



The Wattle View

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Calendar of Events

District Swimming Sports

Friday 19th February

Curriculum Day

Friday 26th February

PFA

Annual General Meeting

Tues 1st March at 3.30pm

Insects and Life Cycles

Grade 1/2 Incursion

Tuesday 8th March

11.30—1.30pm

Family Fun Night

Thurs 10th March

5pm onwards

School Photos

Monday 21st March 2016

Last day of Term 1

Thurs 24th March 2016

TERM 2

Monday 11th April



Thanks for the assembly turn up! It was nice to have so many parents there, especially to see the leaders of the school receive their badges. They are a very keen and committed group and I look forward to working with all of them this year. It was also terrific to see a few of the preps singing the National Anthem and using the right words!!!

The Family Fun Night date that I put in the newsletter last week conflicts with the Knox Expo on Secondary Schools. This is a night that many of our year 5 and 6 parents may want to attend as it will have relevant information for them. We have now decided on Thursday the 10th of March, 5.00 – 8.00pm. The barbecue will be on for us to sell hamburgers and sausages or feel free to bring your own picnic.

School Council nominations for March 2016 start soon. We will make sure that there are notices around the school and that we facebook any information pertaining to this to keep you all informed. Again, if you want more information on what is involved in being on school council – feel free to see Marg, myself or one of the current School Councillors.

As many of you are aware, schools are often a target for vandals and other villains, especially on weekends and holidays! We were told recently of a grant called 'Safer Streets Program' whereby you can apply for up to \$20 000 to initiate a project that would result in a safer community. We began the application process to apply for CCTV cameras so that our grounds would be less desirable for those wishing to cause mischief. The grant requires the successful applicants to put in the same dollar value towards the project, which would mean fundraising for the rest of the money. By a stroke of luck however, we have managed to talk to someone from one of our Departments and they are going to organise and fund the project totally!! The only thing we need to do is maintain the system. The system will comply with all the necessary legal requirements and will hopefully deter people who come into the grounds with unlawful intentions. If you have any questions about this please call me or drop in to see me. With a little bit of luck it may be ready in time for the next holidays!

Good luck to the swimming team. There are a number of students heading off to Croydon tomorrow to compete in the inter-school district swimming sports competition so we wish them well.

REMEMBER : Friday the 26th February is a pupil free day. For those who are new to the school, schools have 4 curriculum days per year. This will be our second one. We are still trying to finalise our dates for the next two, once we do we will gain permission from School Council (at the March meeting) and will inform you in the newsletter the following day.

If you haven't been down to the orchard, it is worth the walk. It looks great and things are happening!

Thanks for all the parent support that we have had (in a variety of ways) since the year started. Our aim is for Wattleview to have a strong community feel and we can all play a part in this!

PERMISSION FORMS/ PAYMENTS DUE

School Materials Charge 2016—\$320.00 per child.
Insects and Life Cycles Grade 1/2 - \$12.00 per child
District Swimming Sports \$10.00 OVERDUE
Chocolate Drive - payment due by Friday 11th March

PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE

CASH
INTERNET BANKING - BSB 033-326 ACCOUNT NO—300047
EFTPOS FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

Finally – our core business: Curriculum in schools seems to be ever changing. We have had a number of frameworks to adopt/adapt over time with AusVELS being the one that we have been following in recent years. We are now moving into Victorian Curriculum, which is a 664 page document that will guide our planning and teaching and learning from 2017. We will be spending this year looking at how we transition from one framework to another and will use one of our curriculum days to focus on this also. The following website takes you to the document if you wish to have a look at it. It is a very long read! <http://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au>

The curriculum requires students to learn in a number of areas, Humanities include

Civics and Citizenship
Economics and Business
Geography
History

Other Learning areas include:

The Arts (Dance/Drama/Music/Visual Art/Visual Music and Design/Media Arts)
English (Reading and Viewing/Writing/Speaking and Listening)
Mathematics (Number and Algebra/Measurement and Geometry/Statistics and Probability)
Languages
Science
Technologies (Design and Technologies/Digital Technology)

Capabilities also listed in the curriculum documentation:

Critical and creative thinking
Ethical
Intercultural
Personal and Social

As you can see, there is a lot of knowledge and skill development required at the primary level. This is why it is important to have positive and productive school/home partnerships as learning does not just occur between the hours of 9.00 and 3.30. Skills need to be practised and honed and we all have a responsibility to be role models for the students in regards to being resilient, tolerant, respectful, persistent, honest and just. We look forward to sharing their learning journey with you and as you know, Wattleview's motto is "Educates Learners for Life". If we think about ourselves as learners, we would be able to think of something new we have learned/discovered/heard every single day. So, when you ask your child "what did you learn today" don't let them get away with "nothing" probe a bit more!!

