

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES 	
Thurs 2nd February	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Thurs 9th February	Parent Club AGM Meeting - 9.15am Strawberry Fair Meeting
Thurs 16 February	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Thurs 23 February	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Thurs 1st March	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Mon 12th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Mon 19th March	Pupil Free Day
Fri 23rd March	School Photos
Fri 30th March	Term 1 Concludes
Mon 16th April	Term 2 Commences
Thurs 14th June	Pupil Free Day
Fr 29th June	Term 2 Concludes
Mon 16th July	Term 3 Commences
Fri 10th Aug	Pupil Free Day
Fri 21st Sept	Term 3 Concludes
Mon 8th Oct	Term 4 Commences
Fri 21st Dec	Term 4 Concludes

Welcome back to the start of a new year. We had a very smooth start to the year and all the students have settled in well. A special welcome to all the new families to the school. We hope that you embrace Wallington as your school. To the staff, we welcome Miss Elisa Brislane. Please make yourself known to her.

Assembly

There will be no assembly this week. The Friday Assembly will commence from Friday 10th February at 3:00pm

Family Picnic

The Family (get to know everyone) is on tomorrow night and all families are welcome. This is a bring your own picnic tea on the oval

9:00 Start

School starts at 9:00am each morning. To ensure that everything is ready for the students I ask that teachers not be disturbed prior to the start of the day, as they make their final preparation. If you need to see the teacher please make an arrangement for a suitable time or write it in the diary.

Strawberry Fair

The Strawberry Fair is on Sunday the 4th March. It is expected that all families help out to ensure the success of the day. Parents who have volunteered to co ordinate areas are asked to attend the meeting next Wednesday (7:00 – staffroom) so that we can begin to finalise preparations and begin the ordering phase. There will be a meeting tonight at 7:00pm> we would like as many people as possible to attend.

Works done over the Holidays

The most obvious one is the sealing of the access road into the school. This has been made possible by the work of school council and in particular Dean Herbert.

A new fence is being erected in the front of the school. As a result there will be a direct access to the school yard from the drop off zone.

Repairs have been made to B Block. Thanks to Chris Cowley The basketball rings are back in action and the oval mowed thanks to Macca.

Pupil Free Days 2012

19th March - Working with Professor John Munro
14th June 3 way interview
10th August Numeracy – quantifying/place value

Principal Leigh McLaren

Reminder to Prep Parents

Parents who have not submitted their child's Immunisation Certificate or Birth Certificate could you please do so as soon as possible as this is a Departmental requirement. Thank you, Lynne

Family Picnic Day

Friday 5pm on the oval. BYO picnic, chairs, mozzie repellent. Come along and enjoy with old friends and new families

PARENT PAYMENT CHARGES NOW DUE

Essential Educational Items:-

Wallington Primary makes every effort to keep the cost and number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. The school buys these items in bulk so they can be provided to parents at a significant discount. School Council has established a financial budget for 2012 to provide resources and materials for the schools educational programs. Part of this budget is the Essential Educational Items, School Council has approved \$160 per student being for:- Classroom Requisites, Printing, Consumables, Diaries and paper etc.

Library Fund:-

Is a voluntary contribution solely for the purchase of library books, which every student in the school is timetabled to every second week and they also borrow books on a weekly basis.

School Council has set Library Trust at \$30 per student with a maximum of \$60 per family. This is tax deductible

Building/Environment Fund:-

Is a voluntary contribution for the upkeep of the grounds and buildings. School Council has set Building/Environment Fund at \$20 per student with a maximum of \$40 per family

**Total Parent Payment Charges being \$210
to be paid no later than 24TH FEB 2012**

**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.
Librarian

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:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/prepare/>

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

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.[]



Meagan Burch Music Tuition

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:
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