

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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1st of March 2012



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DIARY DATES 	
Sunday 4th March	 STRAWBERRY FAIR! 
Thurs 8th March	Parent Club Meeting
Mon 12th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Mon 19th March	Pupil Free Day
Wed 21st March	School Council Meeting
Fri 23rd March	School Photos
Fri 30th March	Term 1 Concludes
Mon 16th April	Term 2 Commences
Fr 29th June	Term 2 Concludes
Mon 16th July	Term 3 Commences
Fri 21st Sept	Term 3 Concludes
Mon 8th Oct	Term 4 Commences
Fri 21st Dec	Term 4 Concludes

School Council Elections



A **reminder that nominations close on Monday 5th March at 4:00pm**. So far I have only received one nomination. Parent nominations are open to parents with children attending the school. This includes parents who are employed by the Education Department but do not work at Wallington Primary School.

Strawberry Fair

Well the Strawberry Fair is just about upon us and the weather forecast is not all doom and gloom. With a bit of luck the weather won't be too bad.

The set up starts at 8:00am. Those who put their names down for the afternoon setup please be here at 1:00pm. There is a mountain of work to do on the Saturday. On Sunday it is again an 8:00 start. The sign in sheets are at the areas that you are working at. If you cannot find a sheet, Please go to the Strawberry Fair shed. It is important that you sign on and off each day. A final Strawberry Fair newsletter will go home tomorrow.

The Fair has been a lot of work for a small band of people. The effort that they have made has been extraordinary. The success of the day relies on the support of the school community. This Fair is renown not only because of the Strawberries, but because of the fact that so many people volunteer their time to make it happen.

	Sat 03 Mar	Sun 04 Mar
		
	A little rain.	A few showers.
Max. Temp. (°C)	25	25
Min. Temp. (°C)	15	15
Chance of rain (%)	70	70
Rainfall range (mm)	2 – 5	1 – 4

Shekere Beat

A performance will be held next Wednesday for the students. Please refer to the notice for specific times

Preps

Next week Preps will commence full time at school. Up until now they have not had to come on a Wednesday.


Active After School Program

We currently have places in the Thursday group for Hockey. The children are taught the skills of playing hockey in a fun and engaging way. This is a good opportunity to have a "taste" of another sport.

Leigh McLaren Principal



Strawberry Fair

Working Bee: We are having a working bee this Saturday prior to the fair – Saturday 25th Feb at 9:00am. We will need mowers, whipper snippers chainsaw, lead blowers etc to prepare the grounds for the fair. The more people we have the more we can get done. 

**Wallington PS
Strawberry Fair**

**Sunday
4th March
2012
10am-4pm**

**Food & Wine
Face Painting
Entertainment
Market Stalls
Children's Activities
Showbags & Rides**

**Wallington Primary School
610 Wallington Rd, Wallington
Entry by gold coin donation**

WALLINGTON STRAWBERRY FAIR

Last Weeks
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

P1B Brislane	TESS E for her confidence and well presented news this week,
2L Lennon	MERIDIEN V For showing good skills and independence in choosing "just right" books for take home readers using the "five fingers test". Well Done! ASHLUN P For great work with his pancake writing on the computers.
34J Jones	BRIANNA L For fantastic illustrations on her pancake recipe. Well Done!
34V Vaught	BUDDY C For a fantastic effort with his school work and his positive start to the year!
56D Duckett	BEN Mc For working really hard on his reading log. Fantastic comments Ben, great work!
56M Marino	AMY H-L For always volunteering help staff and other students, especially with icy poles. Thank you Amy.
Library Murray	WILL A For making a great effort to return his several overdue library books. BEN B For his great attitude and positive contributions during library this week!



Library

Next week in the library is grades 3 - 6. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.
Lisa Hunter and Jill Murray



Division Primary School Swimming

Today **Seamus S** (5/6M) competed in the Bellarine and North Geelong Divisions Primary School Swimming Carnival. Seamus competed in the 12/13 Boys Freestyle and finished 2nd in his heat. There were approximately 5 heats and Seamus finished 13th overall, in a time of 41.98 seconds. This was a personal best! Everybody at Wallington Primary school congratulates you Seamus, Well done!



No Fresh Fruit Friday this Friday!



parent CLUB
activities.travel.food and more...

