Welcome back to Term 2. Over the holidays we had parents who came in and helped keep the school grounds looking great. This was greatly appreciated. It was nice to come to school on the Monday and see the school looking so good.

**ANZAC Service**
The Geelong Schools ANZAC Service will be held on Tuesday 24th April at Johnstone Park in Geelong. Wallington will be represented by our Term 1 School Leaders.

**School Council**
The Annual General Meeting of the Wallington Primary School Council was held last night. This included the election of office bearers and the presentation of the annual report. Office Bearers for 2012 are:

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At the meeting we also acknowledged the work done by the outgoing council and they were thanked for the great work that they had done. The next meeting of the school council will be on Wednesday 16th May.

**Regional Principals' Conference**
Next Thursday and Friday (26th & 27th April) I will be away at the Regional Principals’ Conference. At the conference we will be addressed by Richard Bolte – Secretary DEECD, Prof Di Siemon on Numeracy as well as attending a variety of workshops.

**Bunyip Camp**
Next Thursday is the Bunyip Camp. Preparations are well under way and Mrs King, Miss Brislane and Mrs Lennon are organising a great experience for our students.

**The School/Home Partnership**
Studies have shown that the relationship between school and home has an effect on student learning. The effect of parental encouragement and expectation upon student learning has a positive effect. If we expect the lowest amount of effort then that is what we get. As a parent or teacher we must set realistic expectations, that challenge the student to achieve beyond his or her comfort zone.

Case studies have shown one of the major barriers to the strengthening of the home/school partnership is understanding school language. With an understanding of the language comes a greater evidence of consistency between what is said at home and what is said at school.. Over the next few weeks I will be talking about the language of school and how we can support student learning at school and at home.

**Coles Dockets**
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Coles Dockets. We have just received the sports equipment and it is currently on display in the foyer. The amount of dockets we collected allowed us to purchase equipment for all classrooms. The effort has been well worth it. Thanks to Mrs Marino for co-ordinating this effort.

Leigh McLaren
Principal
Wallington Art Group After School Classes

These classes aim to inspire, enrich and build upon your child’s artistic skills through drawing and painting. The art group will be run by Melinda Williams who is a local practicing artist and qualified art teacher with over 15 years experience. The classes will run at Wallington Primary School in the investigations room on Thursday afternoons. They will begin straight after school until 4.30 and cost $10 per session, which includes all art materials and running costs. Places are limited as we wish to keep the size of classes small so your child gets the most assistance and guidance possible. To secure a place or find out more please or call Melinda on 0413 662 752 or email williams.melinda.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Mum’s Group Exercise Class

For anyone looking for a fun and friendly way to get fit, we have just started a 45 minute group training session with a qualified personal trainer on Wednesdays at 9.30am.  
Where: Wallington Reserve - Cricket Oval just up the road from school!  
Cost: $15 per session.  
All Fitness levels and kids welcome. For more information - Michelle Hughes (Poppy, P1K and Declan, 34V mum)  
ph. 0409 290 875

Welcome back staff and students!
Wallington Primary School would like to wish everybody a happy, productive and fun second term!

Would $500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including text books, computers, excursions and swimming lessons. Saver Plus is delivered by Bethany Community Support in your local area and is looking for new participants. You may be eligible if you or your partner:  
☑ have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card  
☑ are at least 18 years old  
☑ have some regular income from work  
☑ have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself  
To find out more contact Amanda Vernon, Saver Plus Worker at Bethany Community Support on 5278 8122 or avernon@bethany.org.au

Cross Country

Dates  • Wallington Yrs. 3 - 6 Thursday April 26th at 9:30am  
• District (for those who meet/better qualifying time) will be held on the 1st of May

Students should be training if they are interested in making the Wallington Primary School team for the District Cross Country.

Parent Club News

Uniform Sale:
A uniform sale will be held prior to assembly on Friday the 27th of April.

Hot Chocolate and Casual Dress Day for the Geelong Hospital:
On Friday the 4th of May hot chocolate will be served all morning recess for all the students. Please bring your own cup and wear casual dress for a gold coin donation. Parents are invited to meet for a hot chocolate at 2.30pm in the Hall prior to assembly. All proceeds going to Geelong Hospital Appeal.

Pleasant Friday Afternoon:
Commencing tomorrow, Parent Club will provide cappuccino’s, coffee and tea prior to assembly at 2.30pm onwards.  
$2.50 Cappuccino  
$2.00 Coffee/Tea  
Come along for a meet and chat with other parents if you can help on the roster please see Glenda Dixon. (2 People needed each week)

Sunday Funday Mystery Tour:
Keep Sunday the 27th of May free for a family fun day involving a mystery tour and finishing with a BYO picnic at our destination. Meet at school at 11am. More details to follow when finalised.