**WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER**

Principal: Leigh McLaren  School Council Pres: Robert Dungen

23rd of February 2012

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### Diary Dates

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<td>Sunday 4th March</td>
<td>STRAWBERRY FAIR</td>
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<td>Parent Club Meeting</td>
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<td>Mon 12th March</td>
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### 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.

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### Thank You

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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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!

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### 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.

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Last Weeks
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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<tr>
<th>PIB</th>
<th>CHEALSEA F</th>
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<td>Brisbane</td>
<td>For her fantastic listening skills.</td>
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<th>INDIA-ROSE B</th>
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<td>King</td>
<td>for showing good leadership qualities with the new preps.</td>
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<th>34J</th>
<th>JACK D</th>
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<td>Jones</td>
<td>For fantastic teamwork during class posters. Keep it up Jack!</td>
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<th>34V</th>
<th>ELIZABETH S</th>
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<td>Vaught</td>
<td>For fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship!</td>
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<th>56D</th>
<th>LUCIA V</th>
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<td>Duckett</td>
<td>For an excellent oral presentation of his information report about the Proboscis Monkey. Well Done!</td>
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<th>56M</th>
<th>HANNAH D</th>
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<td>Marino</td>
<td>For being a helpful and friendly class member. Thanks Hannah!</td>
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Holy Trinity Parish
Children wishing to be prepared for the sacraments in the Catholic Church Grade 3 upwards are in the Hall
please help yourself
If anyone is interested
their ‘Best Before Date’.

Free
There is a large number
of Water, Solo, Fanta & Sprite which have past
their ‘Best Before Date’. If anyone is interested
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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.

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 (TP1) 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 installments. 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 who 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 UltrNet and have their own email address. As part of using UltrNet 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 UltrNet visit: http://education.vic.gov.au/about/directions/ultranet/benefits/parents.htm

Jason Vaught
Environment Committee Coordination
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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 Caryn Waugh on 5255 4066

COMMITTEE NOTICES

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

During 8/9 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

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