**Wallington P.S. Newsletter**

Principal: Leigh McLaren  School Council Pres: Robert Dungen

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**Principal News**

**NAPLAN**

Next week 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 are differ however it is the format and the timing that remains constant. Next week student will be further practice.

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**HOT CHOCOLATE DAY AND CASUAL CLOTHES DAY**

**FRIDAY, 4TH MAY**

Students - morning recess
Parents - 2.30 in the hall

**REMEMBER TO BRING**

YOUR OWN CUP

AND A GOLD COIN DONATION

Proceeds to Geelong Hospital Appeal Children’s Ward Redevelopment
Parent Club News

Family fun day mystery tour - Sunday, 27th May.
Keep this day free for a fun day out. Meet at the school at 11 am and arrive at a mystery destination after completing the clues to get there. BYO picnic lunch.

Parent helpers – please!
If you can help with Parent Club activities fresh fruit Friday, Friday afternoon coffee, uniform sales please add your name to the sheet on the window of Mr. McLaren’s office. Your help will be very much appreciated. Thank you Lynne.

Mum’s Group Exercise Class
For anyone looking for a fun and friendly way to get fit, we have just started a 45 minute group training session with a qualified personal trainer on Wednesdays at 9.30am.
Where: Wallington Reserve - Cricket Oval just up the road from school
Cost: $15 per session.
All Fitness levels and kids welcome. For more information - Michelle Hughes (Poppy, P1K and Declan, 34V mum) ph. 0409 290 875

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

2012 Enrolments
Any siblings or families you know you haven’t enrolled for 2012 can you please do so as soon as possible. Thank you Lynne.

Cross Country
Congratulations to all the students who represented Wallington at the Peninsula district cross country on Tuesday. All students ran well and all completed the course within the qualifying times.
A special congratulations to Hannah Dunstan (11Yr Girls) and Lleyton Woolley (11yrs Boys) who won their races and are the Peninsula Sports Association Champions.

The students below all finished in the top ten of their age group and within the qualifying times and therefore will compete at the Divisional Cross Country Championships at Eastern Gardens on Tuesday 29th May. The competitors and I would also like to thank our wonderful parents who again volunteered their time to act as marshals around the course. Without your support these events would not take place and our students would miss a great opportunity. We’d also like to thank Mr Vaught for riding the course with each group: he certainly covered quite a few Kilometres on the day!

Congratulations and well done to all runners and good luck to the following –

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2nd Bianca Lock 9:06
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Any donation is very much appreciated. Places can be purchased at the door. Thankyou for supporting Hot Chocolate Day at our school. Remember places are limited.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Last Weeks
SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

P1K
King
AVA T
For a great effort in maths and reading this week.

2L
Lennon
CHOLE D
For doing her best all week and having a great Bunyip Camp!

34J
Jones
LIESEL G
For meeting the reading challenge this week. Well Done!
For meeting the reading challenge this week. Great Job!

34V
Vaught
KYLE M
For showing the terrific confidence to perform in front of the class and at assembly.

56D
Duckett
KATELYN B
For having a fantastic week of Numeracy. Always working hard and producing great work. Well done Katelyn.

56M
Marino
JACOB J
For volunteering to assist around the school, Thank you Jacob!
ELLA C
For showing kindness and concern towards others. Thank you Ella!

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