

# WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY DATES



Thur 13th Feb	Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm
Thur 13th Feb	Parent Teacher Interviews
Mon 17th Feb	School Council Nominations Open
Fri 28th Feb	School Council Nominations Close
Fri 21st Feb	Working Bee
Fri 28th Feb	Swimming Sports District Qualifying Rounds
Sunday 2nd Mar	STRAWBERRY FAIR 

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

As the weeks of this term marches on we seem to be getting hotter weather. It is important that children drink regularly. The students are regularly reminded to drink throughout the day. Parents are asked to do the same.

Whilst talking of hot weather the Department of Education and Childhood Development has asked that the following message be placed in school newsletters:

### Children and Hot Cars. No Exceptions. No Excuses.

On hot days, it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car. The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside.

Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death. Young children's smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of \$2165 or three months in prison.

If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you.

### No exceptions. No excuses.

For more information, see: Kidsafe Victoria

### School Council Election SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE 2014

Notice of election and call for nominations  
**Monday 17 February 2014**

Closing date for nominations  
**Friday 28 February 2014**

Date by which list of candidates and nominators will be posted –  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014**

Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed on or  
before: **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**If the number of nominations does not exceed the number of vacancies then a ballot will not be necessary.**

## Principal News (continued)

Close of ballot  
**Tuesday 11 March 2014**

Vote count  
**Wednesday 12 March 2014**

Declaration of ballot  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

Special council meeting to co-opt Community members:  
**Wednesday 19<sup>h</sup> March 2014**

1st council meeting to elect office bearers:  
**Wednesday 19<sup>h</sup> March 2014**

The following vacancies exist:

- 3 x parent representatives
- 1 x parent representative (casual vacancy)
- 2 x DEECD representatives ( 1 casual vacancy)

Nomination forms available from the office.

For more information go to the Education department website:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/Pages/election.aspx>

Or the school website: [www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au](http://www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au)

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Working Bee

The term one working bee will be held next Friday, 21st Feb starting at 3.30 pm as a clean up in preparation for the Strawberry Fair. We understand that not everybody can make it due to grade 3 to 6 students and families who may be involved in the Pako Fest and others with more formal preparations for the Strawberry Fair, but the more the merrier.

Jobs will only include:

- 1) Cleaning leaves around pathways, buildings and the bike shed.
- 2) Filling in tripping hazards around pathways and oval with dirt.
- 3) Placing poles etc around hazards.
- 4) General clean up.
- 5) Filling the base of the basketball ring.
- 6) Clean up behind garden shed.

We need people to bring wheel barrows, shovels, brooms, rakes and saws.

*Jason Vaught, Environment Co-ordinator*



### Sports & Extra Activities Dates 2014

- 28 Feb Swimming Sports District Qualifying (selected students only)
- 6 Mar Student Leadership Conference Melbourne Yr 56s
- 11 Mar Golf Clinic 56s TBC
- 21 Mar Hockey Clinic 2-6s
- 25 Mar Western Metro Region Swimming Championships
- 28 Mar Soccer Fun 56s (outside school) (Portarlinton organising)
- 2 Apr Golf Primary Tournament 56s (selected students only)



*Leigh McLaren*  
Principal

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Art Room

Help needed... if anyone can cut some wood please see Judie Mac. Thank you.

### School Magazine 2013

We have some extra copies of the 2013 magazines - if any new families would like a copy please enquire at the office.

### Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; **uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery**. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; **or**
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; **or**
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

\$200 for prep students

\$150 for students in years 1 – 6.

\$300 for year 7 students

\$250 for students in year 8 – until age 16\*.

- A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

**How to Apply:** Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

**Closing Date:** You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by **28 February 2014**.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE 2014 EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS

### IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In June we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Japan, the USA & Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are looking for host families across Australia to welcome these students into their home.

Hosting is an experience that is often referred to as a way to 'reignite your passion for your country', whilst at the same time creating bonds and sharing lifelong memories. Attached is a notice for your newsletter in a [PDF](#) format. We would appreciate if you could please download this for your newsletter, noticeboard or website.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also view some student profiles on our [website](#). Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

*"Hosting Kirstine has brought our family closer together. We're doing things we used to do when our kids were little, like boiling the billy, having a BBQ and baking apples up the paddock. She's helped us remember how to have fun when we're working and take time out for adventures."* **Sharon, Host Mum**

*"Being the youngest and the only one left at home I was looking forward to having another teenager in the house. While Charlotte helps me with my French I help her with her English lessons and I have taught her many Aussie words and sayings. We both love to shop and shop and shop..."* **Grace, Host Sister**

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au).

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can call our

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd office on 1300 135 331.



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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### NEWLY OPENED CHILDREN'S PARTY VENUE IN TORQUAY!

"Glam Girls" is a Family Friendly Coffee Lounge & Children's Party Venue... specialising in Princess, Fairy, Glam & Dance Party packages!



As well as holding private functions for Ladies & charity fundraisers, we also have a team of Make-up Artists, trained & qualified in Bridal, Debutante & Special Occasions that can come to you or by appointment in our Studio.

So if you are looking for somewhere to hold your next party for big or little girls, in need of a makeover for an upcoming event, or simply feel like relaxing with a coffee whilst the little ones do an art activity, please feel free to contact the team @ Glam Girls by emailing, calling or popping into the shop/studio, check out our Facebook page, or via our website - [www.glamgirls.com.au](http://www.glamgirls.com.au)

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(In courtyard behind Quicksilver & Rip Curl)

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## Meagan Burch Music Tuition

### Music Lessons AT school

Piano, keyboard, Guitar, Ukulele, Drum or Singing Lessons

### Private & Group of 2 Lessons

### During &/or After School Hours at School

Come & try music lessons without committing to the full term.

To enrol in, **or to obtain more information** please contact

**Meagan:**

[mbmt@bigpond.com](mailto:mbmt@bigpond.com)

Providing Music Lessons in local schools since 1985

### Bellarine Community Farmers' Market

THIS Saturday 15th February, 9am-1pm, Ocean Grove Park For the best of fresh local & regional produce + food-to-go, playground & buskers All enquiries: Sally Waites 0418141208

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