This is the final full newsletter for the year. I would like to thank everyone for the work that they have put into Wallington Primary School this year. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone back in 2014 safe and sound.

To the families that are finishing at Wallington I would like to wish them all the best for the future. The work of the School Council and the Parents and Friends have provided great support to the school. Parents are always encouraged to get involved and are always welcome.

To the Staff of Wallington Primary School, I owe a big vote of thanks not only for their hard work, but to the dedication and enthusiasm that they have for the students and the school at Wallington.

To the students at Wallington Primary School – thank you. The students make the school what it is and their achievements this year have been outstanding. Congratulations!

A special thank you to Cho Lay for fitting in so well at Wallington and supporting, not only myself, but the whole school community. Your work has been greatly appreciated.

Staffing for 2014
I am pleased to announce that Mr Jack Stevens has been appointed to Wallington Primary School. I am also pleased to announce that Sally Peter will be staying with us in 2014. Mr Stevens will be taking Grade 3 next year.

Reports will go home on Monday 16th December. With the report will be your child’s class allocation and the Parent Payment schedule for 2014. The school council has not increased the fees for next year and have kept them at the current level.

Thank You and Good Bye
Next week is Miss Brislane’s and Mrs Marino’s last week at Wallington.

Miss Brislane has been with us for the past two years and has contributed to the overall success of the school. Next year Miss Brislane will be taking up a position at Lara Primary School.

Mrs Marino began at Wallington in 1999 and has been with us over the past 14 years. As Mrs Marino is retiring, this brings an end to a career with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development that spans 38 years - an incredible achievement.
Parents Club

The Parents & Friends Christmas dinner is at The Heads, Barwon Heads tonight (12 Dec) at 7 pm. All welcome. Queries to Penny at 0407891599.

Parents Club

In January 2014, the last week of public school holidays, a team from the Christian Union, Deakin University, Geelong will be visiting the Bellarine Peninsula to run a children's program across three locations and supported by several local churches. The program is not-for-profit and aimed at providing holiday activity for primary age children in the final week of school holidays and sharing the Christian message with them. Our program contains songs, craft, games, drama, lunch and memory verses. All those helping are volunteers and WWC cardholders. Queries can be directed to: Chris Thompson, AFES Geelong 0431 461 727.

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 enquiries and judgements.

WANTED ~ SHOE BOXES

The year 6 students need 21 shoe boxes for graduation! If you have some you'd like to get rid of, drop them off to the Year 6 room. Thanks. Jennie Marino

BELLARINE CUISINE COOKBOOK

If you missed out on purchasing your copy of Bellarine Cuisine in time for the festive season, the good news is that we have ordered a reprint which is due next week. You can order from the office or via bellarine-cuisine@gmail.com or check last week’s newsletter for a list of stockists.

**If anyone is able to help with transporting this second order of books from the printer in Glen Waverly to the school next week please contact the office or bellarine-cuisine@gmail.com**

Gr 3/4s excursion to Fort Queenscliff

Thank you to all parents who have returned the parent permission forms. If you haven’t done so, please send these in by Friday 13 December. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.