Principals News

The concert was a huge success. The support from the school community was beyond words. All the students did the school proud. As principal it is an absolute joy to see the children being so confident and enthusiastic about performing for the community. It was great to see.

Order forms for the DVD have been sent home. More forms available at the office.

Next Strawberry Fair Meeting
This will be the 6th November at 7:00pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Grade 3/4J
Throughout term three, 34J have been involved in the Australian Recycled Cartonboard National Schools Competition. This involved the students writing and performing a song as well as creating an animation promoting recycling. I am pleased to announce that grade 34J is in the top 3 finalists in the competition. Out of over 14,000 schools across the country, this is an excellent effort.

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On 13th November Phil Enright, the National Coordinator of The Organisation of the Australian Recycled Cartonboard Campaign Inc will be presenting the students with their certificates and announcing the national winner. We will have a special assembly at 11:30am in the multipurpose Hall. All parents are invited to attend.

Children’s Fair
The Annual Children’s Fair will be held on Friday 2nd November. Each grade runs a stall and the children are given the opportunity to go around and visit the stalls. Stalls include mud cones, photo booth, white elephant, teacher sponge throw, ball machine catch, etc. The money raised goes to our World Vision sponsored child – Jacklyn Annan. Each stall will not have a large float of money so we ask that the children can bring coins rather than notes.

Wallington Idol
Due to the large number of acts for Wallington Idol there will be no assembly tomorrow. In stead the final of the Wallington Idol will be on at 2:30pm in the Hall instead of the Assembly.

Whole School Photo
The whole school photo will be taken at 10:00am. All students must be in school uniform.

Active After School Program
This is on Monday Nights after school on the oval. Mr Lincoln Beckworth will be running the program. It involves a number of sports such as cricket and tee ball. There are still places available – forms are available at the office.

How Can I Improve My Child's Reading?
By: Beverley B. Swanson

Reading for pleasure and information develops reading interests and offers children the opportunity to practice their reading skills in meaningful ways. Parents of elementary age children should provide reading materials in the home that arouse curiosity or extend their child's natural interest in the world around them. By encouraging and modelling leisure-time reading in the home, parents take the most important step in fostering their child's reading development.

How can reading research information be useful to me, as a parent?

- Current research in reading reveals three important considerations for parents and teachers:
  - Children who read, and read widely, become better readers.
- Reading and writing are complementary skills.
- Parents are important to children both as role models and as supporters of their efforts.

What does research say about ways parents can help their children with reading?
The following suggestions have been beneficial to many parents:

- Provide a good role model — read yourself and read often to your child.

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- Provide varied reading material — some for reading enjoyment and some with information about hobbies and interests.
- Encourage activities that require reading — for example, cooking (reading a recipe), constructing a kite (reading directions), or identifying an interesting bird's nest or a shell collected at the beach (using a reference book).
- Establish a reading time, even if it is only ten minutes a day.
- Write notes to your school-age child; encourage written responses.
- Ask your child to bring a library book home to read to a younger sibling.
- Establish one evening a week for reading (instead of television viewing).
- Encourage your child in all reading efforts.

References
http://www.readingrockets.org/article/161/
A Tall Story

By 34V

It was a hard, hard day at school. It was so hard that the students' brains wanted to explode from all of the hard work. It was so hard that the students' fingers fell off from exhaustion.

“It was so hard....”

It was so hard that even the students looked like numbers. It was so hard even the numbers didn't add up. It was so hard the students' pens went on strike. It was so hard the computers started to make angry noises and blow smoke. It was so hard!

DON'T FORGET.....
Special HOT LUNCH on 8th November.
Homemade pizza’s from $4 each.

Swimming—Week 2 Tips

As part of swimming it is important that preps start preparing and practising dressing themselves independently in preparation for swimming. Ear infections can also become a problem if students haven’t been swimming for a long period. Germs that can live in the ear can be stirred by the water and cause infections. As preventative action, use swimming ear plugs and swimming ear drops. It is a good idea to have preps practice using their swim goggles in the bath prior to swimming.

Mr Jason Vaught and Miss Emily Jones
Swimming Coordinators

Parents’ Club

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A huge thank you to all the parents who donated cakes/slices and assisted with the supper at the concert.

Your support is very much appreciated.

$873.35 was raised from the sale of supper, drinks and ice-cream.

The assistance of parents who helped in so many ways with the preparation for the concert was very much appreciated. THANKYOU!

