This is the final full newsletter for the year. I would like to thank everyone for the work that they have put into Wallington Primary School this year. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone back in 2013 safe and sound.

To the families that are finishing at Wallington I would like to wish them all the best for the future.

The work of the school Council and the Parents Club have provided great support to the school. Parents are always encouraged to get involved and are always welcome.

To the Staff of Wallington Primary School I owe a big vote of thanks not only for their hard work, but to the dedication and enthusiasm that they have for the students and the school at Wallington.

To the students at Wallington Primary School – thank you for being such a good group. The achievements of the students this year have been something to be proud of. Congratulations!

A special thank you to Kylie and Amber for filling in whilst Lynne and Leah are on leave from the office. Your work has been greatly appreciated.

Thank You and Good Bye
Next week is Mrs Hunter’s last week at Wallington. Mrs Hunter has been at this school for three years and has contributed enormously to the school and its educational program. The Arts program that she has provided has been excellent and has provided direction for the school for the future. Along with the entire school community, I would like to wish her all the best for the future and thank you for all that you have done for Wallington.

Christmas Picnic
This was held last night and we had a good turn up. Father Christmas made an appearance on the back of the fire truck. The Parents Club organised the night and it was enjoyed by all. The warm evening and lack of mozzies made it a pleasant way to finish off the year.

Last Day Arrangements
Final assembly will begin exactly at 1:00pm as we have many awards to present. Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents are asked to ensure that their child/ren are picked up on time on the last day. Teachers will be involved in the setting up of the school for 2013.

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.

Anaconda Junior Survivor Challenge
Larissa Dixon participated in the Anaconda Junior Survivor Challenge at Lorne on Saturday 8th Of December. Well done on a great effort.

The challenge involved a 4km run with 12 different obstacles and exercises along the way. It was a fun event with over 600 participants.

GAWS 4 PAWS
The Geelong High students are running an appeal for any items that can be used to assist the Geelong Animal Welfare society. There is a box in the foyer which will be collected on Monday 17th at lunchtime, so if you can find any blankets, toys or food items, please drop them in on Friday, or Monday morning at the latest.

Christmas Hamper
We also have a hamper appeal to assist an Ocean Grove family who is dealing with “an agonising wait for a bone marrow transplant.” (Ocean Grove Voice 28 Nov. 11 Dec.) The lady has Acute Myeloid Leukaemia. Her husband has given up work to look after her and their 3 year old daughter (who has Down Syndrome). If you have anything that could go in the hamper please put in the box in the foyer.

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**P1B**
Brislane

**WILL D**
For using some great strategies to work out his fractions in Numeracy.

**AUSTIN A**
For using some great strategies to work out his fractions in Numeracy.

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**34J**
Jones

**BIANCA L**
For being a kind and helpful member of 3/4J. Well done Bianca.

**LUKE L**

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**34V**
Vaught

**ANGUS M**
For demonstrating perseverance.

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**56D**
Duckett

**CAITLIN J**
For the excellent presenting skills displayed when reciting “The Man from Ironbark”.

**LUCA V**
For working hard on his presenting skills and reciting “Goodbye Old Chap” with excellent pacing.

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**Last Weeks SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

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**Hot lunch helpers needed for preparation and clean up on 20/12/12.**

*Many thanks, Leisa Shields*

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**Just a thank you…..**

Thank you to all the wonderful Wallington P.S. families for sending loving wishes to our family on the death of Hilary’s mum, Viv.

From Hilary, Nick, Josh and Sebastain Bouma

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**The staff of Wallington P. S. wish all our families and friends a safe Christmas period.**

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**ABSENCES:-**

**IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE**

All student absences must be in writing, either in the students diary or a note when the student returns to school.

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**Christmas Service**

A Christmas Service arranged by the R.E. teachers will be held on Friday 14th December at 9am in the School hall. Some of the children will be taking part in this Service. Parents are most welcome to attend.

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With the end of year fast approaching, it would be greatly appreciated if you could have a thorough look at home for any School library books that you may still have. Year 6 students will be coming around to grades over the next 2 weeks to gather up any returns you may have.

Many thanks

Happy reading and book hunting!

Jill Murray and Lisa Hunter

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On Wednesday 12th December, Santa was kind enough to take time out of his busy schedule of toy making and elf training to stop by Wallington Primary School for our Christmas picnic. A big thank you must also go out to Wallington Fire Brigade for transporting Santa in their truck while Santa’s sleigh is getting any necessary repairs done before his big trip around the world. The children all had fun playing together, and loved the treats that Santa threw out to the excited crowd. Santa delivered surprise early presents to the children, who we all very happy to receive their new books.

SAVER PLUS
“BACK TO SCHOOL”
2013 CAMPAIGN

Christmas is just around the corner - did you save enough for food and holiday activities this year? Have you even considered back to school costs for next year? Saver Plus can help you get your thoughts and savings in order with free matched savings and financial education workshops and be more prepared next year! You can earn up to $500 in matched funds to help towards your child’s education costs.

To be eligible you need:
1. To have a pension or healthcare card
2. To earn some form of income from work
3. To be over 18 years old
4. To have child/ren at school or starting next year

Saver Plus is delivered here in Geelong by Bethany. Please call your Saver Plus worker, Amanda Vernon on 5278 8122, or email avernon@bethany.org.au

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.
Community Notices

On Friday 21st December at the Newington Uniting Church there will be a Carol Service at 7:30pm with children taking part and singing lots of Christmas carols. Refreshments provided afterwards, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Can you help?

If anyone has any old, rusty fencing wire, barbed wire, old metal or fencing posts and would like someone to 'clear them away', I would be more than happy to.

My name is Kristen (Buddy & Ella's mum) and I am a sculptor that uses discarded materials. I can be contacted on M: 0437 041 171.

THANK YOU and Merry Christmas.

BELLARINE COMMUNITY FARMERS’ MARKET

Saturday, 15th December

Ocean Grove Park, Cnr Presidents Ave and Draper St, 9am-1pm.

Come along to our Christmas market with a huge variety of fresh Bellarine produce, great coffee, sausage sizzle, buskers and a chance to win a fabulous gourmet hamper of market produce, with all proceeds going to local charity group ASK, supporting Bellarine families with breast cancer. A great family day out where locals support locals!

All enquiries: Sally Waites - 0418141208

FRESH WALLINGTON EGGS!!

For sale outside 5/6M after school daily.

$5 a dozen—$1 from each dozen sold will go towards setting up the new hen house.

Any spare egg cartons will be greatly appreciated so that they can be reused.

FREE KITTENS

Do you have room in your home for a new addition? Have you been wanting to get your kids (or yourself) a new pet?

Alan Lomas has 4 kittens that are approx. 7 weeks old.

If you are able to provide a loving home to one of these kittens, please call Alan on 0438 503 993.

Bellarine Community Health offers a School Dental program for all primary school aged children. This service is government subsidised and offers families access for their children to dental services at a very affordable cost of $30 for all treatment, or free for those children who are dependants of a healthcare or pension card.

For an appointment contact the dental team at Point Lonsdale on 5258 0828

“MAD ABOUT THE BUOY” - Thursday 7th February 2013—7pm start—$190 per head black tie event. 3 course dinner, show and wine at The Prince of Wales Hotel, The Deck, 2 Acland Street, St. Kilda. Tim McKew (Australia’s 21st century Noel Coward) presents this Naughty Nautical Romp by the Sea.

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