Helpers Morning Tea
On Thursday 6th December we are holding our Parent Helpers Morning Tea. This is our special way of saying thank you to all those fantastic people who have assisted the school in some way this year. As I have said on many occasions, Wallington Primary School functions as effectively as it does through the generosity of people giving up their time to assist the school. We are very grateful for this assistance. If for some reason you have not received your invitation please consider this your personal invitation. It is to be held at 11:00am in the Hall. To assist with catering, please RSVP to the office by Monday 3rd December.

Industrial Action
On Tuesday 4th December the members of the AEU will be taking part in industrial action. This will be a half day stoppage from 8:30am – 12:30pm. Classes start at 12:45pm. Whilst I have not yet received confirmed notification from all teachers – each class could be affected. I will notify parents by letter tomorrow. I will also post it on the school’s website.

The Department is currently involved in enterprise bargaining with the Australian Education Union in relation to its logs of claims covering employees in the executive class, the principal class, the teacher class, the paraprofessional class and the education support class. Unfortunately negotiations are not progressing.

As part of its industrial campaign the Union has notified the Department that its members will undertake bans and limitations on the following:

- Reporting VELS student achievement data to the Department. Exempted from this ban will be the processing and uploading of achievement data for senior students via the Victorian Assessment Software System (VASS);
- Written comments or numerical data in student reports for each subject. Exempted from this ban will be reporting on VELS progression points, Satisfactory/Not Satisfactory information for VCE, VCAL and VET, and equivalent information for specialised settings.
- Organisation of school 2013 events outside school hours.

The implications for Wallington are that whilst the bans are in place staff will be adhering to the bans and will only be reporting on the Victorian Essential Learning Standards. This means that parents will only receive the summary sheets that have the ‘dots’ (indicating VELS progression). A letter will be attached to the report explaining the circumstances.

End of Year Finish Time
The last day of school this year is 21st December. We will be finishing the day at 1:30pm with our final assembly starting at 1:00pm.
Parents’ Club

Uniform sale
The final uniform sale for this year will be held at 2.45 on Friday, 30th November in the hall.

Torches
There are still some torches available at the office. $4.00 each – would make an ideal Christmas gift or stocking filler.

Christmas Picnic
The school picnic will be held on WEDNESDAY, 12th DECEMBER in the school grounds from 5pm onwards. BYO picnic
Santa will arrive at 6pm. Please leave a book wrapped and labelled for your child with a value up to $10.00 at the office.

Found
A pearl earring was found in the Portarlington Hall after the concert. Please see Glenda Dixon to claim it.

Parents’ Club Committee for 2013
Now is the time to think about becoming an active member of the 2013 Parents’ Club. The AGM will be held in early February. It’s a great way of meeting other parents and being involved in some FUN RAISING activities for your children.

Christmas Service
A Christmas Service arranged by the R.E. teachers will be held on Friday 14th December at 9am in the School hall. Some of the children will be taking part in this Service. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Swimming—End of Program
Congratulations to all the students who completed the swimming program. You were beautifully behaved, used your manners, refrained from being silly, listened to your teachers and instructors, persevered when things got tough, improved your organisational skills and showed that WPS students are great. Well done! We are very proud of you all.

Mr Jason Vaught
Swimming Co-ordinator

If you owe any money for eggs, can you please arrange payment as soon as possible.

Library
Next week in the library are grades Prep-2. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.
Lisa Hunter and Jill Murray

No Active After School Program next week (3rd - 7th December). The program will resume 10th December. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.
Prep / 1 K have been working on their writing and story skills. Here are some of their fantastic examples. Can you guess who I am?
Community Notices

On Friday 21st December at the Newington Uniting Church there will be a Carol Service at 7:30pm with children taking part and singing lots of Christmas carols. Refreshments provided afterwards, and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Strawberry Fair's 'JAM MAKERS' thank everyone who have donated packs of white sugar ready for making jams, relishes and pickles for Strawberry Fair 2013.

To date we have received 55kgs of sugar...again thank you!

We’re only 5kgs off our target of 60kgs!!!

Generic brands of sugar are just fine.

The packs must be unopened.

Any further donations would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the office.

Bellarine Secondary College

**Second Hand Book & Uniform Sale**

**Wednesday 5th December, 2012**

Rooms C1, C2, C3 and C4
Drysdale Campus 4.30pm – 7.00pm

**Drysdale Campus**
Peninsula Drive Drysdale 3222

*Listed below are the procedures for the Bellarine Secondary College Parents & Friends (P & F) Second Hand Book and Uniform Sale:*

- Sales will be made using a number system - each person will be issued with a number on arrival at 4.00pm. Sales will then be made according to numbers. E.g. first in will be numbers 1 - 20 etc. This system is designed to help make the evening run more smoothly.

- Please make an effort to attend as there is no guarantee that there will be second hand books or uniforms available at the commencement of Term 1, 2013.

- Please be aware that every year there are limited Year 7 & 8 texts available.

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**“MAD ABOUT THE BUOY”** - Thursday 7th February 2013—7pm start—$190 per head black tie event. 3 course dinner, show and wine at The Prince of Wales Hotel, The Deck, 2 Acland Street, St. Kilda. Tim McKew (Australia’s 21st century Noel Coward) presents this *Naughty Nautical Romp by the Sea*.

For bookings, call 9536 1122 or dining@circa.com.au.

10% of all sales are going to Cottage by the Sea.

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**FRESH WALLINGTON EGGS!!**

For sale outside 5/6M after school daily.

$5 a dozen—$1 from each dozen sold will go towards setting up the new hen house.

Any spare egg cartons will be greatly appreciated so that they can be reused.

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Wallington Primary School takes no responsibility for and does not endorse the quality or conduct of any activity advertised in the Community Notices section of the newsletter. Customers are required to make their own inquiries and judgements.