

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES



Fri 27th April	Uniform Sale
Tues 1st May	District Cross Country
Fri 4th May	Hot Chocolate Day & Casual Dress
Thurs 10th May	Parent Club Meeting - 9am in the Hall
Thurs 10th May	Mother's Day Stall
Fri 11th May	Mother's Day Stall
Fri 25th May	Uniform Sale
Sun 27th May	Parent's Club Sunday Funday Mystery Tour
Mon 11th June	Queens Birthday
Wed 13th June	Disco 6 - 8pm in the Hall
Thurs 14th June	Pupil Free Day
Mon 18th till Wed 20th June	Maldon Camp - Grades 5-6
Fri 22nd June	Uniform Sale
Thurs 28th June	Parents end of term Social Dinner. Barwon Heads Hotel - 7pm
Fri 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

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Lost Property

With this sudden turn in the weather it is a good chance to check that all jumpers are labelled with your child's name. This helps with returning the lost items back to their rightful owners. All lost property is kept out in the foyer in a basket. If your child has lost an item of clothing please check regularly. Currently we have a number of jumpers in without names.

Visiting Teachers

For the next two weeks we will be having 2 Pre service teachers here to work in the classrooms. Thomas Quinlan will be with Mr Vaught, and Miranda – Jane Carter will be in with Mrs Lennon.



Anzac Day Service

On Wednesday Larissa Dixon, Emily Benton, Cassie Usher, Lleyton Wooley and Joe Frigo represented the school at the Geelong Schools' ANZAC Day Service. We were one of 75 schools represented and the students learnt about the

meaning of ANZAC DAY through the speeches that were made. As our mark of respect a wreath was laid in the middle of the cenotaph. Thanks to Sandy Usher for driving the students to this event.

Tips to assist with comprehension.

The work that we are doing in reading comprehension has been divided into three areas

- Getting Ready To Read
- While Reading Phase
- Review Reading Phase

The first area is the **Getting Ready To Read** phase. In this phase students are encouraged to ask themselves questions that will get them connected to the text. Below is the language that teachers use and some of the questions that you can use to help prompt the connections to text.

PREDICTING Focus on the possible topic of the text. Look at the title, the cover, pictures in the text or blurb and think about what you already know about these.	What do I think the text is about? What pictures do I make in my mind when I hear the title or look at the cover.....? What might happen?
MAKING CONNECTIONS Mindmap or discuss what you already know about the topic/ text.	What else could it mention? If it is about what else might it say?
PARAPHRASING / MAIN IDEAS Focus on how the idea (such as pictures, key words they have identified) might be said.	How can I say these ideas in sentences?
QUESTIONING Focus on Questions it might answer and list them before you begin to read.	What are some WHO/ WHAT/ WHEN/ HOW/ WHY/WHERE questions I could ask about it?
PREDICTING Focus on possible words that might be in the text.	What words might be in the text? How would they be spelt? What synonyms might be used?
AUTHOR'S PURPOSE Focus on possible reasons or purposes for writing it.	What are the alternative ways of thinking about this topic? Why might the author have written this text? How might this purpose affect how it is written?
READING STRATEGIES How will I read this? What strategies will I use? Re-reading Reading on Slow down when reading difficult texts Predict by using context clues and then check Picture cues Knowledge of context	What will I do as I read if I come to a part that I don't understand?
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW BEFORE I START READING?	Am I ready to read? What more do I need to know before I begin to read?

Leigh McLaren
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Cross Country

Congratulations to the Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students who participated in today's cross country event, everybody put in a fabulous effort! We'd all like to thank the wonderful parents who helped us, you all did a great job. Some did not even get to see their child finish!

