

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

NOVEMBER 28, 2023

## NEWSLETTER NO.20

### Term 4 Dates

#### DECEMBER

5th UP Day for all students

7th Up Day 2 for all students

School end of year Concert

8th Whole School Fun Day

12th Year 7 Transition for Grade 6

13th Grade 6 Graduation

15th Last Assembly for the year

Reports go home

20th Last day of school, 1:20 finish

Grade FIVE Families!

We will be sending out the link to order 2024 grade six t-shirts and jackets very soon. Keep an eye out in Compass.

# Principal's Report

Hello Everyone,

What an amazing two weeks we've had since the last newsletter. We had a brilliant production and I was proud of every one of the students for trying their very best. All of their hard work and dedication paid off and it was wonderful to see so many happy faces in the crowd. An enormous thank you again to Eliza, she is an amazing educator and we are very lucky to have her here creating these opportunities for our students.

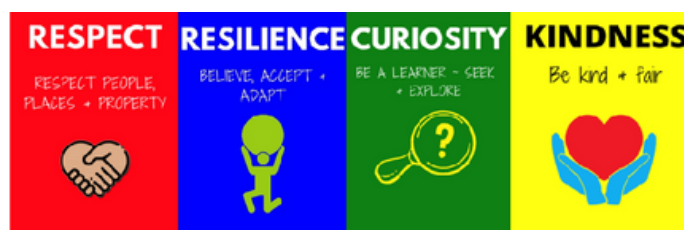
The end of the year is drawing very near, and this is when we start to consider grade structure for 2024. Based on the enrolments we have right now for 2024 (144) our grade structure will be; P/1, P/1, 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6. We will continue with composite class structure to ensure we can keep our grade sizes low. There are multiple factors we consider when placing students in composite classes, such as friendships, gender, and being with other like minded students. All grades will have a member of our education support staff in the classroom again next year. Please know that we put a lot of thought into class placement and this is why we have two Up Days. At the completion of the first Up Day (December 5th) we meet as a staff and discuss the grade and if another combination might work better. If we need to, we make adjustments before the second Up Day. The students are included in this discussion, and we will also contact parents. We know we are an inclusive school and want everyone to have the best possible access to learning. I thank you in advance for having trust in the classes we put together.

Last night, we had our final School Council meeting for 2023. I would like to thank everyone on the team for volunteering their time to meet twice each term. We will have a number of vacancies next year, so start thinking about joining School Council and if you have questions please don't hesitate to ask.

If you ordered school production photos, they have now been printed and are available for collection from the office.

Have a great week,

Mel



**Term 4- Don't forget your hat!**



School Council 2023: President: BJ McNeilly Vice President: Andrew Spence  
Treasurer: Jayde Sheffield Secretary: Alison Wylie PTFA: Sarah Suban  
General Members: Simon Braham, Rebecca Beasley, Megan Staley, Kylie D'Amico  
DET: Meredith Fell, Michelle de Haan Executive Officer: Mel McLennan



# Stars of the Week

- Week 7
- P Ivan
- 1/2 Ryker
- 2/3 Adelaide
- 4/5 Abi
- 5/6 Georgia



- Week 8
- P Blake
- 1/2 Olly
- 2/3 Liam
- 4/5 Ella
- 5/6 Riley

# Learning Showcase

In week seven, preps sang a song about World Kindness Day.



In week eight, grade 1/2 showcased their understanding of writing a persuasive report, and shared their measurement activity- making and flying paper areoplanes to measure their distance.



# **Meet the staff at WGPS**

## **Janelle Chambers, Education Support**

**In 2014, I completed a Diploma in Children's Services. Which lead me to be a coordinator of an OSHC for 10 years. I completed my Certificate 4 in Education and Support in mid 2023. Shortly after, I started my time at Wattle Glen Primary School.**

**I strongly believe that all children have the abilities to learn new skills and grow to become a proud member of the community. It just takes one person to believe in them and show them that they care about their success. I am proud to be part of the WGPS community.**

**I have two children Isaac and Levi. My partner and I would love to travel back to Japan's Ski slopes again soon with our two beautiful energetic boys and show them the joys of skiing/ boarding down a wonderful white snow filled mountain peak.**



# WGPS PTFA FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNITY

## EVENTS



December 7 – End of year School Concert

We will be selling drinks and ice-creams/ icy-poles

If you would like to help with any of these events please email the office or phone 9438 1259





28/11/2023

Camp Australia Wattle Glen Primary school OSHC

Your  
**OSHC.**

  
**ROCKETEERS**

## A message from your Coordinator

Dear Parents, students, teachers and community members.

The end of year is fast approaching only a few fun field weeks left. We have been busy constructing the Diamond creek community Christmas so be on the lookout for the children's creations soon.

The Christmas activities for the children include making a snow globe window display who knows maybe our cheeky elf might make an appearance in unexpected places so be on the hunt for it so keep your eyes peeled.

Parents just a quick reminder to update any information your child for next term come see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Also remember to slip, slop, slap- please provide your child if a spare hat if they are booked into aftercare as we follow the no hat no play policy.

Thank you once again for all your support.

Many Thanks

Elizabeth Brook- Camp Australia coordinator

## Activities coming up

- Mini handmade pizza's
- Snow globe window display.
- DIY paper flowers.

