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SCHOOL NEWS

ABSENCES:-

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE
All student absences must be in writing, either in the students diary or a note when the student returns to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Change of personal information?
If there has been a change in your personal information such as change of address, phone number or emergency contact could you please come into the office and let us know. There is nothing worse than a sick or injured student and we can’t contact anyone.

Religious Instruction
Is conducted once a week. If you don’t wish your child to participate please put in writing and hand to your classroom teacher. The charge for the students books for 2012 is $7.00

Library
This week in the library is grades Prep,1’s and 2’s. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.

The latest information for parents with children starting Prep is now available online.

Starting school is a major milestone for you and your child, and the start of a new phase of life for you both.
This up-to-date online information will help make your child’s move from kindergarten and other early childhood services to primary school as smooth and enjoyable as possible.
Your child’s first years of school will be exciting and engaging and the information can help you and your child make the most of the experience.
There are handy hints and tips about your child’s school journey that are based on suggestions from other families who, like you, want the best for their children. Beginning when school goes back in 2012, parents can also subscribe to a free weekly email that provides tips, insights and news specifically for parents with children in Prep.

You can access the information at:

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2012
Forms due by WED 4th MARCH
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for the EMA:
1. Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
2. Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on, 29 February 2012 for the first instalment and 3 August 2012 for the second instalment; and
3. You must on 1 February 2012 for the first instalment and 16 July 2012, for the second instalment:
   • be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
   • be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health care card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
   • be a foster parent.

4. Submit your application to the school by the due date:
   • 29 February 2012 for the first instalment*
   • 3 August 2012 for the second instalment.
   • * Please note: you only need to make a second application in August if your child changes schools between March and August.
The Pension Concession Card (PCC) or Health Care Card (HCC) is subject to electronic confirmation with Centrelink to verify that the cardholder is receiving a benefit.

Newsletters Via Email
It is easier and better than ever to get the school newsletter online.
Did you know:
1  ream of paper = 6% of a tree and 5.4kg of CO2 in the atmosphere.
3 sheets of A4 paper = 1 litre of water
Think Before You Print
Its time we considered our environment before printing off the newsletter. Receiving your newsletters by email these days is a modern reality to save time and resources. As we are a Waste Wise school this will be your contribution to assisting our environment. This is also an excellent way to insure you actually receive the newsletter weekly and it is not at the bottom of your child’s bag.

It’s simple all you have to do is open the web site http://www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au/ and follow the prompts to subscribe

Music Lessons
Piano / keyboard, Guitar (acoustic, electric, bass) Singing
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:
mamt@bigpond.com Fax: 52 645 109.

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