

Wattle Glen Primary School provides a learning for life environment where engagement, achievement, resilience and wellbeing are prioritised.

JUNE 20TH, 2023

NEWSLETTER NO.10

Principal's Report

Hello everyone,

Earlier today I sent a compass alert that read;

Wattle Glen PS is facing a wonderful challenge- lots of new enrolments! We started the year with 92 students and over the past two terms we have grown, and will be starting term three with 110 students. This means we need to add another grade. Over the school holidays, I will be interviewing applicants for a classroom teacher position. This also means there will be grade restructure. If this is going to impact your child, you will be contacted. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me and ask any questions or seek clarification.

The students will be a part of the decision making process, just as they are at the end of the year. When their opinion has been heard, I will be able to share the new structure, as their opinion will assist the grade choices.

What a term we have had! We continue to work on our mental health initiative of "Visible Wellbeing". It is great to hear strength vocabulary being embedded as part of our everyday language.

Cybersafety has been an ongoing focus throughout the term. Empowering our students with the skills and knowledge to be safe online is an ongoing priority.

The Colour Run was definitely one of this term's highlights. Thank you to our families and friends for supporting this fundraising effort.

We recognised the wonderful contribution our Education Support staff make to our school on ES day in May. The teaching staff made a well-deserved dinner for the ES staff to thank them for all their ongoing daily work.

Our "Come and Play" sessions for the 2024 Preps have been well attended and our enrolments for next year continue to grow at a healthy rate.

What a wonderful celebration our "Return to School" day was. It was great to see our students having the opportunity to share their learning experiences and school life at Wattle Glen.

This week the Preps had breakfast at school. This is the beginning of our camping program. It was lovely to see our happy and smiling little people sharing a meal together.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Take the time to rest and rejuvenate ready for the term ahead.

Have a wonderful holiday,
Mel



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Term 2 Dates

JUNE

21st Reports Available on COMPASS

'Future Me' dress up day

Grade 3/4/5 and 5/6 Sustainable House Expo

23rd Last Day of Term 2, school finishes at 2:20

Term 3 Dates

JULY

10th Term 3 Starts

CALL OUT FOR TISSUES!

OUR TISSUE SUPPLY IS EMPTY. COULD YOU PLEASE DONATE A BOX?



Stars of the Week

Week 7

P/1 Archer

1/2/3 Eva

3/4/5 Ella M

5/6 Georgia



Week 8

P/1 Katina

1/2/3 Niamh

3/4/5 Max

5/6 Jesse

Inter School Sport Awards

We don't have any interschool sports awards for week seven (Arthurs Creek PS had a Curriculum Day) or week eight, we had a BYE.

Learning Showcase

In week seven. Grade P/1 showcased Auslan. Students signed the song "I can sign (sing) a rainbow". Thank you Miss Allen and Miss Elliot who assisted while Ms de Haan was at an appointment.

At week eight assembly, Grade 5/6 shared their learning about persuasive writing. Abbey and Dean shared their persuasive pieces, which were fantastic.



Grade 5/6 Learning Showcase

This term in writing, we have been focusing on Persuasive Writing.

Persuasive writing is using your words to convince someone of your opinion or idea. It's a way of writing where you try to persuade or convince others to agree with you. Imagine you have a favourite ice cream flavour, and you want to convince your friends that it's the best flavour ever! In persuasive writing, you use strong arguments and reasons to support your point of view. You might share facts, examples, or personal experiences to make your argument stronger. It's like being a detective and gathering evidence to support your case.

When writing persuasively, it's important to think about your audience. Who are you trying to persuade? What are their opinions or beliefs? By understanding your audience, you can make your arguments more effective.

Persuasive writing is about expressing your ideas confidently and respectfully. It's not about forcing someone to agree with you, but rather sharing your perspective in a convincing way.

-From Harriet



Movies Are Better Than Books

People might like books but it's pretty clear that movies are better than books. Movies are a moving picture that tells a story. People watch movies all around the world.

Why read a book when you can have a social outing? For my first argument, books can be lonely and hard to read when you're tired. Watching a movie can be a social event or a stay at home event.

If you're lucky enough, you could also have a romantic date with a lover while watching your favourite movie.

Do you have a celebrity crush? I know you do! When you're reading a book, you can't see the actors, which I think makes a book a bit less interesting. When watching a movie, the best part of all is when you see your celebrity crush! Miss Allen's celebrity crush is Channing Tatum.

Do you really want a world with no imagination? It would be pretty boring. Movies are a big influence in the world. They explain a situation from a different perspective. Movies can be a start to creative thinking like comic books, art, writing and other creative projects.

In conclusion, movies are better than books in a lot of ways and I hope you agree too. Movies are social events, they're interesting to watch and you can see your celebrity crush. It's a win-win from my end.

-By Abbey

Smoking Should Be Banned

Why would someone possibly decide that they want to breathe in addictive smoke, that is extremely terrible for your health.

