family moments. Each session includes photos of different members of the family, children, parents, grandparents and relatives - whatever you request. Immediately after your photo session, you join one of our viewing consultants to view, choose favourites and select your fundraising print. Members of the community outside your organisation are encouraged to also book an appointment; their contribution will be donated to the hosting organisation.

Only 1 booking per family/group. Each person can only appear in one $30 fundraising photo but can appear in all other photos in any session. If you miss your appointment or are late, your booking will be forfeited. Therefore, we recommend you arrive five minutes before your session starts. There are no refunds for no-shows or late bookings. However, take comfort in knowing that this money will still be donated to the hosting organisation’s fundraising efforts.

On the day, we also offer opportunities to purchase additional photos in digital format and order professional prints. If you cannot make the date of this event and would love some photos, then please contact us directly on 03 8689 0033 for further information. Some schools only offer indoor or outdoor photo sessions so please check your online booking schedule.

For enquiries
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Email info@visionportraits.com.au
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Chess has been played for thousands of years across diverse regions and cultures. Chess club provides kids the opportunity to master this timeless art while socialising, having fun and sharpening their minds.

Through this interpersonal challenge it has been shown that kids develop analytical capabilities, foresight, planning, decision making skills, discipline and much more. These skills are helpful in both academic and personal life. While chess inherently involves competition, our club maintains an emphasis on emotional awareness and sportsmanship.

Throughout the term classes will involve learning strategy and tactics, exercises, games and a term-long tournament.

**CLASS DETAILS:**

CLASS TIMES: Wednesday Lunchtimes

DATES: May 1st – June 19th

MEMBERSHIP FEE: $99

**ENQUIRIES**

Contact Felix Chandler: felixchandler@mindfulchess.com.au

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**WP – Member details and payment**  *if your child has already enrolled in the past simply send an email confirming payment

To join please return the following details. Payment can be made in cash to the chess teacher or pay via bank transfer and send a scanned email to felixchandler@mindfulchess.com.au

Child Name: ____________________________ Age: __________ Phone: ____________________________

Parent Name: __________________________ Email: ________________________________

Please select payment method: Cash [ ] Direct Debit [ ]

**Bank transfer payment details:**

ACC. Name: Mindful Chess

BSB: 06 3216

Account No: 1001 8619

*Please complete payment before returning enrolment form
Parenting Seminar: Helping Your Anxious Child

This practical 2.5 hour seminar is suitable for parents with preschool or early primary school aged children who are concerned about their child’s anxious behavior. You will learn helpful ways of responding to and supporting your child with anxiety, including:

- Common types of anxiety in children
- Helpful responses to children’s anxiety
- Where to go for further help

**On Thursday 30 May 2019 at 9:30am**

**LOCATION**

Carrington Health
Ground Floor, 43 Carrington Street, Box Hill, VIC 3128

Details and bookings at https://www.trybooking.com/BBVQA
Parenting Seminar: Strategies to Address Problem Behavior

In this practical 2.5 hour parenting seminar you will learn positive parenting strategies to help with your child's behavior. Suitable for parents with preschool or early primary school aged children who want to have a more positive and less stressful relationship with their child.

In this seminar you will learn how to:
• Bring out the best in your child
• Encourage your child to cooperate
• Use parenting tips for challenging children

On Thursday 23 May 2019 at 9:30am

LOCATION

Carrington Health
Ground Floor, 43 Carrington Street, Box Hill, VIC 3128

Details and bookings at https://www.trybooking.com/BBVNV
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