## Diary Dates

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## Messages from Mr. McLaren

The warmer weather seems to be upon us again. It is a timely reminder that the children often take off jumpers etc and forget to collect them at the end of recess or lunch. If all articles are labelled, including hats. It will help with the return of lost property.

### Absenteeism

I ask that if your child is absent from school that there must be a note sent; or an entry into a diary; or at least a phone call, explaining the absence. This is a legal requirement by the Department of Education and Childhood Development.

### Active After Schools Program

The active After Schools Program will commence again next week. Tee Ball/ softball will be on Tuesday nights and Cricket is on Wednesday night. Liam Millard is the coach for the cricket. We are yet to be advised of the coach! Each of the sessions will begin at 3:40 – 4:40 for seven weeks. Enrolment forms are available from the office.

Work around the school continues > the main building is currently getting gutter guards installed. This will certainly cut down our maintenance with keeping the gutters clear.

### Enhancing Reading Comprehension at home

**General things to consider:**

- Review/make sure your child has knowledge of the following vocabulary:
  - Author
  - Illustrator
  - Beginning/Middle/End
  - Character
  - Theme
  - Summarize
  - Visualizations
  - Character Traits
- Predict
  - Inferences
  - Schema/Connections
  - Problem/Solution
- Practice:
  - Inferences
  - Self connections
  - To text connection questions could sound like this: “Does the text remind you of another book you’ve read?” or “As you’re reading Margaret Wild books you could comment “these illustrations in Woolas in the Silver remind me of the illustrations in her other book, Jenny Angel.”
  - Text-to-text connection questions could sound like this “Can you ever remember a time when you were too sick to go to school like (character’s name)?” or “Can you remember a time that we were at a place like the Sleeping Bear Dunes?” (if reading the Legend of the Sleeping Bear Dunes).

### At the end of picture books or chapters:

- Ask your child to summarize (tell the most important parts) the chapter or story.
- “Could you summarize what happened in this chapter?” (don’t be afraid to help them…this is a tough task)
- “So, what happened at the conclusion (end) of the story?”
- “What were your favorite parts of the book/the most exciting part of the book?”
- “What is the theme of this book?” Which means, “what could you learn from this book?” or “what is the author’s message?” or “what does the author want you to learn?”

We hope you find these tips useful.

### School Council

The next school Council will be held on 26th October 2011 at 3:45 in the staffroom.

### Debating

The Schools Debating team will have a Debate at Leopold Primary School against Torquay. We wish them all the best.

### School Basketball team

The Grades 5/6 basketball team played last Monday. Unfortunately they did not make the final, but they enjoyed themselves and improved with each game. Well done.

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**Principal:** Leigh McLaren

**Web:** www.wallington.p.s.vic.edu.au
SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
Thursday 20th October 2011

PK
MAKAYLA J
For asking ‘interesting’ questions during News this week.

Henderson
MATHIEU L
For a fantastic start to Term 4! Well done on your ‘Holiday Recount’ Matthew!

Lennon
ASHLEY R
Trying her best in all subject area and being a great friend and helper to others.

Jones
JOSHUA B
For always working hard and helping others. Well done Josh!

Murray
JOSHUA S
For showing a great improvement in his independent work habits.

Duckett
CHANTELL D
For her excellent understanding of time and reading an analogue clock with great accuracy. Well Done!

For fantastic concentration during class and showing persistence when publishing his narrative. Well done!

For being an amazing library helper and for having great application to library tasks.

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

Working Bee
3.30 Friday November 4th
A school Working Bee will be held Friday 4th at 3.30pm. We will be provide a BBQ for the kids and of course grown ups at about 5.30. This is our final Working Bee for 2011 and is important as we approach fire season.

Jobs will include:
* Cleaning drains and add sand to stop stagnant water
* Rake Mulch
* Trim hedges in garden area north fence
* Clean out Garden Shed
* General clean up, sweeping netball courts etc.
* Trim trees at school entry
* Weed outside art room
* Weed outside playground
* Clean gutters on sheds

Environment Committee
All helpers please sign in at school entry.

Wallington Primary’s Ladies Social Night
Come along and celebrate the spring racing carnival on Friday, 11th November at 7.30 pm in the hall with a Ladies Night. Dress up in your frilly frock, hat or fascinator and enjoy a night out with the girls.

Tickets will be sold (to help with catering) at $10.00 which includes supper, spot prizes and giveaways. There will be a raffle too. BYO drinks. Tickets on sale at Friday assembly from Vanessa Griffin, President Parents’ Club.

Bellarine Relay For Life
The inaugural Bellarine Relay For Life is only weeks away. It is to be held on the 12th and 13th of November at the Col lendina Reserve. There is still time to register with a local team or even form your own team! Donations can be made via the website www.relayforlife.or.au also, any queries phone Sally Peterson 5254 1180

For any further queries please ring Kyne 0438 306 179

Athletics Champions—Fionn Holten
Last Friday Fionn participated in the 10yr old Boys Hurdles at the Barwon South Western Regions Athletics Championships. Fionn won the final and has now qualified for the state finals at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park on November 7th. We congratulate Fionn on his fabulous achievement and the best at the state level. Well done Fionn!

Congratulations
To Tracey Frigo and Peter Congdon for winning a show award for their wine from their own estate, Ponder.

Community Notices
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 5276 8122 or avernon@bethany.org.au

Fresh Food Fair, Sunday October 30th at Surfside Primary School, Ocean Grove.
10am - 3 pm. Gold Coin Entry. Showcasing our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program with stalls including fresh meat and seafood, wine, cheese, vegetables and homemade wares from our kitchen.

Loads of activities and rides, entertainment and delicious food. Unlimited Rides Wristbands can be purchased either on the day or pre-purchased at discount price from the school.

Enquiries: 5256 1411

For sale
All Wallington school uniforms with logo
1 x sunhat 1 x school bag
1 x boys long sleeve shirt blue size 6 1 x boys short sleeve shirt blue size 6
1 x boys long sleeve shirt maroon size 6 1 x boys short sleeve shirt maroon size 6
2 x long sleeve maroon & blue windcheaters size 8
1 x boys short sleeve shirt maroon size 6
In excellent condition hardly worn, $ 60.00 phone 0419388646

Wallington Cricket Club Milo Cricket:
The MILO in2CRICKET program is dedicated to helping kids learn how to play cricket. The activities are designed to be inclusive, action packed and fun! Wallington CC will be running this program again during the 2011/12 cricket season. It is proposed that the group will have later start this year; with 5 sessions running before Christmas and 6 sessions after. The sessions will be run on each Friday between 4:00 - 4:45pm

Important Dates:
Commencement: 11th November 2011
Last Session before Christmas: 9th December 2011
Recommencement of Program: 11th January 2011
Cost:: $95 (includes Milo cricket kit: back pack wooden bat, ball, green shirt, green hat, backpack and certificate)

Wallington Primary School takes no responsibility for and does not endorse the quality or conduct of any activity advertised in the Community Notices section of the newsletter.
Customers are requested to make their own enquiries and judgements.

FREE family fun day! At the Potato Shed
11am - 3pm Sunday 23rd October 2011.
Ph. 5251 1998

Ballet
Train Rides
Badge Making
Demonstrations
Painting
Face Painting
Karate
Story Telling
Sand Art Card
Jumping Castles
Outdoor Stage with
Little Red Riding Hood
Acting
Animal Farms
High Tea for Kids
live performers
Outdoor Games

Potato Shed
Outdoor Games
Little Red Riding Hood

Little Red Riding Hood

Children's Week program. For a full list of events and details, or to download a copy of this year’s program go to: