

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES	
Thurs 23 February	Parent/Teacher Interviews Strawberry Fair Meeting
Saturday 25 February	Strawberry Fair Working Bee
Thurs 1st March	Strawberry Fair Meeting
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

Keeping Hydrated

At assembly last week I reminded the students of the importance of drinking water throughout the day. Whilst it is hard to gauge if they are drinking enough during the day it is an important message that we need to constantly remind them about.

Thank You

Thanks to those who helped out at the working bee last Friday. We were able to tick off many jobs

Head Lice.

We have had reported a few cases of head lice. It is important that children's hair is regularly checked. If you find either eggs or lice please treat immediately and let the school know so that we can inform parents (no names are used). If we work together then we can control the situation far better.

Strawberry Fair News

A separate Strawberry Fair News will go out tomorrow with the oldest in the family.

Because of the hot weather predicted for Saturday we will start the working bee at 8:00am instead of 9:00am.

Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Wallington Primary School.

Membership forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged for a poll on 5. 1. 3. 2012 (insert date and year).

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 12. 1. 3. 2012 (insert date and year).

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school, the terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll to the end inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll to be 12	3
DECEA employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll to be 12 to end inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll to be 1	1 casual vacancy

School Council Election Nominations Close on Monday 5th March at 4:00pm. If the number of nominations exceed the number of positions a ballot will be declared and ballot papers sent out to each family. The ballot would then close on 12th March 2012

For further information refer to the school council section of the Schools Web site or <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/schoolcouncils/default.htm>



Strawberry Fair



Strawberry Fair Meetings

Are on each week (16th Feb, 23rd Feb, 30th Feb, 2nd Feb) at 7:00pm in the Staffroom. We need as many people as possible to these meetings to ensure that everything is completed.

Auction

Pam Halifax is currently looking for donations for the Auction and spinning wheel from businesses. If you have a contact or you have a business that would be willing to donate items we would welcome any donations. We are trying not to double up on donors therefore, please let Pam Halifax or the office know which business you have made contact with. A sponsorship letter for donations is available at the office.

Also, if you have any unwanted Christmas/birthday pressies at the back of your cupboard and still in packaging it would be gratefully received.

Buskers

We are after any students who would like to do some busking on the day. It is envisaged that buskers would perform for about 1/2 hr at a time. Please see Mr McLaren if you would like to participate in this.

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

Strawberry Fair Marketing and Promotions

Flyers and bumper stickers will soon be available to display and distribute. Thanks to Linda Di-Giusto for her fantastic artwork!

Keep up to date with all things Strawberry Fair on Facebook and Twitter.

 www.facebook.com/wallingtonstrawberryfair

 www.twitter.com/strawberryfair1



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

Last Weeks
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

P1B Brislane	CHEALSEA F For her fantastic listening skills.
P1K King	INDIA-ROSE B for showing good leadership qualities with the new preps.
34J Jones	JACK D For fantastic teamwork during class posters. Keep it up Jack!
34V Vaught	ELIZABETH S For fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship! LILY G For starting the year as a terrific leader and helper!
56D Duckett	LUCA V For an excellent oral presentation of his information report about the Probo-cis Monkey. Well Done! JULIAN S For being a friendly and cooperative student whop is always willing to help others. Well Done!
56M Marino	HANNAH D For being a helpful and friendly class member. Thanks Hannah!



Library

Next week in the library is grades Prep - 2. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.
This week the Library will be open for quite reading and borrowing on Wednesday at lunchtime and at the morning recess on Friday when Mrs. Henry will be in.

We are looking for anyone who would be able to cover some library books for us. We can give you the books and contact for covering at home. This would be greatly appreciated!

We are also looking for volunteers who may be able to work in the library on a Friday after 12.30, re-shelving books.

If you are able to help in either of these areas, could you please let us know. It would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you taking the time to read this request.

Lisa Hunter and Jill Murray



Free

There is a large number of Water, Solo, Fanta & Sprite which have past their 'Best Before Date'. If anyone is interested please help yourself they are in the Hall

Reminder:- Active After School Community is FREE

Tuesday will be basketball and on Thursday Hockey. The program runs from 3:30 to 4:30 for 7 weeks. All students – Prep – Year 6 are welcome. Students can enrol for both or either one of the days available. Enrolment forms are available from the office.

Holy Trinity Parish

Children wishing to be prepared for the sacraments in the Catholic Church Grade 3 upwards are advised that enrollment day is Tuesday 14th of February 4pm - 5pm at Star of The Sea Church - John Dory Drive, Ocean Grove. Any enquiries? Lyne Horner 5255 2961

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2012

Forms due by Wed 29th Feb

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- 1) be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- 2) be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2012) which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (16 July 2012).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 29 February 2012 for the first installment and 3 August 2012 for the second installment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$235 for primary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.



Environment Working Bee

A big thank you to all the parents, teachers and children whp helped out at our working bee both on the Friday night and the weekend, building, constructing, cleaning and making our school grounds a safer and more pleasant Environment.

The Environment Committee



ICT

Students from grades 3 - 6 are now using Ultranet and have their own email address. As part of using Ultranet students do take part in cyber Smart programs to improve their understanding and using of computer systems and its dangers.

As part of your child cyber safety please ensure that children are supervised when using computers at home. For further information visit: <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/>

And for further information on the Ultranet visit: <http://education.vic.gov.au/about/directions/utranet/benefits/parents.htm>



Jason Vaught

Environment Committee Coordination

ICT Committee Coordination

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BMX AUSTRALIA
NATIONAL SIGN ON DAY
COME AND TRY the THRILL and EXCITEMENT of BMX RACING
@ THE GEELONG BMX CLUB
Feburary 25th starting 11am
All you need is long pants & long sleeves
limited bikes, helmet and gloves available
or simply bring your own



Kids Rotary Fun Run with Thomas on the Bellarine Rail Trail

Sunday 11 March. Please see brochures on table outside the Principals office



Surfside Waves Soccer Club

is recruiting old and new players for the 2012 season. Registration will take place during Feb/March. For information contact Gill Black on 5255 3566 or Caryll Waugh on 5255 4066



We are running a netball competition on a Wednesday night starting on 14th March ending on 13th June.

If you have a team you want to enter please after 5pm call to let us know.

We are also running a Saturday Morning competition starting 21st April and ends Saturday 1st September.

CALL

Joan 0402 268 620

Donna 0407 512 069

Emma 0422 071 813

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