Dear Parents,

‘Oh, what a night! Late October back in 2015. Not quite the lyrics to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, ‘Oh, What a night,’ but the same sentiments. It was such a magnificent circus performance by our students last night. One to always remember.

I would like to thank you, the school community for supporting this event which was considerably different to previous years’ performances.

As I commented last night it was wonderful to see the skill development of the students as they learnt how to manipulate different types of equipment, work in teams, and collaborate as a class as well as learning the values of persistence, resilience and challenge.

Little Devil’s Circus came highly recommended and they certainly did not disappoint. Sergei, Haydn and Sam are wonderful performers in their own right who have the performance skills to impart to the students as well as being wonderful young role models.

Of course this performance was quickly organised and supported by the School Council knowing that we would have a new Performing Arts teacher commencing in term 3 with the possibility of no school concert! Zelema Levy certainly was the right person for the job but to organise a concert performance in a term is nigh on impossible, even for Zelema! Zelema is an enthusiastic, dynamic staff member that has brought new life into our Performing Arts program here at Wattle Park and I thank her wholeheartedly for embracing the challenge of a circus concert.
The new fence looks fantastic I know, but where are the gates? I have been assured by WelshDirect that the gates will definitely be installed this Saturday. So there will be changes upon entering the school from Banksia Street.

From Monday, the driveway gates in Banksia Street nearest the pedestrian crossing will be locked. There is now no pedestrian gate as per our master plan and students will be required to walk that bit further to our main driveway entrance nearest the gymnasium. The driveway gates will be open of a morning before and after school but locked throughout the day. A pedestrian gate is available next to those driveway gates for parents and visitors to our school during school hours.

I have been monitoring the behaviours of drivers down Banksia and Somers streets and as one parent commented to me this week, ‘The driving behaviours of some of the parents at this school are just downright dangerous.’ I actually observed one of those incidents this week when a parent drove down Banksia Street, turned too quickly and parked in the driveway, while a PLC student was legally riding her bicycle to school on the footpath. The student stopped suddenly to avoid being hit and subsequently fell off her bike. That PLC student was an ex-student of Wattle Park Primary school and could just as easily have been one of your children.

This driving behaviour is not to be tolerated, along with illegal parking over neighbour’s driveways, up neighbour’s driveways and double parking. Whitehorse Council bylaw officers will be contacted by the school if this behaviour continues. Please abide by the laws so our students are safe.

Current research is stating that Australia has one of the highest incidents of Type 2 diabetes and will continue to grow unless we include more exercise into our day. This year we have trialled a morning running club before school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for students and interested parents. Please free to join us.

Teachers Ms Sizeland Year 3S and Mr Thompson Year 1EG have also organised a ‘Walk to School’ event next Friday 30th October to encourage more students to consider walking, scooting or riding to school. The special breakfast is an incentive to change your routine and try to incorporate more students taking an active route to school rather than by car.

The grounds look considerably more attractive this week due to the sensational efforts of our Buildings and Grounds committee and twenty volunteer parents and thirty children (including pre-schoolers!) who participated in last week’s Working Bee. This is a list of all they achieved:

- Chooks: fox proofing around cage fully reinforced, new chook house positioned, old chook house moved for later repurposing, weeds dumped in weed bay, pruning/sticks put on pruning’s pile
- Top drive: sweeping, clearing of gutters and drains, pruning along fence lines
- Banksia & Warrigal Road fence lines: moved, whipper snipped, swept, cleared of rubbish & sticks, trees pruned back
- Driveway trees: weeded, watered, mulched
- Centenary Square and Gym: weeded, swept, mulched
- Aftercare: whipper snipped, weeded, swept, drain cleared
- Top oval: drain cleared
- General: rubbish picked up, paths swept.

An enormous thank you!

See you at Trivia Night on Saturday if you have purchased tickets. It’s sure to be another great Wattle Park event although this time we’ll be without the students!

Regard Gayle
WOW! WOW! WOW! Oh what a night…

I’m still smiling from our ‘Wattle Park Circus’ on Thursday 22 October. Everyone did such an amazing job and I am so impressed with how far all the circus skills came to culminate in such a fantastic night. From the crazy hair to all the balance acts, I want to say a massive CONGRATULATIONS to everyone involved on the night. You should be so proud of yourselves and the huge amount of effort you put in to making it a great success. Well done!

