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NEWSLETTER
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DIARY DATES

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MESSAGES FROM MR. MCLAREN

End Of Year Finish Time
The last day of school this year is 22nd December. We will be finishing the day at 1:30pm with our final assembly starting at 1:00pm.

Behaviour
Over the past few weeks we have had several incidents occur in the play ground. It is the aim of the school to ensure that all students feel safe at school. Rest assured that any incidents that do occur are followed up by the staff as soon as they are made aware. We have two staff on yard duty at all times during recess and lunch. Students who are having difficulties in resolving issues are always encouraged to seek out a yard duty teacher to assist them.

Swimming Program
The swimming program is going well. I went to the pool to see for myself. The low group numbers and the quality of the instruction is providing us with an effective program.

School Focus for 2012
Next year the school focus will be on Literacy and Numeracy. Teachers will be undertaking a number of activities that focuses on increasing the teachers, already extensive knowledge on comprehension (literacy) and place value (numercy). On one of our pupil free days (19th March 2012) we will be working with Professor John Monro to develop a common language and strategies for comprehension. For Numeracy we have Chris Worrall working with the staff on place value and deepening their knowledge of teaching it in the classroom.

Strawberry Fair
The final meeting for 2011 will be on December 7th at 7:00 in the staffroom.

School Council
The final school council for the year is on Tuesday 13th December at 6:00pm.

Car Park
As is the school policy. Parents must pick up their children from within the school fence. Children are not permitted to cross the carpark unsupervised. Also we ask that speed be kept down to walking pace.

Principal
Leigh McLaren

It's beginning to look alot like christmas
SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
Thursday 1st of December 2011

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12H Henderson | MERIDEN V |
|             | For being such a good listener and for participating well in class discussions this week! Well done Meriden! |

12L Lennon | ERIN J |
|           | For making great connections with her word study focus and take home readers. |

12J Jones | MIA K |
|          | For a fantastically created mini story. Well done Mia! |

34V Vaught | HUGH W |
|           | For fantastic independent writing! |

6M Marino | KATAHLIA S |
|          | For the way she went about assisting the Prep this week in our Buddies session. Well done Katalia! |

Library Browne | LUCY M |
|               | For the fantastic presentation of her mini-project on sharks. |

LIBRARY
This week in the library is grades prep, 1 and 2’s. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.

RE Christmas Service
An RE Christmas service will be held in the Hall on the 16th of December starting at 9am. All parents welcome.

Raffle
Wallington Primary School’s Parent Club are running a raffle! There are great prizes to be won! Just in time for Christmas!

Tickets are $1
The prizes are:
1st Prize - Contours Fitness for women on the go Membership for 12 months
2nd Prize - Angel Sent Soy Wax Candles
3rd Prize - Silver Pendant necklace
purchase tickets at the office.

Library
Book Donations
A big thank you to the Broad family (Jasper and Thomas) for their generous donation of 13 books for our library. These books will be enjoyed by many children for lots of years to come!

Library News
The end of the year is drawing near so its time to clean out those cupboards and shelves and return library books that are hiding there.

Library Timetable
3rd Dec Grades Prep - 2’s Library Lesson
9th Dec Grades 3 - 6’s Library Lesson
All library books must be returned on/or before Friday 9th of December. Thank you everyone!

 Chris Browne - Librarian

Congratulations to Kayla McApline
for earning her Junior Shodan (Black Belt) in Zenshin Karate on Sunday. Job Well Done Kayla!

Swimming
Wallington Primary School’s swimming program is up and running and is a great success. With the incidents of drowning still present in the community, it is great to see parents being proactive in giving their children the opportunity to develop and improve their swimming skills. The children have been enjoying the lessons greatly and have been listening to their instructors well. It has been pleasing to see students being independent in caring for themselves, e.g. bringing their swimming bag, getting changed etc. Well done to the students!

Swimming Coordinators

Whooping cough on the rise in 5-14 year olds
The number of children aged 5-14 years old catching whooping cough has increased dramatically in Victoria over the last four years.

Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, is a highly infectious disease causing a severe, persistent cough. Whooping cough is spread by coughs and sneezes from an infected person.

While most children and adults eventually recover, often after weeks or months of illness and household disruption, there is a serious risk if infected people pass the disease to young babies.

Around one in every 200 babies under six months of age who catch whooping cough will die. Some babies will suffer permanent disability from brain and lung damage.

Family members, including siblings and parents, are the main source of whooping cough infection in babies. Timely immunisation offers the best chance of preventing the spread of whooping cough. Whooping cough vaccine is provided free for children at two, four and six months, at their fourth birthday, adolescents in Year 10 of secondary school and parents of newborn babies. The two month vaccine can be given early at six weeks to start protection earlier.

Parents are urged to ensure their children are vaccinated on time and to consider their own whooping cough vaccination needs. Vaccination is recommended for all adults caring for or working with young children, including school teachers, as well as all health care workers.

Parents should talk to their doctor or nurse if they have questions about the whooping cough vaccine.

For more information search ‘whooping cough’ on www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

CHRISTMAS PICNIC
The date for the end of year picnic is Wednesday 14th of December at 5pm so put it in your diary! The Picnic will be held on the school oval and in the new hall. BYO picnic.
Santa will be joining everybody at the picnic at 6pm.
Books to the value of $10 for your child can be left at the office to be passed onto Santa to give out on the night.
The parents Club would like to extend the invitation to the 2012 Grade Preps and their parents, in an opportunity for them to get to know the current families attending Wallington Primary School.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Country and Metro Victorian Cricket Camps 2012
18 camps coming to an area near you! If you are interested in this camp Penny Bailey (Seamus and Kieran Spanner’s Mother) is organizing a group booking. The group booking is $99 saving you $40 from the original price.

If you are interested please contact Penny on 0407 891 599
Exclusive coaching panel including: Keith Stackpole, Nathan Bracken, Terry Alderman, Jo Angel, Matthew Elliott and Damien Fleming.

For more information collect a brochure from out the front of the office or free call: 1800 35 14 15 or www.cricketcoaching.com.au