The next meeting of the Parents' Club will be held on Thursday, 8th March at 9am in the hall. Parents' Club is a great way to meet other parents and to be involved in "fun raising" activities for the children and families. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month. Please come along with your suggestions and ideas for the year. New parents are warmly welcomed. The morning tea meetings will be for approx one hour. Consideration will be given to having an evening meeting once each term as there may be parents who are interested who are unable to attend in the morning. Please contact Glenda Dixon if you would be interested in an evening meeting. E mail gj.dixon@optusnet.com.au



Have fun at the Strawberry Fair this weekend!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Autumn 2012 School Holiday Program

The City of Greater Geelong is running child care services in various locations all over the Bellarine Peninsula and Geelong. The school Holiday Program offers a range of activities, experiences and excursions appropriate for primary school aged children. More information and enrolment applications are sitting on the table outside Mr. McLaren's office.



Saint Ignatius College
Geelong
A Jesuit Partner School

Families are invited to join us on our

2012 OPEN DAY

Sunday March 18th 11:00am-2:00pm
Information session at 11:00am

SEE THE COLLEGE AT WORK

Wednesday 2nd May
9:00am-12noon

Applications for Year 7 enrolment 2013
close Friday 18th May 2012.

Year 7, Year 9 & Year 11 Academic Scholarship
applications close Friday 4th May.

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The College Prospectus and Application forms for Enrolment and Scholarship will be available on these days and are also available on our website.

BARWON HEADS
FESTIVAL OF THE SEA
SUNDAY 18TH MARCH
2012



Come and join us in the kid's zone in front of the children's playground at the Barwon Heads River and enjoy the many kid's activities including

Yoga / Dance workshops on the beach at 10.30am & 11.15am FREE!!

A fun, creative high energy class that focuses on learning dance routines and yoga poses. Children will create their own movement through improvisation and yoga and movement activities. For all ages and levels. Some breath work and relaxation with lots of laughs in a non competitive environment.

ALSO IN THE KIDS ZONE

Animal Farm (free entry), mini train rides, jumping castle, scouts activities & bbq, pony rides, slushie van and metre long liquorice.

ANY ENQUIRIES - HELEN FOORD
helen.foord@gmail.com
0407 550197

Meagan Burch Music Tuition

Music Lessons -

Piano / keyboard. Guitar (acoustic, electric, bass) Singing & Drums* (* limited availability & not available in all schools)

During &/or After School Hours at School

- Experienced, qualified, trained and Registered teachers, specifically chosen for primary aged students
- A modern & traditional curriculum designed by primary school & music teachers specifically for primary school-age children, to either learn to play for fun or as a pathway to VCE music
- Classes available for Prep—adult, beginners to advanced.
- 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:
mbmt@bigpond.com

Grade 6 Parents:

Select Entry and Accelerated Learning at Bellarine Secondary College



Bellarine Secondary College is seeking expressions of interest in the Select Entry and Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program starting in 2013. This program allows selected students to complete Years 7-10 in three years. A number of students from this primary school have been accepted into the program and are now excelling. These students have appreciated being placed in a class of similar, high achieving students and being regularly challenged in their learning. External testing has proven that the quality of education and associated student achievement is as high as any in the region.

Bellarine Secondary College has also proven that it can also supply a high quality VCE education in order to gain the highest tertiary entry scores on the Peninsula, with 3 students gaining a score of 96 or above last year. The highest being 99.65, believed to be the highest in the Geelong Region. With the first cohort of SEAL students now studying VCE Unit3-4 subjects over the span of two years, these results can only be anticipated to improve.

Current Grade 6 students will be able to apply for this enormous educational opportunity.

Important Dates:

Parent information Evening Thursday 15th of March
Applications Close Friday 30th of March
Testing Friday 4th of May

Interested parents and students can visit the Bellarine Secondary College web site on www.bellarinesc.vic.edu.au under the Curriculum banner for further information and application details.

There will be a flyer containing an expression of interest form distributed in primary schools in the next week, for those parents without internet access.



Riding Coach

Gwen Wills—NCAS level 1—Avavale to teach children and adults. Will travel through the Wallington Ocean Grove Area. Ph. 0417 339 984 or 5250 5942

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