Elaine Wilson

BIRTHDAY FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

James B
Rima P
Marlon W
Josh I
Matthew B
Pepper W
Mackenzie R
Katie B
Taisha MW
Katherine C
Laura H
Tommy H
Braidyn W
Violet W
Allegra B
Aliyha B
Tai M
Kobe R
Steffie BT
Alanah W
Jacob F
Taylah Rose B
Wyatt H
Lara L
Kate R
Bailey Mc
Aiden O'R
Isabella H
Patch H
Vlad K
Kaleb B
Josh D
Hayley E
Charlotte K
Kayden YG
Jed HS
Jakob D
Chloe Jane D
Sarah H



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school is proud to announce that will once again be taking part in the national Clean Up Australia campaign on Friday 4th March. Any adult who would like to assist the students as we participate in cleaning around our local community are welcome to come along on the day.

The students will all meet on the basketball court at 2.35p.m (finish approximately 3.20p.m). We ask that all volunteers register at the office beforehand (forms will be on the office desk as of next week) and then assemble on the courts. You can also register on-line by visiting the website below and enter out school name into the search option.

<http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/join a clean up>

I look forward to working with as many of you as possible at this fantastic community event.

Mr Hanmer (Environment and Sustainability Officer)

PFA NEWSLETTER

Cadbury Chocolates

The frogs are \$1.00 each and the total box is \$50.00.

All money and chocolates to be returned by Friday 11th March.

If you cannot sell your box please return to the office as soon as possible so it can be passed onto another family that can.

AGM / Meeting

The PFA Annual General Meeting will be held on the 1st March at 3.30pm in the project room.

The PFA is a subcommittee of school council and organises events to help raise funds for the school/students.

The committee is made up of the usual positions which are president, vice president, treasury, secretary and general committee.

If joining the committee interest you or you just wants to come and have a look what it's all about please feel free to join us.

If you want to help out with events but not wanting to commit to the committee that is fine you can just volunteer your time when we send out request for different events?

Coming in Term 1

Cadbury Frogs

Easter Raffle

Family Fun Night

Coming in Term 2

Mother's Day Stall

Next Meeting

AGM / Meeting -Tuesday 1st March 3.30pm in the project room (main building around near play ground)

Sick Bay Roster 2016

TRACEY CHARRETT	-	FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
WENDY WALKER	-	FRIDAY 24TH MARCH
RACHAEL NEWTON	-	FRIDAY 22nd APRIL

**MORE VOUNTEERS NEEDED—PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE
AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH WASHING OF BEDDING IN SICK BAY**

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 will be 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

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

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef





**Wattleview Primary's PFA Committee
invites you to their AGM meeting
March 1st at 3:30pm.**

Would you like to be involved with the school but not sure where to start? Join the PFA. It's a great way to know what events are to come, as well as bring new ideas to the committee. There are many roles available.

Again we would love for you to come see what the PFA is all about.

If you are picking up a child there is the option for them to play on the playground during the meeting.

The meetings will be held in the Project room, located in the main office building. The project room has a door leading out to the playground and due to the large windows you will be able to see your child. All we ask is that they do not come in and out during the meeting because it can be disrupting.



WATTLEVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU



TERM 1, 2016

Open Fridays

SANDWICHES & WRAPS (please specify)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White or wholemeal bread Please request if no butter Salad: tomato, cucumber, carrot & lettuce. Beetroot on request 	
Vegemite	\$2.00
Cheese	\$2.00
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$3.50
Ham & salad	\$4.50
Egg & lettuce	\$3.00
Cheese & salad	\$3.00
Roast chicken, lettuce & mayonnaise	\$4.00
Roast chicken & salad	\$4.50

HOT FOOD	
Party pie – Mrs Mac's good eating	\$0.90
Sausage roll – Mrs Mac's good eating	\$2.30
Hot dog (skinless) no sauce	\$2.80
Hot dog (skinless) with sauce	\$3.00
Steamed dim sim (with/without soy sauce)	\$0.90
Bacon, egg & cheese muffin	\$3.00
Homemade lasagne	\$4.00
*Homemade zucchini slice	\$4.00
*GF bolognaise pasta bake	\$4.00
Chicken nuggets	6 for \$2.50
Homemade fried rice	\$4.00