Results:

9 and under Boys

1st - Luca Kapitelle
2nd - Jett Willey
3rd - Buddy Carroll & Ronan Bent

9 and under Girls

1st - Charli Dunstan
2nd - Grace McKenzie
3rd - Elissa Baker

10 YR Boys

1st - Rohan Lock
2nd - Luke Lawerce
3rd - Ross Symonds

10 YR Girls

1st - Bianca Lock
2nd - Caitlin Harris
3rd - Piper Morrissy

11 YR Boys

1st - Lleyton Woolley
2nd - Joe Frigo
3rd - Ben Townson

11 YRS Girls

1st - Hannah Dunstan
2nd - Lucy McEvoy
3rd - Zoe Sinclair


12/13 Boys

1st - Seamus Spanner
2nd - Jacob Jennings
3rd - Ben Miles

12/13 Girls

1st - Emily Benson
2nd - Jasmine Willey
3rd - Olivia McKenzie






Book Club


Thanks for the great support given to our first two book clubs. We have new catalogues out this week which are due back next Monday (30.04.12). Please make sure that your envelopes/orders are placed in the drawer marked 'Book Club' next to the office.
Gillian Newland

Last Weeks	
SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS	
P1K King	TAIT V For great use of his letter/sound knowledge in writing.
P1B Brisbane	BRIANNA B For making some fantastic discoveries in Numeracy.
34J Jones	MADDI B For making great connection between reading and writing. JACK D Congratulations on receiving your pen licence!! Keep up the fabulous handwriting.
34V Vaught	JETT W For using fantastic number strategies for addition.
56D Duckett	OLIVIA L For being such a thoughtful and friendly member for 5/6D.
Library Murray	CAITLIN J For sharing her opinions and ideas with me on one of the new Michael Morpurgo library books.

Library

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





Parent Club News

Pleasant Friday Afternoon (PFA) – 2.30 Friday in the hall
Come along half an hour prior to assembly and have a cuppa and a chat with other parents.
Cappuccino \$2.50, Tea/coffee \$2.00

We will need two people to help each Friday. Please add your name to the roster if you are able to assist.

Second hand uniform sale – Friday, 27th April at 2.45
Donated items of good quality school uniform that meet the school uniform policy will be accepted for sale. Items will not be sold on consignment. Items can be left in the storeroom in the hall. Enquiries to Lisa Mitchell.

Hot chocolate day and casual dress day – Friday, 4th May
Hot Chocolate Day is held to raise funds for the Cotton on Foundation Children's Ward at Geelong Hospital. Children are to bring their own cup and a gold coin donation. Casual dress can be worn this day. The proceeds from hot chocolate, cappuccinos and tea and coffee on Friday, 4th May will be donated to the Geelong Hospital Appeal

Family fun day mystery tour - Sunday, 27th May.
Keep this day free for a fun day out. Meet at the school at 11 am and arrive at a mystery destination after completing the clues to get there. BYO picnic lunch.

Parent helpers – please!
If you can help with Parent Club activities fresh fruit Friday, Friday afternoon coffee, uniform sales please add your name to the sheet on the window of Mr. McLaren's office. Your help will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

Mum's Group Exercise Class

For anyone looking for a fun and friendly way to get fit, we have just started a 45 minute group training session with a qualified personal trainer on Wednesdays at 9.30am.
Where: Wallington Reserve - Cricket Oval just up the road from school!
Cost: \$15 per session.
All Fitness levels and kids welcome. For more information - Michelle Hughes (Poppy, P1K and Declan, 34V mum)
ph. 0409 290 875



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Act Wild

We're committed to Fighting extinction and we need your help! Act Wild now offers students more rich digital learning opportunities and a chance to take action to help save our precious and threatened local wildlife.

Find out more - <http://www.actwild.org.au/>
8 new animals added to Act Wild
We have some truly unique and amazing animals that are only just hanging on in the wild... and they live closer to us than you may think! Each of these animals has a 2-3 minute video, images, some fun facts, and key info about their threats in the wild. Most importantly there are key actions that everyone can take to help these threatened locals. All the images and videos are licensed under Creative Commons so are free for students to use and remix! **Find out more** - <http://www.actwild.org.au/wildschools/getcreative>.



Meagan Burch Music Tuition

Music Lessons -
Piano / keyboard. Guitar (acoustic, electric, bass) Singing & Drums*
(*drums only : 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:
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