Diary Dates

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Parent Teacher Interviews
Notice for the Parent/Teacher Interview will go out tomorrow. The Interviews will be held on Thursday 23rd February between 2:00pm and 6:00pm. Notes are due back on Monday 20th Feb.

School Council Elections
Nominations for school council will open Monday 20th February. Nomination Forms are available at the office and Nominations Close on Monday 5th March at 4:00pm. There are 4 parent positions vacant – 3 positions for 2 years and 1 position for 1 year. See Election Notice on notice board.

Being On Time
It is great to see that the number of late arrivals has reduced significantly. Thank you to all the families in making sure students are at school and ready to start work at 9:00am.

Student Personal Insurance
The Department of Education wants schools to make parents aware that the department does not have personal insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Also the school does not accept any responsibility for the loss or damage of student’s personal items. Students, who bring personal items to school, do so at their own risk. If a student wishes to bring something of value to show at school either have it collected after the showing or allow the teacher to store it away for the remainder of the day.

Leigh McLaren
Last Weeks

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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<td>Darcie Peters</td>
<td>For being a wonderful addition to Wallington Primary School!</td>
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<td>P1K</td>
<td>Jacob Less</td>
<td>For being attentive and always answering questions so well. Fantastic!</td>
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<td>2L</td>
<td>Hugh Lennon</td>
<td>For a great start at Wallington :)</td>
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<td>34J</td>
<td>Sarah Harris</td>
<td>For making a great start at Wallington. Well done Sarah!!</td>
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<td>56D</td>
<td>Finn MacGillivray</td>
<td>For showing great persistence when problem solving in numeracy. Your work looked sensational. Well Done!</td>
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<td>56M</td>
<td>Ella Carroll</td>
<td>For quickly settling into Wallington and also for being a caring 'big buddy'</td>
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<td>Library</td>
<td>Isabella Kelly</td>
<td>For helping others with their borrowing during her library session and listening really well!!</td>
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Library

Next week in the library is grades 3 – 6. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.

From next week the library will be open for quiet reading and borrowing on a Wednesday at lunch time and at morning recess on Friday, when Mrs Henry is in.

We are looking for anyone who would like to be able to cover some library books for us. We can give you the books and contact for covering at home. This would be greatly appreciated.

We are also looking for volunteers who may be able to work in the library on a Friday after 12:30, re-shelving books.

If you are able to help in either of these areas, could you please let us know. It would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you taking the time to read this request.
Lisa Hunter and Jill Murray

Congratulations Caitlin in 34J
Who was invited to play tennis in the Davis Cup Hot shots demo over the weekend, it was a great honour. She also had her photo with Bernard Tomic. Caitlin plays tennis at Clifton Springs Tennis Club.

Free
There is a large number of Water, Solo, Fanta & Sprite which have past their Free day after 12.30, re

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EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2012
Forms due by Wed 29th Feb
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.
To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:
1) be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
2) be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.
Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.
The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2012) which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (16 July 2012).
The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 29 February 2012 for the first installment and 3 August 2012 for the second installment.
The EMA provides an annual amount of $235 for primary students and is paid in two installments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.
Contact: School Office for application form and further information.

Reminder:- Active After School Community is FREE
Tuesday will be basketball and on Thursday Hockey. The program runs from 3:30 to 4:30 for 7 weeks. All students – Prep – Year 6 are welcome. Students can enrol for both or either.

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- A trusted provider of music lessons to Geelong, Surfcoast & Peninsula schools for over 25 years.
To Pre-enrol or to obtain an information package please contact:
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NEWCOMBS SECONDARY COLLEGE

DEB DRESS SALE

SELL
Bring dress to school on: Friday 16th March 4pm – 7pm
MUST be dry cleaned
Include photo of dress if possible
Registration fee: $5 per dress

BUY
Saturday 17th March
9am – 1pm
Eftpos & Cash Only

Enquires Ph: 52481400

Surfside Waves Soccer Club
is recruiting old and new players for the 2012 season. Registration will take place during Feb/March. For information contact Gill Black on 5255 3566 or Caryll Waugh on 5223 1992

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