SNACKS	
Yoghurt tub – 200mL <i>Low fat berry</i>	\$1.80
Carrot sticks	\$0.50
*Carrot sticks & tzatziki dip	\$2.00
Hard-boiled egg	\$0.80
Piece of fruit <i>apple, orange or banana</i>	\$1.20
*Popcorn bag	\$1.00
Homemade muffin <i>raspberry & white chocolate</i>	\$1.30
Homemade gingerbread man	\$1.20
Homemade milo cookie	\$1.20
*Veggie chips	\$1.20

SALAD PACKS	
Italian dressing available on request	
*Garden salad small <i>Tomato, cucumber, carrot, lettuce</i>	\$2.50
*Large salad tub <i>Tomato, cucumber, carrot, lettuce, cheese, boiled egg</i>	\$4.00
With ham, chicken or tuna	\$5.50

DRINKS	
Just Juice Prima – 99% fruit juice <i>paradise punch, apple or orange</i>	\$1.50
Nippy's low fat milk <i>chocolate or strawberry</i>	\$2.20
Quench spring water <i>apple raspberry, lemon lime or orange</i>	\$2.00
Bottled water	\$1.50



<p>TO ORDER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write Name, Class and Order on a paper bag or envelope. No staples. Correct money appreciated. <p>PLEASE NOTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tomato sauce \$0.20 extra. Paper bags \$0.10 extra. Special dietary requirements by arrangement. Please contact the canteen manager.
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FEBRUARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE

The Buildings and Grounds Committee welcomes all our Wattleview families, especially our new families for 2016. From time to time, we hold working bees on a weeknight or Saturdays & Sundays. Many of you have weeknight and weekend commitments, so we appreciate any mums, dads and willing adults who can spare some time to suit yourselves, coming along to attend to any of the following gardening and handyman tasks throughout the year.

With the new build and landscaping taking place in the last year, we have minimised the amount of work required to maintain our grounds and buildings. BUT....we do want to keep all of our facilities looking new and keeping them well maintained, is the key!!

HELP WANTED! ARE YOU A HANDYMAN?

The adjoining fence to the neighbouring property by the 'Remembrance Poppy Garden' (turf area) is leaning drastically. We have some posts and need them re-erected and concreted along the fence line, to eliminate the prospect of the fence falling down into disrepair. *If you can assist with this task at a time that suits you, please notify Marg Roberts and we will arrange tools and materials as required.*



DO YOU ENJOY GARDENING.....?

Regular weeding of the garden beds & along the inside front fence along Wattletree Rd.....Pruning of small shrubs and cutting back overhanging limbs of larger trees from time to time.

Why not put on your gloves and come and do a little bit of weeding any time it suits you!

We also need from time to time.....

Clearing the roof guttering of debris on the buildings.

Pressure hosing down the outside school buildings and
entrances.

Please contact Marg Roberts if you can assist with any of the above tasks.

If you have any questions about the Buildings & Grounds, your School Council reps are:- Frank Ruberto, Cathy Strichow, Sharon Di Brino, Micky Zafiroopoulos, Narelle Tate & Marg Roberts

Handy-work and General Maintenance Repairs

I am in the process of collating a register of parents who have skills in the following trades:-electrician, plumber, carpenter, roofing, painter, draftsman, air conditioning, etc.

From time to time, it is helpful to the school if parents can help us by carrying out some small jobs and/or can obtain some materials/tools at a lower cost.

If you would like to participate and can donate your time if contacted, please let Marg or Jo know by phoning or dropping in your name, skills/trade, contact number and availability in the event of being required. That would be greatly appreciated.

In conjunction with the School Strategic Plan 2015-2018, the Buildings and Grounds Committee of School Council has begun developing a '5 Year Maintenance Plan'. This will allow us to plan and project our budget for upcoming tasks that are either mandatory or part of the general maintenance program in a school.

Kind regards from Marg on behalf of the Buildings & Grounds Committee



SICK BAY ROSTER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Volunteers needed to take home on a Friday sheets, doona covers etc and wash and bring back on the Monday and remake the sick bay bed. Please see Jo in the office to put your name on the list

Sick bay bedding is washed fortnightly.