## Make a booking

School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

[Book now](#)

### Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)



# CAFE 4060

Café 4060 will be operating again in  
Term 4, on the following dates;  
December 4 FINAL ONE FOR 2023



## CAFE 4060 MENU

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### HOT FOOD

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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

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### DRINKS

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

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### SNACKS

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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 caters for 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

## CONTACT US...

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Website: [wattlegps.vic.edu.au](http://wattlegps.vic.edu.au)





# Community Announcements

**Sing·Act·Dance**  
Perform in a Show!

**THE GREATEST SHOW!**

**Summer Holiday Camps**  
We Give Kids Confidence  
Ages 5 to 13 years

Eltham College  
Monday 15 to Friday 19 January 2024  
For full details and to BOOK online  
[www.kidsupfront.com.au](http://www.kidsupfront.com.au)

**kids upfront**  
DRAMA ACADEMY

**BE A HURRICANE!**  
**REGISTER FOR 2024**

**HURSTBRIDGE HURRICANES**

[WWW.HURSTBRIDGEHURRICANES.COM](http://WWW.HURSTBRIDGEHURRICANES.COM)

DAVID WILDSMITH'S TENNIS COACHING

**JAN HOLIDAY CLINICS @ UC TENNIS CLUB**

**WHATS ON?**  
Fun tennis for all ages and abilities. A great way to make new friends and an awesome introduction to tennis with the help of experienced coaches.

**WHEN AND WHERE?**  
Day 1: Tuesday 9th January 9:30am-12:30pm  
Day 2: Thursday 11th January 9:30am-12:30pm  
Day 3: Tuesday 16th January 9:30am-12:30pm  
Day 4: Thursday 18th January 9:30am-12:30pm

All clinics will be @ UC tennis club, located on Challenger St, Diamond Creek

**HOW MUCH?**  
1 Day: \$40 Per Student  
2 Days: \$70 Per Student  
3 Days: \$90 Per Student  
4 Days: \$115 Per Student

**HOW TO ENTER?**  
Message Jarryd Wildsmith on 0452581804  
- The name/s, age and contact info of the participants  
**Spots are limited so book early!!**

**BRING A FRIENDS WHO CURRENTLY DON'T HAVE LESSONS WITH US AND YOU'LL RECEIVE 50% QFF YOUR CLINIC.**

**Tennis COACHING**  
At UC Tennis Club Diamond Creek

**Junior and Adult Coaching**  
- Professional, qualified coaches  
- Small personalised groups  
- Coaching for all standards, beginner to advanced

**SPECIAL OFFERS**  
NEW CLIENTS: PAY FOR ONE TERM AND GET ONE TERM FREE!!

**HOT SHOTS PROGRAM**  
Kids starter tennis program for 3-10 year olds with specialized balls (Red, Orange and Green balls) and modified equipment

**CARDIO TENNIS**  
High energy workout for all tennis abilities

**LADIES AND TINY TOT PROGRAMS**  
Fun, learning program to get back into or start tennis

**Squads**  
- Help develop skills  
- Extra practice with high standard Juniors for 1 hour per week  
- Great for serious competitors to help build consistency, footwork, concentration and work ethic on the court

**Holiday clinics**  
Held every school holidays. All standards, with lots of fun, tournaments and prizes

David Wildsmith - Director  
Tennis Coaches Australia  
Advanced Coach  
Former State Grade and Grade 1 tennis player for 20 years

Jarryd Wildsmith - Head Coach  
Experienced Coach  
Current grade 1 tennis player

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UC Tennis Club - Challenger Street Diamond Creek

UC Tennis Club





# Linda Jean

Dancing Academy

Preschool dance - Jazz - Tap - Classical ballet  
Contemporary - Acro - Musical Theatre - Singing

### NEW STUDENTS

FREE TRIAL LESSON!  
40% discount off term 1 fees\*  
for all new students in 2024

### REFER A FRIEND

For all current families,  
refer a friend and receive a  
10% discount on term 2 fees\*

**0419 586 886**

450 Ironbark Road, Yarrambat  
[www.lindajeandancingacademy.com.au](http://www.lindajeandancingacademy.com.au)

\*conditions apply



"From the "outside  
in" a personal  
perspective"



## MY LIFE WITH AUTISM

### PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

Come and hear Kerryn Burgoyne  
Speak on 40+ years of lived experiences

Topics will include:

- Overload issues including light/sound/sensory/social
- Aspektism for Teens/Adults
- The struggles with employment

**THURSDAY  
14TH DEC  
6:00PM**

**VENUE: DVLC  
GREENSBOROUGH**

**FOR REGISTRATION  
CALL:  
03 9435 9060**

November Food Drive and Fundraiser  
In support of the ASRC Foodbank  
Montmorency Asylum Seekers Support Group (MASSG)

- Tuna in oil of any size (95g, 185g or 425g)
  - Tomato paste
  - Coconut cream or milk
  - (small jar), jams
  - Full cream UHT milk 1 litre
- Instant coffee / black tea bags
  - Sweet / savoury biscuits
  - Basmati rice
- Tinned vegetables (peas, carrots, corn kernels)
  - Oil (750ml – 1 litre)
- Dried legumes (chickpeas, red lentils, yellow split peas)
  - Unsalted dried nuts
  - Dried fruit
- Spices (cumin, turmeric, chili, coriander)
  - Laundry powder 1kg packs
  - Laundry liquid 1 litre

\*If you prefer, you can donate supermarket vouchers or giftcards\*

Please deliver your donated items to one of our drop off points **during  
November**

\* Montmorency- Jocelyn's place, 52 Looker Road

\* Hurstbridge- Nature's Harvest food store Shop 3, 920 Main Road

\* Eltham- Vicki Ward's electoral office, 718 Main Road

OR

Drop it off at Wattle Glen Primary School Office and we will forward it on  
your behalf.

Enquiries- Pam 0417 110 837 or  
Jocelyn 0403 214 362