Welcome back to the 2013 year. We have had a fairly smooth start to the year. Our new preps started today and have settled in really well. A special welcome to all the new families to Wallington.

We welcome back to Wallington Ms Judie MacMillan. Judie has been overseas teaching in International Schools throughout the Asia region.

Lynne is on sick leave still. Mrs Cholay Thomas will be in charge of the office in Lynne’s absence. Cholay comes to us from Northern Bay College and will be working in the office 5 days a week

Active After School Community Program
This is an active sports initiative from the Australian Sports Commission. It is held at the school and goes for an hour (3:45—4:45) for 7 Mondays. The program starts on the 11th Feb and the sport is Basketball. There is no cost to participation and the program is open to all students.

Chess
Where: Wallington Primary School - Library
When: Thursday’s 2.35pm - 3.25pm 7th Feb – 28th Mar 2013
Cost: 12% discount for Cash Payments - $65 Cash or $75 Cheque - per child.
Benefits:
Strategic thinking, improved self esteem, attention span in class, lateral thinking, team work, analytical skills.

Payment (per child) of $65 cash or $75 Cheques made payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”
Enrolment forms available at the office

An introductory session will be held tomorrow in the Library at recess.

Proposed Pupil Free Days for 2013
29th January - Planning
13th June 3 way interview
9th August Numeracy – quantifying/place value
14th November — topic to be confirmed.

Valued Items at School
The school excepts no responsibility for items of value that the students bring to school.

Reminder
School starts at 9:00am each morning. To ensure that everything is ready for the students I ask that teachers not be disturbed prior to the start of the day, as they make their final preparation. If you need to see the teacher please make an arrangement for a suitable time or write it in the diary.

Teachers are not officially on duty until 8:45am.

Strawberry Fair
The Strawberry Fair is on Sunday the 3rd March. It is expected that all families help out to ensure the success of the day. Parents who have volunteered to coordinate areas are asked to attend the meeting next Tuesday (7:00 – staffroom) so that we can begin to finalise preparations and begin the ordering phase.

If you are a new family to the school please come along and see what it is about and to see how you can be of assistance.

NO ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY.
Our first assembly will be Friday 8th Feb
Woolworth/Coles Dockets

The resources that we earned through the Coles and Woolworths Promotions have arrived. We have them currently on display in the foyer of the school.

These resources will be a great addition to the school. Thank you to Mrs Marino for coordinating this promotion and thank you to everyone for their support.

Parent Payment Charges Now Due

Essential Educational Items:

Wallington Primary makes every effort to keep the cost and number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. The school buys these items in bulk so they can be provided to parents at a significant discount. School Council has established a financial budget for 2013 to provide resources and materials for the school’s educational programs. Part of this budget is the Essential Educational Items, School Council has approved $170 per student being for:- Classroom Requisites, Printing, Consumables, Diaries and paper etc.

Library Fund:

Is a voluntary contribution solely for the purchase of library books, which every student in the school is timetabled to every second week and they also borrow books on a weekly basis.

School Council has set Library Trust at $30 per student with a maximum of $60 per family. This is tax deductible

Building/Environment Fund:

Is a voluntary contribution for the upkeep of the grounds and buildings.

School Council has set Building/Environment Fund at $20 per student with a maximum of $40 per family

Total Parent Payment Charges being $220 to be paid no later than 22nd February 2013