This week marks the half way part of this term. Over the past few weeks we have had many children (and staff) ill. If your child is not feeling well we suggest that they stay home so as not to spread the illness. I realise that for many children they want to come to school, but if they are not well it is best that they spend a day or so at home recuperating.

Industrial Action
The Department is currently involved in enterprise bargaining with the Australian Education Union in relation to its log of claims covering employees in the executive class, the principal class, the teacher class and the paraprofessional class. As part of its industrial campaign the Union has called on its members to stop work for 24 hours on 5th September 2012.

Staff have until 12:00pm Monday 3rd September to notify me of their intention to stop work. A note will be sent home outlining the classes affected. If your child is absent on this Monday please phone the school and the appropriate information will be given to you.

Phoebe Stanley
Unfortunately Phoebe cannot make it to our assembly on Friday, but has booked the 31st August. She is really keen to speak to the children. Parents are invited to attend as well. Our assembly will be a little different next week. Phoebe will speak first starting at about 2:45 and then we will follow with awards only to finish off the day.

BookWeek Parade
Book week parade will be held on the basketball court at 10:30am on Friday 24th. The theme is Champions Read. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite champion or book character. In the afternoon we will be having a BOOK SHARE in the Hall at 2:30pm for half an hour before assembly. Parents and children can bring in their favourite book to share with others.

Our volunteers
I would like to acknowledge the work that our volunteers do around the school. People volunteer in a number of ways at the school and it needs to be acknowledged. Parent helpers in the classroom, Parents Club, Fresh Fruit Friday, Strawberry Fair, Grounds Work, Camps and Excursions, School Council, Hot lunches, Book Club, just to name a few areas. Rest assured the contributions that our volunteers make is greatly appreciated.

Returning of Notes etc
We ask that notes that have to be returned are done so by or before the due date. Often the organisation of activities is dependent upon numbers and having late returns creates problems. I know homes can be very busy places but I do ask that notes etc are returned on time.

District Athletic Sports
Grades 3 – 6 will be participating in the Athletic Sports at Landy Field. It has been a decision at district level not to hold a hurdle event. This decision was made by all schools in the district. Travel to and from the event will be by bus. A note will be going home today Thursday about this. Children will participate in a range of track and field events. From the day the district will select its team to represent the district at the Zone level in October.

Last day of term
Students will be dismissed on the last day of term 3 at 2:30pm.

Leigh McLaren
Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

P1B Brisbane
LOCHIE M
For trying his best to read independently each day this week.

P1K King
POPPY T
For always trying her best in all school activities. Keep up the great work.

BOHDI H
For his amazing “Prehistoric Park” he made during Investigations. Well done Bohdi.

2L Lennon
CHARLOTTE L
For showing persistence in using her chunking word strategies in reading and sharing strategies with others.

34J Jones
HARVEY W
For being a helpful member of 3/4J Keep it up Harvey.

JULIAN M
For a very successful paper clip reading chain. Well done.

56D Duckett
LUCA V
For producing fantastic projects about Olympians and Mascots. Your research and presentation were terrific. Well done, Luca!

BAILEY K
For producing fantastic projects about Olympians and Mascots. Your research and presentation were terrific. Well done, Bailey!

56M Marino
MILLY D
For great work in renaming fractions in Maths this week. Well done Milly!

Can you help?
Are you available on Friday mornings?
Helpers Required For Fresh Fruit Fridays
We are looking for somebody to help out on Fresh Fruit Fridays between 9 - 10am, even if you only have half an hour to spare that would be terrific! Toddlers Welcome. See Kirstin Willey for more information (Mother of Jasmine - 56M, Jett - 34V and Jade - P1K)

Wallington Primary School Concert
Thursday 7pm—9:30pm 20th SEPTEMBER 2012
Portarlington Park Hall

FRIDAY MUD CONES ARE BACK!!
What is a Mud Cone, you ask? It’s a delicious scoop of Vanilla IceCream rolled in MILO. YUM!

Grade 6 students will be selling mud cones for $1 each Friday lunch time, beginning Friday 31st September. Monies raised will support Leukaemia Foundations’ “Light The Night with hope”.

More information on this can also be found at http://www.lightthenight.org.au/

Parents Club Market Night - Friday, August 24th at 7.30pm in the hall.
A market night will be held with stalls and supper. Entry will be $5.00 with a complimentary drink. There will be approximately 25 stallholders - Tupperware, Enjo, Creative Memories, Intimo Lingerie, Lorraine Lea Linen, Candles, organic cleaning products, makeup, hand massage, children’s clothing and accessories, jewellery, flowers. There will also be some delicious food stalls - cheeses, savoury and sweet treats, olive oil, fudge, jams and preserves. Enjoy a delicious supper to complete the night. There will be some prizes and tickets being sold for the raffle which will be drawn at the concert. The raffle prizes have been generously donated by the stall holders who are attending the market night and other supporters of our school. Keep this date free, invite family and friends and spread the word.

PLEASE...We need your help. Donations of cakes/slices to be sold with tea/coffee for supper would be very much appreciated.

School Concert - Thursday, 20th September
Please ensure that you return your concert planning form with your offer of help, indication of ticket requirements and interest for DVD order as soon as possible.
A decision needs to be made regarding a DVD of the concert. A professional high quality DVD will be taken on the night if a minimum number of orders are received.

Jolie Image Photography
The expressions of interest offer has been extended for the family portrait offer from Jolie Photography. If we reach a minimum of 22 families, we will be securing a day (or days) for the photo’s to be held in October.

Fathers Day stall
A Fathers Day stall will be held on Thursday 30th August and Friday 31st August at 2.30pm. Gifts will be $4.00 each.

Second hand uniform sale - Friday, 7th September at 2.45pm

Strawberry Fair Jams, Preserves and Pickles
If you purchased or have tried any of the WPS jams, preserves and pickles produced for this years Strawberry Fair...we need your feedback NOW. Any feedback, good or bad, would be greatly appreciated.

Relay For Life
Bellarine Relay For Life is being held on 10th and 11th November at the Collendina Reserve, Ocean Grove.
This is a fantastic community event. “Wallington Bunyips” are just one of the many registered teams. If anyone is interested in joining or helping out with fundraising, please phone Sally on 0418 306699 or www.relayforlife.org.au.

Library
Next week in the library are grades 2-3. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.
Lisa Hunter and Jill Murray