

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES



2-3rd May	Bunyip Camp
3rd May	Hot chocolate Day 2nd Hand Uniform Sale
7 May	Environment /Curriculum meeting
9th May	Mothers Day Stall District Cross Country (rescheduled)
10th May	Resources Meeting Mother's Day Stall
14th May	Cyber Smart Parent session 6:00pm
14- 16th May	Naplan
15 May	School Council
22- 23rd May	3/4 Camp
22 May	Open Day for 2014 Preps
30th May	Hot Lunch

NAPLAN

In a couple of weeks the students in grades 3 and 5 will be undertaking the NAPLAN. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why students are required to participate in the NAPLAN test ?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

What is tested and how

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the *National Statements of Learning for English* and mathematics which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a persuasive text.

How do we prepare our Students?

To support students with the NAPLAN they are given practice tests so that they are familiar with the format and timing. Each year the tests differ however it is the format and the timing that remains constant. Next week student will be further practice.

Hot Chocolate Day – Friday May 3rd - Barwon Health's Hot Chocolate Day fundraiser is coming up. We will be selling Hot Chocolate drinks at school to raise money for the Geelong Hospital and we need helpers to pour the hot chocolate for the children during the day and for parents prior to the Friday Assembly - from 2.30 onwards.

Mother's Day Stall – Thursday May 9th and Friday May 10th – P&F have organised a range of goodies for children to purchase for Mother's Day. We are looking for helpers who are able to spare some time on either the Thursday or the Friday to help sell these goods to the children.

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

A 2nd Hand Uniform sale will be on before assembly on Friday

Jump Rope for Heart

The whole school will be participating in the Jump Rope For Heart Program. Next Friday we will be having a guest speaker coming to talk to the students about the program.

More information will follow.

Bellarine Kids

www.bellarinekids.com.au

SCHOOL NEWS

Last Weeks

SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PK King	<p>TOBY MAMOOTIL For his good use of sound and corresponding letters when doing his writing</p> <p>JAKE MARSHALL For lots of sounds in words when doing his writing</p>
12V Vaught	JESSICA CONSIDINE For her excellent effort writing, trying ideas and always doing her best
12B Brislane	SIENNA STEWART For having a go at some tricky maths problems on Mathletics
5D Duckett	LIESEL GERUSEL For working cooperatively and efficiently with her group when researching ANZAC Day



Wallington Primary Schools hopes Piper Morrissy and Chelsea Ferguson had a wonderful day on the birthday's last week!

Family Statements have been issued via email on 23 April 2013. If you have not received your statement or your email address has changed, please contact Cho Lay Thomas at the office to advise.

School Camps & Excursions: Asthma

If your child has asthma, attending school camps and excursions can introduce them to new asthma triggers especially if they are going into new environments. It is essential that your child can participate fully and safely in all school activities. The following is a list of considerations to make for your child before they go on school camp or an excursion:

Is your child's asthma currently well controlled (e.g. no symptoms at night, reliever use less than 3 times per week)?

Has your child had an asthma attack or asthma symptoms recently?

Does the school have an Asthma Action Plan for your child?

Has the school asked you to complete a School Camp and Excursion Medical Update Form?

Does your child have their reliever medication and spacer on hand at all times?

Are they attending with any other medications to be taken on the camp/excursion?

If so, are there sufficient instructions to staff for use/dosage?

Does your child self-administer their medication? If so, has their technique been checked recently?

For more information please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au.

Do you volunteer at your school helping in the Classroom

Are you interested in gaining a qualification to support the work you do? There is a great opportunity to gain a recognised qualifications in this area:

CHC30812 Certificate III in Education Support & CHC 41712 Certificate IV in Education Support

These courses give you the skills to work in a range of education settings including public and independent schools and community education settings that provide assistance and support to teachers and students under broad based supervision. You will gain skills in areas such as behaviour management, rules & regulations & supporting literacy learning. If you think this would suit you, or you are interested in becoming a Teacher's Aide, contact us for a chat about how this training can be tailored for you. **CONTACT Lisa Trevorrow at Diversitat Training 5224 2329 or lisa.trevorrow@diversitat.org.au**



Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

You may be eligible if you have:

a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card

some regular income from work (you or your partner).

Contact Amanda Vernon, your local Saver Plus Worker:

03 5278 8122 or avernon@bethany.org.au. Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Greater Geelong by Bethany. Saver Plus is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Bringing Up Great Kids A program for parents of children aged 5 to 12 years

Bringing up great Kids is a parenting program devised by the Australian Childhood Foundation, which aims to promote positive, respectful parent/child relationships.

The Bringing Up Great Kids program is a six-week program for parents of children aged 5-12 yrs. The program aims to equip parents with the skills to enhance their patterns of communication with their children, promote more respectful interactions and encourage the development of children's positive self identity.

Commencing: Wednesday 22 May Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm Location: "Ariston" 245-249 Pakington Street, Newtown Cost: Gold Coin Donation Phone 5272 4817 Limited Places



OPEN DAY

Come and join us for a behind the scenes tour of Leopold Pet Hospital. There will be demonstrations, show bags, and a raffle with some great prizes.



Dr. Ashley has seen firsthand the devastating effects that fire has on our native animals, having worked in the

Gippsland region during the black Saturday fires in 2009. The recent fires have also caused injuries to wildlife and complete destruction of natural habitats. We want to help the volunteers who dedicate their time and resources to help rehabilitate these animals so we can enjoy them for generations to come.

Money raised will be donated to Wildlife Victoria to help with the animals affected in the recent Victorian Bush fires. Please show your support by coming on the day. There will be a lucky door prize, and a sausage sizzle. We will also be announcing the winners of our Facebook Photo contest. Like us on facebook to enter your pets favourite pic.



Geelong High School Open Night

Monday 20th May 2013 - 6.45pm

On Campus in the C.A Love Hall

For More information call 5225 4100

Newcomb Secondary College

Information Night

9pm Tuesday 21st May - In the College, Cliff Watkins Hall

See the College at work: Tours will be offered every Tuesday in May commencing at 9.15am

For more information: Tel:5245 1400 or newcomb.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au



Bellarine Secondary College Information Evening

Thursday 23rd May 2013

Information Sessions: 7.00pm & 8.00pm

Tours: From 6.30pm—8.00pm

Please contact the General Office on 5251 9000 if you would like a tour of the Ocean Grove Campus during the school day.

Oberon High School

GRADE 6 INFORMATION EVENING

An invitation is extended to Grade 6 and Grade 5 parents and students to attend our INFORMATION EVENING – MONDAY 20 MAY



TOURS between 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm **INFORMATION SESSION** 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm
If you are unable to attend please contact Scott McDonald or Liz Kelly on 52 4344 or email us at oberon.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au to arrange an alternate time to visit our school.