Smoking is the action or habit of inhaling and exhaling addictive smoke from a lit cigarette. On 14th of November 2021, the Medical Journal of Australia found fifty two percent of the Victorian Cancer Council agreed with phasing out the sale of cigarettes. Why this hasn't been done already, I am not sure, but I think it should.

Firstly, yes smoking may help a few small and big businesses, but because of the amount of terrible diseases and deaths smoking causes, I don't see how people who are willingly selling addictive things. These cause very bad illnesses that can easily lead to death. How can these people sleep at night? Smoking mainly causes lung cancer but it can also cause cardiovascular disease, other cancer, chronic lung disease and diabetes. Cigarette smoking is responsible for more than four hundred and eighty thousand deaths per year. That's almost half a million people dead per year from something they still sell in shops today!

Secondly, have you ever randomly started coughing? Your lungs have hurt or have you got sick after you've been near someone smoking? That's because smoking can also be quite bad quite for everyone around them. Even seven metres away, second hand smoke can be very dangerous and can even cause immediate harm. That's why there are a lot of places you can't smoke. These areas are called smoke free zones. There are now specific areas where you need to go to smoke.

Thirdly, with these amazing good reasons you would think that everybody in the world would have quit a long, long time ago and the shops that sell cigarettes would go bankrupt or stop selling them. Unfortunately, they don't because a terrible chemical called nicotine is inside cigarettes. This is because nicotine is a bad chemical that changes the way the brain works so that people who smoke get cravings for it and buy more cigarettes.

In conclusion, with all these extremely good reasons you would think that the government would have banned or phased out smoking many, many years ago. Humans only found out smoking was bad about sixty years ago. Now with so much more information about why smoking isn't good at all, you would think the government would ban it straight away. They don't though because it would ruin businesses and it would be hard. With it being bad for you and those around you, you would think it would be crazy for someone to get addicted to it but, sadly, many people do. Now with all these reasons, you should either convince the current government to ban smoking or to vote and convince others to. Vote in another person that will.

-By Heath

Why Social Media is Bad

Social media is bad and there are a lot of reasons why. While it was useful in lockdown to connect and share what you're doing at home, it's now too much and I will explain why.

Social media does have important benefits, but social media can be a major cause of cyberbullying which is like bullying but on technology. You can't get physically hurt but you can get mentally hurt, which could affect you in the future.

It can distract you from your goals and potential by making you crave to be looked at and also lose friendships. You can start to lose your busy mind and your creativity by thinking about what you're going to post next. How many people are looking at the things you post? This can cause depression and isolation.

Social media is a common spot for hackers to steal your personal information and steal your identity. You can also see inappropriate things and strangers that pretend to be your friends but end up making you feel sad.

In conclusion, you now know why social media is so bad for you. It can cause you to face cyberbullying, it can distract you from your potential and it can be a big place for you to get your identity stolen by an identity thief. It does have benefits though like knowledge sharing but either way, it's not good!

Let's shut the servers down!

-By Dean



TERM 2 JSC FUNDRAISER



This year the JSC have continued the work from 2022 and decided to raise money to create a more sustainable Wattle Glen Primary School.

The JSC have discussed the importance of being sustainable so that we can look after our planet for our future selves and future generations. With this in mind this term we will be having a 'Future Me' dress up day. Dress up as what you dream to be in the future; a farmer, a basketball player, a doctor the possibilities are endless.

Bring a gold coin donation and come dressed as your future self.

SAND SCULPTURES!

Here's an update on the amazing sand sculptures that our creative students have been working on at recess.



Do you want to adopt some chickens?



*Our chicks have hatched in
1/2/3 and they can be adopted!*

If you wish to adopt a chicken (must take at least 2 chicks as they are a flock bird) please email Kira Elliott with your name and the number of chicks, you wish to adopt.

Please note we are unable to tell with certainty, if the chicks are hens or roosters at this age.

Optional 'Take Home - Starter Pack' are available to assist in setting up to look after new baby chicks (refer Take Home Pack flyer for contents). Pack orders will need to be received by us by 5.00 pm on Thursday the 22nd of June before collection. Cost \$40 (cash preferred).

Note: It would be helpful if chicks were taken prior to them being collected by Henny Penny Hatching (Friday morning) - thanks.

If you have any queries please contact Linda (Henny Penny Hatching) on 0422 404 233.

Adopting chicks- Fact sheet

Chick Breeds: Bond Black Layer (like Australorp) • Pale Yellow; Caramel - Bond Brown Layer (hybrid, similar to Isa Brown) Both breeds produce excellent laying hens.

Please be advised should you wish to take home chicks they are 'as hatched' (they could be 50% females and 50% males). We recommend therefore that you do not take chicks home if you will be infringing local Council bylaws in any way (please check with your local council).

Important: Please do not adopt our chicks if you would not be able to source a suitable home for a rooster. You must have a rooster plan.

