Dear Parents,

NEW LEARNING

Teachers, including myself, are always learning. Last week I was very privileged to attend The Australian Primary Principals Association Conference which brought together Principals across Australia from Government, Catholic and Independent schools. The focus of the Conference was on the impact that advances in technology will have on future education. While we cannot predict the innovations that are ahead of us, schools need to focus on engaging students in creative, imaginative, stimulating and challenging ways. Through these experiences students develop skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. At Wattawa the teachers are already working on developing these 21st century skills for your children.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

This Thursday is the last of our Kinder Orientation mornings. I would like to congratulate the parents and teachers who are involved in this as it sets the children up for a very successful start to school. Parents are able to gain understandings about how literacy and numeracy is developed. Teachers are able to observe how children play and socialise and make more informed decisions for the start of the year. We are still taking enrolments for next year.

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PARKING ISSUES

If you don’t want to get a big fine and points off your licence for parking illegally, then follow the rules. There are parking patrols around our school in the morning and in the afternoon starting Tuesday morning.

Judy Smith
Principal

TEACHERS’ MESSAGES

REMEMBER WHEN YOU BELIEVED IN ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s tendencies to being tricked, fooled and misled by their peers. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children (especially 10 and 11 year olds) across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to:

http://tinyurl.com/childsvq5 Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652 or rebecca.seward@research.uwa.edu.au

CLASS NEWS

KOKODA TRACK EXCURSION

The Year 6 students had an amazing experience at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walk learning all about Australia’s involvement in this famous battle in Papua New Guinea. We were extremely fortunate to have three guides who had actually fought along the Kokoda Track and they told us some unbelievable stories about their times there - two of these men were 91 years old and one was 89!

DANCE 2B FIT CONCERT

At Friday’s special assembly we all got to see the fantastic dances each group had been learning during last term. We clapped, bopped, twisted and smiled through some great performances. Well done, Wattawa!!

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NRMA SCIENCE DAY

Last Thursday our school hosted an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day. This road safety program was delivered free of charge to our school by the National Roads & Motorists’ Association with the aim of helping our students stay safe of the road.

This program involved students participating in road safety shows in the hall and completing road safety workbooks in the classroom to help the road safety messages stick.

The shows combined important road safety message with science. Messages such as “Wear a seatbelt” have a greater impact when children have a stronger understanding of the forces they experience when travelling in a car and what could happen to them should the car stop suddenly in a crash.

In the science show, a crash test dummy – an egg – memorably showed children how a seatbelt works to restrain passengers in a crash and more importantly, why a seatbelt must be worn on each trip.

Students were also taught how to safely fit their bike helmets and which safety standard to purchase.

WHY A SEATBELT MUST BE WORN ON EACH TRIP
YOUTH ECO SUMMIT

All of Stage 3 was fortunate to be invited to participate in the 2014 Youth Eco Summit last week. They participated in many different activities throughout the day ranging from testing water cleanliness, collecting pollen like a bee, building bird houses and learning all about solar power and solar cars. It was a fantastic day and we are very thankful to the GWS Giants for sponsoring it.
CRAZY HAIR, CRAZY CLOTHES AND ICE CREAM SUNDAE DAY

On Tuesday, 4\textsuperscript{th} of November, 2014 Stage 3 will be hosting a ‘Crazy Hair, Crazy Clothes’ and Ice Cream Sundae Day to raise funds for our end of year events.

Get into the spirit of the day by wearing multi-coloured, mismatched clothes with hair in crazy designs. Please bring a gold coin to participate in mufti.

We will also be selling ice cream sundaes for $2.00 with your choice of toppings.

LIBRARY NEWS

Only 3 more weeks of borrowing for 2014! Overdue notices will be sent home next week to remind students that we need to have all books returned by the end of week 7.

It has been wonderful seeing an increase in borrowing this term.

Louise Steinfurth
Teacher Librarian

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LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL

NUTRITION NEWS

It is not uncommon these days to be constantly grazing on food without taking time to enjoy a full meal – it’s definitely not mindful eating. Often pre-packaged, these convenience foods are high in nutrients linked to increased risk of diet related diseases. Being time poor, more of us are eating on the run, or in front of our computers or TVs – and often when we’re not hungry.

Instead, we should be choosing to eat mindfully; bringing our attention and focus to the present moment. Practising mindful eating can help to bring back an appreciation and enjoyment of food.

Try these simple steps towards more mindful eating:

- Sitting at the dinner table for your meals
- Letting the kids serve themselves
- Rating your hunger level before eating
- Buy less occasional items like chips and confectionary
- Talk about what you are eating with children

Physical Activity:

This summer, keep kids healthy and active with sport. Choose the best sport for your child with a comprehensive guide to kid’s sports on the website below. Find the best age to start, suitability, rules of the game and tips to help your child pick a sport to play at school or as

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We are safe, respectful learners. For more information on which summer sport is best for your child go to: www.kidspot.com.au and follow the links to summer sport.

Mrs Ibrahim.

OFFICE NEWS

LOST AND FOUND

One lunchbox and a ladies wallet was found on the school grounds, please come to the office to claim them.

WANTED

We need Small plastic bottles such as pop top drink containers or small water bottle containers. If you have any could you please take them to 5/6G and 5/6M. Thanking you

Mrs Graham

P & C NEWS

HALLOWEEN DISCO

The Halloween disco is tomorrow Thursday 30th October from 5.30pm- 7.30pm in the hall with strict supervision. No child will be sent home without a parent. Please be on time. The children will receive a lolly bag, chips, one foam glow stick and water/cordial for $8.00. It will be a great night and make sure you wear your Halloween costume.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays between 8.45am -9am.

Abby Yaghi
President P&C

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

CONDELL PARK HIGH SCHOOL

A parent information meeting on The Challenges Of Parenting will be held on Wednesday 12th November 2014 between 9.30am – 11.30am. Free advice session will cover:

Coaching skills to develop and enhance Emotional Intelligence in your child.

Conducted by Dr Reina Michaelson - www.carerandparentsupport.com.au

Refreshments will be provided.