Reading for pleasure and information develops reading interests and offers children the opportunity to practice their reading skills in meaningful ways. Parents of elementary-age children should provide reading materials in the home that arouse curiosity or extend their child's natural interest in the world around them. By encouraging and modelling leisure-time reading in the home, parents take the most important step in fostering their child's reading development.

How can reading research information be useful to me, as a parent?
Current research in reading reveals three important considerations for parents and teachers:
- Children who read, and read widely, become better readers.
- Reading and writing are complementary skills. Parents are important to children both as role models and as supporters of their efforts.
- What does research say about ways parents can help their children with reading?

The following suggestions have been beneficial to many parents:
- Provide a good role model — read yourself and read often to your child.
- Provide varied reading material — some for reading enjoyment and some with information about hobbies and interests.
- Encourage activities that require reading — for example, cooking (reading a recipe), constructing a kite (reading directions), or identifying an interesting bird's nest or a shell collected at the beach (using a reference book).
- Establish a reading time, even if it is only ten minutes a day.
- Write notes to your school-age child; encourage written responses.
- Ask your child to bring a library book home to read to a younger sibling.
- Establish one evening a week for reading (instead of television viewing).
- Encourage your child in all reading efforts.

References
http://www.readingrockets.org/article/161/

Pupil Free Days for 2012
1st February, 19th March, 21st June*, 10th August* *= to be confirmed

Leigh McLaren
Principal
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Would $500 assist you with education costs?
You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including textbooks, computers, excursions and swimming lessons. Saver Plus is delivered by Bethany Community Support in your local area and is looking for new participants.

You may be eligible if you or your partner:

☐ have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
☐ are at least 18 years old
☐ have some regular income from work
☐ have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself

To find out more contact Amanda Vernon, Saver Plus Worker at Bethany Community Support on 5278 8122 or avernon@bethany.org.au

SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
Thursday 27th October 2011

12H Henderson
LAURA M
For her willingness to help others and for her great efforts in class this week!

34V Vaught
ALL 3/4 STUDENTS
For a fantastic class expo

5D Duckett
BEN M
For always trying his best and showing persistence when publishing his narrative. Well Done!

Library Browne
ERIN J
For borrowing regularly and completing all book responses

LADIES NIGHT - TICKET SALES,!!!

Don’t forget Tickets will be available on Friday at Assembly. Tickets are $10 each - includes entry, supper & giveaways!! Or contact Vanessa Griffin 0413 329 966

Comes along and celebrate the spring racing carnival on Friday, 11th November at 7.30 pm in the hall with a Ladies Night. Dress up in your frilly frock, hat or fascinator and enjoy a night out with the girls. BYO drinks.

LIBRARY

This week in the library is grades 3’s, 4’s 5’s and 6’s. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.

Bellarine Relay For Life

The inaugural Bellarine Relay For Life is only weeks away. It is to be held on the 12th and 13th of November at the Col lendina Reserve. There is still time to register with a local team or even form your own team! Donations can be made via the website www.relayforlife.or.au also, any queries phone Sally Peter 5254 1180

Who will you Relay for?

Working Bee

3.30 Friday November 4th
A school Working Bee will be held Friday 4th at 3.30pm. We will provide a BBQ for the kids and of course grown ups at about 5.30. This is our final Working Bee for 2011 and is important as we approach fire season.

Jobs will include:

* Cleaning drains and add sand to stop stagnate water
* Trim hedges in garden area north fence
* General clean up, sweeping netball courts etc.
* General preparation to limit fire hazards (sticks...)
* Clean walls of spider webs including sport shed
* Weed outside art room
* Clean gutters on sheds

Environment Committee
All helpers please sign in at school entry.

Congratulations to Ryan Symonds
who has been accepted into the Bellarine Secondary College Select Entry and Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program for 2012.

Ryan was required to go through a rigorous selection process where he was given the ICAS-GAT Tests in Mathematics, Science, English and Writing. Other information such as Grade 5 reports, NAPLAN Test results and school references were also taken into consideration. From this, students were short listed and asked to attend an interview where their interests, aims and educational needs were considered. The quality of the applicants was exceptional and the final decision was very difficult for the panel.

Bumper Garage Sale

This is a combined pre-loved designer childrens’ & ladies’ wear, toys, books & clothes, furniture, tv’s, linens, general bric-a-brac. This is being held to raise money for the Relay for Life in the Col lendina Reserve. There is still time to register with a local team or even form your own team!

For sale

- All Wallington school uniforms with logo
- 1 x sunhat
- 1 x school bag
- 1 x boys long sleeve shirt blue size 6
- 1 x boys long sleeve shirt maroon size 6
- 2 x long sleeve maroon & blue windcheaters size 8
- 1 x boys short sleeve shirt maroon size 6
- 1 x boys short sleeve shirt maroon size 6

In excellent condition hardly worn.

$60.00
Phone 0419 388 846

Wallington Cricket Club Milo Cricket:
The MILO in2CRICKET program is dedicated to helping kids learn how to play cricket. The activities are designed to be inclusive, action packed and fun! Wallington CC will be running this program again during the 2011/12 cricket season. It is proposed that the group will have later start this year; with 5 sessions running before Christmas and 6 sessions after. The sessions will be run on each Friday between 4:00 - 4:45pm

Important Dates:
Registration (Wallington CC @ 4pm): 31st October 2011
Commencement: 11th November 2011
Last Session before Christmas: 9th December 2011
Recommencement of Program: 12th January 2012
Cost: $65 (includes Milo cricket kit: backpack wooden bat, ball, green shirt , green hat, backpack and certificate)
For any further queries please ring Kyne 0438 36 179

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Customers are required to make their own enquiries and judgments.