The WATTLE



19th February 2016

Noticeboard

Congratulations to all 26 students who competed in Thursday's district swimming carnival. All 26 competitors have progressed through to the division finals.

An amazing effort.

Well Done!

Lollies Needed for Movie Night

Lolly donations for Movie Night are requested to make up lolly bags. Please bring all donations to the named tub in front of the office. All donations gratefully received.

February

29th Division Swimming

March

 2^{nd} Foundation Incursion – Responsible Pet Ownership

7th Regional Swimming

9th Year 6 Parent Information Evening – Canberra Camp

10th Parent Helper Program

11th Summer Sport Round Robin Year 5/6

11th Foundation Incursion RACV Safety

14th Labor Day

17th Year 1 Melbourne Aquarium Excursion

18th Photo Day - full uniform

18th Movie Night

21st Harmony Day

22nd Parent teacher Meetings—evening

23rd Parent Teacher Meetings—afternoon

24th End of Term 1—Free dress day. 2.30pm finish

April

11th Curriculum day (no students)

12th Term 2 Begins

18th-22nd Year 5/6 Canberra Camp

25th Anzac Day

Reminder that all parent payments for student requisites are due by March 15th.

See enclosed for more information on

School Council Information Years 1 and 2 Working Bee Movie Night CSEF Information

All student Scarecrow representatives from Foundation to Year 6 will be presented with their badges at Monday's assembly.

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We are indeed fortunate that we have a very active School Council who has over the years provided clear directions and stewardship for the school. In recent years the School Council has governed over considerable infrastructure growth, policy requirements as well as overseeing financial commitments and accountabilities.

School Council Elections 2016 -

Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council for Wattle Park Primary School.

All DEECD Government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of the school within centrally provided guidelines.

There are 3 possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected parent category. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school.

A mandated elected Department employee category. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members

An optional community member category. Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills interests or experiences.

The term of office for members is two years. Half the membership must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual School Council elections. All you need is the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Nomination forms for the vacancies on School Council are available from the Office.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Vacancies:

- 3 Parent members of Council
- 2 Staff members

First of all, welcome to all the new Wattle Park families and of course welcome back to everyone else!

I'm not sure if everyone feels the same when I say the holidays have flown, but it is good to be back.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Sheila and I am the mother of Amy Courtney who has started her last year at Wattle Park P.S. I also have a son at Camberwell High doing year 9.

2015 was the year I joined Wattle Park School Council and I must say, a real eye opener. As a working mum I do not get to spend much time in the school grounds and therefore miss a lot of what is going on in the school. Yes off course, the newsletters help and communication via the different channels keep me in the loop, but I felt that I needed to know more about what's going on and how the school runs. What better way than to join school council!

What I have learned is the enormous amount of dedication from Gayle, Megan and the teachers to make Wattle Park the best school in the neighbourhood. The amount of hours that Gayle and Megan put in is incredible and they always do it with a smile on their face. Not only do they run the school very well and are forever implementing new ideas, you will also see them doing school yard duty, being the lolly pop lady or directing traffic. (Just to name a few).

They are both incredible and a real asset to the school.

The other thing that has really stood out for me is the enormous cost of running the school and how the school would not be able to run as it currently does without the financial support of everyone. Our kids are very lucky to be going to a school like Wattle Park and we have to endeavour to keep it like this for all the generations to come.

As Amy and I will say goodbye at the end of 2016 I encourage everyone to consider joining a great bunch of other parents in joining School Council and to make a difference. In the meantime for 2016, if I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at sheilamayenburg@gmail.com

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Sheila



WPPS WORKING BEE Grades 1 & 2 Students And Families Sunday 28th February 9am-1pm

The school needs a tidy up after the summer break.

Please bring your gardening gloves, brooms, secateurs, weeders and good cheer.

Come for a short while or longer. All help appreciated!

Morning tea provided.









WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS TWILIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY 18 MARCH

ALL LOCAL FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WELCOME!



TICKET INFORMATION AND FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW

FROM 6PM 225 WARRIGAL ROAD BURWOOD



WWW.WATTLEPARKPS.VIC.EDU.AU



Thank you to all the families who collected stickers from Woolworths in 2015 and donated them to WPPS in the Earn and Learn program.

In total we submitted 371 full sheets amounting to over 22,000 stickers!

