

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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Principals News

The concert tomorrow night promises to be an exciting evening of fun. The students have prepared well for this event, along with the many hours of work that Mrs Hunter and the parents club have put in. The concert will start at 7:00pm sharp, as there is quite an extensive program.



School Concert Tickets

We have been successful in securing more space in the hall to allow for more seating. This means that we now have more tickets available for purchase, so if you have missed out on buying some, or are wanting to purchase more, please see the office on Friday.

Planning for 2013

This is underway. To gain an accurate figure on student numbers I need to know if any students are moving on next year (apart from the Grade 6 students). Please let me know as soon as possible. Also if you know of any family that is thinking of enrolling next year can you please encourage them to hand in the enrolment form as soon as possible.

Children's Fair

The Annual Children's Fair will be held on Friday 5th 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.

Next Strawberry Fair Meeting

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

Active After School Program

The Active After School Program has started again for Term 4. This runs each Monday afternoon from 3:45-4:45 approximately. A variety of sports is played including cricket, softball, tee-ball etc. There is no cost for this program. Forms are available from the office if you have any children wanting to participate.

What is Cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is threatening, lying about, stalking or otherwise harassing a person online or via other electronic communication devices like a cell phone. It is becoming a bigger problem as more and more people spend time on the Internet. There are a number of behaviors that are considered cyberbullying, including:

- Sending harassing messages
- Impersonating another person and gaining trust
- Posting someone else's personal information
- Posting false or unsavory information about another person
- Posting private or doctored pictures about another person
- Using the Internet to encourage others to bully the victim



How to Prevent Your Child from Being Victimized

Be your child's support system. The biggest way to prevent your child from being a victim is to keep the lines of communication open. The means walking a fine line between a concerned caregiver and an overprotective parent. Your child needs to feel that he or she can come to you without negative repercussions. If they are afraid you'll ban them from the Internet or keep them from going out with friends, they will not confide in you. It also means listening carefully and avoiding the tendency to trivialize what they are experiencing. It may not seem like a big deal to an adult that the most popular kids in school made fun of your child's hair or clothes, but it can be a serious blow to the self-esteem of a child or teen.

Be firm. Set rules regarding when and how long your child can be online. Accessing the Internet is akin to inviting someone into your home, so you may choose to only allow Web time when you're at home. Use Internet filters, timers, and whatever else

DIARY DATES

Fri 26 Oct	School Concert—7pm
Tue 6 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day
Tue 6 Nov	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Tue 6 Nov	Whole School Photo
Thu 8 Nov	2013 Prep Orientation
Thu 8 Nov	Hot Lunch
Tue 13 Nov	Environment and Curriculum meeting
Thu 15 Nov	2013 Prep orientation
Wed 21 Nov	School Council meeting
Thu 22 Nov	2013 Prep orientation
Tue 18 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
Thu 20 Dec	Hot Lunch
Fri 21 Dec	Term 4 concludes

you need to do to protect your child.

Know the danger signs. Your child may become more withdrawn or moody. They may spend more time online, or may refuse to use the computer altogether. They may cut off ties with friends. If your child gives any indication that they are being bullied on or offline, take it seriously.



Educate. Teach your child what to do in cases where they feel threatened or bullied. They should ignore the offender and contact an adult immediately. They should never engage with the person who is threatening them as that is only encouragement for the behaviors to continue. As an adult, if you feel threatened by someone online, contact the police just to be safe. You can also use built-in measures on certain websites, such as ignoring or reporting someone else.



Last Weeks SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS	
P1B Brislane	SIENNA W For a very detailed and interesting holiday journal. TYLER C For trying his best when he is reading and sounding out new words.
34J Jones	ETHAN M For sharing the books he had chosen to borrow with another classmate, during his library session. LUKE L For demonstrating maturity and taking ownership of a situation. Keep it up Luke!
34V Vaught	JOSHUA S For using fantastic strategies when solving division problems.
56D Duckett	JAI P For writing a fantastic story that included lots of information about the gold rush.

WEBSITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

You will notice a change to our website from Monday 29th October.

If you are currently registered to receive our newsletter via email, you will need to reregister on Monday to ensure that you go onto our distribution list. We extend our apologies for any inconveniences this may cause.

We ask that you bare with us next week as we go through the upgrades and nut out any issues we may encounter.

Library

Next week in the library are grades 3-6. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.
Lisa Hunter and Jill Murray



Parents Club



Term 4	
Friday, 26 th Oct	School Concert Help at dress rehearsal during the day
Thursday, Nov 8 th	Parents' Club meeting 9am postponed until 15 th November Prep orientation
Thursday, Nov 15 th	Parents' Club meeting Prep orientation – prep parents morning tea and uniform sale
Thursday, Nov 22 nd	Prep orientation Social night – venue and time TBC
Friday, Nov 30 th	Uniform sale
Wednesday, Dec 12 th	Christmas Picnic
Thursday, Dec 13 th	Parents' Club meeting 9am
Tuesday, Dec 18th	Year 6 Graduation

No fresh fruit tomorrow due to school concert preparation. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

THERE ARE STILL SPOTS AVAILABLE IN THE CHESS CLUB. JOIN NOW!

Chess Coaching

Play & Improve your game!

Where: Wallington Primary School - Library
When: Wednesday's 3.30pm - 4.20pm
 17th Oct – 12th December 2012
Cost: 12% discount for Cash Payments - \$65 Cash or \$75 Cheque - per child.
Benefits: Strategic thinking, improved self esteem, attention span in class, lateral thinking, team work, analytical skills.

To enrol your child please make payment (per child) of \$65 cash or \$75 by **Tuesday 16th Oct**. Cheques made payable to "Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd"

For more info contact **Phil** on 0421 901 530

Swimming Program 2012

Swimming begins on Monday November 19th and to finalise the program we are asking for the program costs of \$88 to be returned by Friday November 9th. The school program for prep to year 3 will commence on Monday November 19th and run over the following 2 weeks with Friday being a rest day. Students will be swimming either from 12:15-1:00 or 1:00-1:45. Lunch break will be organized at a more suitable time. Fees cover transport, entry and eight 45 minute swimming lessons by qualified instructors at Bellarine Aquatic Sports Centre (BASC) Ocean Grove. Get organized and don't forget to label your clothes and bathers and have a bag for wet clothes etc. This program is an important part of students gaining not only a life skill of swimming, but also independence, organization, responsibility and confidence. This program is part of the schools extra curricular sports educational program and it is expected that all children participate. If there are any concerns, please see your classroom teacher.

Thanking you,

Mr Jason Vaught and Miss Emily Jones.