

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

Wed 20th March	School Council Meeting
Fri 22nd March	School Photos
Wed 27th March	Easter Hot Lunch
Thurs 28th March	End of Term 1
Mon 15th April	Start of Term 2

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Clubs

Next term we will be holding a Clubs program on a Friday. Teachers are beginning to organise these. I will keep you informed about what activities are being offered. If there are any parents/friends who have a particular hobby or skill, and have the time to be part of the Clubs program please let your child's teacher know

Head Lice

We have had a couple of reports of children with head lice. I ask that all parents are vigilant about this and check the hair on a regular basis. Here is a website that I have found useful in gaining information about this issue.

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/resources_pages/parents.htm

Pauls Caps

Thank you to everyone who contributed milk caps. We raised \$119.00. This money will go towards purchase of maths resources.



Found

A hearing aid was found in the hall (see picture) It is being kept at the office. If you know who belongs to it please direct them to the office to collect it.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken next Friday 22nd March. This will involve each class. An envelope will be sent home shortly. These need to be returned to school prior to the photo day. The role of the office is just to collect the returned envelopes. We are unable to provide change. The photography company handles all the administration.



Cyber Bullying

In the paper recently there was an article about Kids Cyber sites and the dangers that can surround children and general use of the internet and in particular social networking sites.

The Federal Government has set up a website to support parents, teachers and students in understanding cyber safety. I recommend this site to parents as a good start to teaching about cyber safety. This is an issue that we all need to address to ensure that all students can use the internet safely

What tips can I use to help my child in Mathematics?

Be positive about math!

Let your child know that everyone can learn math.

Let your child know that you think math is important and fun.

Point out the ways in which different family members use math in their jobs.

Be positive about your own math abilities. Try to avoid saying "I was never good at math" or "I never liked math".

Encourage your child to be persistent if a problem seems difficult.

Praise your child when he or she makes an effort, and share in the excitement when he or she solves a problem or understands something for the first time.

Make math part of your child's day

Point out to your child the many ways in which math is used in everyday activities.

Encourage your child to tell or show you how he or she uses math in everyday life.

Include your child in everyday activities that involve math – making purchases, measuring ingredients, counting out plates and utensils for dinner.

Play games and do puzzles with your child that involve math. They may focus on direction or time, logic and reasoning, sorting, or estimating.

Do math problems with your child for fun.

In addition to math tools, such as a ruler and a calculator, use handy household objects, such as a measuring cup and containers of various shapes and sizes, when doing math with your child.

Encourage your child to give explanations

When your child is trying to solve a problem, ask what he or she is thinking. If your child seems puzzled, ask him or her to tell you what doesn't make sense. (Talking about their ideas and how they reach solutions helps children learn to reason mathematically.)

Suggest that your child act out a problem to solve it. Have your child show how he or she reached a conclusion by drawing pictures and moving objects as well as by using words.

Treat errors as opportunities to help your child learn something new.



SCHOOL NEWS

Last Weeks

SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PK King	RIDLEY G-T For showing great improvement in listening and completing his work.
12B Brislane	SIENNA S For thinking of some great questions and wonderings before reading.
12V Vaught	GRACE K For having a go at writing and sharing her success with the class. JACOB L For thinking of and helping other students in the class
5D Duckett	BRADKEY B For his sensational skills at the Golf Clinic.
6M Marino	SUGAR M For her enthusiastic and conscientious approach to all tasks. Keep it up!



Book Club!

Book club is back again for 2013! All orders need to be placed in the drawer in the hallway by the due date on the catalogues. Just a reminder that orders can be held for pick up at the office. Please make a note on or with the order. All orders must be accompanied by payment. This year we receive 20% of our sales in book rewards so your contribution is very beneficial to the school. Any queries please call me on 0412700963.
Gillian Newland.



Hand Drumming Term 2 Enrolments

With term 2 fast approaching Wallington Primary School would like to offer you the chance to enrol you child in an 8 week hand drumming program.

Each class is limited to 10 students so be quick as to not be disappointed. The cost of the 8 week program is \$40 per student. Please return the permission slip with payment to the office by the end of term. Students returning slips on the first week back from the Easter break cannot be guaranteed a place in a class. Enrolments at the office.

Hot Lunch will be held on Wednesday 27th of March. Hot cross buns will be served just in time for Easter Holidays! All proceeds will be going towards the construction of a school in India for disabled children. More information to come.



SunSmart Reminders:

1. Please remember to keep sun protection happening in Term Two. A combination of sun protection measures are needed until the end of April when UV levels become less intense. From May, put sun gear away and get some winter vitamin D.

2. Add the SunSmart UV Alert widget to your school website so you can see when sun protection is and isn't needed each day. It will also give you a chance to win a shade marquee for the school!

The SunSmart UV Alert indicates daily sun protection times. It is available as a free SunSmart app, online (sunsmart.com.au or bom.gov.au/weather/uv), in the weather section of newspapers, or as a free widget you can add to your school's website.

1. Add the SunSmart UV Alert widget to your school's website (follow the instructions [here](#))
2. Send a link to the school's website page that features the SunSmart UV Alert widget to Justine.osborne@cancervic.org.au
3. Entries close at 5.00pm on Thursday 28 March, 2013.
4. The winner will be notified on Tuesday 16 April 2013.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



It's Food Fair time at Chilwell Primary School

Friday 22nd March. Lots of food stalls, Silent & Live Auctions, Music, Wine, Rides for the kids and fun! Come for dinner from 4 pm. till 9 pm. and bring all the family.

The Leopold Community Bank is hosting their annual **Big Easter Egg Hunt** on Good Friday, March 29th from 9am – 12 noon at the Leopold Football Oval, Melaluka Road. There will be loads of fun activities such as a jumping castle, train rides, face painting, The Mik Meks, Dan the Magic Man, handball competitions and much much more. The Easter Egg Hunt is run in age groups starting from 10am – 11:20am. All of the funds raised go directly to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Pre registration is available before the day. Drop into the Leopold Community Bank and sign your children up for speedy entry. The cost of entry is a gold coin donation per person. We hope to see you there!



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Piano, keyboard, Guitar, Drum & Singing Lessons

During &/or After School Hours at School

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