Thank you and well done, as well, to all of the parents, family members and friends who supported their little people with very enthusiastic claps and cheers. The show wouldn’t have been possible without your help. And now…onto the next event…

Zelema
CIRCUS CONCERT

I sat and watched my brother and sister in SHOW A, it was amazing and fabulous! I loved the special lights. When it was time for SHOW B to start, I went back stage. It was so noisy and I felt like it was a room full of animals. Zelema clapped and everyone was quiet. When it was my turn to go on stage, I felt a little bit nervous and shy. I did my tricks with the hoop and I dropped it. I was shy, but I picked it up. At the end everyone clapped for us and for Zelema. Zelema was so excited and funny. When the concert finished, Ms. Antonino drove us back to the shop. We had dinner at the shop and then we went home. We got home at 10.59pm. I loved the Circus Concert!

Elizabeth Zhu 35

CIRCUS CONCERT

I was so excited to go to the performance! Our class did the poi's for the circus. I performed in SHOW A. We had to do a balance. I think my class balance act was the best. Everyone wore a sparkle top and they looked fantastic.

I watched SHOW B. I liked the juggling.

At the end of the concert Gayle said a few words and everyone was clapping for Zelema.

I think the Circus Concert was the best concert ever!
OH, WHAT A NIGHT!

As I looked out at the audience, I felt terrified that so many people were staring at me. During the balance act, I slipped on Aidan. Then I just climbed up again and continued. It worked! It was the best concert ever!

Aashish 3S

As I walked onto the stage, I felt so nervous! So many people were watching us. I was doing hoop tricks. One of my tricks failed! I just picked up my hoop and tried again. I did it! The audience clapped and I felt amazing!

Jason 3S
Wattle Park Primary School Concert 2015

“Wattle Park Circus” DVD order form

The Wattle Park Primary concert for 2015, “Wattle Park Circus”, will be recorded professionally by Video Essentials using a two camera mix. The end product will have a highly professional look with a variety of wide angle and close up footage. A highlights segment will feature at the start. Each item will be chaptered for easy navigation. Both concerts will be recorded and sold as one set.

If you would like to order a DVD set as a record of the evening, please fill in the form below and return it to school in an envelope. The cost of the DVD set is $26. All DVDs come with customized covers and labels.

The slip below should be placed in an envelope with cash, cheque or credit card details. Write your name and class on the envelope along with the amount enclosed. Return it to the office by Friday 30th October.

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VIDEO ESSENTIALS (ABN: 84790623128)

Wattle Park Primary School Concert 2015

“Wattle Park Circus” DVD order form

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- [ ] Cash
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PLEASE DEBIT MY CREDIT CARD

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Student Enrolments and Exits

We are well underway in planning for facilities and staffing for 2016. 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 2016

I wish to advise that my child/children as listed below, will not be returning to WPPS in 2016.

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 an independent school The School is ____________________________
☒ Transferring to public school The School is _______________________________
☒ 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
Walk to School Breakfast

When: Friday 30th October, 2015
Time: 8:20am
Where: Wattle Park Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

VicHealth
Wattle Park | 21st October 2015

This week with Halloween approaching, the children have been excited to make Halloween craft and decorations. Some of the things we have made are Jack O’ Lanterns, bats, slime and Halloween coloring in pages. Outside, the children have been doing a range of different activities from running races to football.

Next week is the final lead up to Halloween. The children will be helping to decorate the room with the crafts they have made during this week and the next week coming. There will also be some different activities and games such as zombies and a ghost relay. Thursday we will also have a Halloween party where we will play different Halloween games.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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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!
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TERM 1 2016 FRIDAY YEARS 1-4

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REGISTER FOR TERM 1 2016
Register a training team at www.playballbasketball.com under ‘Registration’ Tab. Teams guaranteed commencement. Individual children can register online.

TERM 1 TIMES & DATES
YEARS 1-4 FRIDAY 4:00-7:00PM 5 Feb - 15 Apr (8 weeks)

TERM COST
Approx $84 per child Based on team of 8. Team Invoice $670.

COACHES WORKSHOP
By Melbourne Junior Tigers Sunday in Term 2.

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