Predators include foxes, cats, dogs and crows. A crow will fly down and attack and kill a baby chick. Please do not leave chicks unattended outside in the backyard at any time even in a cage or box.

We suggest that before committing to taking home chicks, you visit our website:- www.hennypennyhatching.com.au in order to familiarise yourself as to your responsibilities in looking after the chicks. Areas to access are - Taking Home Chicks and Frequently asked Questions.

What you will need:

You will need to take home at least 2 chicks. (Chickens are flock birds and need each other to be reared successfully. They will perish if alone).

If you do decide to take home chicks at this young age (7 - 14 days old), the chicks will require:-

- warm, draught proof environment in a room;
- light/heat lamp producing at least 35 degrees (c) at floor level. (heat required until fully feathered approximately 5-8 weeks)
- feeder;
- drinker;
- bedding material (wood shavings).

Initially for 2-3 chicks a large open topped cardboard box will suffice, wood shavings for bedding, a feeder, drinker with a suspended lamp with at least a 60 watt bulb for heat. (Desk Lamp can be used). Any heat source must be carefully mounted to minimise fire risks. We recommend a Philips NR63 reflector globe for your chicks heat needs - 60W 240V - available at Bunnings or some Woolworths stores.

(Wood shavings, drinker, feeder and food (chick starter crumb) can all be purchased at any produce store in your area or Henny Penny has an optional 'Starter Pack' available which contains all the things you would need to start off. Cost \$40

Pullets (female poultry) start laying eggs at about 19 weeks of age.

At this time they will require:

- a special shed with nest boxes and perches;
- large feeder (that can be hung and provides feed automatically allow 6" per bird around the feeder for ample feeding space)(included in the Starter Pack);
- a drinker;
- a secure fully enclosed pen to run in preferably on grass and in the shade. Secure from predators (foxes)

Vaccinations

All adult chickens at our farm are fully vaccinated and the embryo eggs fumigated. Chicks have a natural immunity to disease for 3 weeks after birth. After that time, vaccination for your animals, when they are at the appropriate age, is your decision to make.

Please note:

We are unable to tell with certainty, if chicks are roosters or hens until they are approx 6-8 weeks old.

Due to health & safety issues, Henny Penny Hatching is unable to take any chickens back once they have left the program.



CAFE 4060

Café 4060 will be operating again in
Term 3, on the following dates;

July 18

August 1

August 15

August 29

September 4



CAFE 4060 MENU

HOT FOOD

Patties Party Pie	\$0.50 each
Patties Sausage Roll	\$0.50 each
Cheese Toastie	\$3.00
Hot Dog	\$4.00
McCain Lil' Pizza	\$3.00 each
• Ham and pineapple	
• Margherita	

*tomato sauce available

DRINKS

Juice Boxes- all flavours	\$1.00
Water 600ml	\$1.00
Milk 200ml	Free

SNACKS

Apple, Orange, Pear	Free
Messy Monkeys-BBQ flavour only	Free



WATTLE PLAYGROUP



COME AND JOIN US AT WATTLE GLEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOR A FUN AND EDUCATIONAL PLAYGROUP.
PLAYGROUP IS DESIGNED TO HELP CHILDREN
SOCIALISE AND LEARN SOME FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS
BEFORE ENTERING PRIMARY SCHOOL.

WHO CAN JOIN US?

We invite all children under the age of 6!

Our playgroup is catered to all ages as we have created a space that encourages free play, while also providing the children with opportunities to learn new skills and concepts. (We do kindly ask that children under the age of 2 to be supervised by a carer at all times.)

WHAT TO BRING?

Please bring along your child's drink bottle and their hat for outside play.

We encourage personal toys to stay at home as we have a large variety of activities and toys for children to play with.

WHEN?

Every Friday
during the school
term.
10-11am
Fruit will be
provided.

WHERE?

Wattle Glen Primary School
16-24 Reynolds Road, Wattle Glen.
Enter the school via gate 1 on
Sunnyside Crescent

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WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Diamond Creek	Eltham
Marine life magic 26 June, 9.30 - 10.30am - \$20	Mosaic pot decorating 27 June, 9.00am-10.00am - Free
Panton Hill	Drama for kids 7-11yrs 4 July, 9.30am-12.30pm - \$25
The Story of Me - story writing workshop 8-13yrs 29 June, 10am-11am - \$10	Kindy Kids Yoga 3-5yrs 7 July, 9.30am-10am - \$7
Polymer clay earrings 10-16yrs 5 July 10am-12pm - \$25	Primary Kids Yoga 6-12yrs 7 July, 10:15am-11am - \$10
Bush magic 5-12 yrs 6 July, 10am-11am - \$10	


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Open Day

Saturday July 8th

11.00 am - 1.00 pm

43 Chute Street, Diamond Creek

(Old Commonwealth Bank)

Come and say Hello

Join us for a tour, coffee, a pizza truck,
kids face painting, prizes and more.



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INFORMATION