With those stickers we 'earnt' the following items:



- 4 Beebot programmable robots for the year F-2 students
 - 4 Probot programmable robots for the Year 3 and 4 students
 - Some extra sporting gear for the Year 5 and 6 students

WOW! The students are so lucky to have such a supportive community!

We are looking for a co-ordinator to take it on this year.

Please contact Gayle Cope if you are interested.



This year, school photos will be held on Friday 18th March 2016.

This will be week eight of Term 1.

The photography company that Wattle Park
Primary School will be working with is
'Advanced Life Photography'.



Kind Regards,

Annabelle Sizeland, Ainslie Peszynski & Gayle Cope

FIRST AID ROOM ROSTER 2016

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.

This year we're using *VolunteerSpot* to organise the parent roster. Here's how it works in 2 easy steps:

1) Copy/type the following link into a browser to sign up and the following page will appear: http://vols.pt/Fh9j4P



2) Enter your email address; select the date that you would like to volunteer and then 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 VolunteerSpot then please email <u>carolinevanwest@gmail.com</u> with your preferred date and you can be signed up manually.

Thank you in anticipation.

Vicki Keith First Aid Co-ordinator Caroline van West Parent Roster Co-ordinator

Canteen Volunteer Form

Terms 1 & 2 2016

Our canteen could not be able to run without the wonderful support of the volunteer Parents, Friends and Grandparents of our school.

We would love to have you volunteer for us, whether you are an experienced hand or an eager learner. All you need to do is fill out the form below and we will schedule you for 2 shifts for 2.5 hours each, for the term. If you would like to help more, then just let us know and we can give you extra shifts.

All shifts will have a canteen coordinator present, who will coordinate and assist in the smooth running of the day.

Please fill out the form below and return to the office by the end of February so that the roster can be organised and distributed.

We are expecting to have the canteen re-open in March. Date to be confirmed.

Yes I would like to volunteer	for the canteen fo	or term 1 and	2			
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Email address						
Child's Class	_ Preferred Day	Monday	Friday			
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Preferred session time	10am till 12.30p	Dam till 12.30pm (Monday and Friday)				
	12pm till 2.30pm	(Monday an	d Friday)			
	9am till 11.30am	(Friday 1 per	son each week)			
Whilst we endeavour to give you	ou your time prefe	erence, somet	imes that is not			

Any other information _____



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name		School	REF ID	
Parent/legal guardia	n details			
Surname				
First name				
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Contact number				
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CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- · on the first day of Term one, or;
- · on the first day of Term two:
 - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.
- * A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

Closing Date

Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by 29 February 2016, so that payments can be made from March 2016. However schools can accept parent applications up until 03 June 2016.

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- · Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- · Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. .

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

- 1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
 - Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
 - If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
- 2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
- 3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.





WAVERLEY HOCKEY CLUB

Home ground is Corner Winbirra Parade & High St Rd, Ashwood

Keen to play hockey at one of Melbourne's leading junior clubs? Or interested in trying hockey for the first time? Waverley Hockey Club is for you!

We offer lots of options!

Term 1: Hookin2Hockey program for new players, Waverley Academy (skill development) for experienced players, plus preseason training Term 2 & 3 (U8 & U10): Waverley Panthers program for new / younger players (skills development & small scale games) Term 2 & 3 U10 to U18 teams: competing in the Hockey Victoria competition, including Girls only teams at each age group and the

opportunity to try out for the regional representative team *Hotshots*

Term 4: Indoor hockey competition

Hookin2Hockey

All ages welcome! 5 weeks, 1 hour, Saturday mornings 8am - 9am Term 1

Waverley Panthers

U8 & U10 groups 1 hour, Saturday mornings 8am – 9am Starts Saturday 30th April, runs until Saturday 27th August

Enquiries & More Info on any of our Programs / Teams

Go to our website http://www.waverleyhc.org.au/juniors Or send an email to: juniors@waverleyhc.org.au



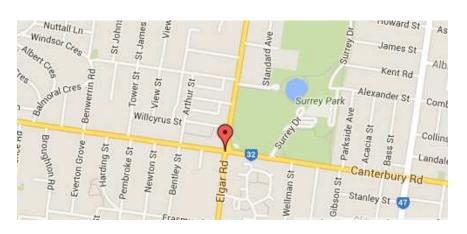
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(No previous experience required)



OPEN DAY AT SURREY PARK SATURDAY MARCH 19 2016 9.00AM Cnr Canterbury & Elgar Rds, Surrey Hills



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Postcode: 3128

Select: Surrey Park

Select: Register