The next Parents’ Club meeting will be held on Thursday, 15th November (not the 8th November as previously arranged). We will meet at 9am and then have morning tea for the new prep parents. There will also be a second hand uniform sale at the morning tea. It would be great to have parents come along and meet the 2013 prep parents.

Dinner Social Night

A night out will be held on Thursday 22nd Nov. Venue and time to be advised in next week’s newsletter.

School Christmas Picnic

Wednesday, 12th December, the Christmas Picnic in the school grounds.

Keep this date free.

FOUND!

A pearl earring was found in the hall after the concert. It can be claimed from the office.
Term 4 Working Bee

Date: Friday November 9th 3:45pm – 6:30pm

Please sign on at the front of the school.

The environment committee will be running a working bee on Friday November 9th.

Due to unforeseen circumstances there was no term 3 working bee. It would be appreciated if term 3 and 4 rostered people could attend this terms working bee. Please feel free to approach myself (Mr Vaught) at the working bee about ideas and thoughts for a better playground environment and school grounds to be built in the future. If you can help on another day or with a particular job please see Mr Vaught or Mr McLaren. Please read the list below for a particular job you can help with and bring any tools that may help on the day.

Jobs will include:
- Clean along Wallington Rd fence line.
- Clear dirt away from Wallington Rd fence where it is causing damage.
- Clean up gardens around investigations room.
- Give garden shed a complete clean out.
- Lob off tree branches.
- Remove old dead trees from around the oval.
- Clean school walls eg. bird poo removed, spider webs on sports shed.
- Ongoing general clean up eg. sweeping, sticks removed from sandpit..
- Drain pipes and guttering cleaned including sports shed.
- Trim lawns.
- Remove any fire hazards from grounds.
- Build up free fall around play equipment on oval.
- Check playground equipment eg. nuts& bolts etc.
- Check for hazards around sandpit, cover with rubber.
- Replace sand in sand pit.
- Paint Chess board.
- Paint down ball lines on netball court.
- Paint beep test line in.
- Removal of all waste fuel in preparation for bush fire season.
- Planting native grass along front fence.
- Set up chicken coop.
- Set up worm farm.

Here is a list of our environment roster. Please feel free to turn up even if this is not your rostered time.

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**ABSENCES:-**

**IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE**

All student absences must be in writing, either in the students diary or a note when the student returns to school.

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**Library**

Next week in the library are grades Prep-2. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.

*Lisa Hunter and Jill Murray*
Wallington Primary School Newsletter

**Care Monkey and Asthma Australia**

CareMonkey is a safe and free web app for sharing health care information. Asthma Australia has partnered with CareMonkey in order to contribute to the safety and well-being of people with asthma. Parents can create a profile for their child in CareMonkey which can be shared with trusted carers, including family, friends, teachers and sports coaches.

Vital information such as emergency contacts, health and safety alerts, medications, allergy details, asthma plan and more can be easily shared.

![Care Monkey Logo](image)

Consider creating a profile for your child with asthma (or other medical condition) and share this with others including the staff at your school or preschool.

Go to [caremonkey.com](http://caremonkey.com) for more information.

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**For sale: New Furniture!**

Brand new from $900 Fantastic Furniture package. Fully assembled (currently in display home) & unused. Includes: 2 couches (light cream/brown) $110 each, coffee table $15, TV stand $50, kitchen table with 4 chairs $100. Dark wood veneer look.

Contact Julian Selway 5/6 D or Jacqui on 0148 504 850

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**New Ladies Gym Open in Ocean Grove.**

- Extended Hours, Child Minding, Fun Group Training and best of all
- No Contracts or Joining Fees.

Call 1300 510 510 or visit enviefitness.com.au

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**Clifton Springs Primary School Drive-In screening of ‘Madagascar 3’**

- **Friday 16th November.**
- **Movie starts at dusk, gate opens at 6.30pm.**
- **Cost $25 per car.**
- **Food & drinks will be available for purchase.**
- **Movie will be held in the gym if there are weather concerns.**
- **Tickets on sale at the Clifton Springs Primary School Office from Friday 26th October or at the gate on the night.**

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**1st / 2nd Ocean Grove Scout Group**

- Cubs meet Tuesday 7.00 pm
- Scouts meet Wednesday 7.00pm
- Scout Hall, The Avenue, Ocean Grove
- Cubs meet Tuesday 7.00 pm
- Enquiries: 0422 700 951

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