DO YOU KNOW WE HAVE A FACEBOOK GROUP

ANYONE CAN ASK TO JOIN OR BE ADDED OR INVITED TO OUR GROUP

ONLY MEMBERS OF OUR SCHOOL WILL BE APPROVED TO JOIN

ONLY CURRENT MEMBERS CAN SEE POSTS.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wattleviewps/>





GREAT FUN

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities



Week 4, Term 1

This week we are exploring all about super hero's! The children have enjoyed making super hero masks and super hero puppets and coming up with their own super hero's! We are also going to be making some yummy chocolate truffles this week in afterschool care, the perfect food for any young super hero!

Week 5, Term 1

Next week we are still following on with super hero's! We will watch a few super hero movies, create a super hero mural with everyone creating their own super hero and monster to defeat!

Quick note from Brodie

I have to apologize I had my dates wrong for St Patricks day, it's actually in March, but we will be well prepared for St Patricks day then!

This year we are continuing on with our OSHC stars where children are awarded stars for showing excellent skills and for simply being a better buddy. However, to shake it up a little bit, I and my assistant, Manisha, will be voting on who the 'OSHC Star of the week' is and that person will be receiving an award!

For week 2 the OSHC star of the week was **Peyton Wallace**. We choose Peyton as when we had a new prep start BSC Peyton took the prep under his wing and showed her all around the OSHC room and spent the morning with her! Well done Peyton!!

Week 3 OSHC star goes to **Alana Munday!** Alana took on the role of being a better buddy to many of the preps one BSC and helped them all get breakfast and encouraged them all to eat. Alana also stepped up one ASC to my 2IC and helped out throughout the afternoon. Congratulations Alana!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

In term 1 we are following our sun smart policy and for children to be able to play outside, they must have a hat. Can all parents please supply a spare hat labelled with their child's name on it to the after school care room for their child to use in after school care.

If your child sometimes forgets to come to after school care, or if you're worried that they might forget, I have created a bag tag which can be popped onto the child's bag in the morning on the day that they are going to after school. If you would like one, please come and see Brodie in the after school care room.

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.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Camp Australia Team.

Program Details

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campastralia.com.au

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Bi-monthly Double Features. For

Wednesday 16th March, 2016. Double Feature:

Keeping Safe in the Playground: Bullying & Children with Additional Needs. 10.00am - 11.30am

Success with Mainstream Schooling 12.00 noon - 1.30pm

Wednesday 25th May, 2016: Double Feature:

Tackling Sleep Issues. 10.00am - 11.30am

Toilet Training for Children with Additional Needs. 12.00 noon - 1.30pm

Wednesday 20th July, 2016: Double Feature:

Teaching Social Skills to Primary School Children with Additional Needs. 10.00am - 11.30am

Autism Spectrum Disorder and Eating Difficulties. 12.00 noon - 1.30pm

Wednesday 14th September, 2016: Double Feature:

Anxiety in Children with Additional Needs. 10.00am - 11.30am

Puberty and Autism Spectrum Disorder. 12.00 noon - 1.30pm

Wednesday 23rd November, 2016: Double Feature:

Talking with the Child about their Autism Spectrum Diagnosis. 10.00am - 11.30am

Talking to Friends and Family about the ASD Diagnosis. 12.00 noon - 1.30pm

Parents and Professionals.

All sessions at Outside the Square Psychology, 20 Banksia Street, Burwood VIC

Cost: \$50 per workshop, or \$75 for both workshops on the same date

For more information: Phone:(03) 9808 3917

OR visit: www.outsidethesquarepsychology.com.au



Knox Schools Expo 2016

The Knox Schools Expo is an annual information night for parents/guardians of Years 5 & 6 children changing to secondary school in 2017/18, or for those with younger children who like to plan ahead. The evening allows attendees to have conversations with representatives from Knox Secondary Schools and Community Organisations, before formal proceedings start at 7pm. The Q and A panel session will provide the audience with an opportunity to explore considerations when selecting a secondary school, after which there will be another opportunity to visit stalls.

When: Thursday 17 March 2016

Where: Knox Civic Centre 511 Burwood Hwy Wantirna South 3152

Time: 5.45-8.45pm

5.45-6.45	Expo stallholders available
7.00-7.45	Formal proceedings including Q&A panel session which will discuss critical factors when selecting a school and strategies to assist students with transition
7.45-8.45	Expo stallholders available

For more information about the Knox Schools Expo contact Knox City Council Youth Services via Angela Thurbon on t: 9298 8533 or e: angela.thurbon@knox.vic.gov.au or Megan Parker on t: 9298 8308 or e: megan.parker@knox.vic.gov.au or visit

www.knox.vic.gov.au/KnoxSchoolsExpo

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