

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

JULY 11TH, 2023

## NEWSLETTER NO. 11

# Principal's Report

Hello everyone,

Welcome back! I trust you all had a restful break, and you're ready for another wonderful term. I had a lovely break, spending time with my Grandmother (Queenie) who celebrated her 100th birthday last December, going to the movies, watching Myah play basketball, seeing my friends and catching up on sleep! But now I'm ready to get back into the swing of school life.

Term three feels a little bit like term one, with new grades and new classmates. There was a lot of excitement in the air yesterday as many students settled into their new grade. With the expansion of another grade we will be changing the date for our school production. It will now be in term four, on November 15, at Eltham Community Centre. More information will be released as the event draws closer.

School Council met last night and we discussed holding an event to welcome our new families, this will be decided at the next PTFA meeting. If you would like to join our PTFA, please join us at the next meeting (invite to follow via a Compass alert). We would also welcome helpers for our school canteen. If you are able to help please email wattle.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Our "Bright Starts" sessions for the 2024 preps will be commencing on July 19, 2:20-3:20pm. They are available for all pre-schoolers, except for the final session that is for enrolled students only. If you know any pre-schoolers, please let them know.

Have a great week

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### **CALL OUT FOR TISSUES!**

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



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

- Term 3 Dates**  
JULY
- 14th Fortnightly Student Choice Afternoons commence
  - 17th Cafe 4060 operating
  - 19th Bright Starts 2:20-3:20
  - 26th 100 Days of School (Preps) celebration
  - 31st Cafe 4060 operating School Council
- AUGUST
- 2nd Bright Starts 2:20-3:20
  - 7th CURRICULUM DAY
  - 10th Grade 1 late Stay, Grade 2 Sleepover
- PARENT FEEDBACK EVENTS**
- 14th Cafe 4060 operating
  - 16th Bright Starts 2:30-3:20 DigiMaker incursion group 1
  - 17th DigiMaker incursion group 2
  - 21st Book Week Stall
  - 23rd Book Week incursion and Dress Up Day
  - 25th Grade 5/6 Hooptime
  - 30th Bright Starts 2:20-3:20
  - 31st Sugarloaf Athletics
- SEPTEMBER
- 1st Grade 3/4 Hooptime
  - 6th KaBoom Sports (P-2)
  - 7th Parent teacher Interviews
  - 14th R U OK? Day Wear Yellow
  - 15th Last Day of Term, 2:20 dismissal

# Stars of the Week

Week 9  
P/1 Quinn  
1/2/3 George  
3/4/5 Jensi  
5/6 Georgia



# Inter School Sport Awards

We competed against Kangaroo Ground PS in week nine. Congratulations for our award recipients.



# Learning Showcase

In week nine grade 3/4/5 shared their Sustainable House models.



# Meet the staff

Peta Philp

In 2013, I decided to leave my Allied Health career of 18 years as a Clinical Photographer and complete a Grad Dip of Education (Primary) at RMIT. I began my teaching career at Rosanna Primary School and taught in Foundation and years 3/4, remaining there for four years. I then moved to Eltham East Primary School and taught there for six years in a variety of year levels, mainly in Foundation and year 1, and held various leadership positions.

My passion in Education has always been for teaching in the junior years, with a special interest in trauma informed teaching practice. I believe that every child is a unique individual with their own capabilities and potential for growth. I prioritise the importance of creating a nurturing and inclusive environment that fosters wellbeing, curiosity, creativity and a love of learning. I strive to provide hands on experiences for my students to explore, experiment and make meaningful connections to the world around them. I value the collaboration between myself and parents in providing a holistic approach to their child's education.

I live on 20 acres with my husband Andrew and two daughters, Stephanie who is studying her Masters at Monash University, and Jessica who is currently completing year 12. I am extremely proud of what they have achieved and the young women they have become. Andrew and I love working on our property and enjoy the wildlife that passes through. In my spare time, I enjoy doing Landscape Photography, running at Park Run on a Saturday morning, and using my welding skills to create metal sculptures for my garden.





# CAFE 4060

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

July 17

July 31

August 14

August 28

September 4



## 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 Glen  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# BRIGHT STARTS

Wattle Glen Primary School invites all pre-schoolers to our Prep orientation program, called Bright Starts.



This program provides the opportunity for preschoolers to experience different aspects of school life.

#### Sessions:

Wednesday 19th July  
Wednesday 2nd August  
Wednesday 16th August  
Wednesday 30th August  
Thursday 14th September -  
Enrolled Student session & parent catch up

#### Time:

2:20pm- 3:20pm

#### Where:

Wattle Glen Primary School  
16-24 Reynolds Road, Wattle Glen  
3096

#### How do you enrol:

Call our dedicated staff in the office,  
or email to inform us that your child  
will be coming to these events.

Respect

Kindness

Curiosity

Resilience



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# 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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We would like to invite you to ...

## *Feedback Sessions*

DEAR FAMILIES,

We have a School Review in October, and in an effort to inform our discussion with the reviewer we would love to hear from you. We will be hosting three events on August 10th, hoping that you can attend one of them.

We'd love to hear what you currently like about WGPS, what you have enjoyed over the last three years and suggestions for our future direction.

**Where:** Wattle Glen Primary School, room 4.

**When:** Thursday August 10

**Times:**

9:05-9:35am

3:25-3:55pm

6pm-6:30pm

If you are unable to make a session please feel free to complete the online feedback

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